

# COACHES' ASSOCIATION

(Founded 2010)



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2019-20

ANNIVERSARY EDITION





## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / OFFICE BEARERS AND PATRONS



**Bruce Wood**  
(President)



**Daniel Wood**  
(Vice-President)



**Josh Miller**  
(Secretary)



**Rod Hokin**  
(Head Coach)



**Nick Miller**  
(Treasurer)



**Denise Anderson**  
(Annetts) (Patron)

### Patrons (5)



**Ross Turner**



**Tom Richmond OAM**



**Matt Kean MP**  
(Member for Hornsby)  
(Minister for Energy & Environment)



**Mark Rushton**

Season / Role	President	Vice-President	Treasurer	Secretary	Head Coach
2019-20	Bruce Wood	Daniel Wood	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2018-19	Bruce Wood	Daniel Wood	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2017-18	Bruce Wood	Daniel Wood	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2016-17	Bruce Wood	Will Fiedler	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
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 Rushton	David Bennett	Justin Epthorp	Rod Hokin
2010-11	Bruce Wood	Mark Rushton	David Bennett	Mike Burgin	Rod Hokin

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## ORGANISATIONAL STATISTICS (BRIEF SUMMARY)

Season	School holiday clinics	Off-season development programs	Other coaching programs	Total player attendances (all programs)	Level 2 or 3 coaches employed	Level 1 coaches employed
2019-20	5	1	7	909	9	20
2018-19	6	3	5	938	9	12
2017-18	7	3	3	1,106	9	23
2016-17	7	4	6	1,307	10	26
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

## ROLE, FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES

The **Coaches' Association** (HKHDCCA) is a leading cricket coaching organisation responsible for recruiting and accrediting young 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 team coaches);
- conducting an annual Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course for HK&HDCA and NDCC members.
- organising cricket clinics at Waitara, West Pennant Hills, Dundas, Hornsby and/or Normanhurst, in partnership with Northern District CC, during the September / October and January school holidays for players aged 6 – 14;
- conducting an annual off-season Rising Stars Coaching Program for rep. standard players aged U/12 – U/15;
- implementing an annual off-season Rising Stars coaching program for U/9 – U/11 players in the Hornsby district 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 President of the Coaches' Association is a delegate on the Executive Committee);
- providing active Coaches' Association members with professional coaching opportunities at our junior cricket clinics and our off-season junior development programs;
- co-ordinating the annual U/15 Ross Turner Cup (RTC) and U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) 'showcase' intra-Association representative fixtures, including the preliminary GHC T20 matches, in September each year;
- identifying potential outstanding young coaches and providing GHC coaching roles and other opportunities;
- recognising excellence in cricket coaching at club, representative or Coaches' Association levels through our HKHDCCA *Coach of Year* award (Bruce Wood Cup);
- arranging a HKHDCCA / NDCC overseas rep. cricket tour (U/15 age group) every two years (since 2015);
- providing financial assistance to a limited number of HKHDCCA candidates nominated to attend a Cricket NSW accredited coaching course (Levels 2 or 3), as Community (Level 1) courses are now free;
- 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;
- conducting a free Beginners session, teaching cricket fundamentals to 'first time' players each year;
- 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 / October, plus ad-hoc coaching on Saturdays, depending on the availability of coaches;
- enhancing the development of accredited coaches and facilitating a future pathway for club and rep. coaches;
- providing a mentor service to coaches as required, especially new or young coaches seeking guidance;
- arranging Insurance for HKHDCCA and the annual incorporated association return to NSW Fair Trading;
- seeking corporate sponsorship and Government Grant opportunities to provide additional funding to expand and further subsidise our coaching programs, and purchase additional equipment as required;
- ensuring that all coaches aged 18 and over have a current *Working with Children* Check 5-year clearance;
- promoting our activities and coaching programs via the HK&HDCA website and social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn);
- assisting the HK&HDCA Rep. Secretary with coaching matters relating to the representative program;
- aiming to provide 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 (Bruce Wood)

The Coaches' Association enjoyed its best year on record in 2019-20, as featured in this annual report. Our Head Coach, Rod Hokin, has a High Performance (Level 3) accreditation, plus we have 8 Representative (Level 2) coaches and 20 Community (Level 1) coaches, many of whom are top Grade players at Northern District CC.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – The Coaches' Association celebrated its tenth year of operations in 2019-20, as featured in this annual report, with a summary of the main highlights and achievements, some historical photos, plus some reflections from our Patrons, HK&HDCA Officials, HKHDCCA Coaches and a few parents.

**School holiday junior cricket clinics (in partnership with Northern District CC)** – The Coaches' Association held five junior cricket clinics during the October 2019 and January 2020 school holidays at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara; George Thornton Reserve, WPH; and Normanhurst Oval. A total of 321 children attended the five clinics, which averaged 64 per clinic. HKHDCCA presented its prestigious Phillip Hughes Medal at each school holiday clinic to recognise outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, enthusiasm, performance and spirit of cricket.

**RTC and GHC** – The Coaches' Association again co-ordinated the annual Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup 'showcase' matches in February 2020. HKHDCCA appointed two RTC coaches – Joe Hiley & Jayden Camp; and four GHC coaches – Ryan Swain, Nick Hook, Alistair Weston & Oliver Jennings.

**Cricket NSW / Sydney Sixers / HK&HDCA Girls Master Blaster hubs** – The Coaches' Association is always keen to actively promote Girls cricket and partnered with Cricket NSW and the Sydney Sixers in two Girls-only junior clinics; two HK&HDCA Master Blaster Girls programs at local hubs; and in the Women's social cricket sessions run by Daniel Anderson on Wednesday evenings at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara in 2019-20.

**Life Membership** – The Coaches' Association was pleased to induct two very deserving Life Members in 2019-20 – congratulations to Mark Rushton and Josh Miller.

**Coaching awards** – Congratulations to Glenn Mackay from Castle Hill RSL CC for winning the HKHDCCA Coach of Year award (Bruce Wood Cup) in 2019-20. The HKHDCCA President's Award was won by Aaron Crofts, and the Rookie Coach Award was won by Dani Chivers.

**Cricket Australia awards** – Two HKHDCCA coaches received a prestigious 'A Sport for All' national award – Bruce Wood – Community Match Official of the Year; and Dani Chivers – Young Community Leader of the Year.

**Sponsorship** – The Coaches' Association's strong partnership with Parramatta Leagues Club continued for a fifth year in 2019-20. We sincerely thank the club for its generous support of our youth development programs.

**Off-season Rising Stars Coaching Program** – HKHDCCA held its ninth annual off-season development program, a Rising Stars Coaching Program for U/9 – U/12 players at Rosewood Oval, Barker College in Winter, 2019.

**Blowfly Cricket** – HKHDCCA held free coaching sessions in October 2019 and January 2020 for Blowfly Cricket, a wonderful organisation led by Mark Rushton, Marnie Nissen and Davina MacKenzie, that provides children with special needs the opportunity to play a hybrid form of cricket.

**Formal coaching course** – Josh Miller (HKHDCCA senior coach) facilitated a Community (Level 1) accredited cricket coaching course on behalf of Cricket NSW on Sunday, 27 October 2019 at Barker College, Hornsby.

**Appreciation** – There are many people to thank for their strong support this season, including my colleagues on the Executive Committee (see photo below), and our General Committee – Calvin Breytenbach, Aaron Crofts, John Anderson & Joe Hiley. Thanks to our five esteemed Patrons (Ross Turner, Mark Rushton, Denise Anderson, Tom Richmond OAM & Matt Kean MP). Thanks also to our dedicated coaches; and Andrew Miedler (HK&HDCA President), Scott Reid (HK&HDCA Executive Officer), Jeremy Hook (NDCC President); Mike Langford (NDCC Vice-President); Mark Rushton (Blowfly Cricket), plus the HK&HDCA clubs and families that support our programs.



**HKHDCCA Executive Committee – Josh Miller, Nick Miller, Rod Hokin, Daniel Wood, Bruce Wood**

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF COACHES' ASSOCIATION (2010 – 2020)

### How did the Coaches' Association evolve?

It's amazing what can emerge out of a coffee meeting if you involve the right people and you have a shared vision! **Mark Rushton** (HK&HDCA President in 2010) was the 'brainchild' behind the formation of the Coaches' Association when he arranged a coffee meeting at Hornsby with **Bruce Wood** (then Umpires' Secretary) and **Mike Langford** (then President, Northern District CC) on **27 June 2010** and pitched a proposal to set up a new coaching 'Centre of Excellence' (see proposal reproduced on the next page). The three friends discussed this proposal at length, and it was agreed to work together to establish a new Coaches' Association ASAP, with a launch target being a junior cricket clinic at Waitara Oval in the September / October 2010 school holidays.

Mark Rushton asked Bruce Wood to head up the new Coaches' Association as the inaugural President, which Bruce accepted, as he had decided to stand down from running the Umpires' Association (HKHDCUA). There was much to be done in a short space of time. Bruce's first challenge was to identify a suitable Head Coach and get that person to take on the role for an initial period of at least two years. Bruce made numerous enquiries and considered various experienced coaches, before deciding that **Rod Hokin** would be ideal for the role.

Rod had played First Grade cricket with Gordon District CC and Northern District CC in Sydney, however at the time he was living in Ireland where he was the Clontarf CC overseas professional player and Head Coach, responsible for 7 Mens teams, 2 Ladies teams and 400 Junior players. Bruce sent Rod an email and outlined the broad objectives of the new Coaches' Association in Hornsby. Rod responded by saying he was very interested in discussing the role when he returned to Sydney in a couple of months' time. The rest is history as Bruce and Rod have worked closely together to lead the Coaches' Association for the past decade, with strong support from the other members of the Executive Committee, **Josh Miller** (Secretary), **Nick Miller** (Treasurer), and **Daniel Wood** (Vice-President), as well as former committee members.

### 10 year reunion for HKHDCCA

In a fitting and timely catch-up, **Mark Rushton**, **Bruce Wood** and **Mike Langford** (Drifter) returned to the Brewhaha Café in Hornsby on **27 June 2020**, exactly 10 years after their initial meeting that formed the Coaches' Association. It was nice to reflect on the achievements and growth over the past decade.

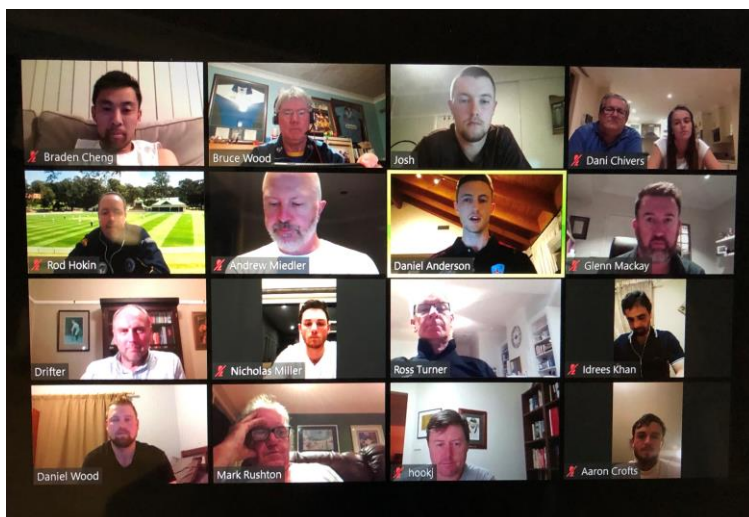
What was particularly evident was the wonderful collaboration that exists between **Blowfly Cricket**, **Northern District CC** and the **Coaches' Association**, which continues to grow from strength to strength, achieving terrific outcomes for the local community.



### The Coaches' Association's AGM – April 2020

The Coaches' Association held its latest AGM online on 29 April 2020 via Zoom technology (see photo), due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic social distancing Government legislation. **Bruce Wood** (President) and his Executive Committee summarised the highlights and award winners for 2019-20.

The past decade for HKHDCCA has been filled with expansion, challenges, coaching of thousands of boys and girls; recruitment and development of over 100 accredited coaches; cementing of strong partnerships with allied bodies; promotion of the Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup annual HK&HDCA contests; three exciting overseas cricket tours; 54 school holiday junior clinics, and many other exciting initiatives, as documented in this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Annual Report.







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### HK&HDCA Coaches' Association – Centre of Excellence – Objectives (Draft – June 2010)

There are a number of key aims in developing the 'Coach the Coaches' objectives:

- a. To develop a professional body within the HK&HDCA with clearly defined Mission Statement, Objectives, Pathways and opportunities for all volunteer or paid Coaches (see *proposed Model diagram – below*).
- b. To promote Coaching as an essential role within the local game (like Umpiring), with appropriate insurance coverage (JLT), and fulfilment of the essential Working with Children check documentation.
- c. Within 5 years:
  - All Junior Club Coaches to have a minimum Level 1 accredited coaching certificate;
  - All Junior Representative Coaches to have a minimum Level 2 accredited coaching certificate.
  - Develop a consistent coaching paradigm, where the promotion of the skills of the game are passed on to our charges (both boys and girls) at the appropriate developmental stage, e.g. we cannot continue to develop U16 players who don't know how to run between wickets correctly or don't know the basic aspects of catching / throwing a ball.
- d. To give HK&HDCA coaches a voice within the association – until now, Coaches (predominantly Junior Age Group Coaches) have rarely been acknowledged within the Association, let alone had a 'voice'.
- e. To give HK&HDCA Coaches a "sense of belonging" where they can network and learn from fellow coaches.
- f. To give the HK&HDCA a communication channel where we, as a body, can talk directly to these key people.
- g. To help the HK&HDCA identify Coaching / player talent that we can groom for greater things within the association and our Representative Teams, and maybe even beyond.
- h. To provide clear "career" opportunities for those coaches wishing to take their skill a bit more seriously.
- i. To improve the retention of our experienced Coaches within the game. At present, we have Club and Representative Coaching opportunities – nothing too structured and nothing to offer 'outside this square'.
- j. To provide our Coaches with a central repository of information and tools to improve themselves and the service they deliver to players.
- k. To provide HK&HDCA Coaches with current and ongoing educational sessions, as required.
- l. The development of a functional 'on-line' registration system keeping up to date and accurate records of all our volunteer coaches and their accreditation levels.
- m. To work in partnership with Northern District CC to promote and run at least two Coaching Clinics per season (October and January school holidays), sharing costs and profits.
- n. The desirable requirement is that the Coaches' Association Co-ordinator (or Head Coach) would ideally have a Level 3 accredited cricket coaching certificate, or a genuine willingness to work towards obtaining same within two years of appointment. A minimum Level 2 accreditation is the essential requirement.



**Mark Rushton**  
HK&HDCA President

27<sup>th</sup> June 2010

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

Immediately following the establishment of the Coaches' Association, ie. between July and September 2010, **Bruce Wood** and his new committee focused on the essentials required to make a school holiday cricket clinic a reality. Organisational goals and objectives were confirmed; cricket equipment was purchased; a logo was created; coaches' uniforms were designed and ordered; blue t-shirts and white caps were designed and ordered for the players to wear; Waitara Oval was booked via NDCC on 27 – 29 September 2010 (8.00am – 12.00pm); accredited coaches were recruited; new Westpac bank accounts were opened; a budget was drafted; a flyer was developed to advertise our first school holiday cricket clinic, which was promoted through HK&HDCA affiliated clubs to attract young players of all standards to register. **Rod Hokin** designed a coaching program and Bruce engaged 8 coaches. HKHDCCA was pleased that 47 boys and girls attended our first clinic (photos – page 16).

NSW Blues Sheffield Shield player and NDs captain, **Dom Thornely**, was our special guest at this initial clinic at Waitara Oval and he helped to coach, mentor and inspire the players (see photo – below, right).



Over the past decade, the Coaches' Association has conducted **54** school holiday clinics, with one washed out. A total of **2,840** children have attended these clinics, which averages **53.6** boys and girls at each clinic. ND's home ground, Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (photo below), is the main venue for our clinics, having hosted 31 of the 54 events held to date. Clinics have also been held at George Thornton Reserve, West Pennant Hills; Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights; Kenthurst Oval; Curtis Oval, Dundas Valley; Turrumurra Oval; and Normanhurst Oval.





The Coaches' Association was awarded the prestigious **HK&HDCA Integrity Cup** perpetual trophy in 2010-11 for its outstanding early contribution and potential massive impact to the local game in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills district (see photo at right).

#### Off-season Rising Stars development programs

HKHDCCA has run off-season development programs each year since 2011, often two programs over Winter at James Park, Hornsby, and Rosewood Oval, Barker College. The younger program (usually U/9 – U/11) 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. This beneficial development program ensures that all players improve their skills in batting, pace & spin bowling, wicket-keeping and fielding, all undertaken in a safe and enjoyable manner. Below is a group photo from the first U/10 off-season coaching session at James Park on 29 May 2011.



The older Rising Stars program (usually U/12 – U/15) has been run by **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach) and provided the stronger players with more specialised coaching in batting, pace & spin bowling, wicket-keeping & fielding, and is designed more for representative standard players. These programs have been popular and generally sell out in advance. The coaches use the **bowling machine**, **video analysis**, and **iPad** technology (see photos below).





### Girls Super 8 schools cricket programs – Montview Oval – 2015 and 2016

The Coaches' Association was pleased to provide coaches for the Girls Super 8 Schools Cricket Program, which was launched on 8 October 2015 and continued through Term 4, 2015, and again in Term 4, 2016.

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 returned in Term 4, 2016.



