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CRICKET NEW SOUTH WALES ANNUAL REPORT



CRICKET NSW



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NSW PREMIER CRICKET CLUBS

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SHIRES CRICKET CLUBS

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Life Members

G Atwell (2003), J Benaud (2004), MJ Bennett (2005), MG Bevan (2003), RJ Brenner (2007), CP Brierley OAM (2003), DJ Broad OAM (1992), BJ Clark AO (2007), MJ Clarke AO (2020), CF Clowes (2007), DH Cole (2011), MJ Cornish OAM (2003), M Davies (2003), J Dyson (2002), PA Emery (2002), BF Freedman OAM (2000), RA French OAM (1996), BJ Gainsford OAM (2003), LR Gardner OAM (1988), DR Gilbert

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CRICKET NSW STRATEGIC PLAN

BREAKING NEW GROUND 2021-2025



OUR VISION

Cricket will be New South Wales' most loved and successful sport and we will be regarded as a world-class organisation

OUR PURPOSE

To inspire everyone to play and love cricket

OUR WILDLY IMPORTANT GOAL (WIG)

To grow the number of 5-12 year olds playing registered cricket to 80,000 by Apr 2026

OUR VALUES

HUMILITY

EXCELLENCE

IMAGINATION

RELATIONSHIPS

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Transform

Transforming to a customer-focused organisation

Simplify

Simplifying the way cricket is delivered to support and energise our volunteers

Unify

Unifying our key partners to make NSW and Australian Cricket as strong as possible

Protect

Protecting the long-term security of high-quality facilities at all levels of the game

FOCUS AREAS



Grow Passion and Consumption of Cricket

We will deliver irresistible and memorable experiences for our fans and the next generation of supporters.

We will get there through creative innovation guided by the voice of our fans and leveraging data and technology to build love and long-term loyalty for cricket and our clubs



Sustain Peak Performance

We will produce the best teams, players, umpires and coaches in the world to make NSW and Australian cricket as strong as possible.

We will develop our people and talent to thrive and reach their potential.

We will get there and sustain our success by creating the best high-performance environment and experience in world cricket.



Improve Participation Experiences

We will create participant-driven experiences to make cricket NSW's most loved sport.

We will provide even more opportunities to attract female and South Asian participants to play and be involved in cricket.

We will get there by providing the right support in the right places to our volunteers, clubs, associations, schools and communities to grow cricket together.



Develop Transformative Leadership, Teams & People

We will deliver transformative leadership to create an iconic and agile organisation.

We will have a high performing and collaborative culture which consistently produces great leaders.

We will get there by building our people capabilities and leading them to work and grow together to find their potential and deliver greatness.



Grow Investment in Cricket

We will build our financial strength and continue to reinvest in cricket programs, experiences and facilities.

We will deliver a new, sustainable and inclusive home of NSW cricket at Cricket Central

We will get there through good corporate governance, growing our existing sources of income and through the creation of new and diversified Cricket NSW generated revenue.

ENABLERS

Data & Technology

Develop competitive advantage through technology and advanced data analytics.

Leading Teams & People

Unifying our key partners to make NSW and Australian Cricket as strong as possible

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



At Cricket NSW, our purpose is simple yet powerful: to inspire everyone to play and love cricket. This mission informs every decision we make – from grassroots participation to elite performance.

We view our role as part of a continuous cycle: we bring young players into the game, nurture them through our development and pathway programs, see them succeed at state level and ultimately graduate to national honours – inspiring the next generation to follow in their footsteps.

All the while, we are committed to bringing cricket, through our bouquet of participation-based and social programs, to every boy and girl who wants to learn the game, play the game and find mateship and belonging through it. Cricket is so much more than a sport to us. It is a way of life.

The 2024/25 season brought much to celebrate across performance, participation and recognition. Meanwhile, it also sharpened our focus on the high standards NSW cricket is expected to meet.

Some of the highlights included:

- **A 43% increase over the past two years in participation among 5–12-year-olds**, a vital foundation for long-term success.
- **Victory in three of the four national underage championships**, marking the second consecutive year of this achievement.
- **The Breakers winning their 21st WNCL title**, led by Georgia Adams and Lauren Cheatle. Tahlia Wilson was named WNCL Player of the Year and Anika Learoyd was named WNCL Player of the Final.
- **The Sixers and Thunder both reaching BBL finals**, finishing second and third, respectively.

- **15 NSW-developed players representing Australia** across all formats, with **33% of nationally contracted male players** and **40% of female players** coming from NSW.
- **Recognition of Phil Emery and Brett Lee**, as the **53rd and 54th inductees to the Cricket NSW Hall of Fame**, during Day 2 of the SCG Test.
- **Nathan Lyon surpassing 550 Test wickets**, now ranking 7th all-time in Test wicket-takers – a remarkable milestone for one of the game’s fiercest competitors.
- **The Test debut of Sam Konstas** on Boxing Day – a performance that ignited excitement across the country.

Our success has been equally significant off field. We have made great strides in the development of our new headquarters, Cricket Central, where we moved to three years ago. The construction of the new cricket pavilion at our world-class facility has now been completed, marking an important milestone in the Stage 2 development of our beloved home of NSW cricket.

In areas of governance, with the assistance of \$1million in funding from the NSW Government over the next four years, we have implemented our South Asian Engagement Strategy that we launched last year. The strategy centres around improving the participation experience for South Asian communities, while also providing the best opportunity for high-performing South Asian players, coaches, umpires and administrators to excel within elite pathways. We also aim to grow and nurture the engagement of South Asian players and cricket fans alike with W/BBL, Australian and NSW teams.

While we are proud of these achievements, we’re equally clear-eyed about where we need to elevate our game. The board is committed to backing our CEO, Lee Germon, and our programs, to ensure Cricket NSW continues on its path to sustained success.

To our players, coaches, staff and fans – thank you. Your passion continues to shape the best results for cricket in NSW every day. Cricket NSW is proud of its legacy, but even more focused on the future, which looks brighter than ever.

John Knox
Chairman

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Cricket NSW Chair John Knox and former NSW and Australian cricket star Brad Haddin were confirmed as the latest Cricket NSW Life Members at the Association’s Annual General Meeting in September 2024. .

Knox has been one of NSW cricket’s finest servants for over a decade. He has been a member of the CNSW Board since December 2012 and Chair since June 2018. In that time, Knox has been a driving force behind numerous initiatives aimed at strengthening the sport at all levels and positioning Cricket NSW as a leader in Australian Cricket.

Under Knox’s stewardship, Cricket NSW has seen a significant increase in young girls and boys playing cricket, built the best cricket facility in the world, improved CNSW’s financial position whilst increasing grants to members, won the second most domestic titles behind WA, grown Big Bash sponsorship revenue by over 40% and led Australian cricket in international expansion with a strategic partnership with Major League Cricket and the title-winning Washington Freedom.

With Knox at the helm, Cricket NSW has remained a leader in producing world-class male and female cricketers. At the time of the AGM, NSW was the current holder of three of four National Under-Age titles, demonstrating its success in pathway cricket.

Knox has been a driver in growing cricket within NSW. Registered participation in club cricket and Cricket Blast has significantly increased over the last seven years. In 2024, Knox oversaw the development of a South Asian Engagement Strategy and implemented changes at governance level to encourage greater diversity of representation, recognising the huge opportunity to grow the game outside its “traditional” areas.

Knox has also been a leader in Australian Cricket. While he has been Chair of Cricket NSW, Cricket Australia has been through a period of significant change with five different Chairs. Knox is the only State or CA representative to have been present since the establishment of the Australian Cricket Council following the Longstaff Review in 2018 and has had considerable influence over the cultural changes and strategy within Australian cricket over that period.

Several important governance improvements were approved by members at the AGM, including the adoption of a gender diversity requirement for the CNSW Board.

This requirement is set out in the Cricket NSW Constitution and requires there to be a minimum of 40% male and 40% female directors on the Board. It will be implemented from the September 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Haddin was an exceptional right-handed batsman and wicketkeeper who represented Australia in all three formats of international cricket.



He was a member of winning Australian squads at both the 2007 and the 2015 Cricket World Cups and NSW teams that won the Sheffield Shield in 2002/03, 2004/05 (as captain) and 2007/08. Debuting for NSW in the Mercantile Mutual Cup and then Sheffield Shield in October 1999, Haddin became one of the game’s most popular players.

He made his Australian debuts in One Day Internationals in 2000/01, T20 Internationals in 2005/06 and Tests in 2008. In 66 Test matches, Haddin scored 3265 runs at 32.97, with four centuries plus 18 half-centuries; with the gloves, he took 262 catches and made 8 stumpings. In 126 ODI matches, Haddin scored 3122 runs at 31.53 with two centuries plus 16 half-centuries, while he took 170 catches and made 11 stumpings. In 34 T20 Internationals, he scored 402 runs at 17.47 and took 17 catches and made 6 stumpings.

Representing NSW in 97 First Class matches, Haddin scored 5829 runs at 41.93, with 11 centuries plus 35 half-centuries, and he took 293 catches and made 25 stumpings. This includes 21 matches as captain. In 89 Limited Overs matches for NSW, he scored 2726 runs, at 34.07, with five centuries plus 16 half centuries. With the keeping gloves, he took 124 catches and made 35 stumpings.

Haddin retired from International and First Class cricket in September 2015. He subsequently retired from the Sydney Sixers in 2016/17.

Cricket NSW Chair John Knox acknowledged his Life Membership and also paid tribute to Haddin.

“I am humbled to be a Life Member of Cricket NSW, an organisation I serve with all my heart. It is a privilege to steer this world-class organisation through its current path to success, and I hope to continue doing that in time to come.

“Brad’s contributions to New South Wales and Australian cricket have been phenomenal and I congratulate him on his well-deserved Life Membership. Brad has contributed to all formats of the game and has captained NSW to some of its most memorable victories. I would like to thank him and also welcome him as a Life Member.”

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



It is a pleasure to present to you the CEO report for Cricket NSW for 2024/25. This year has again been one of pleasing achievements, strategic growth, and development both on and off the field. Our commitment to inspiring everyone to play and love cricket, foster cricket excellence, nurture young talent and promote inclusivity has once again yielded positive results.

Our continued focus on getting more 5-12 year olds choosing to play cricket resulted in us leading the country in growth in this age group and represents a staggering 43% increase over the last two years, continuing to lay a great foundation for success for our game.

This is an even more significant turnaround when I consider that in 2020, we had observed a 50% decline in the number of 5-14 year olds playing cricket as a percentage of the population over the previous 20 years!

Our high performance system produced arguably the most consistent results of any State and although we desperately want to win more titles, I was very proud of our WNCL winning Breakers side.

Growing The Game

We continued to build on the turbo charged 2023/24 season in our ambition to double the number of 5-12 year olds playing our game by 2026. Across the State, we saw a 11% increase in 5-12 year olds, a 12% increase in Cricket Blast, a 6% increase in Junior Cricket Stage 1 & 2 and a 9% increase in female 5-12s. It was very pleasing to arrest a decline in junior numbers this season.

Other highlights for the season included:

- Launching the Volunteer Experience Action Plan including our Distinguished Community Service Awards with 43 recipients.
- The first Metro Cricket Forum being held in May.
- The formation of the Metropolitan Cricket Council.
- The delivery of nine Country Cricket Roadshow sessions.
- NSW winning five of the Cricket Australia National Community Awards including:
 - Community Cricket Coach of the Year: Dave Neil, Orange CYMS Cricket Club;
 - Community Facility Project of the Year (Major Category - \$1M+): Shoalhaven City Council, Artie Smith Oval;
 - Cricket Blast Coordinator of the Year: Shane Wilson, Kiama Cavaliers Cricket Club;
 - Indoor Facility of the Year: Charmhaven Indoor Sports, NSW;
 - Junior Initiative of the Year: Warringah Cricket Club, NSW.

Our priority areas for season 2025/26 will be retention of participants especially in the Junior and Senior areas, assisting clubs to deliver Blast sessions and improving our volunteer experience.

In addition to the strong registration figures, we achieved record BBL club memberships for both Thunder and Sixers and launched new club strategies, resulting in increased Sixers and Thunder home crowds. This led to increased revenue year on year.

Cricket Performance

Our high-performance senior teams produced the most consistent results across the States, however, it was disappointing to only win one title. The Breakers won the WNCL, while the Sixers BBL, Thunder BBL and Thunder WBBL teams made finals, with the Thunder BBL team moving from 8th to 2nd. The Sixers BBL team has now made the finals series seven years in a row. The Blues were one win away from making the final in both the Sheffield Shield and Dean Jones Trophy. Moving from competing to winning is the focus now.

We also won 3 out of 4 underage tournaments and NSW's Blind and Low Vision team won their fifth consecutive national title.

It was very pleasing to see, and my congratulations go to, Sam Konstas who made an unmissable Test debut and Ben Dwarshuis who made his One Day International debut.

Tahlia Wilson had a record-breaking summer, deservedly winning the WNCL Player of the Year.

We had 9 CNSW coaches and staff participate in international and overseas cricket at Australia, Australia A and Australia U/19 levels, as well as county cricket and the Hundred.

Premier Cricket had another successful season and it was great to be a spectator at the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup finals day held at North Sydney Oval, with 1,600 peak audience on Frogbox and 500+ people at the ground.



NSW Metropolitan take out the title at the U16 Female National Championships

Our partnership with the owner of the Washington Freedom Major League Cricket team in the USA was also successful with the team winning the title. This was a great opportunity for a number of our staff and players to experience this competition and develop professionally.

Our Country NSW Male Team won the Spirit of Cricket Award and Dylan Hunter, Jake O'Connell and Jayden Zahra-Smith were named in the Male Team of the Championships. Emma-Jayne Howe was named Player of the National Country Championships (Female) and Kira Churchland was named captain of the Female Team of the Championships.

Three of the Cricket Australia national championships finals were umpired by New South Wales umpires and New South Wales umpires were appointed to the finals of the WBBL, WNCL and WT20 Spring Challenge.

A Female-only Level 2 Coach Accreditation course, with 15 participants, was held and enjoyed by all.

Over 40 Coach Development Workshops were held across regional New South Wales with 350 participants. Three Level 2 Coach Accreditation courses were held, two regional and one metro, leading to more than 60 new representative level coaches.

Financial Strength

Financially, we performed effectively again and met our break-even operating budget and generated more revenue than last year. Generation of increasing revenue and associated profit is vital for us to keep investing in cricket. We face an environment of increasing costs and uncertain funding from Cricket Australia. Our consumer business and sponsorship areas, which are key areas of revenue for us, exceeded their combined budgets.

We have now been in Cricket Central for over 2 years and the facility continues to develop. We have completed the community building, construction of Oval 2 has begun and approval has been secured for playing and training lights (subject to pricing confirmation). All the practice pitches have been laid and all should be in use this coming season at different stages.

Projects

During the year, some exciting projects have developed that will continue to be implemented into the next season.

- South Asian Engagement strategy
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion strategy
- Provisional approval of our second Innovate RAP
- Signed a five-year MOU with Chinese Cricket
- Strategic Partnership with Hampshire Cricket
- Launched new Code of Conduct Framework for all competitions under the Sydney Cricket Association

In conclusion, the 2024/25 year has been a very good one for Cricket NSW. Once again, none of this would be possible without our wonderful people. Our collective achievements are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, players, board, staff, coaches, and supporters. I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone involved in making this year a resounding success. I thank you all for your continued support as we strive to inspire everyone to play and love cricket.

Lee Germon
Chief Executive Officer

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Cricket NSW acknowledges and pays respect to the land and waters across New South Wales on which we are privileged to live, work and play our great game of cricket. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge their ongoing connection to Country as Traditional Owners and remain committed to our journey of reconciliation — so that together we may achieve equity and equality through strong, trusting relationships.

Vision for Reconciliation

2. Cricket NSW's vision for reconciliation remains steadfast: to unite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and non-Indigenous Australians through cricket, providing encouragement, support and opportunities for everyone to come together to play and love the game.

2024–2025 Update

3. In April 2025, Cricket NSW received conditional approval for its second Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), building on the foundational achievements of our first Innovate RAP (2021–2023). The new RAP outlines an ambitious agenda to expand and embed reconciliation initiatives across the organisation and our wider cricket community. This RAP was shaped with deep consultation from our RAP Working Group, including valued external Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members, and reflects our commitment to meaningful, long-term outcomes.

Relationships

4. Cricket NSW continues to drive strong, collaborative relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Our First Nations Youth Programs, now a key feature of our engagement, saw over **500 participants** across events in Gunnedah, Bomaderry and Sydney in 2023/24. National Reconciliation Week remains central to our calendar and, in May 2025, staff and players came together at Cricket Central to celebrate this year's theme of "Bridging Now to Next", reflecting on how we can walk forward together while learning from the past. Thank you to Uncle Ray for the Welcome to Country, members of Nunakal Kunjil for leading the smoking ceremony and Tim Croft, Member of our First Nations Advisory Committee, for sharing his personal story.

5. A new engagement plan is being developed under the 2025–2027 RAP to formalise relationships with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and First Nations media. A **First Nations Round** for all levels of cricket has also been introduced as part of our efforts to honour and celebrate First Nations excellence in the sport. In November 2024, this was celebrated by our Premier, Women's and Shires cricket clubs.

Respect

6. Expanding cultural learning across the organisation is a top priority. This year, more than **70** staff joined a learning session entitled *From Awareness to Allyship* and cultural knowledge continued to be promoted through W/BBL team activations, internal education and grassroots initiatives. New cultural protocols, including updated email signatures that reference the traditional lands of staff locations, have been implemented across CNSW.

7. The new RAP commits to broadening cultural safety, including unconscious bias and cultural awareness training for all staff, board members and players. The RAP also plans to introduce **mandatory cultural learning modules** as part of staff onboarding.

Opportunities

8. Cricket NSW continues to provide and grow opportunities for First Nations peoples to thrive in cricket. Highlights from the 2024/25 season include:

- **1414** First Nations children participated in Woolworths Cricket Blast programs across NSW — a continued upward trend from the previous year and with a total increase of almost 300% from the 2022/23 season.
- **1377** First Nations children registered with Junior Cricket Clubs.
- Continued support for NSW Men's and Women's teams at the **National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC)**, with the women's team reclaiming the national title in 2024.

9. The new RAP outlines further actions to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment, procurement with Indigenous-owned businesses and athlete development through elite pathways, with coaching and mentoring support built in.

Governance

10. CNSW has established a First Nations Advisory Committee to carry on the work of the RAP Working Group. This Committee contains representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our cricket and sporting community, including both internal leaders and respected external members. Under the new RAP, the group meets to track progress and ensure accountability of the RAP as well as to provide CNSW with invaluable guidance, support and feedback on its reconciliation efforts. The 2025–2027 RAP includes a strengthened focus on:

- Annual reporting to Reconciliation Australia
- Internal tracking systems
- Development of the next RAP beginning in 2026

11. Cricket NSW continues to build upon its learnings, recognising the importance of intentionality, accountability and resourcing in delivering reconciliation outcomes.

Hannah Barnes
Chief Governance & Integrity Officer

THANK YOU

Cricket NSW, Sydney Sixers and Sydney Thunder would like to thank their commercial partners for their support during the 2024/25 season.

CRICKET NSW



SYDNEY SIXERS



SYDNEY THUNDER



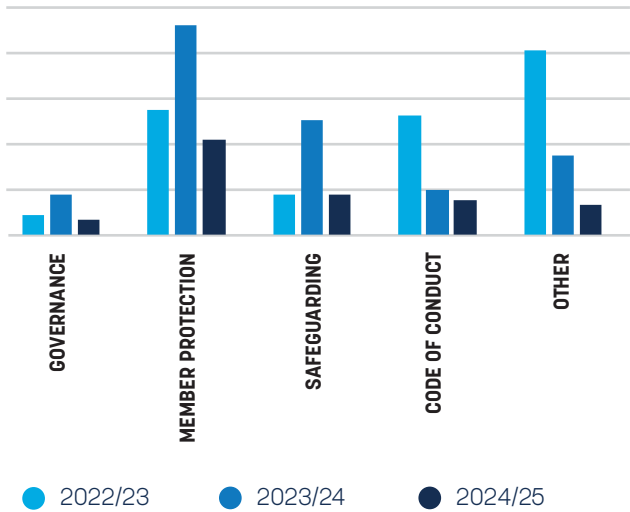
INTEGRITY

The CNSW Integrity Unit had its busiest year to date following its inception in the 2022/23 season. Code of Conduct matters were heard by our CNSW Code of Conduct Commissioner, Roy Amos, with support from Assistant Commissioners Alan Wrigley, Elisabeth Houston, Paddy Moylan, Tom Payten and Wayne Evans. The Integrity Unit also received various reports and stakeholder enquiries related to the Integrity Policies. The Integrity Unit provided dispute resolution expertise and assistance to resolve matters in a timely manner.

