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UMPIRES
ASSOCIATION
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**2012
ANNUAL
REPORT**

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NCCUA OFFICE BEARERS 2012

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Darrel Luck

VICE PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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Peter Hampshire

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(AFLGSJ Newcastle Umpires
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UMPIRES COACH

Peter Hampshire

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David Ferris

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NCCUA HONOUR ROLL 2000 - 2012

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Assistant Secretary	Treasurer	Committee Members	Umpires Coach/ Co-ordinator	Liaison Officer	Umpire of the Year
2000	John Sullivan	NA	Steve Welsh	NA	Neville Turner	Eric Rogers & Darrel Luck	Eric Rogers, Darrel Luck & Neville Turner	Eric Rogers & Darrel Luck	Amy Galloway (Awarded by the BDAFL)
2001	John Sullivan	NA	David Robinson	NA	Neville Turner	Chris Ward	Chris Ward	Chris Ward	Darrel Luck
2002	John Sullivan	NA	Peter Hoffman	NA	Neville Turner		John Sullivan & Neville Turner	Neville Turner	Gavin Ellis
2003	John Sullivan	NA	Byron John	NA	Neville Turner	Peter Hoffman	Peter Hoffman	Peter Hoffman	Eric Rogers
2004	John Sullivan	Steve Welsh, Bruce Edmiston	Byron John	Peter Hoffman	Neville Turner	Michael Stone & Richard Judd	Richard Judd	Peter Hoffman	Phil Stone
2005	John Sullivan	Darrel Luck	Ashley Borg	Joe Wenta	Neville Turner	Richard Judd & Peter Hoffman	Richard Judd	Peter Hoffman	Grant Godfrey
2006	Darrel Luck	Bruce Edmiston	Richard Cornish	Emily Reichert	Neville Turner	Grant Godfrey, Phil Stone & Roy Reichert	Grant Godfrey	Grant Godfrey	Roger Crowhurst & Grant Godfrey
2007	Darrel Luck	Roy Reichert	Richard Cornish	Emily Reichert	Neville Turner	Roger Crowhurst, Grant Godfrey, Lee Gardener & Andrew Waterman	Roger Crowhurst	Darrel Luck	Roger Crowhurst & Darrel Luck
2008	Darrel Luck	Roy Reichert	Richard Cornish	Steve Welsh	Neville Turner	Roger Crowhurst, Grant Godfrey, Emily Reichert & Andrew Waterman	Roger Crowhurst	Darrel Luck	Ashley Borg
2009	Darrel Luck	Steve Welsh	Richard Cornish	Ashley Borg	Neville Turner	Phil Behrendt, Roger Crowhurst, Troy Edwards, Roy Reichert, Roger Stokes & John Sullivan	Roger Crowhurst	Darrel Luck	Ashley Borg
2010	Darrel Luck	Steve Welsh	Richard Cornish	Shannon Oeser	Neville Turner	Phil Behrendt, Roger Crowhurst, Peter Hampshire, Ron Oeser, Roy Reichert & Roger Stokes	Peter Hampshire	Darrel Luck	Jackson Stokes
2011	Darrel Luck	Steve Welsh	Richard Cornish	Paul Best	Neville Turner	Phil Behrendt, Gavin Cornish, Roger Crowhurst, Peter Hampshire, Ron Oeser & Roy Reichert	Peter Hampshire	Darrel Luck	Aden Kittel
2012	Darrel Luck	Roger Crowhurst	Richard Cornish	Paul Best	Neville Turner	Richard Brasier, Peter Hampshire, Roy Reichert & Roger Stokes	Peter Hampshire	Darrel Luck	Roger Crowhurst

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2012

PREMIER DIVISION (BLACK DIAMOND CUP)							
Year	FIELD UMPIRES			BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
2000	D. Luck	E. Rogers		D. Judd	S. Webster	C. Barker	J. Sullivan
2001	R. Judd	D. Luck	T. Wrankmore	G. Ellis	T. Willmott	J. Sullivan	J. Wrankmore
2002	R. Judd	A. Marton	E. Rogers	G. Ellis	L. Gardener	P. Crosland	J. Sullivan
2003	P. Hoffman	R. Johnson	E. Rogers	G. Ellis	H. McLeod	N. Marriott	J. Sullivan
2004	G. Godfrey	D. Luck	P. Stone	G. Ellis	H. McLeod	J. Sullivan	J. Wenta
2005	A. Borg	G. Godfrey	D. Luck	C. Barnes	B. Marriott	S. Hoffman	J. Wenta
2006	R. Crowhurst	G. Godfrey	D. Luck	C. Rawling	M. Trialonas	J. Sullivan	J. Wenta
2007	R. Crowhurst	D. Luck	P. Stone	C. Goodenough	C. Rawling	R. Cornish	J. Sullivan
2008	A. Borg	R. Crowhurst	G. Godfrey	D. Bell	C. Goodenough	R. Cornish	P. Marriott
2009	A. Borg	R. Crowhurst	T. Druwitt	H. Farrell	S. Oeser	R. Cornish	P. Marriott
2010	J. Behrendt	R. Crowhurst	T. Druwitt	C. Alexander	A. Thompson	P. Best	R. Cornish
2011	R. Crowhurst	A. Kittel	J. Stokes	C. Alexander	S. Oeser	P. Best	P. Marriott
2012	R. Crowhurst	A. Kittel	J. Stokes	R. Eve	C. Williams	P. Best	J. Sullivan

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2012

RESERVE GRADE							
Year	FIELD UMPIRES			BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
2000	R. Judd	N. Turner		G. Ellis	T. Willmott	A. Galloway	E. Thurlow
2001	T. Hassall	R. Hunter	R. Johnson	S. Dunbar	A. Robinson	R. Kenna	D. Robinson
2002	R. Dinneen	T. Edwards	P. Hoffman	F. Cameron	H. McLeod	S. Curan	R. Minister
2003	B. John	P. Stone	N. Turner	N. Elsworthy	L. Gardener	R. Cornish	P. Crosland
2004	B. John	R. Dinneen	M. Stone	D. Hall	C. Rawling	R. Cornish	S. Hoffman
2005	R. Crowhurst	B. Edmiston	M. Stone	C. Rawling	S. Hayes	J. Partland	J. Sullivan
2006	A. Hoffman	B. King	L. Gardener	B. Cadona	S. Lamborn	J. Partland	M. Ward
2007	C. Baker	B. Edmiston	L. Gardener	D. Bell	B. Hancock	J. Lowe	R. Raslan
2008	M. Trialonas	P. Stone	S. Welsh	C. Hunt	J. Stokes	P. Behrendt	R. Oeser
2009	P. Hampshire	P. Stone	S. Welsh	L. Gardener	C. Tunks	W. Farrand	R. Oeser
2010	L. Gardener	K. Hoffman	D. Luck	C. Goodenough	N. Hickson	R. Oeser	L. Parente
2011	J. Crookall	L. Gardener	D. Luck	C. Goodenough	N. Hickson	P. Behrendt	J. Sullivan