The Girls Super 8 cricket program returned in Term 4, 2016 with six different local primary schools participating – Hornsby Heights, Hornsby South, Asquith, Waitara, Mt Colah & Northholm Grammar. **Tim Inman**, President, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Girls Cricket Division Inc. and Manager of the Hornsby Branch of the Commonwealth Bank, provided valuable sponsorship for the girls, including a shield for the winning school and medals for each player. The Coaches' Association supplied five regular coaches (**Nick Miller, Daniel Wood, Hame Fullagar, Matt Wright & Braden Cheng**) to look after the Girls teams, with co-ordination from **Bruce Wood**.





### Super 8 Blast Cricket programs at West Epping in 2016 and Beecroft in 2017

The Coaches' Association continued to expand its boundaries and provide coaching services for neighbouring Cricket Associations, on request, in 2016. 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 – see photo below, left. The program was requested by **Adam & Cassandra Kirk** (Adam and 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**, **Nic Badings** and **Bruce Wood**.



For the second year running, HKHDCCA provided coaches for the Super 8 Blast cricket program on Friday evenings (5.30pm – 7.15pm) at Booth Park, Beecroft, in Term 1 (17 February – 31 March) 2017. Thanks to **Adam & Cassandra Kirk** for arranging the registrations, which resulted in 30 – 35 boys and girls aged 7 – 11 attending each week. **Bruce Wood** co-ordinated the coaching at this Super 8 program and the other regular coaches were **Sam Fanning** and **Henry Kirk**. The group photo is above on the right, and an action photo is below.



### Free coaching programs for Blowfly Cricket (children with special needs) – 2011 to present

As covered on page 48 of this Annual Report, the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) is proud to have been associated with Blowfly Cricket for the past 9 years through the provision of free coaching sessions at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara; assistance on some Saturday afternoon sessions at James Park, Hornsby; and regular volunteering at the Blowies' fund-raising BBQs at Bunnings Warehouse, Thornleigh. A total of 20 coaches from HKHDCCA have had the opportunity to coach the Blowies over the years and it has been an uplifting experience. The close working relationship between the Coaches' Association and Blowfly Cricket originated and continues to prosper through the long-standing friendship between **Mark Rushton** (Founder of Blowfly Cricket in 2009) and **Bruce Wood** (President, Coaches' Association since 2010).





### Sport in Profile ANZ magazine – feature article

In early 2015, Bruce Wood was contacted by the editor of the *Sport in Profile ANZ* international sporting magazine, who had read about the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) on our Twitter page. He was impressed with what we were doing and offered to write a feature article about our organisation. Bruce was interviewed at length and supplied some photos, and a terrific article was published in the June 2015 edition – refer: [bit.ly/Sport-mag-2015](http://bit.ly/Sport-mag-2015)

### U/15 overseas cricket tours (in partnership with Northern District CC)

The Coaches' Association has programs designed for all standards from strong representative players to club players (hard and soft ball), beginners and children with special needs. At the elite end of the coaching paradigm, HKHDCCA partners with Northern District CC to conduct an U/15 overseas representative cricket tour every two years. **Bruce Wood** has planned and managed three tours in recent years – Sri Lanka (2015), West Indies (2017) and India (2019). The other HKHDCCA officials on these tours were **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach) and **Josh Miller** (Treasurer / Assistant Coach), although **Will Fiedler** performed the latter role in Sri Lanka.

Strong teams were selected for each tour and our boys performed very creditably against talented opposition teams in foreign conditions. The players developed their skills significantly on tour under the expert coaching of Rod and Josh, with many of the players going on to star in the Northern District CC U/16 AW Green Shield team after each tour – the highlight being ND's Premiership in 2018-19 with Josh Miller as Head Coach. As well as performing the role of Tour Manager, Bruce Wood umpires the overseas matches and enjoys partnering with the local professional umpires. The team photos and links to the official tour reports are on pages 18 – 19.



**Bruce Wood** umpired in India in 2019 and was also interviewed by the TV and newspaper media in Mumbai

### Sponsorship from Parramatta Leagues Club

The Coaches' Association has been delighted to receive sponsorship from **Parramatta Leagues Club** each year since 2015. Our coaches' and players' polo shirts feature the club's logo, as does the coaches' tracksuit jackets; our committee and several coaches have signed up for 10 years membership of PLC; we promote the club on our social media pages; and we hold committee meetings, dinners and social functions at the club's facilities, including the Vikings Sports Club at Dundas (owned by PLC). We thank **Bevan Paul**, CEO, and **Maria Debnikov**, Community and Marketing Co-ordinator, for the club's generous support of our coaching and youth development programs in north-western Sydney.



### Relationship with Cricket NSW



The Coaches' Association has worked collaboratively with Cricket NSW and enjoyed a strong working relationship over the years. Bruce Wood has known **David Moore**, General Manager, Cricket Performance, since he completed his Representative (Level 2) coaching accreditation course in 2001 at which David was a specialist coach. Bruce is in regular contact with **Darren Goodger**, Senior Manager – Cricket; **Daniel Anderson**, Cricket Manager – North Shore; and his manager, **Jeni Lee**, Area Manager Sydney North. Our committee liaises with **Dean Burke**, Coaching & Talent Specialist, Inner West Sydney. The Coaches' Association also consults with **Chris Steffan**, High Performance Co-ordinator – Sydney Thunder, Cricket NSW, when we organise an annual Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course in the Hornsby district. All these key relationships help to foster a positive and mutually beneficial partnership.



Bruce Wood  
President, Coaches' Association  
Manager, U/15 Indian Tour 2019



**CRICKET NSW**

Dear Bruce,

As General Manager of Cricket Performance at Cricket NSW, I would like to wholeheartedly support this exciting U/15 tour to India, which has been organised by the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) and Northern District Cricket Club in north-western Sydney. I would like to congratulate all the partners that have come together to make this tour a reality.

Cricket NSW is the number one producer of playing, coaching and umpiring talent in Australia. We are very proud of this and we achieve this through the pathways that we have developed over time. Cricket NSW invests a great deal of time and money in developing our players, coaches and umpires to achieve our aim.

Having said that, without the support of associations like the Coaches' Association, volunteers and parents, we would not be as successful as we are today. Your partners on this tour, Northern District CC, are a terrific nursery of junior cricket talent, having won the NSW Premier Cricket AW Green Shield competition (undefeated) and the NSW U/16 State Challenge in 2018-19. Congratulations to all stakeholders on your vision to provide young cricketers with an opportunity for a cricketing and cultural experience like no other. These young cricketers will not only have an opportunity to develop as players, but as people in our global community.

I note that this is the third overseas cricket tour that you have organised on behalf of HKHDCCA / NDCC, after successful tours to Sri Lanka in 2015 and Barbados in 2017. I have read the reports from those tours and they were highly successful, providing the players with unique experience, both on and off the cricket field. These tours also contribute to the pathway of talented cricketers, with Baxter Holt (captain of your Sri Lanka team in 2015) now being a Cricket NSW Blues contracted player who has made his JLT Sheffield Shield, first-class debut; is captain of the Australian U/19 team; and played for the Sydney Thunder team in BBL-08 in 2018-19.

India is one of the great destinations for a cricket tour, with its passion for cricket, fanatical supporters, vibrant atmosphere, and cultural diversity. I note from your tour itinerary that you will be playing matches in Mumbai, Jaipur and New Delhi; attending two IPL matches; and visiting the Taj Mahal in Agra – what an amazing experience lies ahead for your team and supporters.

To the tourists, the people of India are exceptionally knowledgeable about cricket and their young players are very talented. You will enjoy the hospitality of the Indian people off the field and highly competitive matches on the field. You will no doubt play against future first-class players and possibly some future international cricketers.

Good luck on your tour and enjoy this 'once in a lifetime' experience.

Yours sincerely

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### Support for HK&HDCA and its member clubs

The Coaches' Association has been a very positive addition to the offerings provided by HK&HDCA to players, clubs, coaches and families since its inception in 2010. A full list of HK&HDCCA coaching programs conducted between 2010 and 2020 can be seen at this link – [bit.ly/CA-2010-20](https://bit.ly/CA-2010-20)

- **School holiday cricket clinics**

HK&HDCCA conducts well organised, high-quality, school holiday junior cricket clinics at local venues, with heavily subsidised fees and small Coach : player ratios (generally around 1 : 8, sometimes even smaller groups). A total of 2,840 children have attended our 54 clinics over the past decade and an estimated 98% of these players were current or enrolling members of HK&HDCA affiliated clubs. Apart from developing their cricket skills at these clinics, the boys and girls make new friends and engage in healthy, active physical exercise.

- **Free coaching programs for beginners**

The Coaches' Association has held numerous free coaching programs for beginners aged between 6 – 11 years. These coaching sessions over the years have provided the boys and girls with foundational skills to get them started in cricket, whilst instilling a love of the game through well-structured and enjoyable games. At the end of each session, the parents are advised how to register their child to play cricket for their local HK&HDCA club. Below is a group photo from one of the many free beginners' coaching sessions run by HK&HDCCA – this one took place on 31 August 2014 at James Park, Hornsby.



- **Coach the Coaches professional development session designed for HK&HDCA coaches**

The Coaches' Association was pleased to conduct a free *Coach the Coaches* professional development session at James Park, Hornsby on Sunday, 9 September 2018. A total of 38 club coaches attended this special coaching instructional session, led by HK&HDCCA Head Coach, **Rod Hokin** (Level 3 accredited), who was well supported by **Josh Miller**, **Bruce Wood**, **Daniel Anderson** and **Daniel Wood** (see group photo below). Rod expertly overlapped this coaching session with a 2-hour coaching program for the HK&HDCA Girls rep. teams (23 players). This allowed the club coaches to implement some new techniques they had been taught. The feedback received from all concerned was very positive and this was clearly a most beneficial initiative for the Association.





- Community (Level 1) accredited coaching courses

The Coaches' Association liaises with Cricket NSW to organise a Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course each year. These training courses are advertised on the HK&HDCA website, Facebook page, and the clubs are notified by email and at Council meetings. HKHDCCA Head Coach, **Rod Hokin**, has facilitated many of these accredited courses. Below is a group photo taken at one of the Level 1 courses run by Rod at the Sportsbliss Indoor Centre, Thornleigh, on 18 September 2016. An incredible 34 candidates turned up, about 15 being late registrations that were not on the list provided by Cricket NSW. Normally a group this large would have two qualified facilitators appointed, however Rod professionally managed the crowd and got through the program.



- HK&HDCA Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup annual matches

**Tom Richmond** OAM, Life Member of Northern District CC, HK&HDCA and the Coaches' Association, founded HK&HDCA's showcase U/15 representative match known as the Ross Turner Cup (RTC) in 1998-99, which was followed five years later with the first U/12 Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) match in 2003-04. After 12 years of sterling organisation of the RTC and 7 years of GHC, Tom retired and passed the responsibility to **Bruce Wood**, President, Coaches' Association, in 2010-11. Over the past decade, Bruce has maintained the traditions of these popular contests and added some variations. In his first year in charge, Bruce changed the GHC age group from U/12 to U/13 and below, after consulting with **Mark Rushton**, HK&HDCA President, and **Glenn Hourigan**.

Bruce has appointed qualified coaches to each RTC and GHC team since 2010-11, and he introduced preliminary GHC T20 matches involving 48 players, with these games played approximately two weeks before the main 50 over GHC contest. Bruce also scheduled the RTC and GHC matches on adjacent ovals where possible, which has occurred on 6 of the last 10 years, with the main venues being Turramurra Oval (RTC) and Karuah Park (GHC). Bruce hasn't had much luck with the weather in his 10 years as the RTC / GHC Convenor, with 4 dates completely washed out, including his first three years in charge. He managed to reschedule these matches on another date each year, however that wasn't easy in March due to HK&HDCA Finals matches. This prompted Bruce to switch the RTC / GHC timeframe from the traditionally wet month of March to an early season date in September, which worked well for the next 6 years. See pages 32 – 38 for the reports on the RTC and GHC fixtures in 2019-20.



- Coach of the Year award



The Coaches' Association's annual *Coach of the Year Award* (**Bruce Wood Cup**) recognises excellence in cricket coaching within HK&HDCA and surrounding districts. Online nominations are invited for representative and/or club coaching; HKHDCCA clinics; and Blowfly Cricket. This prestigious award provides an opportunity for HK&HDCA coaches to be formally recognised for their excellent coaching. See more details on page 46 of this annual report.

Senior HKHDCCA coaches are always available to advise and mentor club and rep. coaches.



**FLASHBACK TO THE FIRST HKHDCCA / NDCC CLINIC ON 27, 28, 29 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT WAITARA OVAL**



**Players and coaches at the first HKHDCCA / NDCC clinic in September 2010 at Waitara Oval**



**Coaches appointed to the first HKHDCCA / NDCC clinic in September 2010 at Waitara Oval**

Jamie Matson, Rod Hokin, Bruce Wood, Andrew Lowe, Jon Whealing, Nick Cheadle, Tim Matson, Mike Burgin



## 50<sup>TH</sup> HKHDCCA / NDCC SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC ON 2 – 3 OCTOBER 2019 AT MTO, WAITARA



Group photo with 76 children and 12 coaches on 2 – 3 October 2019 at MTO, Waitara for our 50<sup>th</sup> clinic



Coaches appointed to the 50<sup>th</sup> HKHDCCA / NDCC cricket clinic on 2 – 3 October 2019 at MTO, Waitara

Back row: Josh Miller, Bruce Wood, Nick Miller, Rod Hokin, Charlie Taylor, Aaron Crofts

Front Row: Braden Cheng, Brody Camp, Will McCarroll, Dani Chivers, Sean McAllister



## HKHDCCA / NDCC Under 15 Representative Team – Sri Lanka Tour – June / July 2015

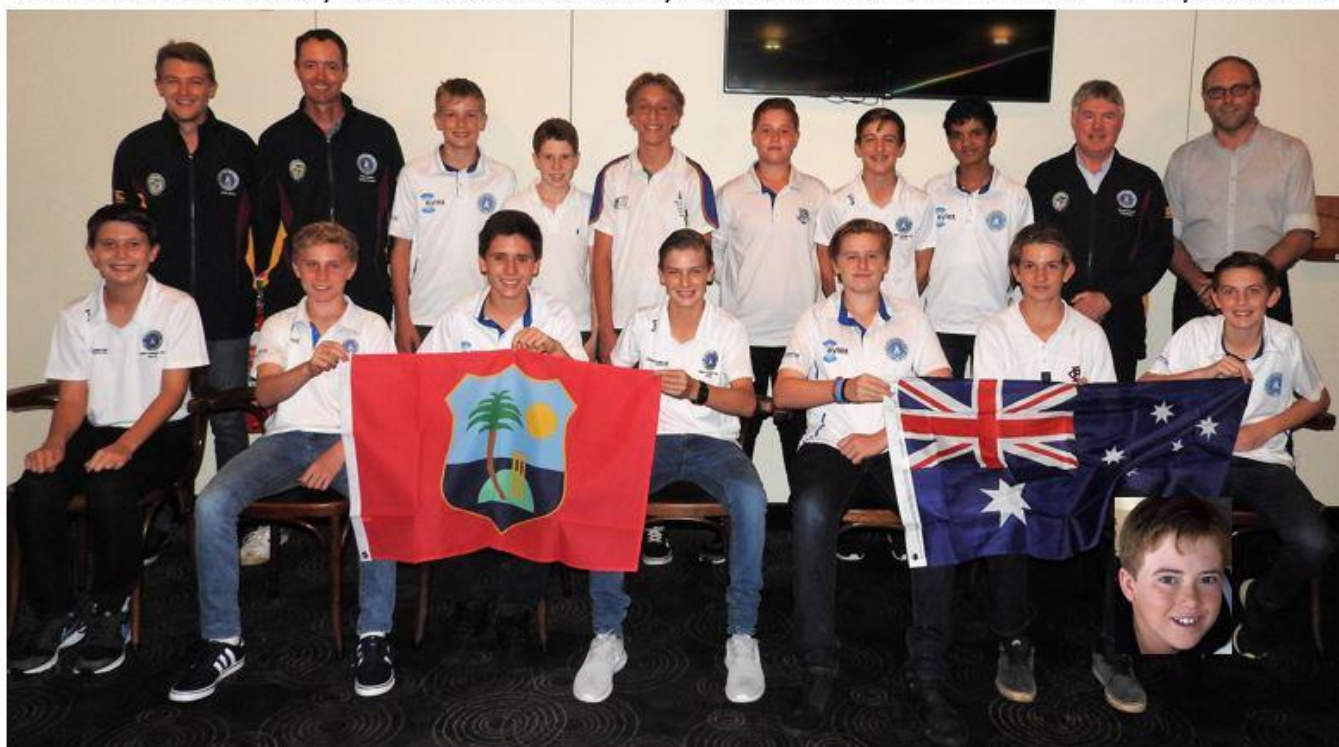


Back row: Shivraj Rana, James Brown, Dhruva Thorat, Ryan McCoy, Henry Kirk, Liahm Williams, Sam Fanning, Henry Chapman, Connor Slater, Lachlan Shaw

Front row: Mike Langford (NDCC President), Bruce Wood (HKHDCCA President), Baxter Holt (C), Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Joel Foster (C), Will Fiedler (Treasurer), Jamie Shaw (v-c)

Tour report – [bit.ly/SL-Report-2015](http://bit.ly/SL-Report-2015)

## COACHES' ASSOCIATION / NORTHERN DISTRICT CC U/15 CRICKET TOUR TO WEST INDIES – JUNE / JULY 2017



Back row: Josh Miller (Assistant Coach), Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Corey Miller, Lachlan Roughley, Aidan Jackson, Oscar Kirk, Jayden Camp, Varun Ravindran, Bruce Wood (President HKHDCCA), Mike Langford (President NDCC)

Front Row: Jarod Baxter, William Coffey, Charlie Rose, Lachlan Shaw, Joe Hiley, Lachlan Fisher, Jordan Fullagar

Inset: Cooper Davenport

Tour report – [bit.ly/WI-Report-17](http://bit.ly/WI-Report-17)



## COACHES' ASSOCIATION / NORTHERN DISTRICT CC U/15 CRICKET TOUR TO INDIA – APRIL 2019



Back row: Bruce Wood (Manager), Anthony Bartlett, Jack Nati, Spencer White, Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Ryan Swain (Captain), Marcus Ridley, Will McFadden, Josh Miller (Treasurer / Assistant Coach),  
Front row: Nicholas Hook, Cameron Tunks, Oliver Jennings, Abhi Singh, Felix Booth, Avikshit Lath, Alistair Weston  
Tour report – [bit.ly/CA-India-Report](https://bit.ly/CA-India-Report)





## HKHDCCA coaches

The Coaches' Association's greatest asset is its team of quality, dedicated coaches who love helping the boys and girls become better cricketers and enjoy the game. HKHDCCA has given over 100 coaches the opportunity to become accredited and work at our various programs – school holiday clinics, off-season development programs, Girls programs, RTC, GHC, Blowfly Cricket, Beginners' clinics, tours, etc. Below are a few photos of the coaches.