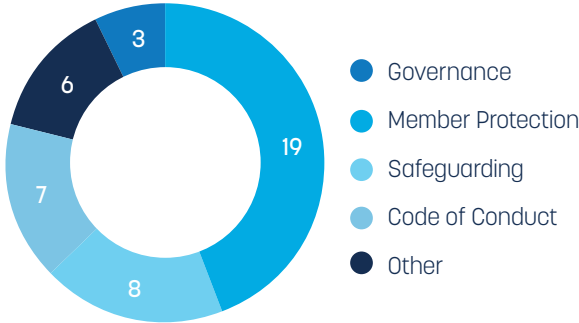
Integrity Unit operations

The Integrity Unit grew at the beginning of the 2024/25 season, with Jared Rodger and Esther O'Rourke joining the team to manage Code of Conduct and Integrity reports received and support the Commissioners. The Integrity Unit received 43 complaints during the 2024/25 season, over 50% less than in 2023/24. This season, a slightly lower percentage (69%) fell within the scope of the Framework. Similarly to the previous season, the majority related to member protection and safeguarding complaints that were actively managed by CNSW. The trends in these complaints were issues relating to inappropriate behaviour from cricket participants (players, coaches and parents) toward other participants, both in person and via social media. It is noted that there were also some significant on-field altercations between teams. An integrity newsletter has been introduced with monthly issues targeted at education of Clubs and Players about expectations for on-field conduct and offences that may be committed in circumstances where conduct is substandard.

CNSW INTEGRITY UNIT STATISTICS



COMPLAINT CATEGORISATION



CNSW has management of Code of Conduct reports arising from CNSW-owned or-managed competitions and for Associations in a strategic partnership with CNSW. During the 2024/25 season, we received 205 reports (involving 230 separate individuals), with 98% of these managed by our commissioners. This was a 373% increase from the 2023/24 season where we received only 55 reports (involving 62 separate individuals). The process was highly efficient, with an average turnaround time of three days between receiving the report and the Notice of Charge (NOC) being issued to the Reported Person. Breaches occurred over 20 separate offence categories and for the first time, charges and sanctions were imposed with Schedule B – Serious Offences of the Code of Conduct Procedures.

CODE OF CONDUCT KEY STATS



The reports received were spread across 15 different competitions. The highest percentage of reports came from the Sydney Cricket Association, making up 43% of total reports.

Acknowledgements

The Integrity Unit acknowledges the extensive workload that the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners accepted throughout the season. We would like to thank them for the critical role they have played in resolving a significant number of Code of Conduct reports as well their commitment to the ongoing and continuous improvement of process.

Hannah Barnes
Chief Governance & Integrity Officer

CRICKET NSW FOUNDATION

As stated on many occasions, the primary aim of the CNSW Foundation is to encourage and facilitate participation in the great game of Cricket. Facilitation is often necessary as we frequently find unwanted barriers to access, which may be financial, physical, cultural, gender-based or just logistical in nature. Removing these barriers, and thus increasing real participation in the game, is what we set out to achieve and how we measure our progress.

Many studies worldwide have now concluded that the benefits of participation in team sports, particularly at an early age, are clearly evident and promote both physical and mental well-being. In our view, the ultimate goal of seeking to facilitate such benefits is worthwhile and we will do our best to help!

Our operational activities have been far-reaching this year with previous programs promoting female engagement also demonstrating their effectiveness. The number of girls aged between 5-18 currently playing cricket across the state is increasing. We are also very aware that NSW is more than just Sydney (!) and are strongly committed to increasing our support for regional NSW.

We took advantage of the gathering of "School of the Air" students coming together at Milparinka and instigated the "Milparinka Big Bash", played naturally at the MCG (Milparinka Cricket Ground). The program was delivered to over 100 participants and their families, most of whom had never had a previous visit from any sporting organisation! In the same vein, we assist the Baggy Blues in their mission to take teams of past and present NSW cricket stars to regional communities and coach and play matches in those regions, whilst promoting the important messages of mental health awareness.

All up, our fundraising efforts in the past 12 months managed to increase our corpus by over \$450,000 in the year to 30th June, 2025. We are slowly but steadily moving towards our interim target of \$5,000,000 pledged by 2027, all to be reinvested over time back into the game of cricket in NSW. Our current donors and supporters have been simply amazing and I must thank them all wholeheartedly, particularly those that have made multi-year commitments that give us much needed certainty with our programs.

In terms of structure, the Foundation is a subsidiary of Cricket NSW itself and so I must thank the Board and Executives of CNSW for their continued understanding of our aims and their subsequent support. I would also like to thank Jake Balnave and Elizabeth Williams, who oversee the Foundation with great care and insight, for their stewardship. Jake has recently moved on to another position within sport administration and, whilst we will miss his presence and direction, we wish him well for the future.

Every sporting foundation such as ours could always do with more funding! We believe we have many worthwhile programs that, if funded appropriately, can deliver results consistent with our aim of sustaining the future of our sport. Whilst one of the main aims

of this report is to detail the programs we are currently funding, it is also a shameless plea to anyone who is thus inclined to consider our Foundation as a worthwhile beneficiary of their generosity. The 2025/26 summer promises to be an exciting one with an upcoming Ashes series and the participation in that series of many home-grown NSW players. Hopefully, the excitement and visibility of watching cricket at such a high level might encourage even more interest and participation in our game.

Thank you once again to all who have contributed this year to the CNSW Foundation.

Dr Mark Nelson
Chairman, CNSW Foundation

CNSW Foundation Donors

We extend a heartfelt and sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Cricket NSW Foundation across the 2024/25 season. In total, we had over 300 individual donations this year totalling in excess of \$450,000, which shows the amazing generosity of our supporters and the wider cricket community.

CNSW Foundation XI

The CNSW Foundation XI are our most generous and committed supporters and their annual pledges assist the CNSW Foundation to keep its momentum year-round. The CNSW Foundation would like to take the opportunity to thank those members publicly who allow us to do so and, for those who wish to remain anonymous, please know that these thanks includes you also:

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CNSW Foundation Projects and Supported Initiatives

Basil Sellers Emerging Player Program

Through the ongoing support of Basil Sellers AM, the Basil Sellers Emerging Player Program entered into its 19th season producing another talented cohort of scholars achieving impressive results this season. More details about the Basil Sellers’ Emerging Player Program can be found on page 22.

Emerging Players Relocation Fund

Two grants of \$5000 each were awarded to aspiring cricketers Joseph Gillard and Claire McGuirk in season 2024/25. This grant supports young cricketers from regional NSW who have relocated to Sydney to compete in NSW Premier Cricket while enrolled in tertiary education.

Moving to Sydney two years ago, Gillard is a UNSW Civil Engineering student, wicket-keeper and opening batsman, who now calls Gordon District Cricket Club his home. McGuirk, has followed regional cricket pathways to now play for Northern District whilst balancing her Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science at Macquarie University.

Receiving support through this grant program helps ease the financial burden associated with relocating to a new city, helping the players balance the pressures of study with new opportunities to push their performance.

Baggy Blues Trips to Regional NSW

The CNSW Foundation continued their longstanding support of the Baggy Blues, the alumni of current and past NSW male and female cricket players. In 2024/25, the Baggy Blues visited Parkes and Goulburn in partnership with the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) to raise awareness of the prevalence of mental health issues faced by country communities.

Connecting with cricket heroes of today and yesterday is a key drawcard of the series of events the Baggy Blues host over their packed two-day program. Their visits included a community dinner hosted by Gavin Robertson; Coach the Coach sessions with Steve Rixon and Wayne Holdsworth; free Blast clinics with CNSW Coaches supported by the Baggy Blues team; culminating in a T20 match featuring current NSW Blues and Breakers playing with local clubs.

This year with the support of Taverners and NDIS, the trips featured players from the NSW All-Abilities teams led by Toby Kable. Showcasing their skills during the clinic and a centre wicket match provided opportunities for people with disabilities to experience a modified version of cricket.

Cricket Blast Programs – School, All Abilities, Rural & Regional

Cricket Blast and holiday clinics offer a fun, positive and engaging environment for children at all stages of development on their cricket journey. The programs include a variety of tailored

drills, activities and modified match play to ensure that each child receives a comprehensive experience. The high-quality coaching provided at these clinics helps develop their skills and overall understanding of cricket.

The CNSW Foundation assists our Cricket Blast Specialists to bring these specialised programs to all areas of NSW. Their in-depth knowledge and passion for cricket are key ingredients to identifying difficulties to participation and bring cricket experiences to where they’re needed most.

Over the 2024/25 season, over 1,980 children participated in 61 CNSW Foundation-funded Cricket Blast Programs across NSW. In 2025/26, we hope to exceed this number and provide this fully funded opportunity for thousands more school-aged children to play and love cricket

NSW Inclusion Squads

The NSW Inclusion squads inspire young people with a disability to pursue their cricketing dreams. The CNSW Foundation supported four NSW squads and eight women cricketers in the introductory Blind & Low Vision Women’s category, to travel to Brisbane to compete in this year’s National Cricket Inclusion Championships held in January 2025.

The NSW Teams had an outstanding tournament: NSW Men’s Blind and Low Vision team winning their 6th consecutive title; NSW Men’s Deaf and Hard of Hearing Team finished 4th; NSW Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability Team celebrated with the “Spirit of Cricket” award for the second consecutive season; and the NSW Women’s Deaf and Hard of Hearing Team finished 3rd. A special mention to Women’s Blind and Low Vision NSW representatives Courtney Webeck, Courtney Lewis and Jennifer Parry, who topped the statistics in the Female Blind and Low Vision competition.

NSW Indigenous Squads

For the third year, the Cricket NSW Foundation supported our NSW Indigenous Men’s and Women’s teams to compete at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships held on Yuwibara Country in Makay. These elite teams did not add more titles to their already outstanding records, with the Men’s team missing out to Queensland in the final and Women’s team bowling out in third place.

Three NSW players were recognised for their outstanding performances across the week, with Callee Black included in the Women’s Team of the Tournament and Pat Rosser and Austyn Nugent named in Men’s Teams of the Tournament.

First Nations Programs

The CNSW Foundation is committed to working in close, respectful partnership with First Nations Peoples and their communities. In 2024/25, the Foundation collaborated with Coaching Unlimited to provide training to new Indigenous Coaches, delivered Youth Programs to more than 200 children in Casino and Coraki; and provided funding for the annual Sixers v Thunder T20 First Nations Cup.

The continued support that NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players and coaches provide to these programs is invaluable, their knowledge, wisdom and experiences inspire young Indigenous cricketers, their coaches and communities.

We would like to thank Julie Muir, Roxsanne Van Veen, Kerry Marshall, Kurtis Patterson, Sammy-Jo Johnson, Hannah Darlington, Andrew Gordon and the team at Coaching Unlimited for supporting and assisting with Foundation-funded programs this year. We would also like to thank the Sydney Sixers and Sydney Thunder clubs for their support of the T20 First Nations Cup and everyone who purchased a First Nations WBBL/BBL jersey.

Supporting the NSWCUA

In a bid to ensure aspiring umpires across the state have better access to umpire training workshops, the Cricket NSW Foundation provided the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers’ Association (NSWCUSA) with a grant to subsidise attendance at Level Two Laws of Cricket workshops across regional New South Wales. This was part of the Association’s extensive winter training program. The flow-on of increased accredited umpires across local cricket is significant, with more umpires overseeing matches making it easier and more enjoyable for more people to play and love our game.

Sessions were conducted in the following towns during the 2024/25 season: Albury, Armidale, Central Coast, Griffith, Maitland, Newcastle, Narrabri, Port Macquarie and Wollongong



NSW Blind and Low Vision Men's team

Events and Fundraising Activity

50-50 Charity raffle

Working alongside local cricket clubs, the Foundation hosted seven 50-50 Charity Raffles across ENGIE Stadium and the SCG during BBL14. Over the course of the season, the Foundation donated over \$19,500 back to metropolitan and country clubs and associations for new equipment, uniforms, club days, upgrading nets and specialised coaching clinics for junior members.



Casino Coraki program

Homestar Balls

Quality cricket balls are a significant expense for clubs and associations. Working alongside Sydney Thunder’s principal partner Homestar Finance, for every six hit by a Thunder batter six balls were donated to a community club, with the donation doubled to 12 balls at Sydney Smash games. This equated to over 350 balls donated across the season, bringing financial relief to clubs in the second half of their cricket season.

Purchase a picket

The ‘Purchase a Picket’ campaign made an impact in 2024/25 with 104 plaques added to the picket fence. This initiative celebrates the impressive history of NSW male and female players from the first class debuts of Margaret Peden and James Beal to our newest recipients of Baggy Blue caps. Following a record-breaking Black Friday sale which saw over 80 pickets donated, the revised pricing structure has made this program accessible to a wider cross-section of our cricket community.

Shirt Auctions

Player memorabilia is highly sought after and in season 2024/25, the CNSW Foundation hosted three signed shirt auctions raising over \$27,000 – NSW Blues, WBBL and BBL. The proceeds of the players’ First Nations round shirts supported the Sydney Thunder and Sydney Sixers Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Teams competing at the T20 First Nations Cup in February. Funds raised from the NSW Blues, BBL and WBBL playing shirts were utilised to support community programs across NSW.

SCG Charity Invitational Matches

The Foundation gave 6 amateur teams the opportunity of a lifetime to play on the hallowed turf of the SCG over two special afternoons. Captained by members of our CNSW Foundation Council, their hand-picked teams included former NSW and Australian Cricketers competing for bragging rights in the Long Bar.

The Scots College Old Boys Union challenged the Firsts and Seconds to two lively matches, pitting fathers against sons and brothers against each other. Cheering them on from the Members Stand were staff and students from Scots College, who enjoyed the entertaining display of talented cricketers across all four teams.

CNSW Foundation Charity Golf Day

Held in May, our Golf Day had some challenging weather, but the fully sand-based golf course at Bonnie Doon ensured play was never in doubt. Highlights of the day included a mammoth drive by Dan Christian on the 18th; the team from Drummond Golf Northmead narrowly beating Green by Nature to take home the Brokenwood wine; and a lively Q & A with Mark Taylor, Moises Henriques, Chris Tremain and Dan Christian, hosted by Trent Copeland.

Elizabeth Williams

Fundraising Coordinator, CNSW Foundation

COMMUNITY CRICKET EXPERIENCE

The 2024/25 season realised significant progress towards achieving CNSW's Wildly Important Goal to achieve 80,000 5–12-year-olds participating in cricket by June 2026.

GROWING PARTICIPATION

This season, over 60,000 5–12-year-olds played cricket, reflecting an 11% increase compared to 2023/24. This growth was largely driven by a 12% rise in participation in Woolworths Cricket Blast, which recorded its strongest season to date with more than 36,000 participants.

The significant expansion of Cricket Blast can be attributed to four key factors:

- a targeted approach focusing on areas of greater need or opportunity;
- enhanced staff support to complement the efforts of club volunteers;
- strategic partnerships that broaden cricket's reach within communities; and
- the adoption of a Cricket365 philosophy, promoting year-round accessibility to the sport

However, participation in Club and Association-delivered Cricket Blast declined by 9% following a strong 15% increase last season. Addressing this downturn will be a priority moving into the 2025/26 season.

Junior Cricket Stages 1 and 2 saw a 6% growth in participation this season, supported by Cricket NSW's *Open for Business* campaign. Early registration has proven effective in strengthening club operations. It enables better planning, reduces volunteer workload and provides more time to identify, recruit, and train key volunteers. By aligning the registration period with Cricket NSW programs and school activities, clubs benefit from a steady flow of new participants and improved preparation for the season ahead, supporting long-term, sustainable growth.

Senior cricket participation remained stable overall, with noticeable increases in shorter formats and tournament-style competitions, reflecting evolving trends in community sport. Nonetheless, some regional areas face challenges related to declining volunteer numbers, shifting participant availability and changing format preferences.

Female participation among 5–12-year-olds continued its positive trajectory, increasing by 9% this season. This rise, driven predominantly by Cricket Blast, has resulted in girls comprising 22% of total participants in this age group, up from just over 19% last season.

COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM (CASP) IMPACT

In 2024/25, Cricket NSW's Competition Administration Support Program (CASP) continued to deliver significant value to cricket in the community. Now supporting 44 community associations – representing 50% of Junior Cricket Stage 1 and 2 teams and 38% of all community teams – CASP plays a vital role in reducing volunteer workload and improving competition administration.

Key achievements include:

- A 78% Customer Satisfaction Score from the annual Voice of Customer Survey
- 123,000+ emails and 22,000 phone calls managed by CNSW competition staff, saving thousands of volunteer hours
- A 20% reduction in meeting time for association volunteers
- 50% of matches E-Scored, saving nearly 3,000 hours of manual score entry
- 5.3% growth in Junior Cricket teams (ages 5–12) among CASP partners, compared to a 1.65% decline elsewhere
- Over \$200,000 in additional value delivered through equipment, discounts, ticket offers, and other benefits

2024/25 CNSW COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARDS

A highlight of the year is always the CNSW Community Awards. This year was no exception and congratulations are extended to:

- Volunteer of the Year – Cynthia Rouse (Eastern Suburbs Juniors CC)
- Community Club of the Year – Thornleigh CC
- Community Cricket Association of the Year – Nepean DCA
- Young Leader of the Year – Alyssa Wharton (Newcastle City & Eastern Districts CC)
- Cricket Blast Coordinator of the Year – Shane Wilson (Kiama Cavaliers CC)
- Community Cricket Coach of the Year – Dave Neil (Orange CYMS CC)
- Celebrating Cricket in Schools – Mark Gardner (Matthew Pearce PS)
- Community Cricket Partnership of the Year – Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCCA and Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA
- Community Match Official of the Year – Ken Bakon (Parramatta DCUA)
- Inclusion and Diversity Initiative – Diggers CC (Coffs Harbour)
- Indoor Facility of the Year – Charmhaven Indoor Sports
- Junior Initiative of the Year – Warringah CC - Juniors Gala Day

- Technology and Media Initiative – Waratah-Mayfield DCC
- Women and Girls Initiative – Girls Cricket League (Harris Park CC)
- Facility of the Year – Shoalhaven City Council, Artie Smith Oval Redevelopment

Congratulations are also extended to Dave Neil, Shoalhaven City Council, Shane Wilson, Charmhaven Indoor Sports, and Warringah CC for winning the corresponding Cricket Australia National Awards.

DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Cricket NSW acknowledges the invaluable contribution of volunteers, many of whom have dedicated decades to the growth and development of the game. In recognition of their service, the *Volunteer Experience Action Plan (2024–2027)* was launched to formally reward and celebrate long-term commitment to cricket and local communities.

As part of this Action Plan, Cricket NSW introduced the *Distinguished Community Service Award* to honour individuals with over 25 years of contribution to the game. In its inaugural year, the award received an overwhelming response, with 43 recipients recognised. Presentations were made by Cricket NSW staff across local communities during the second half of the season, celebrating these individuals' exceptional dedication to the sport.

- Robert Aitken | UTS North Sydney Cricket Club
Carolyn Ball | Thornleigh Cricket Club
Bruce Baxter | South Services Cricket Club
Brian Breakspear | Yaralla Cricket Club
Dean Bridges | Paterson Cricket Club
Paul Brien | Moore Park South East Cricket Association
Warren Campion | Albion Park Cricket Club
Barry Cooper | Goonellabah Workers Sports Cricket Club
Sharon Cooper | Bankstown Sports Women's Cricket Club
Marie Cornish OAM | Wellington District Cricket Association
Michael Drum | Nepean District Cricket Umpires Association
Robin Gardner | Randwick Petersham Cricket Club
Ken Garland | Gloucester Junior Cricket Association Inc.
Helene Goadsby | Singleton District Cricket Association
George Greentree | Freemans Reach Cricket Club
Stephen Hodgkinson | Terrey Hills Cricket Club
Tom Icton OAM | Sutherland District Cricket Club Inc.
Gary Kavanagh | Wyong District Cricket Club
David Lane | Corowa Cricket Club
Peter Lees | West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club
Tom Lewis | Hunter Valley Region Cricket Council
Adrian Mannel | Newcastle City & Eastern Districts Cricket Club

- Robert Marshall | City & Suburban Cricket Association 1903 Inc.
Damian McGovern | De La Salle Kingsgrove Cricket Club
Kevin McGrath | Gympie Bay Cricket Club
Damien Miller | Tenambit Morpeth Cricket Club
Michael Mooney | Cronulla Seagulls Cricket Club
Matt Mortimer | Blacktown Mounties Cricket Club
Kevin Pye | New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association
Michael Redpath | Waratah Mayfield District Cricket Club
John Rixon | North Tamworth Cricket Club
Andrew Robertson | Ulladulla United Cricket Club
Michael Ross | Camden District Cricket Association
David Rumbel | Dungog Cricket Association
Mick Sedgers | Epping Bulls Cricket Club
William Shepherd | Seven Hills-Toongabbie Cricket Club
Simon Smith | Square & Compass Cricket Club
Paul Theodossiadis | Keira Cricket Club
Greg Wellington | Bomaderry Cricket Club
Kay Wilcoxon | Fairfield-Liverpool Cricket Club Inc.
Bruce Wood OAM | Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association
Lindsay Wood OAM | Maitland District Umpires & Scorers Association
Ian Woolfe | Hill Top Northern Villages Cricket Club

RESHAPING METROPOLITAN CRICKET GOVERNANCE

Established in 1903, the NSW Districts Cricket Association (NSWDCA), formerly NSW Junior Cricket Union, has played a historic role in community cricket. In recent years, however, its relevance has diminished, prompting Cricket NSW to launch the *Future Directions Project* to assess its role into the future.

