

**PARRAMATTA DISTRICT CRICKET  
ASSOCIATION INC.**

**ONE HUNDRED and FOURTH  
ANNUAL REPORT**



**ASSOCIATION RECORDS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**and**

**PARRAMATTA DISTRICT  
CRICKET UMPIRES  
ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
SEASON 2022/23**

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Association Incorporation Number Y1689736

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## **OFFICERS**

### **PATRON**

R. B. Boxall

### **PRESIDENT**

Peter McLoughlin

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Michael Johns

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Frank Pitt

### **FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Madan Alagarraja

### **HON. SOLICITOR**

Scott Johnson of

BATEMAN BATTERSBY. Penrith (Ph; 4731 5899)

## **BOARD**

Peter McLoughlin (Chair), Michael Johns (Deputy Chair), Frank Pitt (Executive Officer),

Madan Alagarraja (Financial Officer), Wayne Earl, Hari Murali,

Mark Macdonald, Justin Isaacs, Paul Giumelli, Robert Dryburgh (PDCUA)

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

Messrs E. L. Myatt OAM, R. B. Boxall, R Sandell OAM, J. Lawrence, A Knight, R. O'Donoghue, R. Piper, K. Thompson, B. Twining, N. Pittman, R. Horder OAM, R. Dunn, R. Head, G. Horwood, S. Prior, W. Shepherd, D. Ferguson, G Quinn, L. Borg, P. McLoughlin, D D'Arney.

## **COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE**

Cameron Laurie (Chair), Frank Pitt, Tapan Sharma, Madan Alagarraja, Bernadette Robson, Sriramadesikan Gopalsami, Suraj Ranganathan, Kane Milne.

## **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

Michael Johns (Chair), Paul Giumelli, Wayne Earl, Cameron Laurie, Rob Dryburgh, Hari Murali, Doug D'Arney,

## **REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Paul Giumelli, Justin Isaacs, Bernadette Robson and Representative Team Managers

## **GRADING COMMITTEE**

Michael Johns (Chair), Peter McLoughlin, Frank Pitt, Justin Isaacs, Wayne Earl, Hari Murali, Mark McDonald

## **RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE**

PDCA Board

## **DELEGATE TO NSWDCA**

Justin Isaacs, Frank Pitt

## **DELEGATE TO PDCUA**

Frank Pitt

## **PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD**

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to again serve as President of PDCA this season. I thank everyone for their support. It is wonderful to see everyone out on the park playing our great game!

It was with great sadness that we lost Douglas D'Arney this season. Doug was a long-term member of our cricket community. He was President of the PDCUA for many years and a Board and Committee Member of PCDA. Doug played in PDCA and was a well-regarded umpire both in PDCA and Grade cricket, where he umpired 100 First Grade Games. Our commiserations go out to Doug's wife Sue and his family.

After the disruption of the last few seasons, we finally had a complete season, with only minimal weather disruptions. Finals were completed & congratulations to all teams who were Premiers and to Wenty Leagues White on winning the A Grade Premiership. Stage 3 returned to a mix of one and two day cricket which was well received. Thanks to all who played!

Our member clubs work tirelessly to provide cricket for players of all ages from U10 to Seniors. We thank the Club Executives, Committees, Coaches and Managers for their work.

This season saw the introduction of PlayHQ. Despite assurances it was ready to go, it proved to be totally inadequate to replace My Cricket. Continual improvements were made during the season, which made it slightly better. If it were not for the work of Mark Macdonald and Frank Pitt, the program would not have progressed. Still much work is needed before next season.

Whilst on this subject, PDCA was runner up in the Cricket Australia Awards in the Technology & Media Initiative of the Year section. Thanks to Mark Macdonald & Frank Pitt for all their work in assisting with upgrades to PlayHQ.

Congratulations to the Parramatta Grade Club on winning the First & Third Grade Premierships, as well as the AW Green Shield. A very successful season. Well done to all concerned.