**REFLECTIONS FROM PATRONS, OFFICIALS, COACHES & PARENTS – HKHDCCA 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY****Mike Langford** (Drifter) – Vice-President (and Life Member) – Northern District Cricket Club

In season 2010-11, Northern District CC joined forces with the newly established Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) to hold two coaching clinics at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara. Up to 100 young players enjoyed the experience, which was made possible by the founder and President of the association, Bruce Wood. This partnership has remained in place ever since and the association has grown from strength to strength. HKHDCCA has also done a great job organising the annual RTC & GHC matches.

Over the past decade, HKHDCCA has provided professional coaching to thousands of local cricketers in the district, plus overseas trips to Sri Lanka, West Indies and India. The attendees have not only learned the basics of cricket (skills / technique), but also the right way to play the game. It is all undertaken in a friendly, positive and caring environment. The association has also provided opportunities to many NDCC players to join the coaching ranks over the years, including our overseas recruits from UK.

It is a great credit to Bruce Wood, Rod Hokin and Josh Miller for pouring their time, passion and expertise into making these cricket programs the most successful coaching clinics for young cricketers in NSW, if not the country. NDCC is proud to be part of it and looks forward to the next 10 year partnership with the Coaches' Association. Huge congratulations go to Bruce and his team. Happy Anniversary!

**Jeremy Hook** – President (and Life Member) – Northern District Cricket Club

The true test of the value of an organisation is when you can't ever remember it not existing, or can't imagine how things were beforehand. The Coaches' Association has achieved a great deal in its first 10 years.

Bruce Wood's vision and energy have formed a terrific cricket organisation that has built on the strong foundations of cricket in Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai. Bruce deserves enormous credit for the work of the Coaches' Association, for developing players and coaches, and providing opportunities through school holiday clinics and overseas cricket tours.

We see the development of coaches as particularly important and the Association has helped develop a raft of excellent coaches, foremost amongst them the very talented duo of Rod Hokin and Josh Miller.

Northern District CC is the local Premier cricket club of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and our Club has certainly enjoyed the 10-year collaboration with the Coaches' Association. It's fair to say the work of the Association has played an important role in our recent strong performances in the U/16 AW Green Shield competition (Premiers 2018-19).

I would also like to pay tribute to my predecessor, then NDCC President, Mike (Drifter) Langford, who with Bruce and then HK&HDCA President, Mark Rushton, gave life to this concept; one that has been so good for cricketers and cricket in our area. Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Ross Anderson** – Director of Operations – WPHC CC; Life Member – HK&HDCA

I remember when Mark Rushton asked Bruce Wood to take on responsibility to set up and run a Coaches' Association. Looking back over 10 years, Mark's decision to ask Bruce to run this wonderful initiative was inspired. I don't propose to revisit the fact base around the Coaches' Association – the number of clinics, attendance, relationships with Clubs and other Associations and Cricket NSW. This detail will no doubt be covered in the Annual Report.

I would like to focus on a major achievement that is easy to overlook. Bruce has had a significant impact on the young people that he has entrusted as his Coaches. He has given young people with a passion for cricket an opportunity to excel. Bruce sets high standards and empowers his Coaches to 'give it a go'. This involves not just cricket coaching but also communication skills, taking personal responsibility, leadership roles and building personal confidence. I have seen, first-hand, the personal development of my own boys through the opportunities that Bruce has given them early in the coaching careers and how this has been translated into personal growth. This is not a one-off experience – he has had a similar impact on many other coaches over the years. Bruce has also built an amazing Executive Committee with people who are passionate about cricket and who all want to make a difference.

The contribution of the HKHDCCA Executive Committee has been significant. Put simply, the Coaches' Association has an Executive Team that would be the envy of many Corporate businesses. The team is passionate, energetic and share the same vision of making a lasting contribution to cricket within our community.

When I look at the many amazing achievements of Bruce and the Coaches' Association, the life-changing opportunities it has provided to many young people is a priceless contribution that stands above all others.





Tom Richmond OAM – Patron and Life Member of HK&HDCA and Coaches' Association; Life Member of NDCC

I have watched, with great interest, the development of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Coaches' Association and have admired the way that it has given form and structure to our junior cricket development. I coached my first team in 1960, so by the end of 2020, I will be a veteran of sixty years and they have been years of deep satisfaction.

Back in the 1970s, our Association broke new ground in Sydney by conducting junior cricket seminars, in which we invited prominent cricketers and umpires to address our team managers. This initiative was later applied to other areas and the current coaching accreditation system gradually evolved from it. Around 1980, the Association held a coaching day across its area, with junior coaches trained in the accreditation scheme. In the 1990s, we again held coaching sessions, largely in winter, aiming at specific skills.

Looking back, the development of our own Coaches' Association was a logical step from what had gone before. At the time, it was a marvellous innovation, placing us once again at the absolute vanguard of cricket development. To Bruce Wood and the others who have contributed to the success of the organisation, I offer my wholehearted thanks for their efforts and record my admiration for the way in which the great game of cricket is being served in our area. I have been particularly pleased to see that Bruce and the Coaches' Association have maintained the traditions of the annual RTC and GHC matches for the past decade, something that I cherished for many years.

Ross Turner – Life Member – Northern District CC and Coaches' Association (Patron)

The Laws of Cricket set out the key responsibilities of a captain including the proper management of a cricket match, in conjunction with umpires and scorers. In this sense, a captain's role is prime. Unlike other codes, there is no mention of the term *coach* in The Laws. What then, is the purpose and role of a cricket coach?

A cricket coach has few rights and there is little or no opportunity for direct intervention during play [compared to say Basketball or Football] to influence players' performance. Instead, cricket coaching is nuanced, suggestive and remote with the work undertaken well in advance of a season, match or session. Given this, a cricket coach must necessarily adopt a strategic approach to prepare players for all contingencies [in the mid-to-long term], and at the same time ready their charges for the opening stanza of a match. Put simply, the moment a team or individual steps over the rope self-reliance is key, and a coach has no official role and/or tangible influence.

This construct thus makes for a challenging dynamic between the coach, captain and individual players. Hence, a cricket coach is like no other. Paradoxically, research tells us that coaches are a key reason that players are retained in the game and the greater the skill the more a player learns, succeeds and derives enjoyment.

Tom Richmond OAM, among other attributes and accomplishments, is a master cricket coach. He possesses a remarkable knowledge and understanding of the game which is matched by a capacity to communicate effectively and impart skills to individuals and teams [plus fellow coaches] with a certain majesty. Tom's dedication to coaching, for more than half-a-century, has influenced thousands of cricketers in addition to enriching the knowledge and performance of hundreds of coaches in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District region, and beyond. Tom argues that coaches hold a light for players to discover what is possible. *[Editor – refer pages 39, 54 – 55]*

Mark Rushton, Bruce Wood & Michael Langford share Tom's view about the value of effective coaching. In 2010, this triumph met in their respective key cricketing capacities [Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District / Blowfly Cricket / Northern District CC domains] to form an association of cricket coaches that would serve to strengthen and protect all facets of cricket in the region.

A decade on, the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association, with Bruce Wood at the helm, is delivering on the vision established at the formation meeting as this Annual Report attests. We congratulate Bruce on his leadership of the Association, including a preparedness to embrace initiatives that include new generations of male and female coaches, which in turn, add value & relevance in serving the game of cricket.

The Hon. Matt Kean MP – Member for Hornsby, Minister for Energy & Environment; Patron – HKHDCCA

A coach can have a big impact on a player, not just while they are on the pitch, but for their entire life. I have some very special memories of those coaches who helped me through my cricket career. That is why having an organisation like the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) is so important. 10 years is not easy for any community organisation and I want to congratulate HKHDCCA on this significant milestone. The role you play ensuring young people are not only playing cricket but also coaching cricket has ensured the success and growth of the sport in Northern Sydney.

I want to thank all the volunteers who are the reason this organisation is able to celebrate a decade of achievements. Life Members, Tom Richmond OAM, Rod Hokin, Bruce Wood, Mark Rushton and Josh Miller – your contribution to this organisation will never be forgotten. I would also like to thank the current Executive Committee headed by the great Bruce Wood, Daniel Wood, Josh Miller, Nick Miller and Rod Hokin. I have no doubt there will be many more years to come for this wonderful organisation.





Mark Rushton – Life Member of HK&HDCA, Blowfly Cricket and Coaches' Association

BRAVO, BRAVO, BRAVO!!! Congratulations to Bruce Wood and the other Management Committee members of the Coaches' Association for an outstanding first decade. The Coaches' Association continues to go from strength to strength with each passing year and has created a benchmark which other Associations are striving to emulate.

BlowFly Cricket has been extremely fortunate to be actively supported by HKHDCCA for the past nine years, who have provided biannual free coaching clinics to our members during the Spring and Summer school holidays. This has seen great improvements in the BlowFly's batting, bowling and catching skills. These are very popular clinics with our members and it is wonderful to see the development of mutually beneficial relationships with our members and the younger coaches at each clinic. I am only too aware that these clinics also provide the young coaches the opportunity to work with all ability cricketers, offering a rare insight into the needs of our special players.

Bruce Wood has also volunteered at our JPCG (James Park, Hornsby) Centre on occasions when he is free from his umpiring commitments. Furthermore, Bruce is a regular volunteer at our Bunnings Thornleigh Fundraising BBQs (up to 12 per calendar year) and has endeared himself greatly to our Blowfly cricketers, family members and other volunteers. Volunteers are an essential part of the winning team at Blowfly Cricket and Bruce is one of our key volunteers and a great supporter of our cause. Well done Bruce as we truly appreciate your ongoing support and interest in our inclusive all ability association. BlowFly Cricket congratulates the Coaches' Association on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary....a monumental achievement in uncharted seas. We are looking forward to the next decade.

Rod Hokin – Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) Head Coach since 2010 (& Life Member); 1<sup>st</sup> XI coach – The King's School; former NDCC AW Green Shield coach

Time seems to move by quickly and it certainly doesn't feel like 10 years since I received an email from Bruce Wood asking me to become Head Coach of a new coaching organisation that he was forming. At the time I was living in Ireland and ready to head back to Sydney for the Summer. The concept sounded fantastic and I loved the idea of a *not-for-profit* organisation that was focused on providing coaching opportunities for developing coaches, and creating a coaching program for young players that was focused on a quality product rather than profit. With Bruce at the helm, I knew the idea was definitely a winner.

A decade on and it has been fantastic to see how the Coaches' Association has grown and the number of players and coaches who have directly benefited. Thousands of boys and girls have developed their cricket in a fun and engaging way. School holiday coaching clinics and off-season development programs have not just been enjoyable, but have progressed the quality of our players considerably over the past decade.

Our three overseas tours, which have been heavily subsidised by the Coaches' Association and NDCC, have created life-long memories for all those involved, and the experience in different conditions (Sri Lanka, West Indies and India) has resulted in the significant development of many of our elite cricketers. It is no surprise that the NDCC AW Green Shield team has been so successful in recent years. It is also pleasing to see that four of our cricketers (Baxter Holt, Sam Fanning, Joel Foster & Patrick Xie) have been selected to play for Australia.

However, the development has not just been focused on players. One of the original concepts a decade ago was to provide a coaching pathway for aspiring coaches. Over 100 coaches have benefited greatly over the past 10 years and by working together, the quality of coaching in the region has increased considerably. It is also pleasing to see that at least three coaches from our organisation have become full-time professional coaches.

None of the above would have been possible without the vision and commitment of Bruce Wood. His leadership as President and his countless volunteer hours of planning and administration have provided the impetus for the success that the Coaches' Association has had over the past decade. Recognition also needs to be given to Josh Miller (Secretary), Nick Miller (Treasurer) and Daniel Wood (V-P) for their contribution to the Executive Committee. Much has been achieved in the past decade and I am sure there is plenty more to come in future.

Wendy Miller – mother of Josh, Nick & Corey who have been actively involved in HKHDCCA

On the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the inception of the Coaches' Association, I would like to congratulate Bruce Wood and his colleagues on their vision, hard work and brilliant success. Ten years ago, there was a dearth of affordable, high quality cricket coaching in the Hornsby area. HKHDCCA has provided a much needed service, the delivery of which, has been exceptional in terms of professionalism, enthusiasm and quality. My cricketing sons loved and looked forward to attending the school holiday clinics. They are now all involved at some level as coaches and committee members.

Josh, Nick & Corey have thoroughly enjoyed their involvement in the annual RTC and GHC matches in which they have participated as players and coaches. HKHDCCA does a terrific job in administering these important events. The Coaches' Association has provided our boys and many other young men and women with fantastic opportunities for voluntary and paid employment and experience. The Association has also run three successful, well organised overseas tours for U/15 teams, all of which have been an amazing experience for the players, their families and officials. Several of my family were lucky enough to attend the tour to the US and Barbados in 2017 in the capacity of players, officials and supporters. It was, without a doubt, a lifetime highlight.





Jamie McEvoy (nee Matson) - HKHDCCA coach from 2010 onwards; former high-level player; High school teacher with a Master's degree in Education

In September 2010, I was privileged to be asked by Bruce Wood to coach at the inaugural Coaches' Association / Northern District CC school holiday junior cricket clinic at Waitara Oval. At only 16 years of age, it was my first time coaching, and it is something that I now look forward to each year. Playing sport my whole life, I understand the value of coaching and the impact that it can have on someone's experience with the sport. I love the energy that surrounds the HKHDCCA coaching clinics. The coaches are passionate and love their cricket, which is something that tends to catch on quickly with the kids in attendance. This shows during our MasterClass sessions, where one of the First Grade coaches has a bat in the nets, facing our top bowlers. The kids are in awe! They are more than happy to tell their group coach what they are doing wrong, and where the ball should have gone. It's always entertaining on my end to hear this banter.



Over the years, I have watched on as the clinics have grown in size and popularity. At each clinic, we get to meet new kids who love their cricket and just want to improve. It is also wonderful to see kids return again and again, showing us that we are doing something right. It always amazes me how much a child can improve in only two or three days. As I continue to coach ten years down the track, it is great to see that some of the young players that I coached many years ago are now being engaged as accredited coaches with HKHDCCA. The success of these clinics is due to the hard work of many behind the scenes, in particular, Bruce Wood, Rod Hokin and Josh Miller, who work tirelessly to ensure that these clinics are successful and that kids have a great time. I am proud to say I have been a part of these clinics from the beginning, and what a privilege it has been to see them grow.

Jane Bish – Mother of two sons who regularly attended our school holiday clinics. Husband Julian was Junior Co-ordinator at WPHC CC and actively promoted our clinics

My children have been participants of the coaching clinics run by the Coaches' Association since inception in 2010. My youngest particularly benefited from these clinics and did them from age 10 until 15. This year he changed sides and became one of the coaches, helping to train the next generation of players. My kids always enjoyed the awesome coaches that were provided and loved seeing them hit out in the nets or some super-fast bowling. They also loved being with their friends and catching up with players from other clubs. In fact, it certainly helped to foster great inter-club friendships, which made for enjoyable games when they met as opposition during the club rounds.



As a parent, it was a great school holiday activity and it was good to see the kids away from screens and being social. It was lovely to see the head coaches and we have all developed good friendships over the years. Both of my kids continue to play senior cricket and I believe these coaching clinics has helped keep their interest in the sport. Cricket is a very social game as you spend a lot of time on the sidelines watching your team-mates bat. Watching my kids interact with their team-mates is great and I know their behaviours have been learned from both these clinics and indeed from their club coaches. I cannot recommend these clinics enough and I thank Bruce, Rod and all the mentoring coaches for their wonderful inspiration. Congratulations on your 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and may you continue to foster every player's love of cricket.

Judy Shaw – Mother of four sons who regularly attended our school holiday clinics, off-season programs, RTC, GHC, plus the tours to Sri Lanka in 2015 and Barbados in 2017

It is extremely gratifying to be part of a family that can reflect over many years on such successful and positive cricket clinics, overseas tours, and RTC / GHC run by the Coaches' Association. Jamie & Lachy attended the first clinic in September 2010 and kept coming back – they later progressed to being appointed as accredited coaches! Our twins also attended many clinics over the years – all of them being enjoyable and beneficial for their development.