Following extensive consultation and an internal review, strong stakeholder support emerged for direct collaboration with Cricket NSW, rather than maintaining a separate governing body. As a result, a proposal to dissolve the NSWDCA was endorsed by affiliates (45-2) at the February 2024 NSWDCA Extraordinary General Meeting.

In its stead, the Metropolitan Cricket Council was established in May 2024 to provide strategic advice, strengthen collaboration and serve as a key link between metropolitan cricket and Cricket NSW.

The Metro Delegate will continue to be elected annually at the *Metro Cricket Forum* each May.



South Asian engagement

INVESTING IN WOMEN AND GIRLS' PARTICIPATION

As part of the Australian Government's *Play Our Way* program – a national \$200 million investment – Cricket NSW has been

awarded \$993,000 in funding over the next three years to enhance access and inclusion for women and girls in cricket.

This funding will support a range of targeted initiatives across Western Sydney, South West Sydney and regional NSW, particularly for those facing systemic barriers. Programs include holiday clinics, school-based and social cricket formats, coaching scholarships, inclusive equipment and community outreach led by Female Cricket Ambassadors.

This investment aligns with Cricket NSW's commitment to creating sustainable, inclusive pathways and ensuring cricket is a sport every woman and girl can access and enjoy.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

The past season also witnessed several noteworthy achievements that contributed to the growth of cricket across NSW:

- In August 2024, 35 players from Sydney Thunder, Sydney Sixers, NSW Blues and NSW Breakers visited over 40 schools across 37 country towns in 48 hours as part of the annual Country Blitz.
- CNSW's Volunteer Experience Action Plan was released with pillars of Empower, Innovate, Re-imagine, Celebrate and Evaluate to drive volunteer education, training and support activities for the next three years.
- Holiday program offerings were relaunched to the community as Sydney Thunder and Sydney Sixers programs. With a suite of programs focused on customer need and market opportunity, over 9,000 participants registered for holiday programs over the course of the year.
- The CNSW Foundation continues to drive engagement in the community with Foundation support having an important impact in CNSW's All Abilities programs and indigenous programs and in supporting the delivery of Coaching Clinics in remote areas.
- Mandatory coach registration was introduced this season with all junior cricket teams expected to have a coach registered in PlayHQ. Just over 70% of teams completed this task.
- 825 volunteer coaches attended one of 68 Community Coach education courses delivered during 2024/25 season, a 22% increase from last season. 110 Cricket Blast Coordinators and helpers attended the 11 induction sessions and 122 volunteer community umpires attended one of eight Community Officiating courses.

- A Northern Inland Cricket Council Review was launched in the second half of the season to address declining participation and performance. A March workshop led to 11 recommendations, with a local Steering Committee established to now guide further consultation and implementation.
- The final of the CNSW Community Cup was broadcast live on Kayo Sports with Wollongong DCC defeating Lindfield CC in a tense and tight finale at Cricket Central
- Nine regional locations were visited for the Country Roadshow in May to engage with volunteers, provide an update on the season just finished and gather feedback to assist with next season's planning.
- A number of Term 1 competitions were launched across the State to engage junior players aged 8–12 inspired by the exciting summer of cricket. Flexible, short-format competitions were established in Camden, Blacktown, Parramatta, Central Coast, Coffs Harbour and the Far North Coast, with strong community support and participation.
- The first Metro Cricket Forum was held in May with 15 metro associations attending a collaborative discussion on cricket's State of Play, best practice Constitution practices and to workshop recent research on the junior cricket experience.
- The implementation CNSW's South Asian Engagement Strategy had an impact in the community with Tape Ball competitions, engagement at Community Festivals, targeted program delivery and community partnerships being put in place to bring the Strategy to life.
- 707 Cricket Blast and junior cricketers and 1,150 club and association volunteers from across NSW took part in on-field activations across 30 match days (SCG Test, W/BBL, T20Is and ODIs).
- The Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) committed \$1.2 million in grant funding for community cricket facility projects across NSW. This investment was allocated to 67 projects, with a total value of these projects reaching \$18.722 million.

None of this season's achievements would be possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers. Their passion, commitment and tireless efforts are truly valued and appreciated.

As we reflect on the many positives from this year, we look forward to building on this momentum as we continue working towards Cricket NSW's purpose – to inspire everyone to play and love cricket.

Martin Gleeson

Chief Community Cricket Officer

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

The 2024/25 season was a period of progress, transition and standout achievements for Cricket NSW. Across both the professional and development programs, the organisation took meaningful strides toward building sustained high performance, with a continued emphasis on integrating coaching, refining talent pathways and celebrating individual brilliance.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the Breakers lifting the Ruth Preddey Cup for the 21st time. The team overcame significant challenges throughout the summer, including the loss of head coach Gavan Twining, to defeat Queensland in an incredible final in Brisbane.

The season's highest individual honours were awarded to Tahlia Wilson and Jack Edwards, who received the Belinda Clark and Steve Waugh Medals respectively. Wilson delivered an exceptional campaign, topping the WNCL run-scoring charts and producing a record-breaking 142 against ACT, part of a 212-run partnership with Anika Learoyd – a new second-wicket record for NSW. Edwards, stepping into the Sheffield Shield captaincy following Moises Henriques' retirement, established himself as a

dependable performer and respected leader, helping consolidate the Blues' resurgence.

The annual awards night held at the SCG also honoured a broad range of achievements. David Warner and Heather Knight took out top honours for the Thunder, while Ellyse Perry and Jordan Silk were recognised for their consistency with the Sixers. Matthew Gilkes was awarded the Michael Bevan One-Day Cup Player of the Competition, with Wilson and Edwards again securing the WNCL and Sheffield Shield player accolades. The event also acknowledged milestones such as the retirements of Moises Henriques (from Sheffield Shield cricket) and Sammy-Jo Johnson, as well as Chris Green and Josh Philippe reaching the 100 BBL match landmark.

From a performance standpoint, the Blues were in contention for both the Shield and One Day Cup titles heading into the final rounds. They recorded strong wins over title-holders Western Australia and South Australia, the latter an emphatic innings victory away from home, and defeated Victoria for the first time in a decade in the Shield. Despite these highs, inconsistency remained a challenge. Individual contributions like Kurtis Patterson's resurgence to finish top-three in Shield runs and Sam Konstas' twin centuries stood out, but collectively the team lacked the consistency to secure the silverware

they crave. Jackson Bird and Jack Edwards led the bowling group impressively despite a season marred by injury. Fielding, particularly catching, was an area repeatedly identified for improvement.

Injury disruption across the season highlighted the need for more resilient physical preparation. The SSSM unit, widely regarded as the most capable in the country, faced unprecedented challenges with player availability, particularly among fast bowlers. The end-of-season review has resulted in targeted changes, including new monitoring systems, more technical preseason work, individualised bowling and running loads and revised strength programs.

The daily training environment at Cricket Central was once again praised for its quality and impact. The shift to a centralised, world class base has been transformational, enabling players and coaches to work within a consistent and high-quality setting. Feedback consistently highlights the coaches' ability to foster trust, offer timely feedback and create space for players to grow through failure. The challenge now is to convert this supportive environment into sustained elite results.

Leadership continues to evolve, with Jack Edwards emerging as a key figure both on and off the field. His assumption of the Shield captaincy has brought renewed standards and direction,

Sam Konstas on debut for Australia at the MCG



NSW Blues in the field during 2024/25 Sheffield Shield

Sarah Coyte and Anika Learoyd following the Breakers WNCL win. Coyte has now won her 10th WNCL title from 10 finals





Alyssa Healy (c), Ash Gardner & Phoebe Litchfield win the Women's Ashes 16-0

supported by a coaching unit that has matured substantially since the program rebuild two years ago. The appointment of external selectors has enhanced objectivity in player selection, while integration of coaching across pathway and elite levels aims to establish one continuous, high-performance system.

The off season has brought a review of the male pathway structure. CNSW has committed to building a more efficient and impactful development system, with reduced squad sizes, greater alignment between age groups and a clearer focus on individual skill development.

The 19–23 age group will now be an integral part of talent planning, with expanded four-day opportunities and deeper engagement with Premier Clubs. The goal is to better utilise resources and improve conversion from pathway to professional level.

CNSW remains committed to supporting its players with the best resources and culture in Australian domestic cricket and to delivering excellence on the field as we chase further silverware in 2025/26.

Greg Mail
Chief Cricket Performance Officer



Roxsanne Van-Veen and Callee Black at the 2024/25 National Indigenous Cricket Championships

THE BASIL SELLERS EMERGING PLAYER PROGRAM

Cricket NSW Vice-Patron, Basil Sellers AM, continued his long-term generous philanthropic contribution to NSW cricket in 2024/25, supporting the Basil Sellers Emerging Player Program.

As the role of cricketers changes, the scholarship has evolved to be a world-class holistic development program. Working alongside experts, the Emerging Player Program is designed to provide our best emerging cricketers with the skills and opportunities they need to effectively transition to NSW-contracted programs and continue their journey beyond the boundary.

The 2024/25 season saw the introduction of a two-tier system in the revamped program.

TIER 1

- Athletes who have the potential to earn a state or rookie contract in the short term
- Receive the Basil Sellers financial scholarship
- Access to the Basil Sellers Emerging Player Program
- Equipment sponsorship with Kookaburra Sports

Bailey Abela	Batter	Campbelltown Camden
Callee Black	Allrounder	Penrith
Caoimhe Bray	Fast bowler	Greater Hunter Coast
Angus Campbell	Allrounder	Bankstown
Lucy Finn	Allrounder	St George-Sutherland
Tara French	Fast bowler	Northern District
John James	Allrounder	Northern District
Riley Kingsell	Batter	Bankstown
Juliette Morton	Spin bowler	St George-Sutherland
Ollie Patterson	Fast bowler	Eastern Suburbs
Addison Sherriff	Allrounder	North Sydney
Hayley Zauch	Wicketkeeper	Sydney

TIER 2

- Athletes who have the potential to earn a state or rookie contract in the future
- Access to the Basil Sellers Emerging Player Program
- Equipment subsidy with Kookaburra Sports

Ella Briscoe	Allrounder	St George-Sutherland
Luke Callanan	Fast bowler	Randwick Petersham
Jess Davidson	Allrounder	Sydney University
Hanno Jacobs	Fast bowler	Western Suburbs
Isabella Malgioglio	Leg spinner	Parramatta
Angus McTaggart	Allrounder	Randwick Petersham
Frankie Nicklin	Allrounder	Sydney
Connor O'Riordan	Fast bowler	St George
Eva Ragg	Allrounder	Sydney
Jake Scott	Batter	Campbelltown Camden

In 2024/25, our scholars had outstanding seasons. Highlights included Sam Konstas debuting for Australia; Caiomhe Bray and Elsa Hunter making their NSW Breakers debuts; Charlie Anderson and Lachlan Shaw debuting for the NSW Blues; 7 scholars in the WNCL-winning championship NSW Breakers squad and numerous BBL, WBBL and U19 Australian squad debuts across the summer.

The Basil Sellers-supported programs have an enviable record of producing high class international players, with 23 scholars going on to represent Australia, and an additional 5 international representatives.

SCHOLARS TO HAVE REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA:

- Sean Abbott
 - Stella Campbell
 - Nicola Carey
 - Lauren Cheatle
 - Patrick Cummins
 - Hannah Darlington
 - Ashleigh Gardner
 - Josh Hazlewood
 - Alyssa Healy
 - Phillip Hughes
 - Usman Khawaja
 - Sam Konstas
- Phoebe Litchfield
 - Nic Maddinson
 - Erin Osborne
 - Kurtis Patterson
 - Ellyse Perry
 - Gurinder Sandhu
 - Tanveer Sangha
 - Steven Smith
 - Naomi Stalenberg
 - Mitchell Starc
 - Adam Zampa

SCHOLARS TO HAVE REPRESENTED OTHER COUNTRIES:

- Sam Robson (England)
- Tom Cooper (Netherlands)
- Timm Van der Gugten (Netherlands)
- Celeste Raack (Ireland)
- Elsa Hunter (Malaysia)

Thanks to the continuing magnanimous support and philanthropy of Cricket NSW Vice Patron, Basil Sellers AM, the program will enter its 20th season in 2025/26. There has been a total of 171 unique scholarship recipients since the inception of the program in the 2006/07 season.

Basil Sellers Induction Night



CRICKET NSW AWARDS

Annual Award Winners:

Award	Winner	Award	Winner
Steve Waugh Medal	 Jack Edwards	Sydney Thunder BBL Mike Hussey Medal	 David Warner
Belinda Clark Medal	 Tahlia Wilson	Sydney Sixers WBBL Player of the Tournament	 Ellyse Perry
Sheffield Shield Player of the Tournament	 Jack Edwards	Sydney Sixers BBL Player of the Tournament	 Jordan Silk
WNCL Player of the Tournament	 Tahlia Wilson	Josh Hazlewood Country Player of the Year	 Dylan Hunter
Michael Bevan One-Day Cup Player of the Tournament	 Matthew Gilkes	Alex Blackwell Country Player of the Year	 Caoimhe Bray
Sydney Thunder WBBL Alex Blackwell Medal	 Heather Knight		

SYDNEY SIXERS CLUB REPORT

It was another monumental year for the Sydney Sixers, with 151,040 members and fans turning out across the season. We also welcomed a record 14,553 members into the Sixers family, marking a new high for the club. At our core, we exist to be a destination club that excites Sydney and global Sixers fans through irresistible and unforgettable event experiences.

The second instalment of the WBBL Draft saw the club secure England's world number one bowler, Sophie Ecclestone, along with her compatriot Hollie Armitage. We also exercised our option to pre-sign a player ahead of the Draft, with New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr further strengthening our squad.

In the BBL Draft, the ever-reliable James Vince made his return to the club, joined by exciting English wrist spinner Jafer Chohan, who came on board for the first time. The pair were joined by international pre-signing, Akeal Hosein, adding further depth and versatility to our line-up.

Under the leadership of head coach Charlotte Edwards and captain Ellyse Perry, our WBBL campaign kicked off in style at Adelaide Oval, where 15-year-old debutant Caoimhe Bray lit up the competition, striking the winning runs. An unforgettable moment for Caoimhe, the club and fans alike. The spotlight then returned to our home, North Sydney Oval, where the introduction of integrated ticketing made travelling to matches by public transport easier and more accessible than ever.

Off the field, the club focused on elevating the match day experience. Highlights included our inaugural Food Fest, which offered a more diverse food and beverage selection; our first-ever Community Round, celebrating the people who make cricket thrive; and a revamped fan zone, designed to deliver more fun, consistency and value for our members and fans.

The WBBL also made a highly anticipated return to the SCG for our second ever standalone fixture at the iconic venue. This family-friendly event was brought to life with a high energy performance from Australian DJ duo Kinder, supported by a vibrant ensemble of 100 colourful dancers, setting the tone for a memorable afternoon. On-field, fans were treated to a thrilling Sydney derby, with our cross-town rivals Sydney Thunder claiming victory. The crescendo was achieved through the wonderful support of the Sydney Cricket Ground, allowing fans on the field post-play to meet their heroes including Ellyse Perry, Ashleigh Gardner and Amelia Kerr, creating unforgettable memories for supporters of all ages.

While our women's team missed out on a finals berth, the season still delivered plenty of memorable moments. We proudly celebrated major milestones for Maitlan Brown (100 WBBL matches) and Ash Gardner (100 WBBL wickets) and welcomed six debutants to the Sixers family - a testament to the club's commitment to developing talent.

Our junior members continued to enjoy the inner sanctum experience of Kids Captain, which gave a handful of lucky Sixers family membership holders exclusive on-field access with the team prior to first ball. It was a fantastic example of the energy and passion our players have for engaging with attendees to create lifelong memories and our playing group proudly continue to set the benchmark when interacting with members and supporters.

In December, fans were welcomed to the SCG for the Sydney Sixers Fan Day. The club's WBBL and BBL players took centre stage as they met with members, fans and supporters during the season. It was a fantastic moment for our playing groups and supporters to connect at a venue we all cherish.

Another key activity to deepen the connection between our club and the community was through the delivery of five Toyo Tires Super Clinics in Coffs Harbour, North Sydney, Sutherland, Manly and Bondi. Our free clinics are a fun and unique opportunity to learn cricket skills while meeting your favourite WBBL and BBL stars, with over 200 participants taking part.

The Sydney Sixers proudly partnered with the Cricket NSW Foundation and Sydney Thunder to co-host the First Nations T20 Cup at Blacktown International Sports Park. This special event brought together twelve men and eleven women to represent the club in a celebration of cricket and culture. The day featured powerful performances by Walangari Karntawarra and Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo, creating a vibrant atmosphere. In addition to the onfield action, attendees had access to free health checks, reinforcing our ongoing commitment to community wellbeing and cultural connection.

Both Sixers teams wore our club First Nations kit, designed by proud Wiradjuri woman Lua Pellegrini. The Sixers First Nations design tells the story of connection and community, and we're proud to live this story through our teams and community programs. We would like to thank and acknowledge the support of the Cricket NSW Foundation in helping both clubs play this fantastic fixture.

Our BBL side continued their strong connection with the SCG, while also making a much-anticipated return to Coffs Harbour, one of the most well-attended and family-friendly venues on the BBL calendar.

Match days focused on elevating the fan and member experience, with a greater emphasis on live entertainment and off-field excitement. For the first time, we introduced a Boxing Day live site that brought together food, music and cricket, creating a vibrant precinct atmosphere. Highlights included a high-energy performance from ARIA award-winning artist Baker Boy, while crowd favourite DJ Felix kept spirits high across the summer. Fans also enjoyed unique on-field moments, with the SCG welcoming fans on the field following our twilight Community Round fixture on January 11.

Australian hero Steve Smith returned for the club on-field, while foundation favourites, Mitch Starc and Josh Hazlewood also took up ambassador roles off-field. Their continued affiliation with the club shows their passion and care for our fans, and their energy and commitment to promote the sport and club.

Under the guidance of head coach Greg Shipperd and captain Moises Henriques, the Sixers BBL side delivered another impressive season, thrilling members and fans with consistent performances and unforgettable moments. The standout highlight came on January 11, when a record-breaking crowd of 31,165 packed the SCG to witness Steve Smith's electrifying return in the magenta. His stunning century powered the Sixers to a dramatic victory over long-time rivals, the Perth Scorchers, and will go down as one of the great moments in the club's history.

Remarkably, the team qualified for a seventh consecutive finals series - a testament to the squad's resilience, talent and winning culture. While the ultimate prize slipped away, it was undeniably a hugely successful and entertaining campaign for our men's team.

Alongside a strong on-field season, the club proudly welcomed four BBL debutants and celebrated key individual milestones. Josh Philippe brought up his 100th BBL match, an outstanding achievement for one of our most loved players. We also honoured our inspirational captain, Moises Henriques, who became the most capped player in BBL history, reaching an incredible 141 matches. A remarkable milestone for a leader who continues to set the standard at our club and across the competition.

I'd like to thank our coaches and captains Charlotte Edwards, Greg Shipperd, Ellyse Perry and Moises Henriques, the clubs' commercial partners and our venues.

Finally, to our 14,553 members and the 151,040 fans who turned out and supported us throughout the season, thank you. Your support and passion for the club inspires us all. We look forward to seeing you all next season.

Rachael Haynes
General Manager, Sydney Sixers



Sixers



Sixers

SYDNEY THUNDER CLUB REPORT

Sydney Thunder were back where we belong in 2025, playing finals in both competitions, creating new benchmarks for sport in Australia with LED Light Shows and Drone shows, selling out stadiums, breaking membership records and leading numerous fan and community programs throughout the season.

Solidifying our home venues was a key focus of our new strategy and, with a huge amount of collaboration with Sydney Cricket Club and City of Canada Bay Council, we were able to establish Drummoyne Oval as our new home of WBBL for the next 5 years.

Events & High Performance

Sydney Thunder delivered a strong and consistent campaign in WBBL10 with the massive signings of Georgia Voll, who has had a quite remarkable 18 months in all formats, Chamari Athapaththu for three years and a new home venue at Drummoyne Oval. Phoebe Litchfield has long been a superstar on the field, but jumped head first in to becoming the full-time captain of the club at the age of 21, an incredible achievement and a leader for many years to come.

A Cricket and Culture festival at the adjoining Taplin Park was a vibrant celebration, uniting the rich tapestry of Western Sydney's music, cuisine and community spirit. Held alongside an exhilarating double-header match, the event offered an immersive experience that seamlessly blended sport and culture – the heart of our Thunder Strategy. Following a third-place finish in the regular season and a hard-fought victory in the home Eliminator Final, our campaign concluded just short of reaching the Final, with a narrow defeat to the Brisbane Heat in the Challenger.