The Representative season went very well, with PDCA successful in boys' competition in the U15 Weblin Shield & U12 Arch Cawsey Shield and in the girls' competition in the U15 Margaret Peden Shield. Thanks to Paul Giumelli and Justin Isaacs, who have again put in an amazing amount of time and effort to get the PDCA teams onto the park. Thanks to all coaches and managers for their work and to the Sponsors who have provided financial support. Congratulations to NSWYC Players of the Year Girish Gangatharan, Blake Noorbergen and Shiloh Julian. In early April, the U15 team also won the State Championship defeating Western Plains.

It was great to see Cumberland Council name Roberta Street Park as Tom Adams Oval. This was in recognition of Tom's work with Greystanes Cricket Club for over 40 years. Tom was a Life Member of Greystanes CC as well as PDCA. Tom was a gentleman and a legend.

The PDCUA provided umpires to junior and senior games during the season and in finals where most games were covered. Thanks to President Rob Dryburgh, Secretary John Kennedy, Ken Bakon and the Committee for their efforts.

The PDCA Board continues to work hard to provide cricket for all ages and skill levels. My thanks to all Boards Members for their input throughout the season. PDCA is always looking at how it can improve the competitions. Special thanks to Executive Officer Frank Pitt for his tireless work throughout the season and to Financial Officer Madan Alagarraja. The Judiciary and Competition Committees worked throughout the season and thanks to those on these committees under the Chairmanship of Michael Johns and Cameron Lawrie respectively. PDCA continues to look at

stopping bad behaviour both on and off the field. We ask all concerned to work to make cricket enjoyable for players, umpires and spectators.

I look forward to season 2023/2024.

**Peter McLoughlin**

**President**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The 2022-23 season has now come and gone without the disruptions of previous seasons. Without heatwaves, air quality issues, extended wet weather and resulting field damage, and without further impact from the pandemic, it was good to focus on playing the game. While we lost very little playing time to rain our season has been shortened by one weekend due to council policy changes, and will remain so.

Focusing on the field, congratulations to Club Champions, Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL Cricket Club; A Grade Premiers, Wenty Leagues; all our premierships winning teams and our Senior and Junior Cricketers of the Year; Rob Pasfield and Neel Patel. Well Done All. Female participation continues strong growth and we were able to offer the inaugural Women's Senior comp. Overall player and team numbers were slightly down on 21-22.

Most of our cricket continues to be played in the right spirit and there were fewer judiciary matters heard than previously. Thank you to the Parramatta District Cricket Umpires Association for your members' work on the field and the hard work off the field by your officers. Your input and our two associations close relationship is of enormous benefit to cricket in Parramatta. My thanks also go to our volunteer committees; the Competitions Committee (Chaired by Cameron Laurie), the Judiciary Committee (Chaired by Michael Johns) and the Board (Chaired by Peter McLoughlin).

Parramatta DCA's representative program, under the excellent management of Paul Giumelli and Justin Isaacs continues to do the association proud, not only with the quality of the cricket played but with the inclusiveness, the professionalism and the spirit displayed on and off the field. Thanks also to the coaches and managers of all our representative teams. You, Paul and Justin are owed the gratitude of this association and our rep players and their parents.

Congratulations to our Margaret Peden Shield, E.G. Weblin Shield and Arch Cawsey Shield premiers in the NSW Youth Championships and our Anthony Neale Cup and Colin Cooper Cup (Div 2) premiers in the IDCA Presidents Cup Competitions. Congratulations too to *all* player selected to represent their district.

Testament to the quality of our representative program is the success of our partner NSW Premier Cricket clubs, the Parramatta District Cricket Club and the Parramatta District Women's Cricket Club. These clubs are filled with former PDCA juniors well prepared for the rigours of Premier Cricket. Congratulations to Parra DCC on winning the First Grade, Third Grade and Green Shield premierships and running up in the Club Championship and Fourth Grade, with very creditable results in each of the remaining four competitions. The Parra Women's CC finished second in the Club Championship and were finalists in First Grade, Second Grade and Brewers Shield.