Bruce Wood, Rod Hokin and Josh Miller have identified Coaches with positive motivation styles and obvious passion for the game. This no doubt brings families back for recurring clinics, as they are comfortable knowing that along with the continuity of coaching staff, the familiar uniforms, consistent structure, the prizes and the friendly environment, the overall experience will foster a love of cricket in our children.

It was also great to be involved and watch the annual RTC and GHC fixtures. They are definitely one of the best ways that so many young cricketers in the district got to meet and play alongside each other, rather than just knowing their names from scorecards. The blend of age groups and players to create these teams, plus having past players return in a coaching capacity, is such a great concept which Bruce Wood manages so well.

One of the many highlights that the Coaches' Association has to offer is the U/15 international cricket tours. These are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – a truly amazing experience, packed with fun on each day when the boys are playing cricket and on the social days in between. The life experiences that the boys get from these tours are second to none and the memories are spoken about often. It has been a privilege to have been a part of what the Coaches' Association had to offer over the past ten years, and I wish them all the very best for the years ahead.



Andrew Miedler – President HK&HDCA (and President of WPHC CC)

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the HKHDCA Coaches' Association for 10 years of exemplary service to the Association, in that time offering thousands of girls and boys the opportunity to participate in fun, engaging and interactive coaching clinics and off-season development programs. In addition, they have been a key driver in building the capabilities of our coaches, critical volunteers who contribute so much to the positive experience for players and make training and playing cricket fun, and encouraging excellence through their Coach of the Year Award (Bruce Wood Cup).



Building on the talents and experiences gained in the representative competitions, the Coaches' Association has planned and organised HK&HDCA's annual Ross Turner Cup (U/15) and Glenn Hourigan Cup (U/13) fixtures. HKHDCCA's U/15 overseas cricket tours every two years have also been a wonderful initiative and a great experience for all those fortunate enough to visit Sri Lanka, Barbados (West Indies) and India in recent years.

Being a *not-for-profit* organisation, the Coaches' Association has always managed to keep its fee structure low and affordable for all families and HK&HDCA clubs, while providing quality coaching in small groups. The future of the Coaches' Association looks very promising, especially in the area of continuing to develop the capabilities of our volunteer coaches, which we see as critical to the goal of increasing player numbers over the next 5 years.

Scott Reid – HK&HDCA Executive Officer (and Life Member); President, Umpires' Association

Congratulations to the Coaches' Association on their 10-year anniversary.

The association has come a long way in its first 10 years. The well attended school holiday junior cricket clinics and rising star programs have benefited hundreds of young cricketers in developing their skills and love of the game. A number of these attendees have gone on to become coaches themselves. Conducting Community (Level 1) accredited coaching courses has also assisted in raising the standard of coaching, both at representative and club level. They should also be commended for their continuing work with our Blowfly Cricket program.



I have greatly enjoyed being involved in both the Ross Turner and Glenn Hourigan Cup showcase games, well organised by the Coaches' Association. The professionally run overseas tours provide a great life experience for young cricketers. Not only do they need to adapt to different playing conditions, against high standard cricketers, on some famous cricket grounds, but the experience of different cultures provides invaluable life lessons. As the game of cricket continues to evolve, I look forward to seeing how the Coaches' Association will contribute over the next 10 years.

Daniel Anderson – Cricket Manager – North Shore at Cricket NSW – Level 2 accredited coach

It is hard to believe that we are already celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coaches' Association, but what a decade it has been. I am lucky enough to have been involved in this incredible organisation for most of this time and will be forever grateful to Bruce Wood and Rod Hokin for all their support and guidance. Every successful sporting organisation needs dedicated volunteers who are passionate and care deeply for the game and the development of its players and coaches, which is exactly what Bruce does for HKHDCCA. Without Bruce's commitment and passion, I have no doubt that the Coaches' Association would not be where it is today.



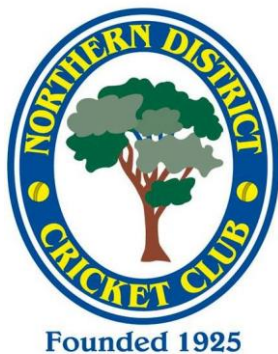
A high-quality Head Coach was needed in 2010 when the Coaches' Association started and Rod Hokin's calm nature and vast knowledge of the game have played a major role in the success of the organisation and the development of thousands of players and over 100 accredited coaches, not to mention his great work with the U/15 overseas touring teams. I certainly owe a lot to both Bruce and Rod for helping me to get to where I am today.

The Coaches' Association has brought high-quality coaching to boys and girls in HK&HDCA through the delivery of Summer Holiday Clinics, Winter Development Programs, RTC / GHC, free Blowfly Cricket Clinics, and amazing overseas Cricket Tours. HKHDCCA also assisted Cricket NSW in delivering our first ever Girls-Only School Holiday Programs in 2019-20, which saw over 70 girls try cricket for the first time. All of this has been achieved as a *not-for-profit* organisation with a focus on what is best for the game and the development of its participants.

Another primary focus of the Coaches' Association has been to develop quality young coaches from the local area and equip them with the skills and confidence to make a career in cricket achievable. There are countless examples of young coaches like Josh Miller and I who were given our first start by Bruce as teenagers and have gone on to successful careers in cricket. This is a testament to the coaching pathway that has been created by HKHDCCA and the expert guidance they provide.

I believe one of the greatest strengths of the Coaches' Association is that it does not discriminate. It provides opportunities for boys and girls of all abilities to develop their skills and grow their love for the game. It doesn't matter if a child is one of the best young players in NSW or just starting their first season of cricket, they all develop their skills and are enriched with a love of the game.





## SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR CRICKET CLINICS

(in partnership with  
**Northern District CC**)



The Coaches' Association conducted five successful cricket clinics during the school holidays in 2019-20:

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| • <b>Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara</b> | 2 – 3 October 2019   | – 76 children and 12 coaches attended; |
| • <b>George Thornton Res, WPH</b>  | 8 – 9 October 2019   | – 34 children and 6 coaches;           |
| • <b>Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara</b> | 8 – 9 January 2020   | – 77 children and 11 coaches;          |
| • <b>Normanhurst Oval</b>          | 16 – 17 January 2020 | – 44 children and 7 coaches;           |
| • <b>Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara</b> | 22 – 23 January 2020 | – 90 children and 12 coaches;          |

The Coaches' Association held five junior cricket clinics during the October 2019 and January 2020 school holidays. A total of **321** children attended the clinics, which averaged an impressive **64** boys and girls per clinic. The clinics cater for all cricket standards from beginners to representative standard players (aged between 6 – 14), who receive plenty of group and individual coaching from experienced coaches, many of whom have played **First** and **Second** Grade men's and women's cricket (as highlighted below).

A total of **25** coaches attended the five clinics – **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach) (Cricket Australia High Performance Level 3 accredited); **Bruce Wood** (Co-ordinator), **Josh Miller**, **Nathan Middleton**, **Nick Miller**, **Braden Cheng**, **Joe Hiley**, **Aaron Crofts** and **Harrison Norrell** (Representative Level 2 accredited); plus **John Anderson**, **Jamie McEvoy**, **Corey Miller**, **Charlie Taylor**, **Lachlan Shaw**, **Andrew Harvey**, **Brody Camp**, **Jayden Camp**, **Mackenzie Carrall**, **Gian Gill**, **Dylan Bish**, **Will McCarroll**, **Blake Davenport**, **Sean McAllister**, **Dani Chivers** and **Alec Silins** (Community Level 1 accredited).

The coaches did a terrific job at these clinics, helping the youngsters develop their skills through a range of coaching drills, video analysis and games-based activities. It was good to see that three of our coaches completed their Representative (Level 2) coaching accreditation in 2019-20 – Joe Hiley, Aaron Crofts and Harrison Norrell. We were also pleased to provide many new coaches with their first opportunity as part of our pathway program – Corey Miller, Lachlan Shaw, Brody Camp, Jayden Camp, Gian Gill, Dylan Bish, Will McCarroll, Blake Davenport, Sean McAllister, Dani Chivers and Alec Silins. Most of these coaches previously attended our clinics as players.



**Group photo of players and coaches – MTO, Waitara – 22 - 23 January 2020 (record attendance – 90 children)**

Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara continues to be our headquarters and we thank **Jeremy Hook** (NDCC President), **Mike Langford** (NDCC Vice-President), **Billy Kamper** (Curator at MTO) and Hornsby Shire Council for their ongoing support and access to the magnificent oval, astro and turf cricket nets.



The Coaches' Association held a 'Master Class' session at each school holiday junior clinic to inspire the children and to demonstrate their coaches' cricket skills. The 'Master Class' batsmen featured at our 2019-20 clinics were **Nick Miller, Aaron Crofts, John Anderson, Brody Camp** and **Corey Miller**. The full list of 'Master Class' batsmen selected for our school holiday clinics since September 2012 is at this link – [bit.ly/CA-MasterClass](http://bit.ly/CA-MasterClass). Congratulations to **Daniel Anderson**, NDCC First Grade batsman, who has featured in 12 'Master Class' sessions.

The clinics included a wide range of activities for the boys and girls, including video analysis of the bowlers' actions. The players were placed in small groups in line with their age, ability and friendship groups, and received specialist coaching on defensive and aggressive batting, shot selection, pace and spin bowling, catching, throwing, wicket-keeping skills; game-awareness / tactics, match preparation, fitness and training in the nets (astro and turf). The players also benefited from a variety of age-specific 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 games.

The Coaches' Association presented a major award (**Phillip Hughes Medal**) at each clinic to recognise outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, enthusiasm, performance and spirit of cricket. The winners in 2019-20 were **Harry Uy, Max Leslie, Byron Shaw** and **Declan Lees** (see page 29). The full list of Phillip Hughes Medal winners since January 2015 can be seen at this link – [bit.ly/PHM-award](http://bit.ly/PHM-award)

The Coaches' Association had record registrations at its five school holiday clinics in 2019-20 (total **321** children, average **64** boys and girls per clinic), which was fantastic. We thank all the HK&HDCA affiliated clubs for their strong support in promoting these popular clinics amongst their junior teams. HKHDCCA and Northern District CC received very positive feedback from the parents and players who attended these cricket clinics. Our clinic at MTO, Waitara on 2 – 3 October 2019 was a milestone for the Coaches' Association and NDCC, being the 50<sup>th</sup> school holiday junior cricket clinic since our inception in 2010 (see photos on page 17).



**Coaches appointed to the latest HKHDCCA / NDCC clinic on 22 – 23 January 2020 at MTO, Waitara**

Back row: Nathan Middleton, Jamie McEvoy, Bruce Wood, Joe Hiley, Josh Miller, Brody Camp

Front row: Jayden Camp, Alec Silins, Dylan Bish, Dani Chivers, Will McCarroll, Corey Miller







## PHILLIP HUGHES MEDAL (PHM) WINNERS IN 2019-20



Harry Uy (with Braden Cheng & Rod Hokin)



Max Leslie (with Bruce Wood & Aaron Crofts)



Byron Shaw (with John Anderson)



Declan Lees (with Jamie McEvoy & BGW)

### HISTORICAL LIST OF HKHDCCA PHILLIP HUGHES MEDAL WINNERS SINCE JANUARY 2015

Luc White	Avikshit Lath	Jarod Baxter	Blake Davenport	Jack Thompson
Cooper Davenport	Francesca Buffa	Keertheekan Nagarajah	Harry Flower	Harry Uy
Lachlan Shaw	Ryan Swain	Dylan Bish	Oliver Uy	Max Leslie
Connor Hindmarch	Amardeep Gill	Jack Williams	Ben Hunter	Byron Shaw
Will McCarroll	Marcus Ridley	Oliver Jennings	Jack Nati	Declan Lees
Alex Ward	Cameron Tunks	Jimmy Woods	Jonah Mills	
Aidan Jackson	Marco Levy	Kieran Jackson	Alex Fitzgerald	



**PHILLIP HUGHES**  
1988-2014





## MARK RUSHTON – INDUCTED AS A LIFE MEMBER OF COACHES' ASSOCIATION

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 Shield and U15 Weblin Shield rep. teams in NSWDCA Competition (2000–02)
- HK&HDCA Representative Secretary from 2001-02 to 2005-06, responsible for appointing coaches, etc.
- 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
- HK&HDCA Junior Competition Divisional Secretary from 1997-98 to 2002-03



### 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 District CC.
- Alf James OAM advised that Mark played a major role in the Northern Cricket coaching program in the late 1990s to early 2000s. When Mark 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.
- Alf James OAM further advised that during the four years when Mark was the HK&HDCA President, he restored stability to the Association following a rocky period of management and took a great interest in all areas of the Association's operations. In particular, he re-established good links with the external bodies who provide grounds and manage the next tier of competition for our leading juniors.
- 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 48<sup>th</sup> 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 – *see below* (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.







## JOSH MILLER – INDUCTED AS A LIFE MEMBER OF COACHES' ASSOCIATION

The Coaches' Association was delighted to induct **Josh Miller** as our fifth Life Member at our AGM on 29 April 2020. Josh's performance as a cricket coach and administrator has been exceptional and exemplary for a decade. Josh is an excellent role model for aspiring young coaches wishing to follow in his footsteps and make a career out of being a professional cricket coach. Josh fully satisfies the criteria for Life Membership in the HKHDCCA Constitution and 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

- HK&HDCA U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup coach 2010-11; U/15 Ross Turner Cup coach 2011-12 and 2012-13
- HK&HDCA reps. – coached U/12 Cawsey (2011-12); U/13 Gee (2012-13); U/16 Watson Shield (2013-14)
- Coaches' Association – school holiday clinics, etc. from 2011-12 onwards (acts as Head Coach when required)
- Coaches' Association – office-bearer (Hon. Secretary) from 2012-13 to present (8 seasons)
- Coaches' Association – Treasurer / Assistant Coach – 2017 Barbados Tour, and 2019 India Tour
- The King's School, North Parramatta – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Assistant Coach / Pace bowling coach – 2016-17 onwards
- The King's School (Preparatory School) – Coaching Co-ordinator – 2019-20 onwards
- Northern District CC – U/16 AW Green Shield – Head Coach / Junior Pathway Manager – 2017 onwards (3 seasons); after previously being Assistant Coach for two years
- Private coaching business – Cricket Lab Coaching and Consultancy – 2015 onwards (5 years)
- Cricket NSW – Junior Representative Academy teams – Pace Bowling Coach – 2019-20

### Significant coaching / cricket community achievements of individual being nominated

- Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) coaching accreditation – 2011; Representative (Level 2) – 2013.
- Played NSW Premier Cricket for Northern District CC from 2009-10 to present, covering all grades (First to Fifth Grade); won three Premierships (one in Second Grade and two in Third Grade); Player of the Match in the NDCC Third Grade grand final v. Sydney at MTO in 2013-14, taking 7/25.
- Coaches' Association – high level coaching at school holiday clinics; off-season development programs; RTC; GHC; overseas tours, etc. since 2011-12 to present (9 seasons).
- Coaches' Association – won the HKHDCCA Coach of the Year Award (Bruce Wood Cup) in 2013-14.
- The King's School, North Parramatta – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Assistant Coach – Premiers 2016-17 and 2018-19 (2 seasons); NSW Schoolboy Champions 2019-20; successful cricket and soccer coach since 2012.
- Northern District CC – U/16 AW Green Shield – Head Coach – 2017-18 onwards (Premiers in 2018-19).
- Successful private coaching business – Cricket Lab Coaching and Consultancy – 2015 onwards (5 years).
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Sports and Exercise) at University of Sydney (2012 – 2014) – Distinction.
- Mount Colah CC – Senior Co-ordinator (volunteer on committee) from 2012-13 to present (8 seasons).
- HK&HDCA Junior Competition – Executive Committee Member (2012 – 2018).

### Northern District CC – U/16 AW Green Shield premiership team 2018-19 (*Josh Miller – Head Coach – top-right*)





## ROSS TURNER CUP – 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Match

**West 6/99** [38.1 overs] (J. Hedges 20no, V. Bhatia 20no, J. Nati 19, D. Ranjan 2/6) def. **East 98** [37 overs] (J. Polwaththe 37, S. Singh 16, V. Bhatia 4/9, K. Thornley 2/5) by 4 wickets at Turramurra Oval on Sunday, **23 February 2020**.

HK&HDCA's showcase junior representative match called the Ross Turner Cup (RTC) has been held since 1998-99 and features the outstanding players in our district from the U/15 age group and below. The annual contest was originated by **Tom Richmond** OAM, Life Member of Northern District CC, HK&HDCA and the Coaches' Association, who passed the responsibility to **Bruce Wood**, President, Coaches' Association, in 2010-11.

One of the objectives of the RTC fixtures was the early identification of players with talent and commitment, in order to provide high level coaching and development opportunities for these players. It was hoped that many of them would successfully progress through the HK&HDCA Shield junior representative teams; play AW Green Shield and Grade Cricket with Northern District CC; or A Grade within the HK&HDCA Senior Competition.

The Cup is named in honour of **Ross Turner**, one of our Association's finest products, who became Northern District's most successful captain, winning two First Grade premierships. Ross played for Pennant Hills CC and NDs before working for Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia, pioneering development activities. He later worked for the International Cricket Council (ICC) in emerging cricket nations, such as Bangladesh, China, Malaysia and Afghanistan. He is now the Director of Cricket at Newington College and the Convenor of GPS cricket in Sydney.