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2012

DIVISION ONE							
Year	FIELD UMPIRES			BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
2012	J. Crookall	T. Edwards	D. Luck	C. Goodenough	R. Luck	R. Oeser	R. Williams

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2012

DIVISION TWO							
Year	FIELD UMPIRES			BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
2012	R. Brasier	L. Gardener	R. Stokes	A. Coburn	T. Pickering	S. Farrand	R. Goodenough

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2012

UNDER 18'S							
Year	FIELD UMPIRES			BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
2000	R. Kenna	A. Marton		T. Riley	A. Robinson	D. Robinson	P. Vella
2001	R. Dinneen	A. Marton	E. Rogers	F. Cameron	S. Rogers	P. Crosland	P. Vella
2002	C. Barker	R. Johnson	N. Turner	S. Hoffman	S. Rogers	B. Marton	D. Robinson
2003	R. Jauncey	G. McBain	S. Welsh	A. Butler	M. Campbell	B. Edmiston	J. Hughes
2004	L. Gardener	R. Johnson	N. Turner	S. Lamborn	S. Maloney	N. Marriott	B. Marton
2005	R. Dinneen	P. Hoffman	N. Turner	D. Hall	S. Lamborn	J. Rawling	J. Turton
2006	P. Best	K. Harding	P. Stone	C. Goodenough	R. Hayes	R. Cornish	A. Lowe
2007	P. Andrews	A. Butler	T. Druwitt	B. Cadona	M. Trialonas	A. Lowe	P. Marriott
2008	J. Behrendt	T. Druwitt	D. Luck	B. Hancock	S. Oeser	W. Farrand	R. Raslan
2009	J. Behrendt	D. Luck	J. Stokes	A. Cugley	N. Hickson	P. Behrendt	A. Kittel
2010	A. Kittel	C. Tunks	J. Stokes	H. Farrell	S. Oeser	W. Farrand	P. Marriott
2011	T. Edwards	C. Fox	C. Tunks	J. Alexander	C. Williams	R. Judd	R. Oeser
2012	C. Fox	L. Head	J. Duffy-Sykes	S. Blume	L. Taylor	R. Cornish	J. Lowe

2012 NEWCASTLE CENTRAL COAST UMPIRES ASSOCIATION GROUP



Photograph courtesy of David Ferris (DSF Photography)

Front Row (L to R): T. Pickering, C. Williams, R. Eve, J. Stokes, R. Luck, S. Blume, A. Coburn.

Second Row (L to R): S. Farrand, R. Cornish, P. Hampshire, J. Sullivan, R. Brasier, A. Kittel, R. Crowhurst.

Back Row (L to R): R. Goodenough, R. Reichert, R. Williams, L. Gardener, J. Alexander, J. Barry, D. Luck, C. Fox, C. Goodenough and J. Crookall.

2012 BDAFL PREMIER DIVISION GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



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Front to Back (L to R) – R. Eve, C. Williams, R. Oeser (Interchange Steward), J. Sullivan, A. Kittel, R. Crowhurst, J. Stokes, P. Best and D. Luck (Emergency)

2012 BDAFL DIVISION ONE GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



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Front to Back (L to R) – C. Goodenough, R. Luck, R. Oeser, J. Crookall, T. Edwards, D. Luck, R. Brasier (Emergency) and R. Williams

2012 BDAFL DIVISION TWO GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



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Front to Back (L to R) – A. Coburn, T. Pickering, S. Farrand, L. Gardener, R. Brasier, R. Stokes, R. Goodenough and C. Fox (Emergency)

2012 BDAFL UNDER 18's GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



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Front to Back (L to R) – L. Gardener (Emergency), R. Cornish, L. Taylor, J. Duffy-Sykes, C. Fox, L. Head, S. Blume and J. Lowe

NCCUA AWARD WINNERS 2000 - 2012

Year	Umpire of the Year	Umpire's Umpire (Club Person of the Year)	Field Umpire of the Year	Boundary Umpire of the Year	John Sullivan Goal Umpire of the Year	Most Promising Umpire (Golden Whistle)	Best First Year Umpire
2000							
2001	Darrel Luck						
2002	Gavin Ellis						
2003	Eric Rogers			Sophie Hoffman	Richard Cornish		
2004	Phil Stone						
2005	Grant Godfrey	Darrel Luck	Ashley Borg	Cameron Barnes	Joe Wenta	Lee Gardener	
2006	Roger Crowhurst & Grant Godfrey	Roy Reichert	Grant Godfrey	Shane Lamborn	Joe Wenta	Adrian Hoffman	Adam Lowe
2007	Roger Crowhurst & Darrel Luck	Neville Turner	Darrel Luck	Chris Rawling	Adam Lowe	Tyler Druwitt & Emily Reichert	Tyler Druwitt
2008	Ashley Borg	Richard Cornish & Steve Welsh	Ashley Borg	Doug Bell	Richard Cornish	Marc Trialonas	Jonathan Behrendt & Shannon Oeser
2009	Ashley Borg	Phil Behrendt & Richard Cornish	Ashley Borg	Nicholas Hickson & Shannon Oeser	Richard Cornish & Phil Marriott	Jonathan Behrendt & Jackson Stokes	Cameron Fox, Hayden Farrell & Nicholas Hickson
2010	Jackson Stokes	Ron Oeser	Jonathan Behrendt	Andrew Thompson	Richard Cornish	Aden Kittel	Daniel White
2011	Aden Kittel	Richard Cornish	Aden Kittel	Chris Alexander	Paul Best	Cameron Fox	Joel Alexander
2012	Roger Crowhurst	Darrel Luck	Aden Kittel	Cooper Williams	John Sullivan	Richard Eve	Riley Luck