BBL14 represented a resurgence for our men's team – a team led for the first time by David Warner playing the full tournament, Sam Billings returning to the club as the pre-signing and the breakout of Sam Konstas. It was a team that balanced star power, reliable depth and thrilling performances. The action on the pitch just about matched the action off the pitch, with the introduction of the 'The Wrap Party', designed as the second marquee fixture of the season for Sydney Thunder. In BBL-firsts, Thunder produced a drone show and carbon neutral fixture, complemented by our introduction of 'Culture on the Concourse' to our matchdays. Three of our four ENGIE home fixtures saw live music, ensuring that the season set new standards for club engagement, attendance and overall brand strength.

Community

In 2025, Sydney Thunder's community programs were revamped in line with our new club strategy and continued to thrive in our heartland of Western Sydney. We set a consistent benchmark across the league for authentic, meaningful and community-led engagement, remaining true to our commitment to inclusivity, representation and belonging. Key highlights from the season included the launch of Australia's first-ever Thunder Tape Ball League, with the launch day at Cricket Central hosting 1,500 people, a Cricket and Culture Festival and Women's Thunder Nation Cup. These events highlighted our genuine and ongoing commitment to South Asian engagement and the broader community across the state.

Our BBL season began with a successful Thunder Fan Day, welcoming over 400 fans for the opportunity to meet their Thunder heroes and immerse themselves in the club experience. Throughout the season, Thunder hosted five Super Clinics, engaging 600 children. We were also fortunate to host two Community Pitch Walks, providing an opportunity for 400 kids to take the field and do a lap of honour prior to a BBL game – a moment that reinforces connection and a lifelong love of the club. We also delivered two Thunder Literacy programs and one Thunder Leadership program for South Asian and disadvantaged youth across Western Sydney.

Continuing the success of last season's Best of the West Award, we recognised the impactful work volunteers do for our game across Western Sydney. We again hosted the Thunder Nation Cup, proudly supported by HomeWorld. This year, the final was played between Team Nepal and Bangladesh. For the first time, Team Nepal emerged victorious.

The annual Indigenous T20 Cup was held in Blacktown, bringing together male and female teams from Thunder and Sixers in a celebration of Cricket and first nations culture. Thunder emerged victorious in the female match and fell short in the male match. The day was underpinned by various cultural activities and free heart checks with Andy Paschalidis and Heartbeat for Football that deepened community connection.

In our commitment to being a loved club, we consistently showed up in our community, reaching over 87,000 people through our various community events, Thunder Bus visits and player appearances. Our presence in the community not only strengthens our bond with fans but also demonstrates our dedication to making a positive impact and reinforcing Thunder's place in the hearts of Western Sydney.

Marketing & Communications

This season marked the first year of a new three-year content strategy, with a renewed focus on blending cricket with entertainment and culture. The approach proved highly effective in driving both growth and engagement, delivering record social media results for the club. Our content achieved more than 41 million total impressions – a 79% year-on-year increase – and grew our total follower base by over 38,000, up 230% on the previous season.

For the first time, we also explored new media opportunities to grow awareness and reach new audiences. Two standout examples were David Warner's appearance on the popular Hello Sport podcast, which not only engaged a different demographic but also drove clear commercial results, and engaging Aakash Chopra (former Indian Test Cricketer and broadcaster) to provide Hindi Commentary on all of our BBL matches.

Sydney Thunder seeks continual growth through strategic partnerships and innovation, ensuring our team reflects and serves Western Sydney's diverse needs with authenticity and excellence.

Thunder Nation, thank you, for your support on and off the field. Make no mistake, we're not settling for finals, we're here to win. Bring on season 2025/26.

Trent Copeland
General Manager, Sydney Thunder

PATHWAYS/UNDER AGE CRICKET REPORT

The 2024/25 season was another successful one for teams and players representing Cricket NSW.

CNSW was represented by two teams at each of the underage National Championships – NSW Metropolitan and NSW Country. Training for these programs commenced in June 2024, through to the National Championships in December and January.

Under 19 Male National Championships – Adelaide

Unfortunately, both NSW teams failed to reach the semi-final stage, despite NSW Metropolitan winning four of their six matches. For NSW Metropolitan, Riley Kingsell's total of 323 runs at 53.83 made him the second-highest run-scorer in the championships, whilst Oliver Patterson was the team's leading wicket-taker with 12 wickets at 16.33. For NSW Country, Bailey Abela was the team's leading run-scorer with 263 runs at 52.6 (including a score of 117 from a team total of 177 in their match against Queensland) with Ryan Cattle being the team's leading wicket-taker with 12 wickets at 20.12.

Under 17 Male National Championships – Launceston

NSW Country won three of their four preliminary round matches (narrowly losing only to NSW Metropolitan) to finish second on the table but were defeated in their semi-final match against Queensland. Blake Cattle finished with 243 runs at 60.75 and was the fourth-leading run-scorer in the championships while Cooper Pullen's 12 wickets at 10.92 made him the carnival's second-highest wicket-taker. NSW Metropolitan won the title with five wins in six matches and defeated Queensland in the final by 58 runs to become tournament champions, with Yash Deshmukh taking 6-22 in the championship match. Athan Maraziotis was the team's leading run-scorer with 214 runs at 42.8, whilst Julian Osbourne's 13 wickets at 7.46 made him the tournament's leading wicket-taker.

U19 Female National Champions - NSW Metro - Perth

The NSW Metro team claimed the Betty Butcher Shield for the third year in a row at the Under 19 National Championships in Perth. They finished the tournament undefeated, beating Queensland in the Final by dismissing them for 178 after posting 6/260 off their 50 overs. Olivia Callaghan was named Player of the Final for her 54 runs and figures of 2-47 off 10, which included breaking Queensland's 87-run opening partnership. Significant individual performances at the Championships included Olivia Maxwell (115 off 130 against NSW Country), Lucy Finn (109 off 96 against Victoria Country) and Juliette Morton (5/33 off 8.1 against Victoria Country). The team was captained by Ella Briscoe and coached by Cameron Weir and Mitchell Yearsley.

Under 16 Female National Champions - NSW Metro - Ballarat

The path to victory for the NSW Metro team was challenging with two losses in the early rounds to Queensland and Western Australia at the Under 16 National Championships in Ballarat. In the final round match, Metro faced Victoria Country in a must win match with net run rate in the calculations to secure a spot in the Final. With rain around and a strong start from Victoria Country, in the run chase, NSW Metro remained calm and worked as a team to secure the win. With a place in the Final secured, the last challenge was to play Queensland. In a thrilling match Metro claimed the Christina Matthews Shield, chasing down Queensland's total of 190 in the 40th over, 3 wickets down. Metro player Shiloh Julien was named Player of the Final with figures of 2-27 off 10 and 74 with the bat. She also won Player of the Tournament. The team was captained by Elizabeth Yates and coached by Hannah Trethewy and Isabella Malgioglio.

Greg Mail
Chief Cricket Performance Officer



NSW representatives at the U19 World Cup



NSW Metropolitan lift their third consecutive Betty Butcher Shield at the U19 Female National Championships



NSW Metropolitan take out the U17 Male National Championships title

COACH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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The 2024/25 season compiled many wins and firsts for the coach education department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Cricket NSW staff, Cricket Performance, Community Cricket and casual staff who have organised, facilitated, promoted and led coach education and development sessions this past season. Without their hard work and dedication, Cricket NSW would not have been able to reach as many coaches as we did. I'd particularly like to thank Brett Rankin for his tireless efforts in facilitating all things coach education in regional NSW.

COACHING ACCREDITATION COURSES

Community Coach

There was a total of 75 Community Coaching Courses with 738 new accredited Community Coaches (Level 1) in the last season. These courses were held across NSW.

Through Cricket Australia and the Cricket Australia Coach App, the delivery method of this course was broken into a two-hour online and two-hour face-to-face process.

We'd like to thank Neil McDonald for taking on the responsibility of all the Community Coaching Courses this season, it has been the most prevalent season to date accrediting new coaches.

Representative Coach

Four Representative Coaching Courses were conducted within NSW in the 2024/25 season, with 90 new Representative-accredited coaches. There will be another Representative Coaching Course run in July 2025 in Sydney & Hunter Valley. The rejigged method Cricket NSW have made to the structure

of the course, combining both online and face-to-face modules, allowing participants to complete the course safely and in a more time friendly manner, has been a success.

A first certainly for Cricket NSW, a Female Only Representative Coaching Course was conducted. With the wonderful assistance from the 'She Can Play' grant encouraging more females into sport and in this case coaching, 15 female coaches from across the state took part in the first of its kind. The course was also facilitated by our wonderful High Performance Female coaches at Cricket NSW. We thank Sarah Ale, Sam Bates, Jenny Gunn and Hannah Trethewy for their fantastic contributions during the course.

COACH EDUCATION

Cricket NSW have again combined with SloCoach to create a Cricket Coach Hub providing a one stop location for all coaching resources. SloCoach provides several opportunities for coaches to connect, via Live Sessions, Expert feedback, articles, and links to further learning. The addition of more in-depth content has increased the platform users to close to 3000 as of June 2025.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH DEVELOPMENT

High performance coach development continued at Cricket NSW for the 2024/25 season with a broad variety of programs and courses.

Cricket NSW provided opportunities for the High-Performance Coaches to explore other professional organisations. Premier cricket coaches were also invited to assist with the Sixers and Thunder respective W/BBL programs throughout the Big Bash. Cricket NSW High Performance staff hosted Michigan University



For the first time ever, Cricket Central hosted an all-female Level 2 Representative Coach Accreditation Course



Representative Coach Course – Bomaderry

Scholarship students and showcased High Performance cricket to their students and staff in a great new collaboration idea brought upon by Leah Poulton.

The 2024/25 Cricket Australia High Performance Coaching Course (Level 3) intake had eight NSW members involved: Sam Bates, Jackson Bird, Daniel Christian, Alyssa Healy, Hayden Kerr, Andrew Lamb, Cameron Weir and Mitchell Yearsley.

REGIONAL COACH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Coach Development Workshop Pilot Program:

A Coach Development Workshop Program (CDWP) was piloted across Regional NSW in 2024/25. The purpose of this program is to provide Junior Club Coaches and Junior Representative Coaches an upskilling opportunity to better understand how best to deliver the fundamentals of the game to their players.

Four resources were developed and delivered by a team of 20+ deliverers regionally. A key aim of the program was to measure key metrics from coaches in attendance. The data is as follows:

Total Registrations: 400+

Total Workshops: 44

Total Attendees: 300+

Survey Responses: 250+

Attendee Score for Deliverer: 9.13/10

NPS Score: 73

The relevancy and success of this program will allow us to upscale this program into Metropolitan Sydney in season 2025/26.

Representative Coach Course – Hunter Valley



Regional Coach Professional Development Program:

Eight regional coaches (five Male & three Female) have been identified based on their investment in their own learning as well as their investment in the respective regions.

The program has provided personal development opportunities that include:

- A 360 degree peer review program
- Identifying individual strengths and areas of improvement and providing learning opportunities that fit the individual's needs
- Access to a Mentor/Mentee Training Course delivered by the NSW Office of Sport
- Spending a day with the Blues/Breakers to observe how our elite coaches and players do their business
- Ongoing one-on-one conversations with the Coach Education Specialist. These conversations are led by the identified Coach.

The support to this group of coaches from both Blues and Breakers Coaching staff was exceptional. As a result of these successes, we have identified further opportunities for 2025/26 and we are also looking at developing a program for identified "Tier 2" coaches in 2025/26.

Jay Lenton & Brett Rankin (Coach Education Specialists)

McDONALD'S NSW PREMIER CRICKET – MEN'S COMPETITION

The NSW Premier Cricket competition again comprised 20 clubs, with 16 rounds scheduled for First to Fifth Grades. Those grades, together with the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup, Poidevin-Gray Shield and AW Green Shield, contributed to the Club Championship.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – THE SYDNEY SMITH CUP

Parramatta won the Club Championship for the third time, finishing the season on 1617 points. Sydney University was in second position with a score of 1478 points, with Northern District in third position on 1428 points.

FIRST GRADE – THE BELVIDERE CUP

Parramatta won the Belvidere Cup for the sixth time overall after drawing with Fairfield-Liverpool in the final at Cricket Central Oval.

Final: Parramatta 359 (A Calvert 161, D Kant 61, H Goulstone 49, Y Nishcay 4-76, L Hatcher 3-100) drew with Fairfield-Liverpool 8/292 (Y Sharma 119, B Williams 53, L Ohrynowsky 48, C Holland 35, M Sullivan 6-112).

Benaud Medal for Player of the Final: Andrew Calvert (Parramatta).

FIRST GRADE LIMITED-OVERS CUP

Defending premiers Randwick Petersham won the First Grade Limited-Overs Cup for the third time overall by defeating Parramatta in the final at Old Kings Oval.

Final: Randwick Petersham 7/270 cc (E Singh 125, B Weymouth 39, I Earl 2-47 O Simonsen 2-53) def Parramatta 226 (A

Calvert 97, R Hackney 50, R Ayre 3-52, J Ralston 2-30).

Michael Bevan Medal for Player of the Final: Eknor Singh (Randwick Petersham).

KINGSGROVE SPORTS T20 CUP

St George won the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup for the second time, along with \$8,000 prizemoney, by defeating Fairfield-Liverpool in the final at North Sydney Oval. Fairfield-Liverpool received \$4,000 as runner-up. The competition was made up of four pools, with the preliminary rounds being conducted over the first two weekends of the season, prior to the start of the Belvidere Cup competition.

Final: St George 4/169 (B Nikitaras 107no, H Reynolds 3-28) def Fairfield Liverpool 7/166 cc (C Holland 65no, J Simmons 41, P Francis 2-36).

Kingsgrove Sports Player of the Final: Blake Nikitaras (St George).

SECOND GRADE – THE ALBERT CUP

Northern District claimed the Albert Cup for the ninth time by drawing with Manly Warringah in the Final at Mark Taylor Oval.

Final: Northern District 9/179 (R Swain 50no, D Dassanayake 41, J Wigney 3-34) drew with Manly Warringah 197 (B Mendel 78, H Rogers 39, J Webb 3-25, J Fullagar 3-66).

Jack Moran Medal for Player of the Final: Ryan Swain (Northern District).

THIRD GRADE – THE MITCHELL CUP

Parramatta won the Mitchell Cup for the tenth time after drawing with St George in the final at University Oval.

Final: Parramatta 4/138 (A Boreddy 44no, D Guild 31) drew with St George.

Mick Favell Medal for Player of the Final: Advith Boreddy (Parramatta).

FOURTH GRADE – THE REID CUP

Manly Warringah won their fourth consecutive fourth grade title after drawing with St George in the final at Manly Oval.

Final: Manly Warringah 2/41 (S Milliken 2/23) drew with St George 5/145 dec (A Bawa 48, A Kumar 34, A Parkinson 2/21).

David Givney Medal for Player of the Final: Anoop Bawa (St George).

FIFTH GRADE – THE SHERWOOD CUP

Parramatta won their first fifth grade title since 2004/05 and fourth overall after drawing with St George in the final at Bankstown Oval.

Final: Parramatta 5/236 (L Apps 102, O Sheekey 56no, C Knight 31no, M Dettman 2-51, B Preston 2-63) drew with St George.

James Rodgers Medal for Player of the Final: Lachlan Apps (Parramatta).

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD (U/21)

Manly Warringah won the Poidevin-Gray Shield for the first time since 1985/86 and sixth time overall after defeating Bankstown by 173 runs in the final at Bankstown Oval.

Parramatta District Cricket Club Belvidere Cup Premiers



Final: Manly Warringah 8/284 cc (H Rogers 80, J Davies 63, M Kapoor 42, B Foreman 38, M Amadio 3-41, L Croft 2-46) defeated Bankstown 111 (A Campbell 38, B Foreman 4-20, J Lawson 2-17).

Shane Lee Medal for Player of the Final: Henry Rogers (Manly Warringah).

AW GREEN SHIELD (U/16)

Northern District won their seventh AW Green Shield and first since 2020/21, after defeating Parramatta in the final by 115 runs at Mark Taylor Oval.

Final: Northern District 5/305 cc (Z Haddin 112no, L Bartlett 84, X Carstens 31) def Parramatta 190 (A Ajithkumar 31, R Aparajit 31, L Bartlett 3-52, U Vossler 2-24, F Bailey 2-36, M Guazzarotto 2-38).

Kevin Cunningham Medal for Player of the Final: Zachary Haddin (Northern District).

KINGSGROVE SPORTS MERIT XII – FIRST GRADE TEAM OF THE YEAR

The Kingsgrove Sports First Grade Merit XII was first introduced in 2012/13 to recognise the leading players in the First Grade Competition. Selection is based on statistics in First Grade preliminary-round matches during the season. The team includes the six highest run-scorers, the five leading wicket-takers and the leading wicketkeeper, while the O'Reilly Medallist is named as captain. Players with an equal number of runs or wickets are separated by superior average and, for wicketkeepers, by most runs.

Commemorative caps were generously donated by Harry Solomons of Kingsgrove Sports.

Batsmen:
Josh Clarke (Captain, Western Suburbs): 1,029 runs

Daniel Solway (Bankstown): 885 runs

Taj Brar (Hawkesbury): 876 runs

Luke Ohrynowsky (Fairfield-Liverpool): 832 runs

Brock Fitton (Mosman): 809 runs

Ahilean Beadle (Manly Warringah): 799 runs

ANNUAL AWARDS

Award	Winner
O'Reilly Medal – First Grade Player of the Year	Josh Clarke (Western Suburbs)
AW Green Shield Player of the Year	Neel Patel (UNSW)
Booth-Saunders Spirit of Cricket Award	Northern District
First Grade Captain of the Year	Jay Lenton (Manly Warringah)
Second Grade Captain of the Year	Michael Collins (Penrith)
Third Grade Captain of the Year	Alexander Gomez (Fairfield-Liverpool)
Fourth Grade Captain of the Year	Brody Camp (Northern District)
Fifth Grade Captain of the Year	Hamish Stening (Eastern Suburbs)
Bob Simpson Award – Coach of the Year	Jason Coleman (Parramatta)
First Grade Ground of the Year	Raby Oval 1 (Campbelltown Camden)
Lower Grade Ground of the Year	Tunks Park (UTS North Sydney)



Northern District Cricket Club claim their seventh AW Green Shield and first since 2020/21, defeating Parramatta by 115 runs

Wicketkeeper:

Tom Vane Tempest (St George)
39 dismissals

Bowlers:

Riley Ayre (Randwick Petersham):
49 wickets

Michael Sullivan (Parramatta): 46 wickets

Peter Francis (St George): 44 wickets

Ryan Fletcher (Hawkesbury): 38 wickets

Benjamin Roughan (Sydney): 38 wickets

Josh Clarke from Western Suburbs DCC was named the O'Reilly Medallist



Campbelltown Camden DCC prepare for the Women's First Grade grand final

MCDONALD'S NSW PREMIER CRICKET – WOMEN'S COMPETITION

KINGSGROVE SPORTS WOMEN'S T20 CUP

Campbelltown-Camden were declared premiers of the Kingsgrove Sports Women's T20 Cup and received \$6,000 prize money after the final was abandoned due to wet weather at Drummoyne Oval against Manly-Warringah, who received \$2,000 as runners-up.

Final: Campbelltown Camden 5/141 cc (C Pavel 52 S Coyte 50 S Bates 2/20) drew with Manly Warringah.

SECOND GRADE

UTS North Sydney claimed back-to-back titles in women's second grade, defeating Parramatta by nine wickets at Tunks Park.

Final: UTS North Sydney 1/70 (B Johnson 38no) def Parramatta 69 (L Rampal 4-10, E Aitken 2-4, S Kuncham 2-10).

Player of the Final: Laveena Rampal (UTS North Sydney).

THIRD GRADE

Parramatta claimed their maiden third grade title defeating St George-Sutherland by 30 runs in the final at Belmore Park.

Final: Parramatta 101 (H Williams 5-25, S Gillett 2-16) def St George Sutherland 71 (V Elango 4-22, G Telfer 3-20).

Player of the Final: Varshaa Elango (Parramatta).

Lucy Finn from St George-Sutherland was named Player of the Final in Women's First Grade

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – THE ANN MITCHELL SHIELD

Sydney claimed the Ann Mitchell Shield for their fourth women's club championship in the past five seasons – finishing 27 points clear of second-placed Manly Warringah, with St George-Sutherland in third position.

FIRST GRADE – THE RUTH PREDDY TROPHY

St George-Sutherland won the Ruth Preddey Trophy for the first time after defeating Campbelltown Camden in the Final by 25 runs at Cricket Central Oval.

Final: St George-Sutherland 9/197 cc (L Finn 72, T Wilson 52, L Cheattle 3-27, S Mavros 2-27) def Campbelltown Camden 172 (K Rowlings 43, L Cheattle 37, J Morton 3-39, L Finn 2-18).