HK&HDCA thanks its sponsor, Kookaburra Sport (Cameron Eve), for supplying the match balls and the Player of the Match award. We sincerely thank **Iain Bailey** for undertaking the role of official RTC photographer this year. His terrific photo gallery can be seen at this link: [bit.ly/RTC-photos-23-Feb](http://bit.ly/RTC-photos-23-Feb) The pre-match official introductions, speeches and photos included a highlight on **Bruce Kimberley OAM** after his recent New Year's honours.

The RTC captains on match day were **Will McFadden** (East) and **Jack Nati** (West). **Cameron Tunks** was initially chosen as the West team captain, however he was unavailable on 23 February 2020, as he was in Ballarat, Victoria, representing the NSW U/15 Green team in the national championships (see page 61).

**Bruce Wood** and **Scott Reid** were appointed to umpire this RTC match. This was Bruce's 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as one of the RTC umpires, and Scott's first RTC match. The Coaches' Association appointed two outstanding young coaches to take charge of this year's RTC teams – **Joe Hiley** and **Jayden Camp**. Both young men came on the Coaches' Association's Barbados Tour in 2017. Refer to the RTC Program – [bit.ly/RTC-Program-19-20](http://bit.ly/RTC-Program-19-20)



RTC East team		RTC West team	
Jayden Camp	Coach	Joe Hiley	Coach
Will McFadden (Capt)	Pennant Hills	Jack Nati (Capt)	Kenthurst Upper-Hills
Anthony Bartlett (v-c)	Kissing Point	Oscar Keyes (v-c)	Kenthurst U-H / WPHC
Avi Lath	Pennant Hills	Jamieson Hedges	Kenthurst Upper-Hills
Elijah Stead	Pennant Hills	Kye Thornley	Castle Hill RSL
Reuben Kapoor (w-k)	Kissing Point	Manas Bansal	Kissing Point
Aden Clark	Kenthurst Upper-Hills	Vansh Bhatia	Hornsby
Dylan Bailey	Hornsby	Jordan Netto (w-k)	WPHC
Lachlan Bailey	Normanhurst-Warrawee	Sebastian Akle	Castle Hill RSL
Jehan Polwaththe	WPHC	Riley Mackay	Castle Hill RSL
Dylan Ranjan	WPHC	Peter Murray	Castle Hill RSL
Sidhant Singh	WPHC	Nicholas Fischer	Castle Hill RSL
Luke Sylvester	Normanhurst-Warrawee	Ned Currie	Normanhurst-Warrawee

The organisers of the annual U/15 Ross Turner Cup match are proud that **34** players have graduated to play First Grade cricket in Sydney (see below – **Northern District CC** players highlighted in **bold**).

<b>Greg Marks</b>	Timm van der Gugten	Shaun Eaton	James Shepherd	<b>Josh Miller</b>
<b>Michael Friedrich</b>	<b>Jon Whealing</b>	<b>Chris Thorburn</b>	Anjan Oberai	<b>Oliver Hing</b>
<b>Matthew Code</b>	<b>Robert Watts</b>	Guy Seymour	Daniel Nicotra	Ryan Tullia
<b>David Ball</b>	<b>David Lowery</b>	<b>Lachlan Ford</b>	<b>Clayton Waters</b>	<b>Joe Hiley</b>
Kieran Lahey	<b>James Kerr</b>	Matthew Taylor	Justin Rodgie	<b>Corey Miller</b>
<b>Scott Rodgie</b>	Scott Copperfield	<b>Ben Phillips</b>	Connor Jackson	Matt Wright
<b>Matthew Phillips</b>	<b>Neil Kimberley</b>	<b>Daniel Anderson</b>	<b>John Anderson</b>	



**RTC CAPTAINS, VICE-CAPTAINS, COACHES, UMPIRES AND SPECIAL GUESTS – 2019-20**

Back row: **Bruce Wood, Ross Turner, Jayden Camp, Joe Hiley, Bruce Kimberley OAM, Scott Reid**  
Front row: **Anthony Bartlett, Will McFadden, Jack Nati, Oscar Keyes**

**UMPIRES FOR ROSS TURNER CUP MATCH – 2019-20**

**Bruce Wood** is a Life Member and Executive Member of HK&HDCA; President (and Life Member) of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA); Assistant Secretary / Executive Member of the Umpires' Association (HKHDCUA); Umpires' Co-ordinator for the Associated Schools of NSW (CAS); and the RTC / GHC Convenor since 2010-11. He has umpired over 300 club and/or representative matches for HKHDCUA since 2001-02, and more than 500 matches in all competitions. Bruce has umpired 14 RTC fixtures; 17 NSWDCA Shield Finals; two Cricket NSW U14 State Challenge Finals (SCG in 2013, and Bradman Oval, Bowral in 2015). He has umpired overseas in Sri Lanka in 2015, Barbados in 2017 and India in 2019 on the Coaches' Association / Northern District CC U/15 representative cricket tours. He is also a Life Member of Normanhurst-Warrawee CC and Barker College CC. Bruce jointly holds (with Bryan Whitlock – 178 no) the HK&HDCA record for the highest partnership for the 5<sup>th</sup> wicket in any Senior grade – 320\* runs set in 2000-01 for Normanhurst-Warrawee CC at Normanhurst Oval (Bruce scored 138 no).



**Scott Reid** is President of the Umpires' Association (HKHDCUA); and Executive Officer (and Life Member) of HK&HDCA. He has umpired 166 matches for HKHDCUA since 1998-99, including two NSWDCA Shield Finals, and the Final of the NSW Schools Championship Cup in November 2019. Scott is in his 32<sup>nd</sup> season as a player for Beecroft CC in the HK&HDCA competitions, starting in the U/16s back in 1985-86. He served 10 seasons on both the Association's Executive and Senior Competition Committee between 1994-95 to 2004-05. Scott jointly holds (with Adam Nash – 329) the HK&HDCA record for the highest partnership for any wicket in any Senior grade – 7<sup>th</sup> wicket, 427 runs in the B Reserve Grade Final at Parklands Oval in 1990-91 (Scott scored 212 no in a team total of 725). Scott has scored nearly 9,000 runs in senior cricket, including six centuries and 46 half-centuries; won four association batting awards and won six premierships.





## RTC East team – 2019/20



Back: Bruce Wood (Umpire), Sidhant Singh, Elijah Stead, Jayden Camp (Coach), Ross Turner, Bruce Kimberley OAM, Lachlan Bailey, Dylan Bailey, Scott Reid (Umpire).

Front: Avi Lath, Dylan Ranjan, Reuben Kapoor (w-k), Will McFadden (Captain), Anthony Bartlett (v-c), Luke Sylvester, Jehan Polwaththe, Aden Clark.

## RTC West team – 2019/20



Back: Bruce Wood (Umpire), Joe Hiley (Coach), Jamieson Hedges, Ross Turner, Bruce Kimberley OAM, Manas Bansal, Kye Thornley, Nick Fischer, Scott Reid (Umpire).

Front: Sebastian Akle, Vansh Bhatia, Riley Mackay, Oscar Keyes (v-c), Jack Nati (Captain), Jordan Netto (w-k), Peter Murray, Ned Currie







## GLENN HOURIGAN CUP – 17<sup>th</sup> Match

**West 6/154** [46.5 overs] (N. Cooray 52, R. McDowell 38 – *opening partnership 99*; L. Medford 18 no, J. James 3/21) def. **East 153** [49 overs] (S. Murray 58, J. James 33, A. Hughes 20 no, L. Malandrino 3/25, N. Cooray 3/39) by 4 wickets.

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 17<sup>th</sup> annual East v. West GHC contest was played on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at Auluba Oval, South Turramurra.

The Coaches' Association provided opportunities for some impressive young coaches, with **Ryan Swain & Nick Hook** (West) and **Alistair Weston & Oliver Jennings** (East) coaching the GHC teams in this 50 over match. The coaches did a fantastic job on the day. Refer to the detailed GHC Program at this link – [bit.ly/GHC-Program-19-20](http://bit.ly/GHC-Program-19-20)

**Alf James** OAM and **Jason Fletcher** were appointed to umpire this GHC match. This was Alf's 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as one of the GHC umpires. We were delighted that **Glenn Hourigan** and his wife **Margaret** could attend the GHC match again this year.

We thank **Mohit Budhwar** for performing the role of official GHC photographer this year. Some of his best photos are featured in this report, however the full gallery can be seen via this link: [bit.ly/GHC\\_photos-23-Feb](http://bit.ly/GHC_photos-23-Feb)



GHC East team		GHC West team	
<b>Alistair Weston</b>	<b>Oliver Jennings</b>	<b>Ryan Swain</b>	<b>Nick Hook</b>
John James (Capt)	Asquith RL	Riley McDowell (w-k) (Capt)	Glenorie
Jye Johnson (v-c)	Berowra	Naden Cooray (v-c)	WPHC
Alex Hughes	Berowra	Josh Strefner	WPHC
Krishan Murugathasan	Kissing Point	Moses Balbi	Hornsby
Regan Bridgewater	Castle Hill RSL	Louis Malandrino	WPHC
Soham Agarwal	Hornsby	Jaeden Douglas	Castle Hill RSL
Aayush Kumar	WPHC	Abhinav Budhwar	Castle Hill RSL
Lachlan Barber	Kissing Point	William Byrom	WPHC
Nicholas Blackmore	Kissing Point	Riley Colburt	WPHC
Alex Fitzgerald	Asquith RL	Athan Maraziotis	Castle Hill RSL
Nadil Jayakody	Beecroft	Lucas Medford	WPHC
Sebastian Murray (w-k)	WPHC	Harrison Valenzisi	Castle Hill RSL



**GHC Captains, Coaches, Umpires and Glenn Hourigan 2019-20**

From left: Jason Fletcher, Oliver Jennings, Alistair Weston, John James, Glenn Hourigan, Riley McDowell, Ryan Swain, Nick Hook, Alf James OAM





**West team – from left:** Alf James OAM (Umpire), Athan Maraziotis, Abhinav Budhwar, Lucas Medford, Louis Malandrino, Riley McDowell (Captain) (w-k), Moses Balbi, Ryan Swain (Coach), Glenn Hourigan, Nick Hook (Coach), Jaeden Douglas, Naden Cooray (v-c), Josh Strefner, William Byrom, Harrison Valenzisi, Riley Colburt, Jason Fletcher (Umpire)



**East team – from left:** Alf James OAM (Umpire), Jye Johnson (v-c), Alex Hughes, Regan Bridgewater, Soham Agarwal, Krishan Murugathasan, John James (Captain), Alistair Weston (Coach), Glenn Hourigan, Oliver Jennings (Coach), Nicholas Blackmore, Aayush Kumar, Lachlan Barber, Nadil Jayakody, Sebastian Murray (w-k), Alex Fitzgerald, Jason Fletcher (Umpire)









## PROFILES ON THE COACHES' ASSOCIATION'S FIVE PATRONS

**Ross Turner** – Ross is one of HK&HDCA's most famous products, starting his junior cricket career at Pennant Hills CC, then HK&HDCA rep. teams, before becoming a specialist left-handed batsman and Northern District CC's most successful captain, winning two First Grade premierships. As a young player, Ross was a brilliant all-rounder who batted beautifully, bowled right-arm leg-spin, and was without peer in the field.



Ross worked for Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia, pioneering development activities, before continuing his magnificent contribution to cricket by working for the International Cricket Council (ICC) in the development of cricket in overseas countries such as Bangladesh, China, Malaysia, Afghanistan and India. HK&HDCA's annual 'showcase' U/15 representative match (Ross Turner Cup) is named in his honour and has been held successfully since 1998-99, producing 34 First Grade players in Sydney. In recent years, Ross has worked as the Director of Cricket at Newington College and he is also the GPS Cricket Convenor.

**Tom Richmond OAM** – Tom has enjoyed 50+ years of continuous involvement in cricket coaching, including various school & club teams, HK&HDCA inter-district representative teams, NDCC U/16 AW Green Shield teams, Northern Cricket 'Winter Spin' off-season development programs, and the HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup fixtures (see summary of his coaching career - [bit.ly/Tom-Richmond](http://bit.ly/Tom-Richmond)). He is best renowned for his coaching the Northern District CC AW Green Shield team for 16 seasons, including winning the club's first Green Shield, as well as several undefeated seasons as coach / manager.



He also spent two decades coaching HK&HDCA representative teams, mainly U/16 Watson Shield, with considerable innovation and success. Tom received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2002 for his services to youth through education and cricket, and for researching the history of Hornsby.

Tom holds three cricket Life Memberships – Coaches' Association (2014); NDCC (2012); HK&HDCA (1981).

**Matt Kean MP** – Matt studied a Bachelor of Business at the University of Technology, Sydney where he was actively involved in student politics. In 2008, he was elected as Vice-President of the Young Liberals in NSW. In 2011, after working as a Chartered Accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Matt was elected as the State Member for Hornsby, becoming the youngest member of the NSW Legislative Assembly. After just four years as a Member of Parliament, he was appointed as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer. On 30 January 2017, Matt became the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, with responsibility for NSW Fair Trading. He was appointed as the Minister for Energy and Environment in the second Berejiklian ministry on 2 April 2019. Matt has a great love for the game of cricket. He played for Berowra Cricket Club for many years and his highest score was 99 not out. His best bowling figures were 9/50 in a Grand Final, which Berowra unfortunately lost. Matt is a strong supporter of community organisations in our area and is a Patron of both HK&HDCA and the Coaches' Association. He has actively lent his support to the Coaches' Association in many ways, including endorsing our submissions for Government Grants through the NSW Office of Sport.



**Mark Rushton** – Mark is a former President of HK&HDCA and a Level 2 accredited cricket coach who ran the Association's representative cricket program for many years. He was inducted as a Life Member of HK&HDCA in 2012. He is best known as the founder (in 2009) of Blowfly Cricket, a wonderful organisation of volunteers who provide children with special needs the opportunity to play a hybrid form of cricket at an expanding number of centres in Sydney, including James Park, Hornsby. The Coaches' Association holds free coaching clinics for the Blowfly cricketers each year at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara. Mark is also a Life Member of Blowfly Cricket and HKHDCCA. Mark was crowned as the NSW Volunteer of the Year for 2015 by The Centre for Volunteering – the State's peak body for volunteering, which highlights the contribution that 2.1 million volunteers make in NSW. Mark won the overall major award in 2015 ahead of 7,000+ nominees!



The Blowflies have played cricket on the SCG outfield during the lunch break in some Test matches and Mark's inspirational organisation featured in a 2015 Cricket Australia video – refer: [bit.ly/Blowfly](http://bit.ly/Blowfly)

**Denise Anderson (Annetts)** – Denise was inducted as an Honorary Life Member of MCC Lords in 2017 – <https://www.lords.org/mcc/the-club/honorary-life-members/> This terrific recognition was thoroughly deserved in view of Denise's amazing achievements – her Test Cricket batting average of 81.9 is the highest in the world for any living player, male or female (minimum 10 Tests) – <http://www.espnricinfo.com/australia/content/player/53477.html> Denise was inducted into the Cricket NSW Hall of Fame – <http://www.cricketnsw.com.au/about/honour-board/awards> in 2012. Denise has also been a tireless contributor to cricket in her local district over many years, through coaching, administration, mentoring, volunteering, etc. She has been a strong supporter of the Coaches' Association since our inception in 2010 through the school holiday cricket clinics, and Ross Turner Cup / Glenn Hourigan Cup annual fixtures. Her sons, Daniel and John, have been leading coaches for HKHDCCA over the years.





## CRICKET NSW AND CRICKET AUSTRALIA AWARDS FOR TWO HKHDCCA MEMBERS



### Three NSW nominees claim 'A Sport for All' Awards

Cricket NSW Media

Three NSW nominees have claimed awards at Cricket Australia's National Community 'A Sport for All Awards' which were held online on Thursday night.

Young District Cricket Association claimed the Community Cricket Association of the Year, Danielle Chivers won the Young Leader of the Year Award, and Bruce Wood won the Community Match Official of the Year Award.

#### Community Match Official of the Year – Bruce Wood

Bruce Wood is a highly respected umpire who has umpired in the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai area for the past 19 years.

Currently, Mr Wood is a member of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Umpires' Association Executive Committee. He has umpired more than 500 official cricket matches and, for the past 4 years, has been the coordinator of the Combined Associated Schools schoolboy umpiring.

#### Young Community Leader of the Year – Danielle Chivers

At 15, Danielle Chivers is very much seen as a role model for young cricketers.

Danielle, who plays Second Grade for Northern District in McDonald's NSW Women's Premier Cricket, is a passionate volunteer. She has coached at a number of community initiatives including several school holiday programs in the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook area, the Blowfly Cricket All Abilities Program and also umpires social cricket.





## Wood Named Community Match Official of the Year

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NSWCUSA member Bruce Wood has been recognised at Cricket Australia's National Community 'A Sport for All Awards', which were held virtually last night as part of their National Volunteer Week celebrations.

Bruce was awarded the Community Match Official of the Year Award, recognising a match official who has led by example and championed inclusive, safe, fair and enjoyable cricket for all.

He was nominated for the national honour having been named the Cricket NSW Community Match Official of the Year last week.

Bruce has been a member of NSWCUSA since 2002 and has been an active umpire in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association competition since gaining his accreditation.

He has also been the Umpires Coordinator for the Combined Association Schools competition for the past four years; a competition that he is also actively involved in as an on field official.