NCCUA UMPIRING AWARDS 2012

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Roger Crowhurst

FIELD UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Aden Kittel

BOUNDARY UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Cooper Williams

JOHN SULLIVAN GOAL UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

John Sullivan

UMPIRE'S UMPIRE (CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR)

Darrel Luck

MOST PROMISING UMPIRE (GOLDEN WHISTLE AWARD)

Richard Eve

BEST FIRST YEAR UMPIRE

Riley Luck

BLACK DIAMOND AFL AWARDS 2012

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Roger Crowhurst & Aden Kittel

2012 BLACK DIAMOND CUP DEBUTANTS

Field Umpires

Richard Brasier, Roger Stokes and Joshua Duffy-Sykes

Boundary Umpires

Stephen Blume, Alex Coburn, Robert De Boos, Richard Eve
Riley Luck, Thomas Pickering, Lachlan Taylor and Jarrod Thompson

MILESTONES IN 2012

300 Games

John Sullivan

300 BDAFL games,
250 BDAFL games as a Goal Umpire and
150 Premier Division games (Goal Umpire)

200 Games

Darrel Luck

200 Premier Division games (Field Umpire)

150 Games

Bruce Edmiston

150 BDAFL games

Colin Goodenough

150 BDAFL games as a Boundary Umpire

100 Games

Richard Cornish

100 Premier Division games (Goal Umpire)

Ron Oeser

100 BDAFL games as a Goal Umpire

Jackson Stokes

100 BDAFL games and
50 Premier Division games (Field Umpire)

Roger Stokes

100 BDAFL games and
50 Premier Division games (Goal Umpire)

Rachel Goodenough

100 BDAFL games

50 Games

Troy Edwards

50 Premier Division games (Field Umpire)

Cameron Fox

50 BDAFL games as a Field Umpire

Peter Hampshire

50 BDAFL games as a Field Umpire and
50 Premier Division games (Field Umpire)

Aden Kittel

50 BDAFL games as a Field Umpire

Cooper Williams

50 BDAFL games and
50 BDAFL as a Boundary Umpire

2012 NORTHERN REGION DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Joshua Duffy-Sykes - GSJ Central Coast
Lachlan Head - GSJ Central Coast
Jake Bateman - GSJ Central Coast
Amos Austin - GSJ Central Coast
Brent Crow - GSJ Newcastle
Joseph O'Brien - GSJ Newcastle
Lachlan Taylor - BDAFL/GSJ Newcastle
Jay Barry - BDAFL/GSJ Newcastle

2012 REPRESENTATIVE UMPIRES

**BDAFL v RIVERINA
(9 JUNE 2012)**

Field Umpires - Roger Crowhurst and Aden Kittel
Boundary Umpire – Richard Eve
Goal Umpire – John Sullivan

Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association Inc Umpiring Statistics for the Black Diamond AFL Competition - 2012

2012 Black Diamond AFL Season																		
Surname	Given Name	Premier Division (BD Cup)				Division 1				Division 2				Under 18's				2012 Season Total
		Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	
Alexander	Joel		12		12				0		1		1		4		4	17
Barry	Jay				0				0				0	6			6	6
Best	Paul			12	12				0			1	1	2		2	4	17
Blume	Stephen		12		12		1		1				0		3		3	16
Brasier	Richard	10			10				0	1			1	3			3	14
Coburn	Alex		2		2				0		2		2	1	11		12	16
Cornish	Richard			13	13			1	1			1	1			2	2	17
Crookall	Jason	19			19	4			4				0				0	23
Crowhurst	Roger	22			22				0				0				0	22
De Boos	Robert		5		5		1		1				0		6		6	12
Dinneen	Ray				0				0				0				0	0
Duffy-Sykes	Josh	2			2				0				0	10			10	12
Edmiston	Bruce				0				0				0	6			6	6
Edwards	Troy	11			11	4			4				0	2			2	17
Eve	Richard		20		20				0				0		1		1	21
Farrand	Sasha			1	1				0			2	2			12	12	15
Fox	Cameron	16			16	1			1	1			1	2			2	20
Gardener	Lee	16			16				0	4			4	3			3	23
Goodenough	Colin		16		16		2		2				0		3		3	21
Goodenough	Rachel			7	7				0			2	2			13	13	22
Hampshire	Peter	17			17				0				0				0	17
Head	Lachlan				0				0	1			1	8			8	9
Hoffman	Peter				0				0				0				0	0
Judd	Richard				0				0				0				0	0
Kenna	Richard				0				0				0				0	0
Kittel	Aden	18			18				0				0	1			1	19

Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association Inc Umpiring Statistics for the Black Diamond AFL Competition - 2012

2012 Black Diamond AFL Season																		
Surname	Given Name	Premier Division (BD Cup)				Division 1				Division 2				Under 18's				2012 Season Total
		Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	
Lowe	Jake			13	0			2	2				0			12	12	14
Luck	Darrel	19			19	3			3				0				0	22
Luck	Riley		19		0		3		3				0		1		0	3
Oeser	Ron			16	16			2	2				0			1	1	19
Pickering	Thomas		2		2				0		3		3		11		11	16
Reichert	Roy				0				0				0	14			14	14
Rogers	Eric				0				0				0				0	0
Stokes	Jackson	18			18				0				0	1			1	19
Stokes	Roger	3		11	14			1	1	4			4	11			11	30
Stone	Phil				0				0				0				0	0
Sullivan	John			21	21				0			1	1			12	12	34
Taylor	Lachlan	10			10				0				0	8			8	18
Thompson	Jarrold		1		1				0		1		1		14		14	16
Turner	Neville			1	1				0				0	15			15	16
Welsh	Steve				0				0				0				0	0
Williams	Cooper		19		19				0		1		1		2		2	22
Williams	Jack				0		1		1				0		4		4	5
Williams	Roy			17	17			2	2			1	1			11	11	31

Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association Inc **Umpiring Statistics for the Black Diamond AFL Competition - 2012**