While on-field disruptions were absent, off the field the Cricket Australia mandated move to the PlayHQ platform resulted in unprecedented disruption and difficulties for the administration and management of cricket. The platform is simply not fit for purpose and was not ready for adoption. Despite promises of a reduced volunteer workload, PlayHQ demanded a manifold increase in the contribution of everyone. We experienced a decimation of the volunteer base as good people, deeply invested in the successful running of clubs and competitions, walked away from the roles and the sport they loved over the frustration and often impossible demands imposed by PlayHQ. Player registrations suffered as did teams' capacity to offer casual players the odd game of cricket. Usually, offering a "taste" of one or a few games leads to fuller participation or a next season commitment. PlayHQ's one-size-fits-all registration model and cost structure closed this option and many, many teams played short. The problems of PlayHQ were such that as our competitions closed on the final rounds, the PDCA Board learned that we could not have confidence in the match results and scores, or competition ladders as published on PlayHQ at that time. There was considerable backroom work by our Board and Comps Committee to maintain the integrity of the competitions.

There will be improvement as Cricket NSW and others work to make the platform better. PDCA Board member Mark Macdonald (Winston Hills C.C.) has made a huge contribution in this regard; endlessly liaising and advising Cricket NSW, C.A. and PlayHQ, while helping the association and other clubs navigate the difficulties. All cricket owes Mark thanks.

In this report last season, I was honoured to wish Doug D'Arney well in his retirement. Doug had been a giant of our game in Parramatta and NSW, as a player, an umpire, a volunteer and a supporter. He umpired much Premier Cricket including more than one hundred First Grade matches and countless PDCA matches at our highest level. Doug served on the PDCA Board and the PDCUA Committee (including as President) for decades and earned Life Membership of both associations. Tragically, Doug passed away suddenly just prior to Christmas 2022. Vale Doug.

**Frank Pitt**

**Executive Officer**

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board met on eleven occasions since our last Annual Report. Attendance was as follows:

**Office Bearers;** Peter McLoughlin 10, Michael Johns 9, Madan Alagarraja 9, Frank Pitt 11.

**Board Members;** Paul Giumelli 11, Wayne Earl 10, Justin Isaacs 10, Rob Dryburgh 9, Mark Macdonald 9, Hari Murali 8.

Apologies were submitted and accepted for absences. The Competitions Committee and the Representative Committee Chairman joined the Board on occasions.

## **COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

Another season has come and gone, 2022-2023 finished on a high note with the semi & grand finals completed without rain washouts.

It was a year that will be remembered for having the most difficult administration headache that I can recall, PlayHQ. Everyone associated with any form of cricket in Australia will not quickly forget the effect it had on our season. The best that can be said is that it when you are at the bottom you can only go up.

This season we saw a couple wash outs, luckily nothing like we have had in previous years. The councils did another good job with the fields, and we appreciate and thank them for their assistance.

Player umpire numbers were again well attended this year, with only a handful of games not covered, we thank all clubs who fulfilled their commitments. The Black and White umpires did a great job and the attendance in the lower grades is always welcome, for the first time the umpires were allocated to stage 2 in the junior draw.

The PDCA thanks and appreciates the PDCUA for their contribution and support.

Congratulations to all the teams who won their premierships in the PDCA competition, the representative teams had a great season, details can be read in a separate report.

This season the judiciary committee had a much quieter start with no reports in the first few rounds, however, some players need to learn that inappropriate behaviour is not accepted. As the season progressed the reports were received, and the judiciary got busy. The full details of these meetings can be read in a separate report.

The members of the competition committee did another great job this, without your contributions the running of the game would not be possible, we give our thanks to the following people Madan Alagarraja, Sriramadesikan Gopalsami, Suraj Ranganathan, Bernadette Robson, Frank Pitt, Tapan Sharma, and Kane Milne.

Lastly the committee thanks the PDCC and PDCA Board for its ongoing support and look forward to working with the board next season.

**Cameron Laurie**

**Competitions Committee Chairman**

## **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

T.B.A.

**Michael Johns**

**Judiciary Committee Chairman**

## SPONSORSHIP

Our Association enjoys substantial financial support from Kookaburra, which effectively lowers the cost of participation for every player. That support deserves our appreciation and thanks.

New sponsorship arrangement for our representative junior program saw Trikon, Edgegenix, Sydney Wide Shutters and Cherry Custom Apparel come on board with significant contributions. Their help is much appreciated.

## FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The purpose of this report is to explain various items of Income and Expenditure listed in the Financial Statements.