Between those two competitions and others, Bruce has officiated in over 500 matches at varying levels; from juniors up to NSW Men's Premier Cricket Second Grade.

He serves as Assistant Secretary on the executive of the Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Umpires' Association and is also heavily involved in cricket coaching in the district.





## PARTNERSHIP WITH SYDNEY SIXERS / HK&HDCA GIRLS MASTER BLASTER COACHING



**CRICKET NSW**



The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) was pleased to partner with Cricket NSW / Sydney Sixers in a Girls-only *Come and Try* school holiday cricket program at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara on 10 October 2019. This innovative program was designed by former HKHDCCA coach, **Daniel Anderson**, who is now Cricket Manager - North Shore at Cricket NSW. **Bruce Wood** and **Aaron Crofts** from the Coaches' Association partnered with the Sydney Sixers coaches for this successful program, which actively promoted Girls cricket at grassroots level.

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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COME AND TRY!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

10<sup>th</sup> October  
9am-3pm

Ages 7-12

Mark Taylor Oval

Only \$20

Girls-Only!



Coaches – Bruce Wood, Aaron Crofts, Damian Rapisarda, Madeleine English, Daniel Anderson





**Sydney Sixers**  
**SIXERS**  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

This School Holidays we are running another Girls Only Holiday Fest! Everyone is welcome from those who are new to the game, to girls that just want to have a fun day with their friends!

Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Times: 9am – 3pm  
Where: Normanhurst Oval  
Ages: 7-12  
Price: \$35  
Bring: A Hat, Sunscreen, Recess and Lunch

*Come and Try!*  
*Music, Dancing, Crafts & Much More!*



The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) was pleased to partner with, and supply coaches for, the Cricket NSW / Sydney Sixers' successful Girls-only school holiday Cricket Festival at Normanhurst Oval on 13 January 2020. A team of 7 accredited coaches, including **Aaron Crofts**, **Harrison Norrell** & **Dani Chivers** from HKHDCCA, guided the 54 girls through an exciting program designed by former HKHDCCA coach, **Daniel Anderson**, who is now the Cricket Manager - North Shore at Cricket NSW. The special guest was **Lauren Cheatle** from the Sydney Sixers WBBL team. The feedback from this initiative was fantastic and many of these girls now love playing cricket.





## COACHES' ASSOCIATION SUPPORT FOR HK&HDCA GIRLS MASTER BLASTER PROGRAMS

### Hornsby Girls Cricket Program – Term 4, 2019 – Thornleigh Hub

In October 2019, Thornleigh Oval was the host of a girl's only cricket program on Friday nights. The program was organised by **Daniel Anderson**, a former senior coach with HKHDCCA (Coaches' Association), who now works for Cricket NSW. Various programs were introduced across the Hornsby district, which were designed to increase the participation of girls in cricket. Experienced Coaches' Association (Level 2 accredited) coach, **Aaron Crofts**, did a terrific job as Program Co-ordinator at the Thornleigh Hub of this Master Blaster Girls Program in Term 4, 2019.

Over the course of 8 weeks, the program introduced cricket-related skills and activities that acted as a stepping stone for girls to enter the club scene in years to come across the Hornsby association. In partnership with Woolworths, the programs acted as a base for all skills related to batting, bowling and fielding, followed by a Master Blaster game at the end of each session in which all girls batted and bowled against their peers. One of the eye-catching features of the program was the involvement of parents at the sessions. The support of the parents as playing partners certainly increased the enjoyment factor for all the girls who participated. Although directed at the participation of girls, we hope the program presented an enjoyment element for the parents to encourage their girls to pursue cricket for years to come.



**Girls Master Blaster Program at Thornleigh Oval in November 2019** (Co-ordinator – **Aaron Crofts** – front, left)

We would like to thank all the HK&HDCA clubs for their support and participation in the Girl's program. In January 2020, the program continued with two Hubs at Mt Colah and South Turrumurra running on a weekly basis until the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic brought things to a sudden halt. HKHDCCA Level 2 coach, **Joe Hiley**, acted as Program Co-ordinator at Thornleigh Oval in Term 1, 2020. The Coaches' Association was delighted to provide quality coaches to support these programs, which are clearly attracting more Girls to play cricket.



**HKHDCCA also supplied coaches for the NDCC Women's Social cricket sessions at MTO in February 2020**  
(**Joe Hiley, Corey Miller & Dani Chivers**)



## HKHDCCA PRESIDENT'S AWARD AND ROOKIE COACH AWARD

Bruce Wood selected **Aaron Crofts** (pictured at right) for the Coaches' Association's **President's Award** in 2019-20. Aaron has been coaching for HKHDCCA since 2012-13 when he started out as coach of a HK&HDCA U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup team. He then completed the Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course and has been coaching ever since.

After many years of school, representative and Grade cricket in Sydney, Aaron decided to play a season of cricket in the UK in 2019. He was recruited by Sonning CC in Reading, Berkshire, England, and thoroughly enjoyed playing a key role in the club's 1<sup>st</sup> XI team that competes in the Division 4 league.

Aaron played 25 matches for Sonning CC and scored a total of 1,206 runs @ 70.9 average, with a highest score of 182. He took 60 wickets @ 14.12 average (best bowling figures – 5/37) with his crafty medium-pace bowling. On top of his playing commitments, Aaron regularly coached the club's juniors on Friday nights and worked closely with Head Coach, Andrew Niblett.

When Aaron returned to Sydney in September 2019, he threw himself in coaching duties with HKHDCCA. He coached at two school holiday clinics in October 2019; took on the role of Program Co-ordinator at the HK&HDCA Girls Master Blaster Program (Thornleigh Hub) in Term 4, 2019 (8 Friday evenings); coached at two Cricket NSW / Sydney Sixers Girls cricket sessions at MTO, Waitara, and Normanhurst Oval; and one Blowfly Cricket clinic. He also coached a Ross Turner Cup team in 2018-19. On top of this coaching, Aaron completed the Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) coaching accreditation in 2019-20, and attended the HKHDCCA General Committee meetings. He is a very worthy winner of the Coaches' Association's President's Award in 2019-20.



The Coaches' Association's Committee presented **Dani Chivers** with the HKHDCCA **Rookie Coach Award** in 2019-20. Dani is a very promising young seam bowler who plays Second Grade with Northern District CC. She became one of the youngest Community (Level 1) accredited coaches at West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC in 2018 when she completed the course and began coaching at the club's junior academy under the guidance of Harrison Norrell.

The Coaches' Association gave Dani an opportunity to join our coaching team in October 2019 when she coached at our clinic at MTO, Waitara, making a terrific first impression. Dani coached at the Cricket NSW / Sydney Sixers / HKHDCCA Girls cricket session at Normanhurst Oval in January 2020; and at two Blowfly Cricket (children with special needs) clinics in 2019-20.

Dani coached at all three Coaches' Association / Northern District CC junior clinics in the January 2020 school holidays. She has undertaken the role of Head Coach of the WPHC CC Junior Blasters from 2017-18 onwards.

As reported on pages 40 – 41, Dani won the Young Community Leader of the Year Award in the Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia national 'A Sport for All' awards in 2019-20. The Coaches' Association believes that Dani has a big future in cricket coaching and she thoroughly deserves the HKHDCCA Rookie Coach Award in 2019-20.



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PRESIDENT'S AWARD		ROOKIE COACH AWARD	
2019-20	Aaron Crofts	2019-20	Danielle Chivers
2018-19	Ronnie MacKenzie	2018-19	Cooper Davenport
2017-18	Nick Miller	2017-18	Joe Hiley



## 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 and surrounding districts. Online nominations were invited for representative and/or club coaching; HKHDCCA clinics; and Blowfly Cricket in 2019-20.

The HKHDCCA Executive Committee determined that **Glenn Mackay** (photo – right) from Castle Hill RSL CC was the most deserving recipient of this prestigious award. Glenn has coached the CHRSL *White* junior team for the last six years, guiding them to four consecutive Grand Finals, winning two premierships.

In 2019-20, his team played in the HK&HDCA U15 / U16 competition, even though many of the boys were U14. Idrees Khan from CHRSL CC submitted a strong nomination, which outlined Glenn's positive approach to team coaching and club culture. Glenn always gave each player equal opportunity, a task which can be difficult in junior cricket format, sometimes sacrificing a win.

Glenn is the Coaching Co-ordinator at Castle Hill RSL CC and does some Grade coaching with NDCC.



**2011-12**  
**Mark Holden**  
Weblin Shield (Premiers)



**2012-13**  
**Todd Williams**  
U/14 Reps. and Mt Colah CC



**2013-14**  
**Josh Miller**  
Watson Shield & HKHDCCA



**2014-15**  
**Mark Harvey**  
Pennant Hills District CC



**2015-16**  
**Shishu Sharma**  
HK&HDCA Moore Shield



**2016-17**  
**Rod Hokin**  
NDCC AWG and HKHDCCA



**2017-18**  
**Jose Da Silva**  
Asquith RLCC – In2Cricket



**2018-19**  
**Daniel Anderson**  
WPHC CC Academy



## COACHES' ASSOCIATION CRICKET NSW COMMUNITY (LEVEL 1) ACCREDITED COACHING COURSES



CRICKET NSW



The Coaches' Association organises an annual Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course, often facilitated by Rod Hokin, HKHDCCA Head Coach (Level 3 accredited). These courses are now free for the participants, thanks to a welcome move by Cricket NSW in 2017-18 to waive the previous \$100 (student) or \$120 (adult) fees for candidates to attend.

Bruce Wood (President, Coaches' Association) liaised with Cricket NSW and helped to organise and promote a Community (Level 1) accredited cricket coaching course on Sunday, **27 October 2019** at Rosewood Oval, Barker College, Hornsby. The Coaches' Association recruited many young and adult coaches to attend this course, which was facilitated by **Josh Miller**, HKHDCCA Secretary and Senior Coach (Level 2 accredited).

The **19** successful participants were:

Jayden Camp, Rob Crump, Ashish Goyal, Alannah Hungerford, Matthew Hungerford, Oliver Jennings, Campbell Johnson, Kris Lukjanenko, Will McCarroll, Corey Miller, David Monsford, Brett Ottawa, Ash Pather, Denver Rego, Andy Scott, Peter Shimmom, Naveen Sivanathan, Amit Thakur, Adam Zielonka



Course facilitator, **Josh Miller**, with his HKHDCCA Life Membership

HKHDCCA actively promotes the objective that all club and representative coaches attain the Community (Level 1) accreditation as a minimum qualification (Level 2 preferably for Representative 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.

If you would like to enrol in a Community (Level 1) coaching course, you can register via this link:

<https://www.community.cricket.com.au/coach/accreditation>



Official website

(for information, registrations,  
online component, etc.)

<http://coaches.cricket.com.au/>





## BLOWFLY CRICKET

Supported by HKHDCCA  
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The Coaches' Association is proud to have been associated with Blowfly Cricket for the past 9 years through the provision of free coaching sessions at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara; assistance on some Saturday afternoon sessions at James

Park, Hornsby; and regular volunteering at the Blowies' fund-raising BBQs at Bunnings Warehouse, Thornleigh.

The close working relationship between the Coaches' Association and Blowfly Cricket originated and continues to prosper through the long-standing friendship between **Mark Rushton** (Founder of Blowfly Cricket in 2009) and **Bruce Wood** (President, Coaches' Association since 2010). Mark and Bruce had previously worked together on the Executive Committee of HK&HDCA, where they are both Life Members, and they seized the opportunity for their two organisations to work together for mutual benefit of children, junior cricket and the community.

Blowfly Cricket was formed when Mark Rushton had an inspired 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. The children's special needs include autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, Asperger's, and verbal & hearing deficits. They play a hybrid form of cricket on Saturday afternoons at James Park, Hornsby during Terms 4 & 1 (cricket season), followed by a family BBQ. They also play cricket on Friday evenings with WPHC CC at James Henty Reserve, Dural. The coaching techniques need to be modified to best suit the abilities of each child, which has proved to be a valuable learning tool for HKHDCCA's young accredited coaches. Mark was inducted as a Life Member of the Coaches' Association in April 2020 (see above).



The Coaches' Association held two free coaching sessions for Blowfly Cricket at MTO Waitara this season on 2 October 2019 and 22 January 2020. The coaches who helped the Blowies this season were **Bruce Wood, Jamie McEvoy, Aaron Crofts, Nick Miller, Dani Chivers, Dylan Bish & Alec Silins**. The HKHDCCA coaches who have attended previous coaching sessions for the Blowies are **Daniel Wood, Josh Miller, Justin Epthorp, Will Fiedler, John Anderson, James Madden, Cooper Davenport, Joe Hiley, Braden Cheng, Tom Felton, Nathan Middleton, Andrew Harvey & Utkarsh Somaiya**. The Coaches' Association congratulates Blowfly Cricket, its committee and volunteers on their achievements over the past decade and wish them continued success over the next phase of their exciting journey, which is benefiting so many children with special needs.





## REPORT FROM NORTHERN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Northern District CC (NDCC) is based at Mark Taylor Oval (MTO) in Waitara and was established in 1925 by the local cricket community. It is the northernmost of the twenty clubs that form the Sydney Cricket Association and develop players to represent New South Wales (NSW) and its T20 franchises, Sydney Thunder and Sydney Sixers. NDCC is the club of former international players such as Peter Taylor, Brad Haddin, Adam Gilchrist and Neil Harvey and currently has Nathan Lyon in the playing ranks.

The Club has five male open teams and two female open teams. It also plays in female U/18 (Brewer Shield) and U/15 competitions, and male U/16 (AW Green Shield) and U/21 (Poidevin-Gray Shield) competitions.

NDCC has connected with the HKHDCA since its formation, with the bulk of NDCC ranks represented by former HK junior representative players. Increasingly in recent years - since the formation of the Coaches' Association – many players have come through programs or tours organised by Bruce Wood and his committee. The tours in particular have been an important factor in our Club's strong showing in the AW Green Shield competition, especially the successful 2018-19 team which won the Shield and then defeated the NSW Country champions to lay claim to being the best U/16 team in NSW. That team was coached by Coaches' Association Secretary, Josh Miller and Tom Felton. Josh, Tom and Coaches' Association Head Coach, Rod Hokin have been terrific contributors to the coaching at both NDCC and HKHDCCA programs over many years.

The Club is excited about current plans to build on our wonderful facility at Mark Taylor Oval, named after our most famous former player. Work over the next few years will see a new playing surface, new training nets, an indoor centre, new multi-purpose pavilion and scoreboard, and in so doing transforming this 95-year-old ground into a modern facility capable of hosting women's international cricket.

At NDCC, we enjoy welcoming players to the Club at all stages of their cricketing journey. Players who finish their playing days become alumni and remain connected to the Club. We enjoy and value these long-term relationships with former players and friends in cricket, and we enjoy making new friends – so if you don't know too much about our Club, we hope we get the opportunity to welcome you to Mark Taylor Oval in the years ahead.

**Jeremy Hook**, President, NDCC



2019/2020 AW Green Shield Merit XII announced

Date of Event NSW Premier Cricket: Tue Jan 28, 2020 1:10PM



28th January 2020

### RYAN SWAIN:

Ryan was selected in the 2019/20 AW Green Shield Merit XII (Team of the Year).

Regarded as the strongest junior club competition in the world, the AW Green Shield is NSW Premier Cricket's U/16 competition and forms part of the Club Championship.

Many NSW & Australian players have emerged from this competition in the past, including S. Smith, D. Warner, P. Cummins, M. Starc, K. Patterson, S. O'Keefe & S. Abbott.

**Ryan Swain** (pictured – above left) scored 382 runs at 76.4 average, with a highest score of 112, and received a commemorative cap in recognition of his selection. Ryan was captain and wicket-keeper of ND's AW Green Shield team in 2019-20, which had a fantastic campaign, winning 6 from 7 matches to reach the semi-finals against St George. HKHDCCA's **Josh Miller** is Head Coach, supported by **Tom Felton** (both Level 2 accredited). Ryan was captain of the HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 rep. team that toured India in April 2019 (see photo – above right).





**BRUCE WOOD UMPIRING IN WEST INDIES – ARTICLE FOR NSWCUA IN BLACK & WHITE NEWSLETTER**

Below is a report on my experience umpiring junior cricket matches in Barbados in July 2017.

I am President of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket **Coaches' Association** Inc. (HKHDCCA), Sydney's largest *not-for-profit* junior cricket coaching organisation. As well as conducting numerous coaching programs and school holiday cricket clinics each year, the Coaches' Association takes an U/15 representative team on an overseas cricket tour every two years, in partnership with Northern District CC. In 2015, we took an U/15 team to Sri Lanka and played on Test and First Class ovals (refer: [bit.ly/SL-Report-2015](http://bit.ly/SL-Report-2015)). I was Manager of that touring team and umpired all the matches with a local umpire.

The Coaches' Association / NDCC embarked on an U/15 cricket tour to the West Indies, via USA, from 26 June to 14 July 2017, playing 8 matches in Barbados. My roles on this tour were again Tour Manager and Umpire. We took 14 players, 3 coaches / officials, and 20 parents / supporters (total 37 people). The opposition teams were mainly strong U/15 school sides or cricket academy teams coached by former West Indian Test players.

I had the pleasure of a regular umpiring partner for 6 of the 8 matches in Barbados, Anthony Farrell (nick-name 'Indian') – see photo at right. Anthony is an excellent umpire and we quickly developed a very good partnership, both on and off the field. 'Indian' is a former First Class player who used to open the batting with Desmond Haynes at Empire CC. He has umpired at First Class level in the West Indies and has an in-depth understanding of the game and a great rapport with the players.