Player of the Final: Lucy Finn (St George-Sutherland).

BREWER SHIELD (U/18)

The Southern Swans won the Brewer Shield for the first time defeating Manly Warringah by 10 runs at King George V Oval.

Final: Southern Swans 8/166 cc (N Hudson 59, G Lovegrove 35, S Ford 2-15, C Allen 2-25) def Manly Warringah 156 (C Allen 43, S Ford 32, N Hudson 3-17, N Egan 2-19).

Player of the Final: Nicola Hudson (Southern Swans).

KINGSGROVE SPORTS MERIT XII – WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Captain

Kira Churchland (Sydney): 559 runs & 24 wickets

Batters

Ella McCaughan (Manly Warringah): 615 runs

Claire Koski (Campbelltown Camden): 538 runs

Kelly Rowlings (Campbelltown Camden): 524 runs

Sterre Kallis (Gordon): 499 runs

Stella Wilde (Bankstown Sports): 448 runs

Wicketkeeper

Lucy Western (St George-Sutherland): 29 dismissals

Bowlers

Chelsea McLerie (Manly Warringah): 27 wickets

Juliette Morton (St George-Sutherland): 24 wickets

Elizabeth Yates (Gordon): 22 wickets

Olivia Callaghan (Gordon): 22 wickets

Isabella Malgioglio (Parramatta): 22 wickets



St George-Sutherland lift their maiden Ruth Preddy Trophy

WOMEN'S PREMIER CRICKET ANNUAL AWARDS

Award	Winner
First Grade Player of the Year	Kira Churchland (Sydney)
Second Grade Player of the Year	Bella Johnson (UTS North Sydney)
Third Grade Player of the Year	Samantha Dillon (St George-Sutherland)
Brewer Shield Player of the Year	Aditi Shidore (Campbelltown Camden)
Booth Saunders Spirit of Cricket Award	Manly Warringah
First Grade Captain of the Year	Kira Churchland (Sydney)
Second Grade Captain of the Year	Bella Johnson (UTS North Sydney)
Third Grade Captain of the Year	Nicole Knox (Parramatta)
Brewer Shield Captain of the Year	Aditi Shidore (Campbelltown Camden)
Bob Simpson Award – Coach of the Year	Jake Wilson (St George-Sutherland)



Kira Churchland (Sydney Cricke Club) First Grade Player of the Year

SYDNEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Delegates

B Freedman, R Bilimoria (Bankstown); D Collins, G Mallawaratchy (Blacktown); M Richardson, M Strong (Campbelltown Camden); M Coles, M Quinn (Eastern Suburbs); R Cook, M Starr (Fairfield-Liverpool); A Falk, M Carmichael (Gordon); R Timbs, T Jacobs (Hawkesbury); S Beatty, C Hynes (Manly Warringah); I Finlay, W Adlam (Mosman); G Gorrie, M Johnson (Northern District); P Giumelli, L Borg (Parramatta); P Goldsmith, M Halse (Penrith); A Wright, C Sullivan, (Randwick Petersham); S Gray, K Greene (St George); S Duff, T Icton (Sutherland); P Rashleigh, J Webster (Sydney); H Cain, H Anderson (Sydney University); J Lupton, A Crofts (University of NSW); P Lindsay, A Perrot (UTS North Sydney); M Swan, R Wayde (Western Suburbs); S Devlin (Bankstown Women's); M Strong (Campbelltown Camden Women's); C Pittaway (Gordon Women's), C Wharton (Greater Hunter), B McLerie (Manly Warringah Women's); C Hambleton (Northern District Women's), S Reibelt (Parramatta Women's); C Pratt (Penrith Women's); C Mozar (St George-Sutherland Women's); G Zauch (Sydney Women's), G Shanumuganathan (Sydney University Women's); S Berman (UTS North Sydney Women's), C Munro (Auburn); A Garey (Balmain South Sydney); T Murphy (Burwood Briars); G Baird (Epping); R Buchanan (Georges River); A Bray (Lane Cove); P McCallum (Lindfield); A Ferraro (Mount Pritchard-Southern Districts); D McDonald (North West Sydney); D Mudge (Pennant Hills); M De Lorenzo (Roseville); D Chappelow (Strathfield); C Melville (Warringah); B Sajowitz (NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association); W Howard (NSW Districts Cricket Association).

Appointed Members, Committee of Management

J Psarakis, N Stapleton.

Life Members

J Aitken (2011)*, J Barrett (2007), M Bonnell (2016), R Browne (2005), P Burkhart (2007), D Chappelow (2004), G Chudleigh (2023), A (Anthony) Clark (2019), A (Tony) Clark (2009), R Cook (2016), G Davidson (2024), A Falk (2020), I Field (2014), D Givney

(2004), K Hall (2002), S Hamman (2022), G Hartshorne (2005), W Hayes (2009), Ms J Henry (2015), T Jay (2002), C Jefferies (2012), A Kershler (2011), G Lambert (2014), N Laming (2001)*, G Lill (2016), G Mail (2017), C Matthews (2004), J McGruther (2015), I Moran (2019), M O'Sullivan (2002)*, G Reed (2023), J Robson (2002), J Rodgers (2004), A Semple (2023), D Tribolet (2002)*, A Watson (2002), B White (2012), M Wood (2008).

* = deceased

Management (NSWCA Administration)

S Mantle (NSW Premier Cricket Manager /Secretary, Sydney Cricket Association).

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

At its 38th Annual General Meeting on 12 August 2024, the SCA elected a Committee of Management comprising Graham Gorrie (Chairman), Paul Goldsmith (Deputy Chairman), Matthew Coles, Andrew Falk, Brian Freedman and Alan Wright. The SCA subsequently approved the Committee's nomination of James Psarakis and Nicholas Stapleton to serve as Appointed Members of the Committee.

NEW AND RETIRING MEMBERS

New Delegate Members were M Quinn, C Hynes, A Perrot, M Halse, M Strong, S Devlin, D Mudge, B McLerie, C Wharton, G Shanumuganathan, B Sajowitz, H Cain, J Webster, A Bray. Retiring delegate members were G De Mesquita, P Edwards, K Campbell, D Turner, H Trethewy, J Evans, S Aley, C Lahoud, D Nader, T Penman, C Robertson, S Thomlinson, D Naughton. The SCA wishes to record its appreciation of the efforts of all retiring Members and to welcome all new Members.

SHIRES COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee of Management formally delegated specific duties to the above sub-committee, comprising members elected by Shires clubs, as follows: Messrs Anthony Clarke (Chairman), Anthony Boorer, Rhydd Burcham, Daryl Chappelow, David McDonald and Chris Melville. The SCA thanks those members for their contribution to the successful conduct of the Shires competition..

WOMEN'S COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee of Management formally delegated administration of Women's Premier Cricket to the above sub-committee, as follows: Craig Hambleton (Chair), Sam Arnold, Catherine Pittaway, Ross Denny, Cailyn Mozar and Gavin Zauch. The SCA thanks those members for their contribution to the successful conduct of the Women's Premier Cricket.

CRICKET AUSTRALIA AND CRICKET NSW

Cricket Australia again demonstrated its direct commitment to club cricket by allocating \$356,215 and \$120,784 to Cricket NSW for the development of NSW Premier Cricket and Women's Premier Cricket respectively. The Board distributed those grants among all clubs, to facilitate projects such as ground improvements and coaching programs.

Cricket NSW further demonstrated the governing body's commitment to club cricket and SCA Competitions, with grants for clubs (in addition to Cricket Australia funding) totalling \$1,124,692. A considerable amount went directly to Premier and Shires clubs.

FUNCTIONS

The SCA conducted a joint Premiers and Awards Function for both the Men's and Women's Premier Cricket competitions on 2 May 2024 with 320 guests in attendance. This function was a fitting way in which to end a very successful season and to congratulate all premiership teams and award winners.

MEDIA

During the season, the SCA's competitions enjoyed regular media coverage, in particular from metropolitan newspapers, suburban newspapers and Cricket NSW's social media channels.

Live ball-by-ball coverage of all First Grade matches was made available via the Play Cricket App and, in addition, live streaming of Men's and Women's First Grade, Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup, Second Grade, Poidevin-Gray Shield and AW Green Shield matches including all Finals Series matches was available during the season.

UMPIRES

The SCA appreciates the efforts of the NSW Cricket Umpires’ and Scorers’ Association (NSWCUSA), which again appointed accredited umpires to officiate in Premier Cricket matches. The NSWCUSA also assisted the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires’ Association and the Sydney Women’s Cricket Umpires’ Association to make similar appointments.

The SCA acknowledges the support and co-operation provided by NSWCUSA management and staff, including Bede Sajowitz (Executive Officer), Darren Goodger (Chief Premier and Country Cricket Officer), Adam Singleton (Administrator), Ben Treloar (Education Officer) and Claire Polosak (Umpire Educator / Female Umpire Engagement).

The SCA would also like to acknowledge Troy Penman who stood down as Executive Officer, NSWCUSA at the beginning of last season, after 15 years of service to CNSW and the NSWCUSA. Troy’s commitment to the SCA, NSWCUSA and his own umpiring was exemplary and the SCA wishes Troy the best in the future.

U/16 CITY – COUNTRY CHALLENGE

Northern District CC and Greater Illawarra Zone qualified to represent the SCA and the NSWCCA respectively, in the annual match between the Premiers of the AW Green Shield and Bradman Cup U/16 competitions. In a 50 overs-a-side match on 9 March 2025, Northern District defeated Greater Illawarra by 5 wickets.

Result: Greater Illawarra 161 (B Cattle 36, L Brown 28, F Bailey 3-38, M Guazzarotto 3-23) defeated by Northern District 5/164 (X Carstens 94*) at North Dalton Park.

Umpires: Bruce Whitehouse and Lauren McGill

APPRECIATION

The Sydney Cricket Association thanks the following people and organisations for their contribution to the success of its 2024/25 season:

- McDonald’s – major sponsor of SCA competitions.
- Kingsgrove Sports – major sponsor of the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup.
- Kookaburra Australia Pty Ltd – official cricket ball of the SCA.
- Cricket Australia – for its Premier Club Funding Program.
- Australian Cricketers’ Association – for its Premier Cricket Program, a program which provides funding to Premier clubs for non-contracted current and former first-class cricketers to be engaged in playing, coaching or mentoring roles.
- The NSW Cricket Umpires’ and Scorers’ Association, especially Mark Hughes (Chairman), B Sajowitz (Executive Officer), A Singleton (Administrator) and its Board and all officiating umpires and scorers.
- The Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires’ Association, especially Stephen Clements (President) and Stephen Blomfield (Secretary), its Committee and all officiating umpires.
- The Sydney Women’s Cricket Umpires’ Association, especially Kevin McFarlane (President) and Sue Gregory (Secretary), its Committee and all officiating umpires.
- Colin Clowes, Bob Brenner, Colin Jefferies, Richard Cook and Michael Falk (Honorary Librarians, NSWCA) – for the provision and maintenance of records, milestones and statistics.
- Adam Morehouse, SCA Statistician.
- Tom Iceton – for proofreading and general service to the SCA.

- Dave Lyall and Caitlin Greenwood (Cricket NSW Marketing and Communications) – for providing extensive social media content during the season.
- Ian Bird Photography – for provision of Finals images.
- Club scorers – for their valuable contribution in providing live match scorecards via electronic scoring.
- Managers and coaches of all AW Green Shield competition teams.
- Ground staff and ground authorities and all clubs, particularly those that hosted competition finals and representative matches.

SYDNEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Sean Mantle
Secretary

SYDNEY SHIRES

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – THE DAVID TRIBOLET TROPHY

Warringah Cricket Club won the David Tribolet trophy for the third time overall by a narrow margin of 66 points as they defeated Burwood. Mt Pritchard Southern Districts finished in third position.

FIRST GRADE – THE RB CLARK CUP

For the second season in a row, and their 17th time overall, the RB Clark Cup was won by **BURWOOD BRIARS**, after they drew with Auburn in the Final at Bankstown Oval.

Final Burwood Briars 4/282 (X Tregeagle 123, D Ahmed 3-74) drew with Auburn.

Peter Toohey Medal for Player of the Final: X Tregeagle (Burwood Briars)

FIRST GRADE – LIMITED OVERS

In the second season of this competition, **LANE COVE** won the First Grade Limited Overs Trophy as they defeated Mt Pritchard Southern Districts by 6 wickets in the Final at Greenway Park.

Final Lane Cove 4/212 (M Bryant 73*, M O’Donoghue 57) defeated Mt Pritchard Southern Districts 211 (P Chaudhary 56, M Grealy 37, M O’Donoghue 2-25).

SCA Medal for Player of the Final: Michael Bryant (Lane Cove)

SECOND GRADE – THE SJ MAYNE TROPHY

This season, **BURWOOD BRIARS** won the S J Mayne Trophy for the 21st time overall as they drew with Georges River in the Final at Airey Park.

Final Burwood 5/126 (A Dawson 38*, M Ellis 3-30) drew with Georges River 161 (M Worrall 54, H Lee 4-31).

Graeme Baird Medal for Player of the Final: Adrian Dawson (Burwood Briars)

THIRD GRADE – THE JB HOLLANDER TROPHY

For the third season in a row & 17th time overall, **BURWOOD BRIARS** won the J B Hollander Trophy as they drew with Mt Pritchard Southern Districts in the Final at Rothwell Park.

Final Burwood 316 (B Miller 131, A Shankar 3-79) drew with Mt Pritchard Southern

SYDNEY SHIRES CRICKET ANNUAL AWARDS

Award	Winner
Gerard Price Medal – Shires First Grade Player of the Year	Tahmidul Islam (Balmain South Sydney), Jack Hansen (NWS) – 12 votes each
Frank Gray Shield Player of the Year	Jay Terry (Warringah)
Spirit of Cricket Award	Warringah
First Grade Captain of the Year	Tanzeelur Rahman (Balmain South Sydney)
Second Grade Captain of the Year	Shane Cook (Warringah)
Third Grade Captain of the Year	Ruben Donato (Warringah)
Fourth Grade Captain of the Year	Yousef Sethi (Strathfield)
Shires Ground of the Year	Bexley Oval – Groundsman Trent Malley
Shires Lower Grade Ground of the Year	Frank Gray Oval – Groundsman Roselio Eugene Dias
Legend of Shires Inductees	John Biviano (Roseville) & Kevin Croom (Georges River)

Districts 6/120 (M Faisal 27*, A Warpe 4-54).

Brian Scott Medal for Player of the Final: Ben Miller (Burwood Briars)

FOURTH GRADE – THE HARRY CULBERT TROPHY

For the fifth consecutive year and the 7th time overall, the Harry Culbert Trophy was won by **WARRINGAH** after defeating Epping Bulls by 53 runs in the Final at Weldon Oval.

Final Warringah 170 (R Osbourne 57, J Howes 4-78) defeated Epping 117 (R Basnayake 38, S Roche 3-24).

Mike Wood Medal for Player of the Final: Kevin Davies (Warringah)

FIFTH GRADE – THE TIM CREER CUP

For the second consecutive season, the Tim Creer Cup was won by **WARRINGAH** after defeating Pennant Hills by 6 wickets in the Final at Frank Gray Oval.

Final Warringah 4/158 (Z O’Sullivan 62*, A Darji 2-34) defeated Pennant Hills 8/157 (B Badwal 75*, J Olde 4-42).

Todd Randell Medal for Player of the Final: Zach O’Sullivan (Warringah)

FRANK GRAY SHIELD (U/24)

The Frank Gray Shield was won by **LANE COVE** for the second time in their history and their first time since 2006/07. Lane Cove defeated Warringah by 31 runs in the Final at Weldon Oval.

Final Lane Cove 8/249 (R Devine 64, L Gray 58, R Sheahan 3-43) defeated Warringah 218 (J Terry 63, F Egleston 4-25).

David Gilbert Medal for Player of the Final: Frederick Egleston (Lane Cove)

SYDNEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION MERIT XII – SHIRES FIRST GRADE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Co-Captains

Jack Hansen (North West Sydney): 467 runs & 19 wickets

Tanzeelur Rahman (Balmain South Sydney): 467 runs & 9 wickets

Batsmen

Rehan Anjum (Pennant Hills): 577 runs

James Leary (Roseville): 540 runs

Nasir Jalil (Mt Pritchard Southern Districts): 505 runs

Pardeep Chaudhary (Mt Pritchard Southern Districts): 460 runs

Wicket Keeper

Alex Daniels (Auburn): 20 dismissals

Bowlers

Muhammad Y Ali (Mt Pritchard Southern Districts): 31 wickets

Danish Ahmed (Auburn): 30 wickets

Frederick Egleston (Lane Cove): 28 wickets

Blake Pearson (Auburn): 25 wickets

Basit Ali (Mt Pritchard Southern Districts): 24 wickets

NSW COUNTRY CRICKET ASSOCIATION



Office Bearers and Delegates 2024/25

Chairman

Paul Marjoribanks (Newcastle)

Deputy Chairman

Michael Erdeljac (Riverina)

Committee

Paul Dilley APM (North Coastal), James Figallo (Central Coast), Mark Frecklington (Western), Gary Herd (Southern Districts), Terry Psarakis OAM (Central Northern), and Ty Barton (Greater Illawarra)

Elected Delegates

Central Coast Cricket Association

James Figallo, Robert Bowen

Central Northern Zone

Terry Psarakis, Ben Middlebrook

Greater Illawarra Zone

Ty Barton, Ian Hogg

Newcastle Cricket Zone

Paul Marjoribanks, Andrew Cornwall

North Coastal Zone

Paul Dilley APM, Daniel Rowlands

Riverina Zone

Michael Erdeljac, Eric Koetz

Western Zone

Mark Frecklington, Ian Strudwick

Zone Administrators

Central Coast Cricket Association

Luke Mace

Central Northern Zone

Hayley Bullock

Greater Illawarra Zone

Steve Davies

Newcastle Cricket Zone

Sharyn Beck

North Coastal Zone

James Rankine

Riverina Zone

Anthony McGettigan

Southern Districts

Nasrine Nasser / Henry Toczydlowski

Western Zone

Ian Strudwick

Management (NSWCA Administration)

Manager, NSW Pathway Competitions/Public Officer

Nic Bills

Treasurer

Senior Accountant (CNSW)

Jason Langenberg

Life Members

Greg Arms (2021), Greg Bennett (2003), Denis Broad OAM (1993), Gordon Browne (2004), Tim Clayton (2023), Marie Cornish OAM (2016), Dennis Cox (2021), Graeme Creighton (2020), Mark Curry (2003), Ivor Ewin OAM (1991)*, Brian Gainsford OAM (2001), Darren Goodger (2024), John (Tim) Grosser (2018), Ray Heaps OAM (1991)*, Ian Hogg (2018), Maurie Lilienthal OAM (1991)*, John McMahon OAM (2006)*, John McNamara OAM (1991)*, Simon Moore (2013), John Moriarty OAM (2017), David Nichols (2023), John O'Dwyer OAM (1995), Dick Penberthy (1991)*, David Redden (2023) Ken Robson OAM (1999)*, Carolyn Sheehan (2019), Michael Silver OAM (2008), Colin Wood (2020).