**Affiliation Cost-** Both Seniors and Juniors Affiliation cost were increased for the Season 2022/2023. With the increase in cost it is expected that Affiliation Fees may increase for the Season 2023/2024.

Cricket NSW took control of Junior Representative Cricket from NSWDCA and Player Fees were introduced to cover match expenses (grounds, umpires, balls etc) and clothing. Expenses pertaining to Watson and Martin Shields were still incurred separately.

**Fines-** There were fines imposed for Player Umpire Non-Attendance, Forfeit of Team and Judiciary appeal.

**Ground Rental:** As mentioned in the previous year's Financial Report, there was an increase in cost for the Ground Fees.

**Umpire Fee-** There was significant increase in umpiring fees PDCUA umpires.

**Insurance** – Juniors: Cricket NSW via My Cricket assumed control of Player Insurance payments in respect of Juniors. It is anticipated that Senior Player Insurance may increase for the next season.

**Sponsorship:** Kookaburra Sports have been most generous sponsors of PDCA. We anticipate they will continue their sponsorship but given the current economic conditions we expect it will be limited to the agreed \$10,000 per season. For the Season 2022/2023 PDCA received sponsor of from EDGEGENIX, TRIKON and Kamal Pawar.

**Administration Grants-** No changes to the Executive and Finance Officers.

**Software-** The annual cost of this software is approximately \$600.

**Financial Status-** PDCA finances are in a healthy state with a bank balance of \$124,100.30 at season's end. We are expecting to pay Honorarium Payments approximately \$5,000 for the season ending 2022/2023. Normal offseason expenditure for administration and trophies should result in a balance of approximately \$120,000 to start the 2023-24 season.

### Open Invoices summary by Category

Fine	Ground Hire	Junior Affiliation	Refund	Senior Affiliation	T20 Affiliation	Umpire	Grand Total
250.00	2,700.00	600.00	-130.00	350.00	1,000.00	13,015.00	17,785.00

We express our appreciation to those clubs that paid their fees promptly during the season. We will continue to communicate with Clubs to improve the notification and collection of fees.



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## Profit and Loss

May 2022 - April 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
200 Senior Affiliation Cost	41,300.00
200A Sunday Affiliation T20 Comp	15,000.00
203 Junior Affiliation Cost	23,450.00
204 PDCA Rep Player Fees	20,460.74
204A Female Youth Championships	2,405.90
204B IDCA/President Cup	13,217.72
204C Male Youth Championships	1,836.34
204D Martin Shield	1,414.08
Rep Trials U12-1	1,100.00
Rep Trials U12-2	1,400.00
Rep Trials U13-2	950.00
Rep Trials U14-2	900.00
Rep Trials U15-2	1,275.00
<b>Total 204 PDCA Rep Player Fees</b>	<b>44,959.78</b>
205 Fines	2,150.00
206 Ground Rental Received	32,600.00
211 Sponsorship Received	13,800.00
213 Umpires Fees Received	
213A Junior Umpire Income	15,095.00
213B Senior Umpire Income	35,337.50
<b>Total 213 Umpires Fees Received</b>	<b>50,432.50</b>
214 Miscellaneous	4,000.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>A\$227,792.28</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>A\$227,792.28</b>
Expenses	
401 Administration Grants	
401A Executive Officer Grant	37,466.64
401B Finance Officer Grant	6,400.00
<b>Total 401 Administration Grants</b>	<b>43,866.64</b>
402 Annual Report & Presentation Expenses	4,548.20
403 Club/Committee Meetings	3,557.29
404 Donations/Charitable Functions	1,250.00
405 Ground Rent Paid	48,355.94
408 Inter Association competitions	1,005.88
408A Rep Team Coaching	3,000.00
<b>Total 408 Inter Association competitions</b>	<b>4,005.88</b>
409 Inter Association Clothing Purchases	31,769.50
410 NSWDCA Affiliation Fees	400.00
411 Office Rental	945.63
412 Cricket NSW	
412A Youth Championship- Male	11,830.00
412B Youth Championship- Female	2,730.00
<b>Total 412 Cricket NSW</b>	<b>14,560.00</b>