After winning our first 4 matches on tour quite easily, our officials were introduced to Steven Leslie, Director of Cricket, Barbados Cricket Association, at the BCA Sagcor General Twenty20 Championship Final (see photo at left) between the University of the West Indies (UWI) and St. Catherine at Kensington Oval (match report: [bit.ly/BCA-T20\\_30-6-17](http://bit.ly/BCA-T20_30-6-17)). I closely observed the umpires in this domestic T20 Final, Kevin Sinnett and Jonathan Blades, and was impressed with their professionalism.

The introduction with the 'boss' of Barbados Cricket, Mr Leslie, led to the highlight of our U/15 tour, as we were invited to play a 50 over match against the Barbados National U/17 men's team at the 3Ws Oval, the newest First Class venue in Barbados. The 3Ws Oval, located on the grounds of the Cave Hill campus of the University of the West Indies, is named in memory of three great Barbados and West Indies cricketers – Sir Frank Worrell, Sir Clyde Walcott and Sir Everton Weekes. This high-level match was played under international playing conditions with the fielding restriction circle, PowerPlays, leg-side Wides, etc. The Barbados National U/17 team was about to travel to Trinidad for the annual West Indies U/17 championships and deemed our U/15 rep. team from Sydney as worthwhile competition.







As it turned out, the Sydney touring team was well beaten, however our young boys showed courage and commitment to bat for 35 overs against tall, strong fast bowlers and high standard spinners. Our lads also bowled well and took 7 wickets. Their captain, Nico Reifer (see photos of him batting – above), a member of the Barbados U/19 team and the West Indies U/17 squad, opened the batting and put on a masterclass, scoring 85 with superb stroke play and shot selection. We were advised that several players in this Barbados National U/17 team are destined to play Test Cricket for the West Indies in the future years.

Our team was also invited by Richard Clarke, Barbados National U/15 (Boys) Coach, and Manager of the Barbados National Women's team, to play a match against the Barbados National (open) Women's team, however Mr Leslie considered that based on our impressive performances on tour, our U/15 team would be too strong for their Women's side, which was weakened by having five Barbados players in England representing the West Indies at the ICC Women's World Cup.

The umpires in the West Indies that I observed are not as well versed in some of the protocols that we follow in Sydney Premier Cricket, eg. confirming the number of balls left in the over after each sundry, and indicating from the striker's end if the ball came off the bat / gloves, or a leg-bye. I suggested these practices which they followed for a while, before reverting to just the '2 to go' signal after 4 legitimate deliveries. However, their communication with the players, game management, decision-making and judgment are all excellent.

Barbados is a beautiful country surrounded by clean beaches. All the seaside hotels and resorts are built right on the beaches, so our players swam in the ocean before and after each match. The local people are laid-back and friendly, and they love to talk about and watch cricket matches.



Another interesting observation on tour was the unusual 'turf' pitch preparation in school and club ovals without a full-time curator. Our team played two matches at Desmond Haynes Oval in Black Rock, Barbados. On both occasions, there had been some overnight rain and surprisingly the covers hadn't been used. When we arrived we found a wet, muddy pitch with no grass on it whatsoever. If we encountered similar conditions in Sydney on match-day, there would be no chance of any play, however the curator advised that he just needed 1.5 hours to prepare a good batting pitch.

We were a bit sceptical that he could get the pitch ready by 12pm (mid-day),

however he used his ride-on lawn-mower and cut an area of



the outfield to gather lots of grass-cuttings. He then spread the grass all over the muddy pitch and got out the heavy roller (see photo above). He drove up and down the pitch for about 30 minutes until it had a firm, shiny surface (see coin-toss photo at left).



The curator advised that the hot Barbados sun will bake the surface and in half an hour, it will be a good batting pitch with a bit in it for the bowlers. The curator painted the creases and we won the toss and batted first, scoring 5/202 from 35 overs against good quality bowlers. It was amazing to see such a quick transformation from an unplayable surface to a good batting pitch in 1.5 hours. The curator advised that another advantage of this form of pitch preparation is that the same strip can be used day after day with no deterioration of the surface. Barbados is a small island and cricket is their national sport, so most pitches are used 5 – 6 times per week during the season.

The Sydney U/15 touring team played two matches at the Franklyn Stephenson (Junior Cricket) Academy at Cockade House, Bennetts, Saint Thomas, Barbados, a small, picturesque ground, with turf nets and other facilities. The local teams included many talented youngsters of varying ages, plus their coach, Franklyn Stephenson, a former West Indies player who batted, bowled and wicket-kept against our team (he is the tall man in whites in the photo at right).



We were also privileged to play a match at Empire Cricket Club in Bank Hall; Bridgetown, Barbados, which was formed in 1914. This famous club has produced many West Indian Test cricketers, including Sir Frank Worrell, Sir Everton Weekes, Sir Conrad Hunte, Charlie Griffith, Seymour Nurse, Albert Padmore, Carlisle Best and Roland Holder. Empire CC is also the home club of my umpiring colleague, Anthony Farrell, who organised our match at this special venue (see photo at left).



For the record, our U/15 representative team from Sydney ([bit.ly/WI-Program-2017](http://bit.ly/WI-Program-2017)) performed very well, winning 6 from 8 matches, losing only to the Barbados National U/17 team, and the Combermere School U/17 team, the Barbados schools champions. Combermere School has a proud history in cricket and has produced 4 West Indies Test Captains. Our best players on tour were the two co-captains, Lachlan Shaw (248 runs @ 35.4, HS 100no; 4 w-k catches; 4 stumpings; 5 run outs), and Joe Hiley, 12 wickets @ 10.25, BB 5/16, with his left-arm spinners. Shaw was the leading wicket-keeper in the AW Green Shield competition in 2016-17 with 19 dismissals for premiers Sydney CC, and Hiley took a total of 43 wickets @ 13.6 for Northern District CC in 2016-17 in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and the AW Green Shield competition. One of the other stars on tour was all-rounder, Jayden Camp from NDCC, who scored 203 runs @ 50.8 and took 7 wickets @ 9.7 with his off-spinners, including 3/46 against the Barbados National U/17 team.





Our team enjoyed a visit to the Cricket Legends of Barbados Museum at Herbert House, Fontabelle, St Michael, not far from Kensington Oval. The museum is a tribute to the 42 Barbadian / West Indian cricketers, including Sir Garfield Sobers, Gordon Greenidge, Sir Everton Weekes, Rev Wes Hall (see below), Charlie Griffith, Desmond Haynes, Seymour Nurse & Joel Garner. The museum contains two stories of cricket memorabilia commemorating Barbados' Cricket History, and rivals the SCG museum with its priceless, unique exhibits on display.



I was fortunate to be presented with an official Barbados Cricket Umpires' Association (BCUA) umpires field shirt and a spare ICC 2016 World Cup Qualifier match shirt (see photos below).



Overall, it was a wonderful experience to umpire 8 matches in Barbados and enjoy the company of the local umpires, who love the game and made me feel very welcome. They are proud of the legacy that Barbados' former famous players have played in West Indian Test Cricket history. There is a common transition of retiring players to join the Barbados Cricket Umpires' Association and this helps to facilitate effective communication between the umpires and the players, as they understand the game and how it is played under pressure. I declined payment for my umpiring in Barbados to assist the touring team's budget.

I look at each umpiring experience as a learning opportunity and gleaned a few small tips from my colleagues in Barbados, which was much appreciated. This cricket trip to the Caribbean was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I'll never forget. Planning is already underway for our next U/15 overseas cricket tour to India in 2019.

#### Bruce Wood

NSWCUSA No. 02-2396-UF  
President, Coaches' Association  
Manager / Umpire  
HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 team  
West Indies tour 2017



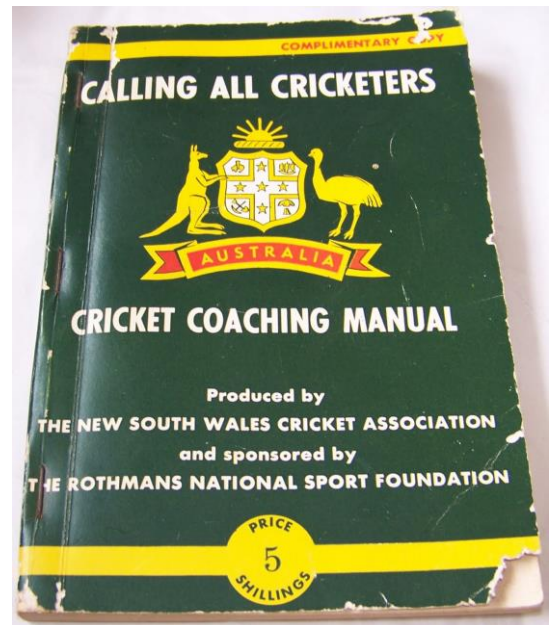
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## HISTORICAL REFLECTIONS OF EARLY CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMS HELD IN HK&HDCA

Decades before the establishment of our existing Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), there was a dedicated approach towards junior cricket coaching from as far back as the early 1970s. A major coaching initiative was conducted at that time by the H.K.C.A. when Tom Richmond and Jack McCormick conducted coaching seminars at Hornsby R.S.L. with expert speakers including Brian Taber, Test wicket-keeper and, later, State Coach. The audience, mostly club coaches, had been enticed there on the promise of free food and drinks!

The National Cricket Coaching Plan was established by the Australian Cricket Board (A.C.B.) on 1 July 1973 and was implemented in N.S.W. by Peter Spence who was appointed the first full-time State Coach (later, State Director of Coaching) in September 1973. Within 12 months over 500 coaches had qualified at 28 courses conducted by Mr Spence at Preliminary, Preliminary Distinction and Intermediate levels. One of these courses was held for H.K.C.A. members over several weeks in the Assembly Hall of St Leo's College, Wahroonga.



1964 Australian Cricket Coaching Manual

In December 1975 a coaching clinic for our Juniors was held at Waitara Oval and at three other centres in Sydney in conjunction with the Rothman's National Sports Foundation.

In 1976/77 there were four levels of coaching qualification (1, 2, 3 & 4). In the same season two Wrist Spinners' Schools were conducted at The King's School at North Parramatta by Peter Philpott, State Coach (and, later, National Coach) and in this and the following five seasons, Mike Pawley conducted courses for fast bowlers and wicket keepers. In 1982/83 Peter Spence added a week-long internship for young batsmen at the Narrabeen Fitness Camp. Many of our junior players attended these initiatives.

From 1976/77 to 1979/80 Under-Age Coaching Squads (U/12 to U/19) were progressively formed by the N.S.W.C.A. and many of representative players were selected to take part. These squads still exist. In 1979 "Decathlon Cricket" was introduced for Under 10 players who were instructed in ten important skills. In 1980/81 Colin Cooper and Tom Richmond presented a detailed coaching plan and, based on it, two three-night training courses were run by Ross Chapman (N.S.W. XI) under the auspices of the N.S.W.C.A's Junior Development Committee. On 29 April 1981 the Cricket Coaches' Association of N.S.W. was formed.

In 1984 Peter Spence was appointed Development Manager by the A.C.B. with the responsibility to introduce "Kanga Cricket" throughout Australia. It took some time for the concept to "get off the ground" in N.S.W. until 1992 when Ross Turner, the newly appointed (and first) Development Manager for the N.S.W.C.A., encouraged the H.K.C.A. to run a "pilot" program. He trained 30 volunteers who successfully completed the level "O" course designed for the purpose. The program was launched at five centres in the district and attracted 280 boys and girls aged 5 to 8. The Association was used as a model for the whole of the State and 50 of our players put on an exhibition on the S.C.G. in January 1993 during the Test Match between Australia and Pakistan. In 1993/94 there were 700 Kanga players trained by an army of coaches under Jim Barrett (later N.D.C.C. President) as Kanga Co-ordinator and nine Kanga Ground Co-ordinators.

Ross Turner played for Pennant Hills CC, H.K.C.A. representative teams and later became a specialist batsman and Northern District's most successful captain, winning two First Grade premierships in 1985-86 and 1986-87. Ross worked for N.S.W.C.A. and the Australian Cricket Board, pioneering cricket development activities, before continuing his magnificent contribution to cricket by working for the International Cricket Council (ICC) in the development of cricket in overseas countries such as Bangladesh, China, Malaysia, Afghanistan and India. He is now the Director of Cricket at Newington College and also a Patron of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA).

Ross Turner advised Bruce Wood that he didn't 'reinvent the wheel' with the initial coaching concepts adopted for Kanga Cricket (now known as Milo In2Cricket). He had studied the junior coaching manuals produced by South African Test player, Eddie Barlow, and adapted the best coaching drills suitable for 5 – 8 year old cricket beginners in Australia. This foundation work led to the accredited coaching scheme Cricket Australia has today.

The formation of the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council on 20 December 1993, on the initiative of Ross Turner and under the Chairmanship of Tom Richmond, gave a great boost to coaching in the district. The foundation members were Pennant Hills and Epping Shires, N.D.C.C., Northern Districts C.A., the H.K.C.A. and representatives of secondary and primary schools. HK&HDCA's own John McQuillan represented the last group.



Numerous coaching schemes were conducted under its banner over the next decade including: the provision by N.D.C.C. of coaches for our representative teams; pre-season coaching clinics for all players under John Whelan of N.D.C.C.; pre-season training by Ross Turner, Matthew Phelps and John Hopkins for representative players; and "Winter Spin" and "Emerging Bluegum" projects conducted by the ubiquitous Tom Richmond.

Throughout this period, indeed from 1988 until 2001, Glenn Hourigan was the Association's Representative Secretary and was Tom's right-hand man, and carried out most of the organisation, aided by Jim Cooper and Alex Terry. They were particularly prominent in the "Emerging Bluegums" project.

A great boost to these activities with the opening on 5 December 1998 of six new practice nets at James Park, Hornsby. The cost of \$30,000 was funded by many bodies, including Hornsby Council. These nets are still used throughout the year by HK&HDCA representative teams / squads, and the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA).

To gain insight into even earlier forages into cricket coaching in the district, below is an extract from Alf James' comprehensive book *Summer Saturdays*, which was released in 2001 to celebrate HK&HDCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary (reproduced with permission from Alf James OAM):

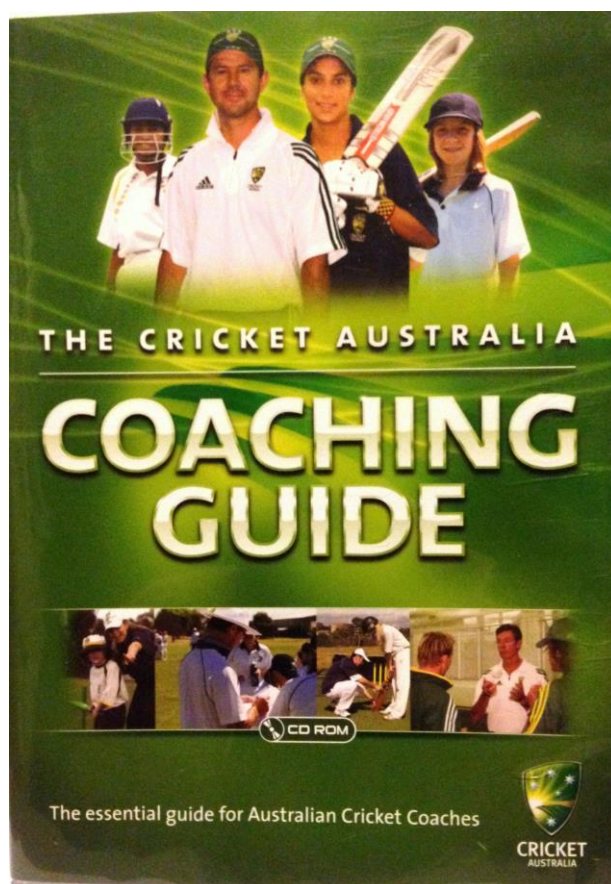
"The Association sponsored a few schoolboy teams from 1937/38 to 1940/41. There were no more teams until 1947-48 when Northern District C.C. arranged pre-season coaching on Waitara Oval but the number of (schoolboy) teams had dropped from 15 to 4 by 1956/57. On 14 June 1956 a conference was held at Hornsby between N.D.C.C., the two local Associations and the two Shire Clubs to ensure the progress of high-school boys from school to senior clubs and also to provide coaching for under-age schoolboys. On four Saturdays in September 1956 coaching was arranged at Waitara Oval, Storey Park, Eastwood Oval, Epping Oval and Pennant Hills Outer. The program was widely advertised through schools, the local press and on the radio. Many International players assisted including Bert Oldfield, Stan. McCabe, Graeme Thomas, Martin Donnelly, Ron. Archer, Gordon Rorke, Arthur Chipperfield, Norm. O'Neill, Peter Philpott, Jim Burke and Richie Benaud. The program lasted for ten seasons with the number of boys attending the centres ranging from 250 to over 500 each season. The effect on the Association's schoolboy competition was startling with the number of teams increasing from the 4 in 1956/57 to 17 in 1957/58, 49 in 1961/62 and 65 in 1966/67. In 1958 the Schoolboys' Competition was formed as a separate sub-committee of the Council under an Organizing Secretary and a Juvenile Competition President."