* = deceased

CONGRATULATIONS

The Association extends its congratulations to:

- NSW Bush Blues** – Nick Foster (Captain – Newcastle), Aaron Bills (Newcastle), Luke Docherty (Riverina), Dylan Hunter (Newcastle), Marty Jeffrey (Western), Pat McGann (Newcastle), Josh McTaggart (Newcastle), Jake O'Connell (Greater Illawarra), Ben Parsons (Western), Callum Rainger (Central Coast), Lagan Weston (Newcastle), Mac Webster (Riverina), Kerrod White (Greater Illawarra), Jayden Zahra-Smith (Greater Illawarra), Anthony Kershler (Coach – North Coastal), Shane Burley (Assistant Coach – Newcastle), David Redden (Scorer – Newcastle).
- NSW Bush Breakers** – Kira Churchland (Captain – Western), Callee Black (Western), Alice Caldwell (Riverina), Rochelle Davis (Central Coast), Emma-Jayne Howe (Central Coast), Emma Hughes (Western), Claire McGuirk (Central Northern), Ally McGrath (Newcastle), Claire Murray (Riverina), Kelly Rowlings (Southern Districts), Kirsten Smith (Newcastle), Maddie Spence (Western), Abbey Taylor (Newcastle), Ella Tilburg (Western), Tommy Anderson (Coach – Newcastle), Kate Jackson (Assistant Coach – North Coastal), Allison Brockley (Scorer – Greater Illawarra).
- NSW Country Under 19s (male)** – Angus Campbell (Captain – Greater Illawarra), Bailey Abela (Greater Illawarra), Kasey Barton (Greater Illawarra), Blayde Burke (Western), Ryan Cattle (Greater Illawarra), Kai Croft (North Coastal), Zak Graham (Central Coast), Riley Keen (Western), Blake Mackrell (Greater Illawarra), Harry Roscarel (Western), Harry Scowen (Central Northern), Shaun Smith (Riverina), Ted Waterman (Greater Illawarra), Sam Weir (North Coastal), Dean Burke (Coach), Greg McLay (Assistant Coach), Devlin Malone (Physio).
- NSW Country Under 19s (female)** – Kate McTaggart (Captain – Newcastle), Keisha Baldwin (Greater Illawarra), Callee Black (Western), Caoimhe Bray (Central Northern), Molly Dare (Newcastle), Tara French (Central Coast), Eliza Henry (Manly Warringah), Emily Humphreys (Central Coast), Monique Krake (Central Northern), Samira Mitchell (North Coastal), Sophie Parsons (Central Northern), Maddison Spence (Western), Ella Tilburg (Western), Hayley Zauch (Sydney), Hannah Trethewy (Coach), Jenny Gunn (Assistant Coach), Anja Kolodziej (Physio).
- NSW Country Under 17s (male)** – Hunter Hall (Captain – Riverina), Harry Askey (Central Coast), Lachlan Barnes (North Coastal), Kasey Barton (Greater Illawarra), Keanu Botha (Central Northern), Blayde Burke (Western), Blake Cattle (Greater Illawarra), Daniel Craig (North Coastal), Brody Felton (North Coastal), Austin Hunt (Western), Harry Kershler (North Coastal), Harry Price (Newcastle), Cooper Pullen (Western), Lucas Vincent (Newcastle), Darcy White (Newcastle), Greg McLay (Coach), Sam O'Connor (Assistant Coach), Devlin Malone (Physio).
- NSW Country Under 16s (female)** – Molly Dare (Captain – Newcastle), Simran Dhatt (Western), Olivia Dimmock (Western), Ava Drury (Central Coast), Mia Gentles (Central Northern), Nicola Hudson (Greater Illawarra), Phoebe Johnston (Western),

Lane Jordan (North Coastal), Holly Reed (Western), Charlotte Schoemack (Western), Poppi Stephen (Western), Cosette Thomas (Newcastle), Amelia Valdez (Greater Illawarra), Felicity Wharton (Newcastle), Andrew Litchfield (Coach), Cameron Weir Assistant Coach, Anja Kolodziej (Physio).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Country Cricket received generous financial assistance from the NSW Cricket Association with \$5,100,489 being made available. Financial support was also received from:

- Transport for NSW – Plan B Country Bash
- McDonald's, Newcastle City Council and Shoalhaven City Council – McDonald's Country Championships
- McDonald's – Central Coast Regional Council - McDonald's Country Colts competition
- McDonald's and Bathurst Council – McDonald's Under 16 Female Country Championships
- McDonald's and Coffs Harbour Council – McDonald's Under 19 Female Country Championships and the Under 14 northern pool Youth Championships Carnival
- Kempsey Shire Council – Bradman Cup (northern pool)
- Dubbo Regional Council for their support of the NSW Youth Championships and State Challenges
- Clarence Valley Council for their support of the Under 13 and Under 14 northern pool Youth Championships Carnival
- Ballina Shire Council – Under 15 northern pool Youth Championships

The following programs received the majority of funding:

Country Program	FY25
McDonald's Country Colts	\$63,324
McDonald's Women's Country Championships (Under 16 and Under 19)	\$81,456
Under 16 Men's Bradman Cup	\$93,724
McDonald's Country Championships	\$63,323
Toyota Australian Country Cricket Championships (Male and Female)	\$106,862
Plan B Regional Bash (Male and Female)	\$52,373
TOTAL	\$461,062

Total Investment in Country Cricket Season 2024/25	FY25
Country Cricket Programs	\$461,062
Academy Coaching Grants and Staff	\$442,073
General Grants	\$393,256
Youth Programs Male	\$201,615
Youth Programs Female	\$200,575
Regional Game Development Field Force	\$2,702,499
Facilities Grants Allocation (CNSW Contribution)	\$464,245
Other Administration Costs	\$235,163
TOTAL	\$5,100,489



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COUNTRY COMPETITION WINNERS

Competition	Winner
McDonald's Country Championships	Newcastle
McDonald's Country Colts	Greater Illawarra
Bradman Cup (Under 16 Male)	Greater Illawarra
McDonald's Under 19 Female Country Championships	New Coasters (Newcastle and Central Coast)
McDonald's Under 16 Female Country Championships	Newcastle
Plan B Country Bash (male)	Newcastle
Plan B Regional Bash (female)	Newcastle
Plan B Country Plate	Cessnock DCA
Hogg Silver Shield – Country Zone Championship	Newcastle

COUNTRY ANNUAL AWARDS

Award	Winner
Josh Hazlewood Medal – Male Player of the Year	Dylan Hunter (Newcastle)
Alex Blackwell Medal – Female Player of the Year	Caoimhe Bray (Newcastle/ Central Northern)
Kookaburra Youth Male Player of the Year	Blake Cattle (Greater Illawarra)
Kookaburra Youth Female Player of the Year	Molly Dare (Newcastle)
Country Curator of the Year	Taj Dosanjh and Aaron Singh (Woolgoolga Cricket Club)
Contribution to Country Cricket Award	Bruce Whitehouse
Country Coach of the Year	Mitch Calder (Greater Illawarra)
Country Umpire of the Year	Jeff Egan (Riverina)

APPRECIATIONS

To the umpires who officiated at all levels of Country Cricket throughout the season and to the many honorary administrators and volunteers, the Association would like to acknowledge its appreciation for your outstanding contribution and dedicated support. The contribution of local government bodies throughout all our country regions is also recognised.

In addition, thanks are expressed to:

- The New South Wales Cricket Board, in particular Chair John Knox, Chief Executive Lee Germon, Chief of Cricket Greg Mail and Chief Premier Cricket and Country Cricket Officer Darren Goodger for their continued support of NSW Country Cricket.

- NSWCCA Selection Panel Members (female) - Tommy Anderson (Newcastle), Steve Davies (Greater Illawarra) and Kira Churchland (Western), and NSWCCA Selection Panel Members (male) – Greg Arms (Chair – Newcastle) and Greg Griffith (Western) for their valued contribution throughout the season.

- Bush Breakers team officials – Tommy Anderson (Coach), Kate Jackson (Assistant Coach) and Allison Brockley (Scorer) for their contribution to the Toyota Australian Country Championships held in the Barossa Valley in January 2025.

- Bush Blues team officials – Anthony Kershler (Coach), Shane Burley (Assistant Coach) and David Redden (Scorer) for their contribution to the Toyota Australian Country Championships held in the Barossa Valley in January 2025.

- Bede Sajowitz, Adam Singleton, Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak and the NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association for their support of Country Cricket.

- Carnival Referees and Umpire Observers Bruce Baxter, Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Paul Dilley, Neil Findlay, Greg Jones and Kim Norris, as well as all members of the Country Umpire Representative Panel.

- Neil Findlay for his contribution as NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Country Umpire Coach.

- Zone Administrators James Rankine (North Coastal), Hayley Bullock (Central Northern), Sharyn Beck (Newcastle), Luke Mace (Central Coast), Ian Strudwick (Western), Anthony McGettigan (Riverina), Steve Davies (Greater Illawarra) and Nasrine Nasser and Henry Toczydlowski (Southern Districts) for their valued contribution throughout the season.

- To all New South Wales Blues and Breakers Squad members and Regional Cricket Managers who participated in the Country Blitz Promotion.

- All sections of the media for their continued coverage of Country Cricket.

- Brett Rankin for his tireless work as Country Coach Education Specialist, upskilling and developing country based coaches.

- All Country Youth Academy Coaches and Regional Coaches for their contribution to the coaching and development of players within their respective regions.

- All Female Cricket Representatives for their work with the various women's programs in their respective Zones and Associations.

- All Zone Umpires Representatives for their support within their respective Zones and Associations.

- To photographers – Merrilie Redden Photography, Ben Churcher Photography, Bede Sajowitz, the Newcastle Herald and the Hunter River Times for the use of many photographs contained in this report.

Nic Bills

Head of Premier & Country Cricket

NSW CRICKET UMPIRES' AND SCORERS' ASSOCIATION

New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc.

Elected Board Directors: Mark Hughes (Chair), Stephen Blomfield, Andrew Coates, Sharad Patel, Claire Polosak

Appointed Board Directors: Paul Dilley APM, Darren Goodger

Honorary Treasurer: Laurie Borg

Liaison Officer: Neil Findlay

Patrons: Dick French OAM, Graham Reed OAM, Simon Taufel

Delegate to Cricket NSW: Mark Hughes

Delegate to Sydney Cricket Association: Troy Penman (to 27/9) and Bede Sajowitz (from 30/9)

NSW Premier Cricket Umpire Observer Panel: Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, David Dilley, John Evans, Rupert Mathews, Graham Reed

Country Carnival Referees: Laurie Borg, Paul Dilley, Neil Findlay, Greg Jones, Darren Goodger

Administration Officer, NSWCUA: Adam Singleton

Education Officer, NSWCUA: Ben Treloar

Umpire Educator-Female Engagement, Cricket NSW: Claire Polosak

State Umpiring Manager, Cricket NSW: Darren Goodger

Executive Officer, NSWCUA: Troy Penman (to 27/9) and Bede Sajowitz (from 30/9)

Kevin Pye I Hall of Fame & Life Membership

At a Special General Meeting on 3 September, Kevin Pye was upgraded to Life Membership of the Association, becoming the Association's 58th Life Member. He was recognised again at the Annual Dinner, being the 16th inductee into the Association's Hall of Fame.

Both honours recognised the magnitude of Kevin's exceptional contribution to NSWCUA and Country Cricket as an umpire, advisor, coach and mentor to so many across the State

Annual General Meeting

The 111th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in person and online on 3 July 2024. Principal Membership was awarded to six members for their outstanding contribution to the Association – Greg Davidson, Kevin McFarlane, Simon Moore, Trevor Schokman, Neil Smith and Wayne Solomons.

Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation

The Association's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation took place on 5 April with 190 members and guests in attendance to celebrate the 2024/25 season.

Major award winners were as follows:

Alan Marshall Medal: Aseem Ahluwalia

Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award: Andrew Falk (Gordon DCC)

NSW Premier Cricket Panel Medals

- **Men's Panel 1:** Darren Goodger

- **Women's Panel 1:** Bob McGregor

- **Men's Panel 2:** Elizabeth O'Dwyer

- **Men's Panel 3:** Christian Rayner

- **Men's Panel 4:** Sujeewa Kodituwakku

Kevin Pye Medal:

Jeff Egan (Riverina)

EF Wykes Association Medal:

Doug Trigg (Far North Coast CUSA)

George Borwick Memorial Award: David Stewart

Sponsorship

The Association entered a three-year partnership with Belgravia Apparel (New Balance), who took over providing Association apparel, including the e-commerce operations and logistics. McDonald's continued as the major sponsor of the Association, with sponsorship funds being used to fund member education and development

Representative Scorers

The following scorers were selected on the Cricket NSW Representative Scorer Panel for season 2024/25:

Sarah Berman, Janelle Carew, Jen David, Peter Garlick, Toni Lorraine, Darren Mattison, David Redden, Harpreet Singh, Adrian Tham, Sue Woodhouse, Ian Wright

Season highlights:

- Men's Test Match, Australia v India, SCG: Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright

- Men's T20I, Australia v Pakistan, SCG: Adrian Tham and Ian Wright

- Women's ODI, Australia v England, North Sydney Oval: Darren Mattison and Adrian Tham

- Women's T20I, Australia v England, SCG: Toni Lorraine and Adrian Tham



Representative Umpires

NSWCUSA was represented on the following umpire panels:

- **Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires**
Rod Tucker
- **ICC Emerging Umpires’ Group**
Claire Polosak
- **Cricket Australia National Umpire Panel**
Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson, Roberto Howard, Simon Lightbody, Sharad Patel. Troy Penman, Claire Polosak, Ben Treloar
- **Cricket NSW State Umpire Panel**
Mitchell Claydon, Andrew Hamilton, Bede Sajowitz

We congratulate to the following NSWCUSA members who officiated national finals in 2024/25:

- **Women’s National Cricket League** – Gerard Abood
- **U19 Male National Championships** – Mitchell Claydon
- **U19 Female National Championships** – Lauren McGill
- **T20 Spring Challenge** – Sharad Patel
- **Women’s Big Bash League** – Troy Penman (Third Umpire)
- **Women’s Big Bash League** – Claire Polosak
- **U16 Female National Championships** – Kate Rowlands
- **Women’s National Cricket League** – Ben Treloar (Third Umpire)

Country Cricket NSW

Country Umpire Representative Panel: David Cullen (Greater Illawarra), Jeff Egan (Riverina), Graeme Glazebrook (Western), Brenton Harrison (Riverina), Greg Jones (Western), Keiran Knight (Newcastle), Murray Le Lievre (Riverina), Phil Rainger (Newcastle), Stephen Wade (Newcastle).

Finals Appointments

The NSW Country Championship Final was played at BISP and, following a washout, replayed at Pratten Park, with both matches umpired by Jeff Egan and Phil Rainger. Jeff and Phil were also appointed to the Men’s Plan B Country Bash Final played at the SCG. The Women’s Plan B Country Bash Final was also played at the SCG and was umpired by Sue Gregory and Elizabeth O’Dwyer.

Membership

NSWCUSA membership stands at 1,347 with 42 affiliated associations.

Umpire Education

With the support of over 20 members, led by Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak, NSWCUSA facilitated courses and workshops for existing match officials and prospective match officials, with content delivered across Sydney as well as in Albury, Armidale, Central Coast, Griffith, Lismore, Narrabri, Newcastle, Port Macquarie and Wollongong, with a large number of sessions also facilitated online.

Female Engagement

This season was one of progression for female officials, with female umpires making debuts at higher levels and being rewarded with appointments to local, Premier Cricket, NSW Country Cricket and Cricket Australia underage finals. Claire Polosak continued to oversee education and development for female umpires based in New South Wales, facilitating a pre-season training day, a mid-season workshop and post-season reviews.

Sydney Cricket Association

Two umpires were appointed to every match in NSW Men’s Premier Cricket and Sydney Shires Cricket. Stephen Blomfield (Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires’ Association) and Dr. John Colwell (Sydney Women’s Cricket Umpires’ Association) are thanked for their assistance in managing the umpire appointment process on a round-by-round basis to ensure all matches were officiated by accredited umpires. A total of 175 umpires officiated in Men’s Premier Cricket in season 2024/25, including 28 members from affiliated associations, who accepted the opportunity to further their experience. In collaboration with the Sydney Women’s Cricket Umpires’ Association, 80 umpires were appointed to officiate in Women’s Premier Cricket during the season.

The Association offers congratulations to umpires Sue Gregory, Daniel Marshall, Cameron McGinn and Nic Warburton who made their first-grade debut in Men’s Premier Cricket during season 2024/25.

The umpires appointed to the NSW Men’s Premier Cricket finals were:

First Grade – Belvidere Cup: Parramatta v Fairfield-Liverpool at Cricket Central Oval – Gerard Abood and Ben Treloar. Premiers Parramatta.

Second Grade – Albert Cup: Northern District v Manly Warringah at Mark Taylor Oval – Sharad Patel and Troy Penman. Premiers Northern District.

Third Grade – Mitchell Cup: Parramatta v St George at Old Kings Oval – Patrick Jackson and Claire Polosak. Premiers Parramatta.

Fourth Grade – Reid Cup: Manly Warringah v St George at Manly Oval – Darren Goodger and Marc Nickl. Premiers Manly Warringah.

Fifth Grade – David Sherwood Cup: Parramatta v St George at Bankstown Oval – Andrew Hamilton and Andrew Yarad. Premiers Parramatta.

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup: St George v Fairfield-Liverpool at North Sydney Oval – Roberto Howard and Troy Penman. Premiers St George.

First Grade Limited-Overs Cup: Parramatta v Randwick Petersham at Old Kings Oval – Mitchell Claydon and Sharad Patel. Premiers Randwick Petersham.

Poidevin-Gray Shield: Bankstown v Manly Warringah at Bankstown Oval – Andrew Hamilton and Patrick Jackson. Premiers Manly Warringah.

AW Green Shield: Northern District v Parramatta at Mark Taylor Oval – Tim Donahoo and Alan Monaghan. Premiers Northern District.

The umpires appointed to the NSW Women’s Premier Cricket finals were:

First Grade: Campbelltown Camden v St George-Sutherland at Cricket Central Oval – Bob McGregor and Elizabeth O’Dwyer. Premiers St George-Sutherland.

Second Grade: UTS North Sydney v Parramatta at Tunks Park – Sue Gregory and David Stewart. Premiers UTS North Sydney.

Third Grade: Parramatta v St George-Sutherland at Belmore Park – Katie Collins and John Colwell. Premiers Parramatta.

Brewer Shield: Southern Swans v Manly Warringah at King George V Oval – Ashish Kedia and Varun Marwaha. Premiers Southern Swans.

First Grade T20 Cup: Campbelltown Camden v Manly Warringah at Drummoyne Oval – Bob McGregor and Michael Meehan. Premiers Campbelltown Camden.

The Association offers congratulations to umpires Tony Carr, Dominic Ferraris, Patrick Jackson, Elizabeth O’Dwyer, Allan Owens, Sayad Samad, David Stewart and Jake Wholohan who made their first-grade debut during season 2023/24.

Training and Development

The Association maintained its commitment to umpire training and development across New South Wales by continuing to offer face to face and online training courses. We were able to accredit 207 new umpires and scorers, a result the training team may be well pleased with.

The Association held its Annual Convention in Port Macquarie prior to the start of the season. Members from across the state gathered to prepare for the season ahead. Guest speakers from the cricketing world provided excellent insight, whilst specialists in various health industries shared their knowledge and expertise to assist members with their development.

Vote of Thanks

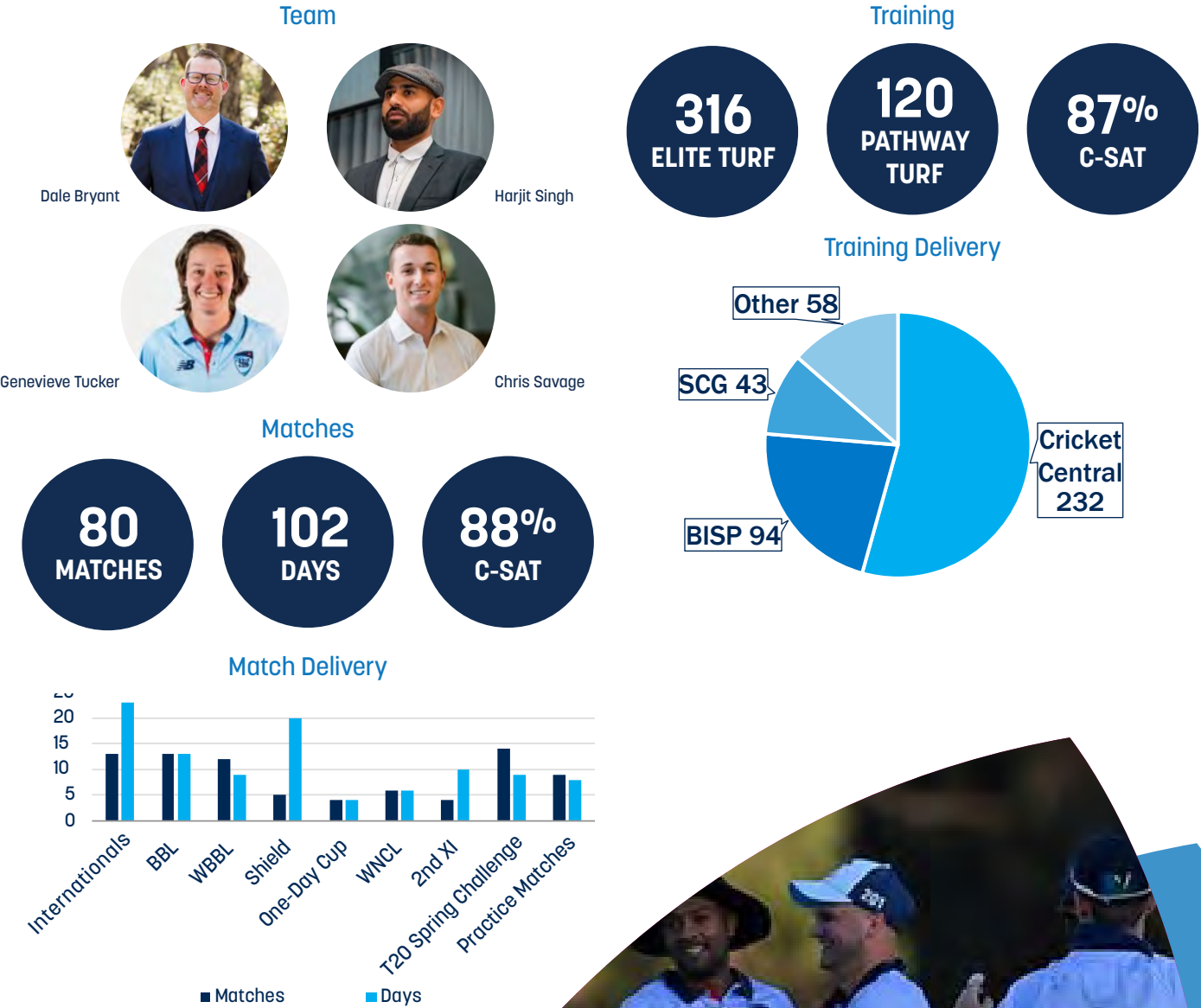
The NSWCUSA Board and Management team offers a vote of thanks in appreciation to Cricket NSW for its support of match officials and the Association during the past season. The Association sits in the Premier Cricket and Country Cricket Squad. To Lee German and the NSW Cricket Board, NSWCUSA expresses its gratitude.