Overall Career Games in the Black Diamond AFL																						
Surname	Given Name	Premier Division (BD Cup)				Division 1				Reserve Grade				Division 2				Under 18's				Total Overall Games
		Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	
Alexander	Joel		28		28				0		1		1		1		1		6		6	36
Barry	Jay		5		5				0				0				0	13	11	1	25	30
Best	Paul	10		32	42				0	15			15			1	1	22		5	27	85
Blume	Stephen		12		12		1		1				0				0		3		3	16
Brasier	Richard	10			10				0				0	1			1	12			12	23
Coburn	Alex		2		2				0				0		2		2	1	11		12	16
Cornish	Richard		11	112	123			1	1	9		36	45			1	1	28		36	64	234
Crookall	Jason	38			38	4			4	4			4				0	2			2	48
Crowhurst	Roger	180			180				0	2			2				0	2			2	184
De Boos	Robert		5		5		1		1				0				0				0	6
Dinneen	Ray	90			90				0	48			48				0	70			70	208
Duffy-Sykes	Josh	2	1		3				0				0				0	10	4	1	15	18
Edmiston	Bruce	46		14	60				0	30		4	34				0	47		11	58	152
Edwards	Troy	53			53	4			4	10			10				0	6	1		7	74
Eve	Richard	20			20				0				0				0		1		1	21
Farrand	Sasha			10	10				0				0			2	2		12	19	31	43
Fox	Cameron	28	16		44	1			1		1		1	1			1	21	10		31	78
Gardener	Lee	116	17	7	140		1		1	64	7	4	75	4			4	60	3	1	64	284
Goodenough	Colin		127	1	128		2		2		8		8				0		17	18	35	173
Goodenough	Rachel			15	15				0				0			2	2			74	74	91
Hampshire	Peter	59		9	68				0	4			4				0			10	10	82
Head	Lachlan				0				0				0	1			1	8			8	9
Hoffman	Peter	51		9	60				0	32		10	42				0	31			31	133
Judd	Richard	74	1	48	123				0	32	1	12	45				0	18		20	38	206
Kenna	Richard	10		5	15				0	91		4	95				0	76			76	186
Kittel	Aden	44	5	17	66				0			2	2				0	18	2	9	29	97

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Surname	Given Name	Premier Division (BD Cup)				Division 1				Reserve Grade				Division 2				Under 18's				Total Overall Games
		Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	
Lowe	Jake		3	32	35			2	2		2	17	19				0	12		30	42	98
Luck	Darrel	208		2	210	3			3	25		3	28				0	52			52	293
Luck	Riley		19		19		3		3				0				0		1		1	23
Oeser	Ron			67	67			2	2			9	9				0	20		29	49	127
Pickering	Thomas			2	2				0				0			3	3			1	1	6
Reichert	Roy	19		8	27				0	32	1	3	36				0	117			117	180
Rogers	Eric	82		1	83				0	39			39				0	16	1		17	139
Stokes	Jackson	62	18		80				0		4		4				0	31	2		33	117
Stokes	Roger	3	3	50	56			1	1			15	15	4			4	31		7	38	114
Stone	Phil	81		2	83				0	22	1	2	25				0	17			17	125
Sullivan	John	6		152	158				0	7		72	79			1	1	39		27	66	304
Taylor	Lachlan			10	10				0				0				0			8	8	18
Thompson	Jarrold			1	1				0				0			1	1			14	14	16
Turner	Neville	105		3	108				0	74		5	79				0	97		1	98	285
Welsh	Steve	63			63				0	43			43				0	48			48	154
Williams	Cooper			39	39				0				0			1	1		14	1	15	55
Williams	Jack				0		1		1				0				0		4		4	5
Williams	Roy			20	20			2	2			1	1			1	1			20	20	44

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to the 13th annual report of the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association, this represents the umpiring groups thirteenth season participating in the Black Diamond AFL competition and what may be the last under the Black Diamond AFL banner.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to present the 2012 Annual Report of the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association.

As with previous Presidents' reports, the best way to start is by acknowledging and thanking our sponsors. On behalf of the Committee and members of the NCCUA, we would like to thank all our sponsors who have contributed to the financial stability and success of the Association over the past 13 seasons and in particular the last 12 months.

The sponsors in 2012 were –

- Leadership Management Australia
- Swansea RSL Club
- The Newcastle Herald
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We would all agree that our sponsors are integral to the ongoing prosperity of the Association. We thank our sponsors for their ongoing commitment and support to umpiring, because without this support, the task of being fiscally responsible becomes difficult with a declining income base. The Committee encourages all members of the Association, to use (wherever possible), the services provided by our sponsors. This allows the Association (and eventually members) to benefit from the support of our sponsors and allows us to remain viable from the continued support of our sponsors. Of course new sponsors are always welcome to become part of the umpiring family and we encourage members to seek out where possible, new sponsors for the NCCUA.

The NCCUA does not function and remain successful without the hard work throughout the season by Committee members. The achievements you have seen on the football field in 2012 would not be possible without the time and effort invested by members of the Committee making sure the Association runs smoothly and efficiently.

It is important for me to pause and recognise the efforts of our Committee members in season 2012. I personally (and on behalf of members) acknowledge and thank Committee members for their hard work in 2012. I would like to comment briefly on the contributions of all Committee members over the past 12 months.

We start with the heart and soul of any organisation, the Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President.

The Treasurer, Neville Turner. This is Neville's 13th season as the man who holds the purse strings of the Association. We thank Neville for being kind enough to generously share his time with the Association as Treasurer. As always Neville has done an outstanding job as Treasurer with the upmost honesty and integrity. Neville's focus has again been to deliver a balanced ledger for the Association. To this end, Neville has again delivered. We should congratulate and thank Neville on another job well done in keeping

the Association's books in order and the bottom line in the black in 2012. It is great to know that the Association is in a financially stable position going into the 2013 season.

Moving onto the Secretary's position, Richard Cornish (affectionately known as the Blind Guy) again carried out this tough job. Blind Guy also shared the portfolio of Social Co-ordinator again this year.

Only one social event was organised this year due to the lack of enthusiasm from members to participate in social events. Personally I would like to congratulate Blind Guy on a great midyear trip away over the June long weekend to Melbourne. It is great to get away, watch some football and enjoy the company of other members in a relaxed environment. On the flip side member participation in social events is absolutely appalling. Rarely do I use strong words, but members should be ashamed of themselves. I understand that people have family, work and study commitments. I continually hear member's whinge and make excuses about not being able to attend social events. I have the same pressure placed on my available time as well; in fact I fit into two of these three categories mentioned above (family and study). But all the Association asks is for members to stop make excuses and put aside a couple of hours each month to spend time socialising with your fellow umpires within the group. So if social events are organised in the future, please make every effort to participate and everyone can have a fun time.