The above extract clearly demonstrates the correlation between properly organised junior cricket coaching and the participation rate in junior competitions, which leads to significantly improved techniques, confidence and performance amongst the junior (schoolboy) players in the district. Since HKHDCCA commenced operations in 2010-11, it is evident that more players have become interested in improving their skills and testing them out at higher levels. There has been an increase in attendance numbers at the HK&HDCA rep. trials in recent years, with many of those players having attended one of HKHDCCA's off-season development programs and/or school holiday junior cricket clinics in the lead up to the final rep. selections.

Furthermore, many observers believe that the professional coaching provided by HKHDCCA to so many junior players in the Association in recent years has strengthened the batting and bowling depth in our representative teams, which provided the foundation for HK&HDCA to win the NSWDC Shell Shield (most successful Junior Association in Shield representative cricket) in both 2012-13 and 2013-14.

The Coaches' Association appreciates strong support from most of the member clubs in promoting HKHDCCA's various coaching programs on their websites, via email to their junior teams and through social media. This ongoing support is vital to the future viability and growth of the Association's respected coaching body.

Bruce Wood  
President, Coaches' Association



(Reproduced from the Coaches' Association's 2014-15 Annual Report)



## CRICKET COACHING AND LEADERSHIP OF TEAMS - BRUCE WOOD, PRESIDENT, COACHES' ASSOCIATION

The ball-tampering crisis with the Australian cricket team in Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2018 led to a sharp focus on what factors influence the leadership and culture of teams, plus what roles the coaches and captains play to achieve the desired objectives. In my 20+ years of coaching and umpiring junior cricket teams at club, school and representative levels, I've had plenty of time to reflect to how the game has evolved and how coaches have needed to adapt to foster and enhance the traditions of the game.

I established the **Coaches' Association** in 2010 in Hornsby and surrounding districts, which has expanded to become a large, highly reputable, *not-for-profit* junior cricket coaching organisation. HKHDCCA is run by an Executive Committee of volunteers and is responsible for recruiting and accrediting young coaches in north-western Sydney, and conducting junior cricket clinics during the school holidays and development programs in the off-season. The Coaches' Association designs and implements coaching programs aimed at increasing the cricket participation, skills and enjoyment of boys and girls aged between 5 – 15, including beginners, club players, representative standard players, and children with special needs.

The Coaches' Association also combines with Northern District Cricket Club in taking an U/15 representative team on an overseas cricket tour every two years. In 2015, our team toured Sri Lanka, playing on many Test and First Class ovals. In July 2017, we embarked on an amazing tour to the West Indies and USA – [bit.ly/WI-Report-17](http://bit.ly/WI-Report-17). I was also Head Coach on an U/15 rep. cricket tour to India, and an U/16 tour to New Zealand, both wonderful team experiences in foreign countries.

One of the rewarding aspects of coaching is that you are not just teaching cricket

### NORMANHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL



ROW 2: Joel Carter, Kevin Brown, Andrew Lloyd-Owen, Dean Cook, Hugh Jennings, Alex Kobler.  
FRONT: Keith Carter (Manager), Daniel Jennings, Nathan Wood, Jeff Culleton (Vice Captain), Adam Whitlock (Captain), Cameron Hicks, Andy Ip, Jamie Seach, Bruce Wood (Coach).

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET TEAM

### SYDNEY U/16 CRICKET TEAM – NEW ZEALAND TOUR – APRIL 2007



Back Row: Paul O'Neill (Tour Assistant), Billy O'Neill, Pat Buscombe, Chris Aldersley, Alex Mihalyka, Jono Brayshaw, Dougal Robinson (w-k), James McNamara  
Front Row: Calypso Aldersley (Manager), Charith Mayadunne, Matt Muir, Tom Gurka (Captain), Kristian Mitchell (v-c), Dylan Robertson, Bruce Wood (Coach)

skills, you are imparting life skills, honesty, integrity, competitiveness and a desire to achieve, but with respect and humility. Cricket coaches need to have a current *Working with Children* Check 5-year clearance and be properly accredited with a Community (Level 1) Cricket Coaching Certificate or higher qualification. Coaches play a key role in setting the overall direction, standards, tactics (in consultation with the captain), mentoring and culture of the team.

Cricket provides many benefits for young players – social interaction, team-work and enjoyment all play an important part of the experience, along with the opportunity to improve confidence and skills. Being part of a team is far more important to young children than winning premierships.





By actively engaging players in varied and challenging drills and activities, coaches seek to maximise learning outcomes and provide opportunities for extension and enrichment. Cricketers need opportunities to develop their skills and like to be constantly challenged to ensure continual improvement. Regardless of the standard of competition at which we are coaching, one of the crucial roles we must perform is to identify the best young players in our teams and ensure they receive an opportunity to be exposed to the next level, whilst ensuring that all players in the team play an active role and feel fully engaged.



Good coaches have an emotional balance, including empathy, listening skills, and the ability to recognise that all children are different. This necessitates tailoring your approaches differently where necessary to motivate and develop young players. Sports participation provides many physical, psychological and social benefits for young athletes, including developing a sense of fair play, reward for effort, team-work and resilience. Coaches play a key role in this area, supported by positive parenting.

After each match, coaches need to highlight the positive achievements of the team and individuals, and maintain the same demeanor, whether their team has won or lost. Children are very good at noticing a coach or parent's body language during and after a competition match, so we always need to promote good sportsmanship and not show disappointment after a close loss, as hard as that can be sometimes! It is important to set the example of being gracious in both victory and defeat.



I regard it as a privilege to coach young players and play a part in their development and love of the game of cricket. Many life-long friendships are formed through the camaraderie of team-mates on and off the cricket field. As Sir Donald Bradman once said, *"It is the responsibility of all those that play the game (the custodians) to leave the game in a better shape than when they first became involved."*

**Bruce Wood**  
President, Coaches' Association

31 March 2018

*(Reproduced from the Coaches' Association's 2017-18 Annual Report)*



## PARRAMATTA LEAGUES CLUB – SPONSOR

The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) was delighted to receive a fifth year of corporate sponsorship from **Parramatta Leagues Club** in 2020 and thanks **Bevan Paul**, Chief Executive Officer, and **Maria Debnikov**, Community and Marketing Co-ordinator, for the club's generous support of our coaching and youth development programs in north-western Sydney.

The Coaches' Association greatly appreciates this partnership and is committed to supporting the club in a range of ways. Our coaches' and players' polo shirts feature the club's logo (see below); and the coaches' tracksuit jackets also display the logo.



The committee and several coaches have signed up for 10 or 5 years membership of Parra Leagues, plus we promote the club on our Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter pages, on our official letterhead, in our Annual Report and Tour Reports. The Coaches' Association has also taken positive steps to expand its territory to the Parramatta and surrounding districts. The President, Head Coach and Secretary (pictured above) work at Parramatta and use their extensive network of contacts to further expand our services in the Parramatta district.

HKHDCCA also promotes Parramatta Leagues Club on its own social media outlets; and we hold committee meetings, dinners and social functions at Parramatta Leagues Club and the Vikings Sports Club at Dundas (owned by Parra Leagues).



Coaches' Association Committee – Nick Miller, Josh Miller, Bruce Wood, Rod Hokin, Daniel Wood, Aaron Crofts





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## Coaches' Association - Junior Rising Stars Off-Season Coaching Program - 2019 for U/9 - U/12 players (boys & girls)



**Rosewood Oval nets, Barker College (access via The Avenue, Waitara)**

**Sundays - 19 May | 26 May | 23 June | 21 July**

The Coaches' Association held its ninth annual off-season development program during the Winter months in 2019. HKHDCCA revamped its junior off-season coaching programs in 2019 to hold a Rising Stars program for U/9 – U12 players at Rosewood Oval, Waitara, and the main oval nets for the last session. We thank Barker College for the special access to the refurbished nets and oval.

The Rising Stars U/9 – U12 coaching sessions took place from 9.00 to 11.30am over the four Sundays at Barker. The program provided boys and girls with properly structured coaching from accredited Level 1 and 2 coaches in small groups to learn the fundamentals and correct techniques, which assists their transition from soft to hard ball cricket. A total of 25 children were registered to attend these 2 ½ hour sessions, although on occasions attendances were a bit down due to clashes with other Winter sports. This beneficial HKHDCCA development program ensures that all players improve their skills in batting, pace & spin bowling, wicket-keeping and fielding, while making new friends and participating in healthy, outdoor physical activity in very good facilities.

The development program included batting and bowling in the nets; 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 players enjoyed a series of games on the oval to implement the skills learnt. The accredited coaches engaged during this Program were **Bruce Wood** (Head Coach), **Daniel Wood**, **Cooper Davenport** and **Joe Hiley**.



Some of the players who attended our U9-12 Rising Stars program



Award winners – Sean Mukhtar & Kirby Mulligan



## HENRY HUNT – FORMER HKHDCCA COACH, NOW PLAYING FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) congratulates **Henry Hunt** on playing nine Sheffield Shield (First Class) matches for the South Australian *Redbacks* team in 2019-20. Henry scored 75 runs in his debut innings (aged 22) against Victoria in October 2019 in Melbourne, and followed that up with his maiden First Class century against Tasmania in Adelaide in November 2019 (see photo below).

Henry was an outstanding coach for the Coaches' Association from 2016 to 2018 when he was playing First Grade cricket for Northern District CC. Well done Henry – we are sure there will be many more First Class centuries.





**CAMERON TUNKS - HKHDCCA CLINICS; GHC; RTC; HK&HDCA REPS; GREEN SHIELD; NSW U/15**

The Coaches' Association wishes to recognise the achievements of Cameron Tunks, who was originally selected as Captain of the Ross Turner Cup West team in 2019-20, however he was unavailable for the rescheduled match on 23 February 2020, as he was representing the NSW Green team in the U/15 national championships in Ballarat, Victoria. The NSW Green team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, losing just one of 6 matches during the carnival. Cam's batting average was 34.0 and he took 6 wickets @ 25.3. Well done Cam on your State representation. Cam progressed through the HKHDCCA school holiday clinics to GHC, RTC, HK&HDCA reps, NDCC AW Green Shield.

Cameron's undefeated record in previous RTC / GHC matches:

- **2018-19 – RTC** – top-scored with 102 runs for West team (won). Received the Player of the Match award.
- **2017-18 – GHC** – Captain of West team (won). Scored 27 ret. in GHC T20s.
- **2016-17 – GHC** – top-scored with 60 no for East team (won). Received Player of the Match award. Scored 25 ret. in GHC T20s.
- **2015-16 – GHC** – played in GHC Finch team that won T20 Final.

NSW Youth Championships – HK&HDCA U/15 Weblin Shield 2019-20

- 370 runs @ 52.9 ave. HS 110 & 103; 7 wickets @ 21.4, BB 2/15

NSW Premier Cricket – U/16 AW Green Shield – Northern District CC 2019-20 (photo below)

- 278 runs @ 46.3 ave. HS 122 no; 8 wickets @ 29.9, BB 2/27

NSW Premier Cricket – Northern District CC 2019-20 (AW Green Shield; Third Grade and Fourth Grade)

- 616 runs @ 44.0 ave. HS 122 no; 19 wickets @ 27.7, BB 3/49

Coaches' Association / Northern District CC U/15 Indian Tour – April 2019 (photo at left)

- 217 runs @ 54.2, HS 73
- Batting award



**HKHDCCA – RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL COACHING DAYS SINCE INCEPTION IN 2010**

PROGRAMS	2019	RTC	Blowfly	2019-20	2-Oct-19	8-Oct-19	8-Jan-20	16-Jan-20	22-Jan-20	TOTAL
NAMES	U9-12	GHC	Cricket	Girls	Waitara	GTR	Waitara	Normo	Waitara	DAYS
Bruce Wood	4	15	13		2	2		1	2	212
Rod Hokin					2		2			149
Josh Miller		7	1		1	1	2		2	148
Daniel Wood	2		5							92
Daniel Anderson		7								79
Nick Miller		5	2		2		2			73
Will Fiedler		2	2							70
Justin Epthorp		1	4							61
John Anderson		3	1				2			57
Hame Fullagar		4								49
Aaron Crofts		5	1	10	2	2				44
James Madden		3	1							42
Calvin Breytenbach		3								42
Nick McNay		5								41
Joe Hiley	2	5	1	10		2			2	37
Nathan Middleton			1						2	35
Jamie McEvoy			2				2		2	33
Andrew Harvey		5	1			1	2			30
Braden Cheng		2	1		2					27
David Lowery										22
Chris Burnett										21
Cooper Davenport	4	3	2							21
Tom Felton			1							20
Nathan Tanner		3								19
Matt Wright		3								17
Mackenzie Carrall						2				17
James Brown										16
Mitch Fullagar		3								15
Dani Chivers			3	6	1		2	1	2	15
Sammy McMahon										14
Mike Burgin		2								13
Jamie Shaw		5								13
Andrew Lowe										12
Luke Thorburn		3								12
Henry Kirk										12
Corey Miller		3		5			2		2	12
Alex Dolly		3								11
Harry Middlebrook										11
Mark Rushton			11							11
Dan Stickland										10
Nick Cheadle										9
Ryan Tullia		3								8
Henry Hunt										8
Jayden Camp		4			1			1	2	8
Becca Silk										7



**COACHES ENGAGED IN 2019-20 (7 current or former *First Grade* players)**

**High Performance (Level 3) accredited coach** – Rod Hokin (1).

**Representative (Level 2) accredited coaches** – Braden Cheng, Aaron Crofts, Joe Hiley, Nathan Middleton, Josh Miller, Nick Miller, Harrison Norrell, Bruce Wood (8).

**Community (Level 1) accredited coaches** – John Anderson, Dylan Bish, Calvin Breytenbach, James Brown, Brody Camp, Jayden Camp, Mackenzie Carrall, Dani Chivers, Blake Davenport, Cooper Davenport, Gian Gill, Andrew Harvey, Sean McAllister, Will McCarroll, Jamie McEvoy, Corey Miller, Lachlan Shaw, Alec Silins, Charlie Taylor, Daniel Wood (20).

**HISTORICAL LIST OF COACHES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS SINCE 2010-11**

**Life Members** – Tom Richmond OAM (2014); Rod Hokin (2015); Bruce Wood (2017); Mark Rushton (2020); Josh Miller (2020) (5)

**High Performance (Level 3) accredited coaches** – Ross Turner, Russel Arnold, Rod Hokin (3)

**Representative (Level 2) accredited coaches** – Daniel Anderson, Shankar Arunachalam, David Bennett, Mike Burgin, Chris Burnett, Braden Cheng, Aaron Crofts, Sujith Dissanayake, Justin Epthorp, Tom Felton, Will Fiedler, Joe Hiley, Sid Marzouk, Sammy McMahon, Nathan Middleton, Josh Miller, Nick Miller, Harrison Norrell, Luke Quinlivan, Mark Rushton, Shishu Sharma, Becca Silk, Jonny Webb, Todd Williams & Bruce Wood (25).

**Community (Level 1) accredited coaches** – John Anderson, Nic Badings, Irfan Baig, Dylan Bish, Jeremy Bond, Calvin Breytenbach, James Brown, Brody Camp, Jayden Camp, Mackenzie Carrall, Edwina Chappel, Nick Cheadle, Dani Chivers, Blake Davenport, Cooper Davenport, Alex Dolly, Dan Donaldson, Jack Donkin, Sam Fanning, Greg Fiedler, Hame Fullagar, Mitch Fullagar, Gian Gill, Tom Green, Lewis Halliday, Andrew Harvey, Ed Hollis, Baxter Holt, Henry Hunt, Henry Kirk, Marisa Levitt, Marius Levitt, Andrew Lowe, David Lowery, James Madden, Tim Matson, Sean McAllister, Brad McCarroll, Will McCarroll, Jamie McEvoy, Nick McNay, Harry Middlebrook, Corey Miller, Lachlan Reynolds, Tom Richmond OAM, Russell Schreiber, Jamie Shaw, Lachlan Shaw, Louie Shaw, Alec Silins, Utkarsh Somaiya, Dan Stickland, Jack Straw, Evatt Styles, Nathan Tanner, Charlie Taylor, Luke Thorburn, Ryan Tullia, Peter Watts, Jon Whealing, Daniel Wood, Matt Wright (62)

**Ross Turner Cup (RTC) coaches** (since 2010-11) – Daniel Anderson, Mike Burgin, Jayden Camp, Braden Cheng, Aaron Crofts, Sujith Dissanayake, Justin Epthorp, Will Fiedler, Hame Fullagar, Mitch Fullagar, Andrew Harvey, Joe Hiley, Mark Holden, Nick McNay, Josh Miller, Nick Miller, Jamie Shaw (17).

**Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) coaches** (since 2010-11) – Lachlan Anchique, Daniel Anderson, John Anderson, Sanjay Balakumar, Jarod Baxter, Riley Behlevanas, Calvin Breytenbach, Jayden Camp, Kenneth Chu, Aaron Crofts, Cooper Davenport, Alex Dolly, Jack Donkin, Jordan Fullagar, Andrew Harvey, Daniel Heidegger, Joe Hiley, Nick Hook, Oliver Jennings, Will Johnston, Rahul Krishna, James Madden, Nick McNay, Matt McVay, Corey Miller, Josh Miller, Nick Miller, Shivraj Rana, Rashad Rizme, Charlie Rose, Danusha Seneviratne, Jamie Shaw, Mansimar Singh, Utkarsh Somaiya, Ryan Swain, Nathan Tanner, Dhruva Thorat, Luke Thorburn, Ryan Tullia, Matt Vile, Alistair Weston, Fraser Wilson, Matt Wright (43)

**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); Rod Hokin (2016-17); Jose Da Silva (2017-18); Daniel Anderson (2018-19); Glenn Mackay (2019-20) (9)

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