Bede Sajowitz
Executive Officer
NSWCUSA

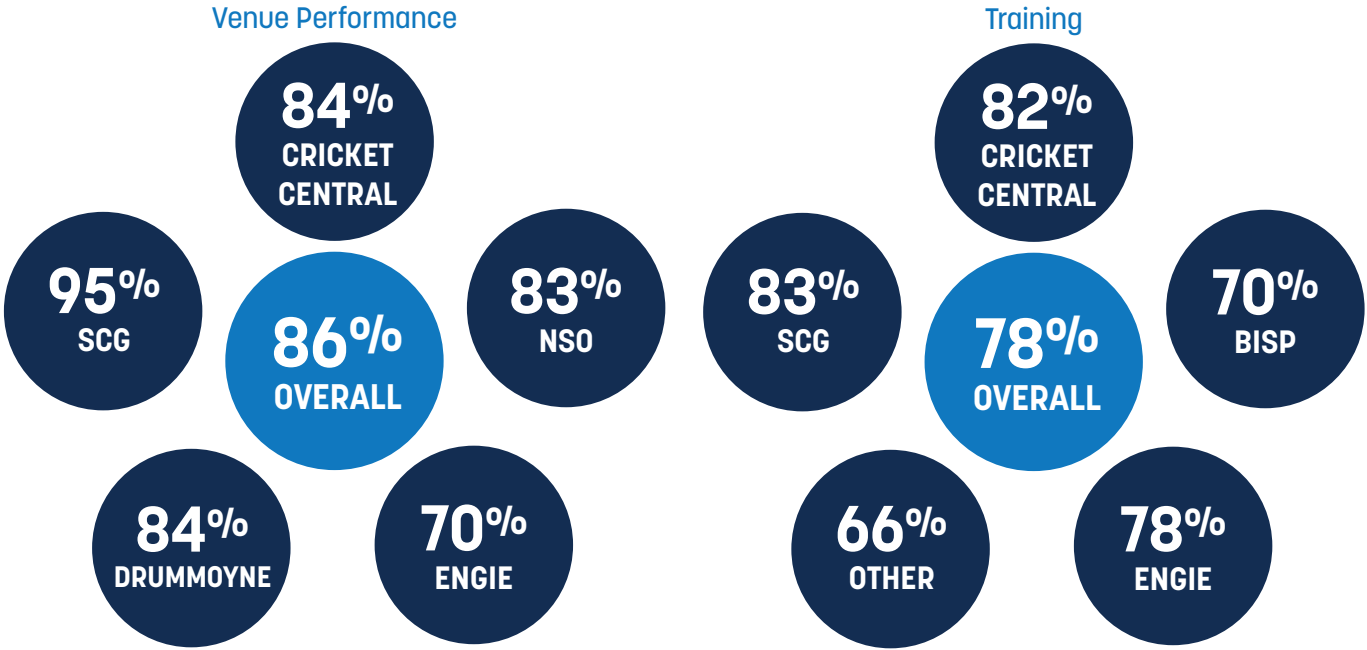
T20 Cup Grand Final Umpires – Troy Penman and Roberto Howard with Blake Nikitaris as Player of the Match



MATCH AND TRAINING OPERATIONS



NSW Blues at Cricket Central



Overview

The 2024-25 season saw the team plan and deliver 80 elite matches across 102 match days at 13 different venues. This was a significant increase from the previous season (60 matches / 81 days / 8 venues) with the introduction of the T20 Spring Challenge and several additional Australia A tour matches.

This increase in matches also resulted in a jump in training requirements, with 436 turf sessions facilitated during the season, up from 290 sessions the previous season.

It was a pleasure that, whilst we delivered more during the season, we maintained our standards in delivering great customer service too, with our customer satisfaction rating remaining steady at 88%.

The proudest achievement for the team for 2024/25 was the tremendous improvement in surface standards across our venues. A strong focus was placed on a 'surface readiness program' in collaboration with our key curators and turf consultant, Peter Devlin. Our turf ratings subsequently increased from 80% to 86% over the season. The Sydney Cricket Ground was a standout performer, improving their pitch rating to 95% from 78% the previous season.

Thanks

We were only able to deliver a season of elite cricket with the support of key venues, councils, clubs and partners. We offer our thanks to the following:

- Venues NSW and the team at the SCG and Accor Stadium
- The Royal Agricultural Society and the team at ENGIE Stadium
- Venues Canberra and the team at Manuka Oval
- North Sydney Council and the team at North Sydney Oval
- City of Canada Bay, Sydney Cricket Club and the Green by Nature team at Drummoyne Oval
- Blacktown Venue Management and the team at Blacktown International Sports Park and Joe McAleer Park
- Coffs Harbour City Council and the team at C.ex Coffs International Stadium
- The Green by Nature team at Cricket Central
- Cricket Australia's Events & Operations Team
- Our valued external suppliers across catering, security and medical
- Our crucial match day casual staff
- Our colleagues across Cricket NSW, particularly Cricket Performance and the BBL delivery teams

Dale Bryant
Match Operations Manager

COMMERCIAL

Cricket NSW generated \$7,702,502 in sponsorship revenue in FY25, encompassing sponsorships across Cricket NSW, Sydney Sixers and Sydney Thunder.

Transport for NSW remains a key partner through our ongoing collaboration with the State Government. This long-standing partnership has been instrumental in promoting responsible behaviour on the roads and reducing the incidence of drink-driving. This season saw the second iteration of the Road Safety Cup, a joint initiative with Sydney Thunder and Brisbane Heat to amplify our respective road safety partnerships even further and ensuring our fan bases know what it means to be safe on the roads.

Charter Hall enjoyed yet another successful season as the Principal Partner of the NSW Women's Team, marked by a collaborative workshop on strategic networking and personal brand, held at Cricket Central. Charter Hall staff attended the Breakers' first match of the season at North Sydney Oval, demonstrating their continued support, on and off the field.

Sydney Water continued its campaign to educate the public about the benefits of drinking Sydney's high-quality tap water, sourced from Warragamba Dam. Their campaign included a compelling social series with our players and the Wonders of Water van at many Thunder and Sixers W/BBL matches. We are proud to collaborate with Sydney Water in raising awareness about the environmental, health and financial advantages of choosing tap water.

The Office of Responsible Gambling continued to promote the Reclaim the Game messaging through our partnership. This program aims to address the normalisation of sports betting and raise awareness of its associated risks. Our collaboration ensures that our Big Bash matches provide a family-friendly experience, free from betting advertising.

We are appreciative and grateful for the ongoing support of our valued partners, including McDonald's, Kookaburra, Summit Fleet Leasing & Management, Masuri, Kingsgrove Sports, People & Culture Strategies and Toyota. Their commitment has been instrumental in our success. Additionally, we acknowledge and appreciate the support of Brokenwood Wines and Gage Roads Brew Co., who supplied our events throughout the season, enhancing our matches and customer experience with their products.

We would like to express our gratitude to all our partners for their continued support and dedication. We look forward to the future and further strengthening our partnerships to drive success both on and off the field.

Sydney Sixers

As we enter the third year of this exciting partnership, we're thrilled to continue collaborating with Belong as our W/BBL Principal Partner to deliver even more memorable fan experiences. A standout initiative of the partnership this season was the Belong

Bash Fund, a community grants program designed to support local cricket clubs across New South Wales. For every boundary hit during the BBL and WBBL seasons, Belong donated \$100 to the fund (capped at \$40,000), which is then shared among three deserving local clubs. This initiative reflects Belong's and the Sixers' shared mission to empower the next generation of cricket stars and strengthen community ties through sport. With a shared commitment to inclusivity, accessibility and community impact, we look forward to bringing Belong's bold new activation plans to life and celebrating the spirit of belonging both on and off the field.

Toyo Tires maintained its role as Major Partner across both WBBL and BBL, engaging fans with the Make Your Move fan zone activation at W/BBL matches.

We welcomed Aiper to the Sixers family as an Official Partner, making an immediate impact through their engaging BBL innings break 'Race the LED' activation and crowd engagement activities.

Merlin Garage Door Openers re-joined the Sixers partnership portfolio on a one-year deal, featuring prominently with their striking green logo on the playing shirt sleeve.

Gage Roads Brew Co hosted a premium hospitality experience at two Sixers BBL matches, offering an all-inclusive package. We look forward to the continued growth of the Gage Roads Bar next year.

We continued our partnership with Lite n' Easy for a second season, as an Official Partner of the WBBL and delighted our fans with free product samples on match days.

Sydney Thunder

Homestar Finance, our BBL Principal Partner, focused on reducing financial barriers for grassroots cricket clubs through their 'Cricket Balls For Community Clubs' initiative. Homestar Finance provided 324 balls to 17 cricket clubs which supported 117 teams. Homestar Finance enhanced our match-day attendees' experience by giving them the opportunity to win signed merchandise, ticket upgrades and discounted food. Mark Waugh also joined forces with Homestar Finance and Sydney Thunder to promote the partnership through fun and engaging social content.

HomeWorld, our WBBL Principal Partner, welcomed Thunder fans to Drummoyne Oval for WBBL|10 for season celebrations, including breakfast and the team of the decade campaign. HomeWorld continued their unwavering support of the HomeWorld Thunder Nation Cup.

Swyftx joined the Thunder as the back of shirt partner, executing milestone moments and Swyftx trivia, with 'riding the wave this Crypto summer' as their leading tagline.

Carnival Cruises also entered into their first year of a Partnership agreement with the Sydney Thunder.

Ben Hirschfeld
Chief Commercial Officer

CRICKET BUSINESS SERVICES

Finance

Finance is pleased to report sound financial results across both operating and statutory metrics in FY25. Despite core funding remaining flat compared to FY24, we increased the financial support of our members and community programs.

Cash Management was particularly key in FY25. We successfully navigated the substantial expenditures required to finalise our amazing new Community Building, whilst entering into the final stages of the Office of Sport capital funding program.

Key highlights of the year included the following:

- Our Commercial team demonstrated exceptional adaptability, overcoming a challenging sponsorship environment to deliver solid results in non-core revenue streams.
- Fan and consumer revenues also performed well, with BBL attendance revenues exceeding targets for both Sixers and Thunder, whilst managing escalating costs of delivery.

- The Sixers and Thunder T20 Camps and Academies launched to strong uptake, complementing our well-established Blast and junior participation programs.
- We actively managed staff leave provisions and maximised workforce efficiency through targeted upskilling and fostering internal mobility.
- Our FY26 budgeting process emphasised cost control with a theme of re-prioritisation, enabling us to limit cost inflation while maintaining strategic investment.

The Finance team looks forward to partnering with all CNSW Squads in FY26 and is confident of building on the progress made in FY25.

Jason Langenberg
Head of Finance

NSW Breakers were awarded the Benaud Spirit of Cricket Award at the State Cricket Awards



CRICKET CENTRAL

As Cricket Central concludes its third year of operation, FY25 has marked another period of growth, innovation and community engagement. Our venue continues to evolve as a premier destination for sport, education and corporate events.

In FY25, we generated \$520,000 in revenue, which was \$60,000 ahead of budget and 24% up on FY24.

This was driven by strong event demand for our meeting spaces again from long term partner Rotary Youth Driver Academy and maximising revenue for the Indoor Centre through multi-use events such as the all-staff conference for Konica Minolta Australia, KFC's Content Production Day, NSW Combined Independent School and NSWPSA cricket trials and various film and photo shoots, to name a few.

By end of FY25, we have hosted over 55 external corporate events in our meeting rooms and function spaces and our Indoor Cricket Centre has over 1,500 registered users (clubs/associations and individual users combined).

We had more than 135,000 visitors through our front doors, hosted over 25 elite cricket matches and were host to over 60 local schools for various programs and activities.

We maintained our community focus by hosting several events at Cricket Central. Some of these events included the 'Celebrating Girls in Sport' event held in conjunction with The City of Parramatta, Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha prayer in conjunction with the Auburn Islamic Community Centre and the 'Summer of Cricket' networking event in conjunction with the Australia India Business Council.

The development of the Stage 2 project at Cricket Central is well underway and excitingly our community building has recently opened. Known as 'The Pavilion', it houses brand new player facilities and changerooms, grandstand seating and a mixture of function spaces. Construction of our new community oval is also progressing well and we look forward to it coming online soon to round out our Stage 2 project.

Cricket Central continues to position itself as the premier destination venue for local clubs, schools, businesses and broader community groups. As we look ahead to FY26, our strategic focus is on deepening customer relationships, enhancing operational efficiency by embracing new technology and expanding our reach into cricket and non-cricket communities.

Rhys Redfearn
Venue Business Development Manager

PEOPLE & CULTURE

At CNSW, we put people at the centre of everything we do. In 2024, we took a number of intentional steps to help our people develop and sustain the working environment that helps them, and the organisation, flourish.

Culture

We made meaningful progress in shaping a workplace culture rooted in freedom, accountability and a deep sense of belonging.

We've worked to create an environment where employees are trusted to make decisions, empowered to take ownership and supported in being their authentic selves. Whether through enhanced team autonomy, clearer accountability or inclusive engagement practices, our efforts have been guided by one central belief: people thrive when they are free to do their best work while feeling seen, heard and valued.

Investing in Leadership at Every Level

In 2024, we continued to elevate leadership development across all levels of the organisation. Our approach focuses on cultivating leaders who build our culture through our values of Excellence, Imagination, Relationships and Humility. We believe these values are not just ideals — together with culture, they're essential to unlocking individual potential and collective performance.

Key highlights included

- **7 Habits of Highly Effective People:** All leaders and staff have participated in workshops and ongoing embedding of this learning, focused on the work of Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. These Habits form part of our way of working.
- **6 Critical Practices of Leadership Program:** This training was implemented to give leaders actionable tools to lead effectively.

By prioritising development, we are building a leadership pipeline that reflects our values and positions us for sustainable, people-centred growth.

Creating a Compelling Employee Experience

Every touchpoint in the employee journey matters. From onboarding to career development, we've been intentional about designing an experience that is both high-impact and human-centered.

Our goal is to be a place where people don't just work — but grow, contribute and belong.

Our engagement results reported through our employee surveys demonstrate high engagement levels, strong alignment with our values and employees who value and recommend Cricket NSW as a great place to work.

Leigh Kearney
Chief People Officer

NSW Blues, Cricket Central



Cricket Central



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Government Relations and Infrastructure Team (GRIT)

Following Erin Todd's departure from Cricket NSW, GRIT was moved into the Cricket Operations team under Clare Crewdson.

With the departure of David Tricca from the position of Government Relations and Public Policy Manager in February 2025, Dean Hunter acted in that role until the completion of the 2025 Federal Election.

Following the election, a restructuring of GRIT was undertaken. Dean Hunter moved into the newly created role of Senior Manager – Government Relations and Infrastructure. Recruitment of the Government Relations and Infrastructure Specialist position has also been completed with Cara Doyle commencing the role in August 2025.

We extend our thanks to David for his dedicated service and contribution and wish him well as he pursues career opportunities outside of Cricket NSW.

Infrastructure

Cricket NSW continued with increasing levels of communication with key stakeholder groups, with a focus on local governments (Councils) being the focus. Improved communication with councils has increased investment in cricket infrastructure over 2024/25.

Highlighted Projects

While CNSW has worked closely with multiple clubs, associations and councils across the 2024/25 financial year, some key projects have been identified below.

Raby Sporting Complex – Indoor Centre

The new facility includes six indoor nets, increasing the cricket region's ability to train year round and better utilise elite development programs, while also providing state-of-the-art facilities for the wider community to use. This project was partially funded by the ACIF and the Strategic Growth Fund.



Raby indoor sporting complex

Manly Warringah Cricket Academy

After more than 20 years without an indoor training facility on the Northern Beaches of Sydney, Manly Warringah Cricket Academy is now completed. With construction costs continuing to rise, innovative solutions are essential to deliver high-quality, purpose-built facilities. Manly Warringah successfully transformed a former metal fabrication factory into a much-needed four-lane indoor facility. This project was partially funded as a strategic project under the 2023/24 ACIF.

Stage 3 Mark Taylor Oval – Grandstand and Change room redevelopment

CNSW continues to be a key stakeholder of the Mark Taylor Oval redevelopment. With Stage 1 (Oval) and Stage 2 (Indoor Centre) now completed, the 3rd stage works of the Grandstand and Changeroom upgrades are underway, with the demolition occurring in February 2025.



Stage 3 Mark Taylor Oval

Belmore Park – Richie Benaud Oval – Parramatta Council

The Belmore Park Masterplan was adopted in mid-2021 with a three-staged redevelopment valued at approximately \$20 million.

With \$6.2 million in funding committed by the Federal Government, combined with an additional \$3.8 million in funding from City of Parramatta Council, several elements of the masterplan were able to be progressed this year. Those elements include the area's first and only turf wicket, three fenced synthetic practice wickets, a public amenity building, loop path, fencing, lighting and electronic scoreboard.

A working group chaired by Parramatta Council was established and included representatives from local football, AFL NSW and CNSW. CNSW staff ensure all designs comply with Tier 3 requirements which will allow 1st Grade men's premier cricket to be held at the ground.

Public tender is due to go to market in September 2025 with construction to start in early 2026.

Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund

In 2024/25, the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) committed \$1.2 million in grant funding for community cricket facility projects across NSW. This investment was allocated to 67 projects, with a total project value of these projects reaching \$18.722 million.

Since 2013, Cricket NSW, in partnership with Cricket Australia and the Australian Cricketers' Association, has provided approximately \$10 million in funding to support 296 NSW cricket projects, with the total value of these projects more than \$138 million for the renewal of cricketing infrastructure across NSW.

In 2025/26, both rounds will be open for a 5-week period, with Round 1 opening in October 2025 and Round 2 in April 2026

Awards

Artie Smith Oval in Bomaderry was recognised as Community Facility Project of the Year for both the state and national awards. Cricket Australia awarded Artie Smith Oval with the Community Facility Project of the Year (\$1M+) as part of their 2025 National Community Cricket Awards.



Artie Smith Oval Bomaderry

Cricket Central Stage 2

Community Oval

Works on the Community Oval at Cricket Central commenced in May 2025, with completion expected in October. The Community Oval, with its synthetic pitch, will provide CNSW, local cricket clubs, associations and schools with access to this space to run a multitude of community level programs. Some of these programs include Woolworths Cricket Blast, girls only cricket, Blind Blast, fan days, the Office of Sport's Dads & Daughters Active & Education Programs, as well as CNSW initiatives such as the HomeWorld International Women's Day Islamic School activation via The Welcome Project.

Community Building and Eastern Hill

The Stage 2 Pavilion project has now been completed, enabling events to be run in the new facility out of The Lounge, a 150-person elevated function space with a fantastic aspect over the main field, and the two 20-person meeting rooms on the ground floor. The Stage 2 pavilion project included the construction of an elevated hill located on the eastern side of the main oval. This hill is to facilitate extra spectator capacity and an enjoyable fan experience for matches on the main oval.

Main Oval and Northern Nets Lighting

All approvals for the installation of lights to the main oval and northern nets have been granted with CNSW re-engaging the contractor, CME, to update the costings of the project before proceeding. The last cost estimates were from 2023 and, with increases to steel and luminaire costs, CNSW will undertake a detailed review to mitigate the risk to the project and obtain an up-to-date cost breakdown.

Government Relations and Strategic Projects

CNSW Government Relations (GR) has provided Cricket Australia (CA) with the requested information for the National Priorities document that will be utilised for the period of 2025-28. This document will remain live and be updated throughout the period until 2028 to provide clear priorities for all levels of government for ongoing funding discussions.

23 Community Cricket projects across 20 electorates were included in the document, with the two priority projects being identified as the upgrades of North Sydney Oval and Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground.

2025 Federal Election

GRIT tracked election commitments across all parties and candidates, with 69 commitments made totaling \$130m. Following the election result, 13 of the 69 candidates were successful in winning their seat, with \$27 million worth of projects benefitting cricket being confirmed. GRIT are holding meetings with all elected MPs to discuss these and other cricket projects in their electorates.

Infrastructure Engagement

During February, GRIT held meetings with multiple Members of Parliament across the state and with the General Secretary of the National Labor Party, Dominic Ofner, to discuss the National Priorities document and the ability for CNSW to provide data on each electorate following the completion of the National Infrastructure Audit (NIA).