Again this season Blind Guy continued with the job of being the NCCUA's statistician. Not only does Blind Guy keep the Association's umpiring match statistics for the past 13 seasons up to date; he also records the Association minutes, updates the 'nccua.com' web site, presides over the 'Special Awards Committee' (SAC) at Presentation Night and keeps members informed of events happening in the life of the Association. A big thanks Blind Guy for your continued hard work as Secretary.

Next we move onto the Vice President, Roger Crowhurst. Roger has worked hard in 2012 to make sure umpiring is well represented in the wider community. Not only does Roger hold the position of Vice President on the NCCUA Committee, but he also represents umpires on the Baxter Field Operating Committee, is member of the UAC and assists with coaching. He also covered the role of Umpires Advocate when required at Tribunals.

To Roger, my personal thanks for all your hard work and support this year. Thank you for your help in some difficult situations and offering solutions to problems that have arisen throughout the year.

We move onto the Umpires Coach. The Coach's position was again filled by Peter Hampshire, who has been in the position since 2010 and has indicated that this season was his last as Umpires Coach and as an Umpire. As we know Peter is held in high regard within the football community for his umpiring, coaching knowledge and experience.

Whilst the task of Coach, whether it is a football or umpires coach is difficult, the ability to accommodate the needs and expectations of the various individuals within the group has been achieved by Peter in his role as coach. We thank Peter for giving his time in coaching the group over the past three seasons. We wish Peter the very best with whatever he endeavours to do with his free time on weekends with his retirement from football.

At this stage I would like to mention the AFLGSJ Umpires Managers, Carl Fletcher (Central Coast) and Roy Reichert (Newcastle). These guys have the difficult task of

juggling umpire appointments each week in their respective AFLGSJ competitions and where possible give opportunities to young umpires to umpire in the Black Diamond competition. The Central Coast juniors have had extra help and we thank Craig Friend who administered appointments; Lachlan Head and Joshua Duffy-Sykes for assisting in a coaching role within the Central Coast junior group.

Currently both junior groups (Central Coast and Newcastle) work hard to recruit Green Shirt umpires from junior clubs and then mentor these Green Shirt umpires. The continued growth of numbers of young umpires in each of these groups is testimony to the hard work that Roy, Carl and their support staff put into training and coaching junior umpires each week.

The Association looks forward to working again next year with Roy as Umpires Manager (Newcastle) and Carl (as acting Umpires Manager on the Central Coast) next year. We know that these people have passion for umpiring and are more than capable of increasing umpire numbers in the junior competitions. The NCCUA is ready to offer its continued support, mentoring and training to help improve the umpiring skill levels of the junior groups in 2013.

To our gear steward, Roger Stokes, thank you for the time you put into this role, for keeping track of sales and for ordering umpiring uniforms. Without your hard work in this vital role umpires would find themselves without uniforms for match day.

Moving onto our other hard working members of the Committee; Assistant Secretary Paul Best and committee member Richard Brasier. Thank you both for all your help in making sure that the Committee functioned well throughout the season.

Lastly we would like to thank Mr Scott Harrington, President of the BDAFL; Mr Adam Lowe, Football Operations Manager and Mr Simon Smythe, Manager – AFL Hunter/Central Coast for their support of umpiring and the umpire group throughout the year. Whilst there were some issues throughout 2012 which has tested the relationship between the umpiring group and the BDAFL, I believe that the leadership, direction and vision these men have for football is taking the code (including umpiring) in the right direction. We look forward to their continued support of umpiring and working closer with the BDAFL in fostering a closer working relationship in the future.

At this point of my report, I would like to reflect on season 2012 and the achievements of the Association and its members. Some statistics about our Umpiring group for 2012. The NCCUA had in 2012; 14 Field Umpires, 12 Boundary Umpires, 8 Goal Umpires; 8 of these umpires were new members and the average age of the group was 30½ years. In comparison in 2011, the NCCUA had 22 Field Umpires, 13 Boundary Umpires, 14 Goal Umpires; 13 of these Umpires were new members with an average age of 30¼ years.

The biggest achievement by the umpiring group in 2012 was receiving its level 2 Good Sports accreditation. The NCCUA is the only sporting officials group in the region to hold such accreditation. Well done to the NCCUA group for achieving this.

Again in 2012 we saw the Premier Division grand final panel consist of two field umpires who were 18 years of age and two boundary umpires under the age of 18. Congratulations to Jackson Stokes, Aden Kittel, Cooper Williams and Richard Eve on achieving these grand final appointments. This illustrates just how important the roles of the Junior

Umpiring Managers in our region is in developing junior umpires and encouraging them to follow the umpiring pathway and umpire senior football.

In 2012 the Association in conjunction with the BDAFL introduced a change in the previous agreement around training requirements for umpires. I've listened to the numerous gripes and complaints from umpires in the region about how onerous the training regime is to umpire in the senior competition. These same people say that umpiring is just a hobby; we should just be entitled to come along and umpire on weekends. What these umpires do not understand or fail to acknowledge is that this is not how the league and the clubs see umpires and umpiring. There are expectations about what level of training and skills umpires who umpire senior football should have held by these stakeholders.

The current training point's scheme has been somewhat of a success and I have no doubt there will be some refinement to this system which may include recommendations that may come from the umpiring review. I would say to those umpires who continue to whinge and complain about having to attend some form of training that this is an expectation placed by other stakeholders on umpires and this will never go away. Who knows, maybe a scaled training scheme that runs alongside a training points system might be introduced in the future where there's so called 'weekend warriors' who do not want to attend training on a regular basis can umpire a lower division for a lower pay rate. This would keep them in the game; reflect their commitment to training and their level of fitness and umpiring skills.

So looking forward, what does 2013 hold for the NCCUA?

The challenges ahead are numerous. Firstly as we know Mr Chris Arnold, former President of the BDAFL, is finalising his report on feedback and submissions made by ALL stakeholders in the region in relation to the umpiring review set up by AFL NSW/ACT. As the umpiring group knows the NCCUA made a formal submission and met with Mr Arnold to put the views of umpires forward in relation to the terms of reference for this review. The outcome of the review will set out the direction the AFL wishes umpiring to go in future years in our region. The recommendations from this review are no doubt going to challenge everyone involved in umpiring within our region. It will give the NCCUA, the umpiring group, junior umpires and coaching staff an opportunity to evolve and reform umpiring within what we assume will be a structure that encompasses all facets of football within the region. The question that needs to be asked of each individual involved in umpiring is are you ready to take up this challenge, embrace change and work hard with other stakeholders to move umpiring forward in 2013 and beyond?

The second challenge the NCCUA will be involved in will be to renegotiate the current agreement which has expired with the AFL Hunter Coast board. As we know this year the Black Diamond AFL board took the initiative to change its name to AFL Hunter Coast in an effort to raise the awareness of other communities of the locale of football community in our region. At the same time football in the senior competition has undergone a transformation moving to a division style competition. We have been making a number of assumptions relating to football in 2013. These are that there will be further changes to the senior competition in 2013, with the Under 18's competition moving from being under the senior competition banner into the junior competition as an Under 17's competition. That there may also be further changes to the structure of football in the region with the two GSJ competitions coming under the auspices of the AFL Hunter Coast board. This means that any new agreement that is negotiated with the AFL Hunter Coast will need to take into consideration the need to standardise pay rates for umpires umpiring in the two junior

competitions, reviewing the current pay structure for senior football as these rates were frozen in 2012 and providing umpires to the lower divisions of the senior competition as there will be no Under 18's competition in 2013.

The NCCUA have indicated in informal discussions with the BDAFL that negotiations for a new agreement should take place once the recommendations of the umpiring review are known. These negotiations should also occur after the BDAFL have had their AGM which will be held in the second half of November. Suffice to say that the NCCUA has indicated that some form of increase in umpire remuneration and making sure every umpire gets an appointment in any division is a high priority for any new agreement.

The third challenge is a perennial one, that of umpire retention and recruitment. Whilst we cannot pre-empt the recommendations coming from the umpire review, we do know that one of the key areas flagged in the review was umpire retention and recruitment. The NCCUA has made it known that there is no magic bullet with this issue and the expectation from the NCCUA's viewpoint is that it should be no single individuals problem to solve. The AFL NSW/ACT and the BDAFL have expectations about holding individuals accountable for failure in meeting KPI's in the area of umpire recruitment and retention. The NCCUA on the other hand see umpire recruitment and retention and any failure to increase or maintain umpire numbers as an issue being owned by ALL stakeholders in our football community. The statistics for the senior umpiring group have shown that there has been a steady decline in numbers over the last seven or more years from a total 55 umpires in 2006 to this year's total of 36.

The problem has been that although there has been a steady influx of new umpires into the group (approximately 20% per year) this has been overshadowed by umpires leaving the group for reasons such as moving to areas outside our region, studying at universities outside our areas, etc. With this information it is hard to retain these umpires when they have to leave our region, so this means that we need to recruit twice as many umpires to replace those leaving our region and help increase our numbers. This includes giving opportunities to young umpires from the junior umpiring ranks when they are ready to step up to senior football. As always umpire recruitment and retention remains a high priority for the NCCUA and umpiring group. It should also be a high priority for every individual involved with football in our region. Don't just take the attitude that it is someone else's problem or that umpires will magically appear so that games get umpires each week. It is up to everybody, whether involved in the senior or junior competitions, to encourage at least one person each year to come along and try umpiring. Otherwise at the current number of umpires leaving our region, within a few years there will only be a handful of orange shirt umpires left to umpire games in the AFL Hunter Coast.

The last challenge will be the need for the continued support of clubs by providing 'Club' umpires in 2013. These umpires remain an integral part of the current football landscape in our region. These umpires will be required in the lower divisions of the senior competition in the future as the rebuilding of umpiring numbers continues. We have no doubt that there will be opportunities where accredited umpires will run with club umpires in the future. This was flagged as part of the previous agreement and no doubt this will be part of the next agreement with the league. It is our goal to give ongoing support to club umpires in season 2013 to make sure they are equipped to umpire whatever game they are doing. We want to forge a closer relationship with club umpires, so then when problems arise they have somewhere to turn and have someone to discuss their questions with.

The Umpires forum held in March 2013 was again a successful event. This annual forum since its inception in 2007, by our Vice President Roger Crowhurst when has was Umpires Coach has been a great success and I have no doubt that it will be held in March 2013. This has become a compulsory event for NCCUA umpires and helps make sure that umpires have the same information about changes to the Laws of Australian Football and its interpretation when umpiring. Club and junior umpires are always welcome and are invited to join the NCCUA at the Umpires Forum. This forum offers an opportunity for interaction between all those involved in umpiring to come together and discuss issues and ask questions around umpiring.

Before closing, to all the umpires who umpired a finals game this year, especially those who gained a grand final or representative appointment, congratulations on representing the Association at the highest level. You have all represented the Association with the upmost professionalism.

In closing the Association would like to thank all the umpires who umpired in 2012. We hope that the goals you personally set were achieved during the year. If your goals were not achieved, now is the time to reconsider those goals and think about what 2013 holds for you.

I look forward to seeing all of you in 2013 and certainly look forward to the challenges that no doubt lay ahead for the Committee, the Association and its members in the upcoming football season as a result of the umpiring review.

Darrel Luck
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT



2012 in footballing terms is over as we move onto preparation for the 2013 season and beyond. 2012 has been a mixed year personally for me. Whilst I was extremely pleased to return behind the goals after missing out in 2011, my university timetable and other factors impacted on my ability to perform the Secretary's job to the best of my ability.

The year started off with negotiations with the BDAFL and a positive result for the NCCUA with no major changes for our one year agreement. With divisionalisation now in place both parties have a greater understanding of what will be required from the umpiring resources in the future. The independent review into umpiring taking place as we speak should also impact on the upcoming negotiations. For members, have faith in the negotiating team, they are doing what's best for the NCCUA and yourselves.

Members

Moving into the numbers section of my report and in 2012 we had 49 registered members (which is a drop of 12 from last year). Eight of which were first year members, six running life members, nine non-running life members, two associate members and our honorary member and resident photographer, David Ferris.

Website

In regards to websites a big thanks to Peter Hampshire who took on keeping the nccua.com website up to date. Also to Darrel Luck who continued his great work with the sportingpulse website. The nccua.com website had a total of 6,499 page request from 1 January 2012 till 23 October 2012. The sportingpulse had a total of 8,412 page requests in the same timeframe.

Meetings

This year meetings were again held at Baxter Field after training, however there are still people who run off after training and miss these meetings. The meetings form an important part of the Association and offer an opportunity to give out information to members and also for members to bring up suggestions, give feedback and at certain times to vote on items that affect them.