Funding Applications

Tracking grant opportunities through subscription to GEM grants portal has identified over 500 grant opportunities which have been forwarded to clubs, councils and associations. GRIT is refining the process to allow for tracking of amounts of grant opportunities provided to stakeholders, how many applications are made and how many are successful. Through this tracking, GRIT is looking to identify opportunities to provide a greater success rate for applications in key regions.

Events with Members of Parliament

The annual MPs v Press cricket match at the SCG continued this season, with the politicians claiming victory for the third season in a row. For the second season, the event was sponsored by ClubsNSW, which donated \$10,000 to the CNSW Foundation. These funds supported the NSW Women's Deaf and Hard of Hearing team to compete in the National Cricket Inclusion Championships. The MPs v Press fixture was followed by 2 CNSW Foundation charity matches.

Parliamentary Friends of Cricket were hosted at the hospitality on 16th December 2024 at the BBL match between the Sydney Sixers and the Melbourne Renegades at the SCG.

Summer of Hospitality

Over the 2024/25 season, Cricket NSW had the pleasure of hosting government stakeholders at a variety of fixtures. This engagement allowed us to host a diverse group of stakeholders, including Ministers and members of the Government, Ministerial staff, members of the Opposition, members of the crossbench, and Departmental staff.

These events give CNSW invaluable opportunities to speak directly with stakeholders about our strategic priorities and the future of cricket in NSW.

Advocacy

CNSW continues to advocate for projects and priorities to every level of Government, furthering our vision to 'inspire everyone to play and love cricket'.

Over the past twelve months, we have made significant progress on several priority projects:

- Integrated travel for matches held at North Sydney Oval and Engie Stadium
- Continued funding from Multicultural NSW
- Increase to our Organisational Support Payment
- Advance upgrade discussions at Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground and North Sydney Oval
- National priorities document 2025-28 which will guide funding discussions over the next federal election cycle
- Promote the Cricket Australia Infrastructure Strategy with key stakeholders
- Utilise the Sports Facility Audit dashboard for data driven conversations with all levels of government

Dean Hunter

Senior Manager – Government Relations and Infrastructure

ASSOCIATION NOTES

Cliff Winning Library Report

Despite the severe limitations caused by the construction of the new stand adjoining the library building, the Library has managed to continue most of its valued functions elsewhere in Cricket Central. Dr Colin Clowes, our Co-Librarian, has continued to provide our men's statistics and maintain our vast historical records. Our Associate Librarian Colin Jefferies has continued to provide updates on all men's State and Premier statistics. Excellent continued support has been provided by Richard Cook and Michael Falk in the maintenance of our book collection and other essential library details. Our Women's Cricket colleagues also continued their great work under the less than optimal circumstances.

Among our regular visitors were researchers and authors, David Nolland, Tom Icton, Peter Lloyd, David Anstice, James Merchant, Peter Schofield, Geoff Armstrong and Rick Sissons. Newcomers included Lawrie Colliver (statistician for Fox Cricket, Adelaide) and Brendan Cunningham from Coff's Harbour (North Coast Zone). We also welcomed Melbourne scholar Eli Rubenstein Sturgess, who is researching the life of Dr Evatt and his involvement in cricket. All proving that investigation into the history of Cricket flourishes.

We welcomed ND's as they prepared for their big year and send all Northern District colleagues best wishes for their Centenary celebrations.

Bob Brenner
Chief Librarian

Obituaries

	John Clark Former NSW Blues player.	27.1.2024
	David Lord Former 1st Grade Player for Mosman and prominent cricket journalist.	17.4.2024
	Graham Thorpe Former England player and NSW Assistant Coach.	4.8.2024
	Bob Horsell OAM Former Chairman of NSW Cricket Board and NSWCA Life Member.	12.8.2024
	Frank Misson Former Australian and NSW Blues player.	11.9.2024
	Patricia Thomson Former Australian and NSW Breakers player.	??.10.2024
	Vic Cristofani Former 1st Grade Player for Sydney University, St.George & Western Suburbs.	11.1.2025
	Dave Renneberg Former Australian and NSW Blues player.	7.4.2025
	Gordon Rorke Former Australian and NSW Blues player.	5.7.2025

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Sub-Committees

As at 30 June 2025

Audit & Risk

J Tait (Chair), S Clark, K Robbins, C Smith, R Timbs

Competitions

P Marjoribanks (Chair), D Goodger, G Gorrie, J Henry, S Patel, M Rodgers

Constitution Review

M Bonnell (Chair), T Iceton, R Timbs

Hall of Fame

Hon K Greene (Chair), C Clowes, R Hore, T Iceton

High Performance

E Cowan (Chair), M Cameron, P Farhart, G Mail, L Poulton, T Scott

Life Member and National Honours

J Knox (Chair), R Hore, M Rosen, J Tait, M Whitney

People & Culture

K Robbins (Chair), E Cowan, J Knox

ATTENDANCE – MEETINGS OF THE NSW CRICKET ASSOCIATION (3)

J Knox	(Chairman – Appointed Board Director – 3/3)
B Freedman	(Bankstown – 3/3)
D Collins	(Blacktown – 1/1)
M O’Neill	(Campbelltown Camden – 1/1)
M Richardson	(Campbelltown Camden – 2/2)
M Coles	(Eastern Suburbs – 2/3)
R Cook	(Fairfield-Liverpool – 3/3)
A Falk	(Gordon – 3/3)
R Timbs	(Hawkesbury – 2/3)
S Beatty	(Manly Warringah – 2/3)
I Finlay	(Mosman – 3/3)
G Gorrie	(Northern District –1/3)
L Borg	(Parramatta – 0/3)
P Goldsmith	(Penrith – 1/3)
A Wright	(Randwick Petersham – 2/3)
Hon K Greene	(St George – 3/3)
T Iceton	(Sutherland – 3/3)
K Bayliss	(Sydney – 1/1)
S Tomlinson	(Sydney – 1/2)
C Robertson	(Sydney University – 1/2)

H Cain	(Sydney University – 1/1)
A Crofts	(University of NSW – 1/1)
P Godber	(University of NSW – 0/2)
A Perrott	(UTS North Sydney – 1/2)
P Lindsay	(UTS North Sydney – 1/1)
M Swan	(Western Suburbs – 0/3)
Burkinshaw	(Central Coast – 1/1)
J Figallo	(Central Coast – 2/2)
T Psarakis	(Central Northern – 3/3)
J Surman	(Greater Illawarra – 1/1)
T Barton	(Greater Illawarra – 2/2)
P Marjoribanks	(Newcastle – 3/3)
P Dilley	(North Coastal – 3/3)
M Frecklington	(Western – 3/3)
M Erdeljac	(Riverina – 3/3)
Not named	(ACTCA – 0)
M Hughes	(NSWCUSA – 2/2)
S Patel	(NSWCUSA – 1/1)
W Howard	(NSWDCA – 1/3)
J Biviano	(Shires Clubs – 0/1)
A Clarke	(Shires Clubs – 0/2)
C Hambleton	(Women’s Clubs – 3/3)
R Timbs	(Elected Board Director – 2/3)
S Clark	(Elected Board Director – 2/3)
E Cowan	(Elected Board Director – 3/3)
C Smith	(Elected Board Director – 1/3)
D Gallop	(Appointed Board Director – 2/3)
K Robbins	(Appointed Board Director – 2/3)

ATTENDANCE - MEETINGS OF NSW CRICKET BOARD

The NSW Cricket Board met eight times between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025.

J Knox (Chair)	(9)
S Clark	(8)
E Cowan	(8)
D Gallop	(9)
K Greene	(9)
P Marjoribanks	(9)
K Robbins	(9)
C Smith	(8)
R Timbs	(9)

LIST OF ALL LIFE MEMBERS OF NSW CRICKET ASSOCIATION (IN ORDER OF ELECTION)

Sir Alexander Gordon (26.9.1927)*; CFW (Charles) Lloyd (26.9.1927)*; JT (John) Pope (26.9.1927)*; W (Walter) Renshaw (26.9.1927)*; LG (Lewis) Abrams (17.10.1927)*; AC (Sandy) Buckle (17.10.1927)*; WP (William) McElhone MBE (17.10.1927)*; R (Richard) Shute (17.10.1927)*; R (Richard) Teece (17.10.1927)*; EJ (Ted) Briscoe (21.11.1927)*; Sir Joseph Carruthers KCMG (21.11.1927)*; PC (Percy) Charlton (21.11.1927)*; JC (John) Davis (21.11.1927)*; TJ (Thomas) Hartigan CMG (21.11.1927)*; HG (Harold) Hewlett (21.11.1927)*; MA (Monty) Noble (21.11.1927)*; Hon CW (Charles) Oakes (21.11.1927)*; Sir Colin Sinclair KBE (21.11.1927)*; HF (Harry) Holt (1928)*; VA (Vincent) Macauley (1929)*; AC (Alfred) Jones (1932)*; CDB (Carl) Wright (1932)*; EL (Edgar) Waddy (1934)*; AL (Arthur) Rose (1935)*; TJE (Tommy) Andrews (1936)*; WW (Warwick) Armstrong (1936)*; W (Warren) Bardsley (1936)*; HS (Hanson) Carter (1936)*; HL (Herbie) Collins (1936)*; H (Harry) Donnan (1936)*; TW (Tom) Garrett (1936)*; JM (Jack) Gregory (1936)*; HV (Herbert) Hordern (1936)*; WP (Bill) Howell (1936)*; C (Charlie) Kelleway (1936)*; JJ (James) Kelly (1936)*; AF (Alan) Kippax (1936)*; CG (Charlie) Macartney (1936)*; AA (Arthur) Mailey (1936)*; HH (Hugh) Massie (1936)*; TR (Tom) McKibbin (1936)*; RB (Roy) Minnett (1936)*; H (Harry) Moses (1936)*; JM (Johnny) Taylor (1936)*; CTB (Charles) Turner (1936)*; NI (Neil) Blue (1937)*; WC (William) Bull (1937)*; TH (Thomas) Howard (1937)*; RA (Aubrey) Oxlade CBE (1937)*; S (Sydney) Smith CBE (1937)*; EA (Edwin) Tyler (1937)*; HA (Henry) Parker (1938)*; EG (Ewart) Macmillan (1939)*; WA (Bert) Oldfield MBE (1939)*; RCM (Ray) Boyce (1940)*; WW (Walter) Rothwell (1941)*; HA (Horace) Russell (1941)*; FM (Frank) Cush OBE (1943)*; BH (Bert) Bicknell (1943)*; JD (John) Durham (1943)*; CA (Charles) Fairland (1943)*; GJ (George) Gavey (1943)*; RG (Reg) Herford (1943)*; KOE (Keith) Johnson MBE (1943)*; EA (Edgar) Paton (1943)*; AT (Andrew) Ratcliffe (1943)*; EW (Ted) Adams CBE (1944)*; EA (Edmund) Dwyer (1944)*; LJ (Leslie) Fingleton (1944)*; CL (Cyril) Gentle ISO (1944)*; RJA (Jack) Massie (1944)*; SAD (Sydney) Storey (1944)*; OA

(Oliver) Taylor (1944)*; AH (Albert) Vincent (1944)*; SG (Syd) Webb OBE QC (1944)*; LW (Leslie) Gwynne (1945)*; PC (Paul) Harrison (1945)*; S (Sam) Stone (1945)*; AG (Arthur) Chipperfield (1947)*; JH (Jack) Fingleton OBE (1947)*; SJ (Stan) McCabe (1947)*; WJ (Bill) O’Reilly OBE (1947)*; AR (Mick) Alterator OAM (1951)*; SJ (Selby) Burt (1951)*; MB (Mort) Cohen (1951)*; Rt Hon HV (Herbert) Evatt QC (1951)*; CJ (Cyril) Jagoe (1951)*; JE (Jack) Norton ISM (1951)*; CD (Dudley) Seddon (1951)*; SC (Sydney) Trumper (1951)*; AP (Billy) Wells (1951)*; A (Alf) Farrow (1954-55)*; JW (Jack) Chegwyn MBE (1956)*; JS (Stan) Dinan (1956)*; S (Stroy) Donnan (1956)*; FW (Fred) Lyons (1956)*; JP (Jack) Ross (1956)*; JO (Ossie) Stenmark (1956)*; RH (Reg) Tulk (1956)*; FW (Fred) Bennett OBE (1959)*; GB (George) Barter (1959)*; JW (Jim) Burke (1959)*; KR (Keith) Miller AM MBE (1959)*; J (Jack) Moroney (1959)*; AR (Arthur) Morris MBE (1959)*; RA (Ron) Sagggers (1959)*; AK (Alan) Davidson AM MBE (1963)*; RN (Neil) Harvey OAM MBE (1963); R (Richie) Benaud OBE (1964 – res’d 1970)*; G (George) Borwick MBE (1964)*; M (Maurie) Lillenthal OAM (1964)*; RLP (Roy) Turner OAM (1964)*; TCJ (Tim) Caldwell OBE BEM (1967)*; RG (Ron) Davies (1967)*; RW (Ron) Eaton OBE (1967)*; RCJ (Ray) Little OAM (1967)*; CA (Charles) Harris OAM (1970)*; BC (Basil) Sheidow (1970)*; RB (Bob) Simpson AO (1970); F (Fred) Snell (1970)*; GWA (George) Lowe MBE (1970-71)*; S (Syd) Boddy (1971)*; BC (Brian) Booth MBE (1971)*; AE (Alf) Owen (1971)*; W (William) Ray (1971)*; CM (Cliff) Winning (1971)*; RF (Dick) Burgess (1975)*; JF (John) Hodgson (1975)*; D (Doug) Kennedy (1975)*; BC (Bryan) Hazell OAM (1977)*; EE (Eric) Johnson (1977)*; WJ (Warren) Saunders OAM (1977)*; GJH (Geoff) Weir (1977)*; Sir Donald Bradman AC (1979)*; TF (Tom) Brooks OAM (1979)*; WA (Bill) Brown OAM (1979)*; ID (Ian) Craig OAM (1979)*; JW (John) Gleeson (1979)*; RV (Ron) James (1979)*; RR (Ray) Lindwall MBE (1979)*; AD (Alan) McGilvray AM MBE (1979)*; NCL (Norm) O’Neill OAM (1979)*; SG (Stan) Sismey OAM (1979)*; HB (Brian) Taber (1979)*; KD (Doug) Walters AM MBE (1979); Sir Roden Cutler VC AK KCMG KCVO CBE (1980)*; RH (Dick) Guy (1981)*; AR (Alan) Barnes OBE (1981)*; EF (Ted) Wykes OAM (1982)*; AB (Alan) Crompton OAM (1983)*; AJ (Austen) Hughes OAM (1984)*;

NWL (Noel) Bergin OAM (1986)*; LR (Lyll) Gardner OAM (1988); JA (John) Chapman AM (1990)*; RB (Rick) McCosker OAM (1990); RCA (Roger) Wotton AM (1990)*; DJ (Denis) Broad OAM (1992); KR (Kevin) Cunningham (1992)*; FJ (Frank) Clark OAM (1995)*; TH (Trevor) Wholohan OAM (1995)*; RA (Dick) French OAM (1996); RM (Bob) Radford AM (1996)*; SJ (Steve) Rixon (1996); RF (Ray) Tozer (1996); IH (Ivor) Ewin OAM (1997)*; A (Alan) Turner (1997); EW (Ern) Cosgrove (1998)*; NS (Noel) Laming (1998)*; JMA (Jim) Tait (1999); BF (Brian) Freedman OAM (2000); RG (Rocky) Harris (2000)*; NG (Neil) Marks (2000)*; R (Ron) Wright OAM (2001)*; P (Phil) Tresidder (2001)*; J (John) Dyson (2002); PA (Phil) Emery (2002); RE (Bob) Horsell OAM (2002)*; GF (Geoff) Lawson OAM (2002); GRJ (Greg) Matthews (2002); MA (Mark) Taylor AO (2002); MR (Mike) Whitney AM (2002); G (Gwen) Atwell (2003); R (Bob) Brewer (2003)*; CP (Christine) Brierley OAM (2003); MJ (Marie) Cornish OAM (2003); M (Menna) Davies (2003); VG (Verna) Jackson (2003); LA (Lyn) Larsen (2003); HA (Ann) Mitchell OAM (2003); M (Muriel) Picton AM (2003); OM (Olive) Smith (2003)*; LP (Lorna) Thomas MBE (2003)*; WM (Wendy) Weir AM (2003)*; MG (Michael) Bevan (2003); BJ (Brian) Gainsford OAM (2003); HJF (Hilary) Griffith (2003); WJ (Bill) Jocelyn (2003); ME (Mark) Waugh AM (2003); SR (Steve) Waugh AO (2003); J (John) Benaud (2004); PI (Peter) Philpott OAM (2004)*; RA (Rina) Hore (2005); P (Pam) Meyers (2005); MJ (Murray) Bennett (2005); THJ (Tom) Iceton OAM (2005); JT (John) McMahon OAM (2005)*; JT (John) O’Dwyer OAM (2006); D (Dion) Bourne (2006)*; RJ (Bob) Brenner (2007); BJ (Belinda) Clark AM (2007); CF (Colin) Clowes (2007); LM (Lisa) Keightley (2007); GD (Glenn) McGrath AO (2008); MB (Mike) Pawley OAM (2008); DB (Darrell) Hair (2009 – res’d 2013); RG (Bob) Holland OAM (2009)*; BA (Basil) Sellers AM (2009); MJ (Mike) Silver OAM (2009); GK (Harry) Harinath OAM (2010)*; K (Kerry) Marshall (2010); SB (Steve) Smith (2010); DH (Doug) Cole (2011); G (Grahame) Thomas (2011); DR (David) Gilbert (2014); MF (Marshall) Rosen OAM (2014); BP (Brian) Hughes (2015); SM (Simon) Katich (2015); C (Carolyn) Sheehan (2015); MJ (Michael) Slater (2016); LC (Lisa) Sthalekar

(2017); GK (Greg) Monaghan (2018); KJ (Kerry) O’Keeffe (2018); B (Brett) Lee (2019); SJA (Simon) Taufel (2019); MJ (Michael) Clarke AO (2020); K (Karen) Hill (nee Price) (2020); J (Julie) Hayes (2021); JA (John) Warn (2021); MAJ (Michelle) Goszko (2022); DM (Dirk) Wellham (2022); BJ (Belinda) Robertson (nee Haggett) (2023); PM (Peter) Toohey (2023); BJ (Brad) Haddin (2024); JWM (John) Knox (2024).

* = Deceased

FINANCIALS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 2025

NSW CRICKET ASSOCIATION AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	2025 \$	2024 \$
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		
Match and Venue	5,572,822	4,879,210
Cricket Australia Distributions	44,158,812	43,394,944
Cricket Central Development	3,780,000	3,170,000
CNSW Foundation	467,862	612,206
Facilities grant	1,025,570	1,085,300
Other income	13,480,603	10,964,667
	68,485,669	64,106,327
EXPENSES		
Cricket Performance	(10,404,401)	(10,490,081)
Commercial Operations and Communications	(6,259,502)	(6,603,893)
Central Services and Operations	(7,205,549)	(7,282,187)
Community Cricket	(9,356,678)	(7,990,667)
Grants to Members	(1,968,484)	(1,825,633)
Players Payments Pool	(15,767,732)	(14,660,681)
Match and Venue	(12,043,177)	(10,470,394)
Innovation fund	(231,265)	(165,890)
Cricket Central Development Depreciation	(3,111,241)	(3,089,602)
CNSW Foundation	(516,204)	(637,232)
Facilities grant	(1,254,570)	(1,312,850)
	(68,118,803)	(64,529,110)
Finance income	2,525,182	1,913,828
Finance costs	(121,199)	(55,370)
	2,403,983	1,858,458
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	2,770,849	1,436,675
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Profit on the revaluation of instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	5,888	180,915
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	5,888	180,915
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	2,776,737	1,616,590

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

NSW CRICKET ASSOCIATION AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,793,975	12,431,133
Trade and other receivables	1,221,118	1,945,538
Other financial assets	27,305,693	24,197,219
Other assets	1,820,110	361,421
Total Current Assets	36,140,896	38,935,311
Non-Current Assets		
Right-of-use lease assets	2,187,392	3,031,829
Property, plant and equipment	62,732,117	57,604,123
Total Non-Current Assets	64,919,509	60,635,952
Total Assets	101,060,405	99,571,263
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	3,489,882	3,494,395
Lease liabilities	322,268	266,543
Provisions	4,221,783	4,701,798
Other liabilities	1,384,340	1,401,360
Total Current Liabilities	9,418,273	9,864,096
Non-Current Liabilities		
Lease liabilities	2,242,370	3,092,113
Provisions	989,770	981,799
Total Non-Current Liabilities	3,232,140	4,073,912
Total Liabilities	12,650,413	13,938,008
Net Assets	88,409,992	85,633,255
EQUITY		
Reserves	(48,270)	(54,158)
Retained surplus	88,458,262	85,687,413
Total Equity	88,409,992	85,633,255