Social Events

This year again social events were poorly attended which resulted in only one social event actually running, that was the June long weekend football trip, which in itself had a poor attendance on the official trip. There seems to be a general lack of support from members for the Association and its events. Even presentation night only had 48 people in attendance. A big thank you to Sue, Megan and Sonya Crowhurst for their help with the decorations at our presentation night. Congratulations to all the award winners you all deserved the awards you received.

Milestones

We had a total of 58 milestones attained by NCCUA members during the 2012 BDAFL season including:

- Three umpires making their debuts as Field Umpires in Premier Division.
- Eight umpires making their debuts as Boundary Umpires in Premier Division
- John Sullivan becoming the first umpire to reach 300 BDAFL games
- Darrel Luck becoming the first umpire to reach 200 BDAFL Premier Division Games as a Field Umpire
- Two umpires reaching 150 BDAFL games
- Four umpires reaching 100 BDAFL games
- Five umpires reaching 50 BDAFL games.

Thank You

Before wrapping up my report I would like to thank a number of people:

- Peter Hampshire for his hard work coaching the umpires group and for his guidance in coaching the goal umpires.
- Darrel Luck for his extremely hard work running the NCCUA and ensuring the Association keeps moving forward. Without Darrel at the helm and for the hours of work he puts into this Association we wouldn't be in the position we are in today.
- To the rest of the committee thank you for your hard work and contribution to the Association. There is no "deadwood" on the committee, everyone pulls their weight and completes the tasks they are given so a big thanks to you all.
- To the sponsors, The Herald, Swansea RSL Club and Leadership Management Australia, thank you for your ongoing support and hopefully the partnership continues in 2013.

Final Word

In wrapping up my report I have a message to all the members. Whatever your umpiring goals are in 2013 I have an extra one for you. That is to support the Association that supports you. Members of the committee put hours if not years of work into the Association (I myself have now held this position for seven years) we would like to see that the hard work that is put into the running of the Association is made the most of by members by enjoying their time and making the most of opportunities that are presented to them. To the young guys especially, you guys are the future of the Association so please attend meetings, attend social events, put your hand up for the committee, bring ideas forward to committee members (we are approachable), make the most of your time with the Association and remember to have fun on and off the football field.

Many Thanks

Richard "Blind Guy" Cornish
Secretary

TABLE 1 – EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETING ATTENDANCES 2012

Name	Position	Total Number of Committee Meetings	Number of Committee Meetings Attended	Total Number of General Meetings	Number of General Meetings Attended
Paul Best	Assistant Secretary	8	1	7	3
Richard Brasier	Committee Member	8	2	7	4
Richard Cornish	Secretary	8	2	7	3
Roger Crowhurst	Vice President	8	8	7	7
Peter Hampshire	Committee Member (Umpires Coach)	8	5	7	6
Darrel Luck	President	8	8	7	7
Roger Stokes	Committee Member	8	7	7	3
Roy Reichert	Committee Member (AFLGSJ Newcastle)	8	7	7	7
Neville Turner	Treasurer	8	3	7	4

UMPIRE COACH'S REPORT



The BDAFL landscape underwent a major change at the start of the year when the competition was redesigned into a divisional structure. The aim of the modification was to try and even out the competition as it was felt the difference in standard between the stronger clubs and the others was not good for the game. The resulting changes in the BDAFL left six teams in the Premier Division, six in First Division, six in Second Division and at the start of the season six in Under 18s.

These changes had an effect on the number of umpires required each week. The aim was once again for the NCCUA to provide panels of umpires to cover games at least in the Premier Division and Under 18s.

As has happened in previous seasons, the turnover of umpires leaving the group was again high. Five field umpires, ten boundary umpires and four goal umpires with BDAFL Cup experience were not umpiring in 2012 for various reasons. In fact there have been eighteen boundary umpires who umpired at Cup level during either 2010 and/or 2011 that were not with the group in 2012. To compensate for these numbers, three field umpires and nine boundary umpires made debuts at Premier Division level in 2012 and there was one returning goal umpire. Of the nine boundary umpires, eight were aged between 13 and 17 which hopefully will augur well for the future.

During the season, twelve field, eleven boundary and nine goal umpires were involved in BDAFL Premier Division games. There have been a number of junior umpires participating in the Newcastle and Central Coast areas that have been identified as potential BDAFL senior umpires and it is hoped that the development of these umpires will take place over the next twelve months. Ideally the more quality umpires that can be produced, the more competition there will be for spots each week and this will result in standards being raised across the board

Wet weather again had some affect on the competition with games postponed and training at Marks Point being disrupted. However, with amenities such as the Bateau Bay Sports Facility and Dick Burwell Oval at Nelson Bay, the BDAFL was able to rearrange a number of games away from grounds that have poor drainage. Hopefully the BDAFL can work with the various entities that control grounds such as Bill Elliott Oval, Adelaide Street and Hylton Moore Oval to improve the conditions that these grounds present when rain falls. I am sure the clubs themselves are frustrated at the need to reorganise training and games during the season, especially when home games are rescheduled away from venues where clubs can benefit financially from canteen sales.

The Northern Region Umpire Development Squad this year had 8 members – Joshua Duffy-Sykes, Lachlan Head, Jake Bateman, Amos Austin, Brent Crow, Joseph O'Brien, Lachlan Taylor and Jay Barry. Joshua Duffy-Sykes, Lachlan Head and Jake Bateman debuted in the BDAFL Under 18 competition during the season with Joshua umpiring so well he was appointed to some Premier Division games. Lachlan Taylor performed very well as a Premier Division boundary umpire during the year and Jay Barry umpired strongly in the BDAFL Under 18 competition. Amos, Brent and Joseph have shown enormous potential at junior level and hopefully all eight umpires can be fast tracked over the upcoming seasons into prominent BDAFL roles. Thank you to Carl Fletcher and Graham Glassford from the AFL NSW/ACT for their continued leadership and support of

the Northern Region Umpire Development Squad programme and umpiring in the Newcastle/Central Coast region in general.

Just where is umpiring headed in the future? Feedback from clubs has been that they feel that a number of umpires are not fit enough for the BDAFL and some umpires themselves have complained about the training requirements because they believe that umpiring is a “hobby” and they should not have to commit to training as required by the BDAFL. These two thoughts appear to be at the opposite end of the spectrum. The bottom line is that if umpires expect to be paid the type of money that umpiring has to offer, they need to be fit and skilled to be able to handle a two hour game each weekend. Some umpires are happy to train once a week and rely on this exercise to do a game on the weekend. The effort required to maintain a high level of umpiring skill needs to be more than this. For umpiring to get better in this region and go to the next level, the commitment of some umpires needs to improve both in fitness and skill.

It was no coincidence that come end of season games, appointments to the Grand Finals were based firstly on performance during the home and away season and also on training attendance and effort during the year. Umpires cannot expect to attend training ad hoc and then be appointed to the big games over umpires who have shown commitment throughout the year. No matter how good an umpire is, dedication to their craft at training must be taken into consideration when appointing umpires to the pinnacle games of the season.

Further to the development of umpiring in the region and ways to improve all aspects, the BDAFL through the AFL NSW/ACT has commissioned a full review of umpiring. Former BDAFL President Chris Arnold was asked to speak to all stake holders to sort through the perceived problems from all sides of the fence. The NCCUA gave Chris a formal submission on how it believes umpiring should be structured moving forward and met with him both as a committee and with interested umpires to discuss its view and the feedback from other parties. The plan is for Chris to report back to the AFL NSW/ACT and the BDAFL and decisions will then be made on what is the best structure for umpiring.

Areas covered in the NCCUA submission included –

- Competition administration and organisational structure
- Match day
- Appointments
- Umpire Remuneration
- Coaching
- Retain/Recruit
- Mentors
- Training
- Pathway

The review must be considered as a positive for the group and any changes that come from it hopefully will only improve the standings of umpiring in the BDAFL competition. It is a perfect opportunity for all parties including umpires, clubs and others to come up with ways of improving the standard. I hope all groups take the opportunity to put forward their ideas, not remain silent and then complain loudly in the future about their perceived problems with umpiring.

As coach of the team, I was fortunate enough to have a number of people behind me who gave tremendous support. Assisting me on the Umpires Appointment Committee during the 2012 season was Roger Crowhurst. Thank you to Roger for his vast experience and knowledge that not only helped me in my role but as a mentor to younger umpires. The evergreen John Sullivan as always provided feedback each week on umpiring performances which was greatly appreciated. Roy Reichert continued his role as AFLGSJ Newcastle Umpires Manager/Coach and successfully developed a number of new umpires with some moving into the senior BDAFL competition. On the Central Coast, Carl Fletcher and Darrel Luck with the assistance of young umpires Lachlan Head and Joshua Duffy-Sykes ran weekly training sessions and helped mentor the junior umpires in this area.

To the BDAFL Football Operations Manager, President and board, thank you for your work during the year. The BDAFL made the decision to reposition the competition's structure and the general feedback is that the senior level was the most even in years. It is difficult to understand why the Under 18 competition numbers fell away during 2012. I am sure the BDAFL will be concentrating on ways to get more kids involved in our great game that can provide the springboard for future senior players in the future.

In conclusion I would like to thank Darrel Luck and the NCCUA committee for their work during the year. For the NCCUA to prosper, the group needs some new blood to become involved in the running of the Association. It is unfair on the same people to be expected to continue to run the Association year after year without help. I encourage some of the younger members to become involved in helping the NCCUA develop.

Good luck to all for the future.



Peter Hampshire

Black Diamond AFL Umpires Coach

AFLGSJ CENTRAL COAST UMPIRES REPORT

The 2012 AFL GSJ Central Coast season has come to a close and everyone can look back on what has been a successful year where challenges were faced and overcome.

As the 2012 season approached the Central Coast was without an umpire manager or coaches in place, kindly Darrel Luck offered to coach umpires at the Northern end of the coast as we worked towards changing the umpire structure to build a training culture and provide greater support to umpires, while reducing the burden on volunteers. In previous years the training, appointing, match day coaching and relationship with the Regional Committee and clubs had all come down to one or two people. As the season approached Craig Friend offered to assist the group by managing the appointments and administration, while Joshua Duffy Sykes and Lachlan Head both offered to coach umpires each week at the Southern end of the coast. This was a great result as there would now be training weekly at the North and South ends of the coast, while the appointments process would be managed effectively to ensure a smooth week to week operation.

The junior group officially got back together on Sunday 25 March at Adelaide Street Oval for an induction to the year ahead. This was well attended with approximately 20 umpires taking part. Umpires went through the laws DVD as a group and were able to take the laws DVD and laws book home, while green shirt kits were also available for the new umpires in attendance. Training then officially commenced the following week and was available on Tuesday nights at Adcock Park with Joshua and Lachlan, and Thursday nights at Don Small Oval with Darrel. Training numbers varied during the year, while there was also a couple of compulsory training nights held for all umpires to attend. Overall I was very happy with the training numbers, and with two training groups now in place the challenge is to build a training culture into the group.

The season commenced on Friday 20 April and concluded with Grand Finals on Sunday 9 September 2012. There were 16 home and away rounds played containing 17 matches each weekend across all age divisions. Umpire numbers were down on 2011 with 34 umpires involved across the year, however of these figures all umpires field umpired matches. In previous years some umpires included in the final numbers had only boundary or goal umpired, or were still in training to field umpire. This gives us a good base to grow from in 2013.

The region is very proud of all the umpires involved and the admirable performances that they display every weekend. In 2012 there was only 1 report made, while only 14 yellow cards were issued which is well down on 2011 figures. Hopefully these figures reflect the positive coaching and management of the umpiring group.

Accreditation of umpires was not implemented in 2012. This was due to the AFL delaying the online accreditation system to be ready for the 2013 season. Due to this it was decided that umpires would be coached to meet accreditation requirements, however formalising the process would be held over till 2013. As a result it will be a goal for all Orange shirt umpires to start their Level 1 accreditation training in 2013.

The 2013 season contained many significant opportunities for junior umpires from the Central Coast. New green shirt umpires again had the opportunity to umpire at half time of a Sydney Swans or GWS Giants AFL match. The Challenge cup tournament was hosted by the Central Coast region and as a result a number of juniors were involved in playing,

along with boundary and goal umpiring at local representative level, while a number of umpires were also involved in the GSJ Representative Carnival in Sydney. The finals series also provided opportunities to the umpiring group to field, boundary and goal umpire at the business end of the season. Finals are a tough time for the coaching group in trying to have as many people involved as possible, with limited opportunities available. The Central Coast also continued to be represented in the Northern Regional Junior Umpiring Squad. There were four umpires from the Central Coast involved including Joshua Duffy Sykes, Lachlan Head, Jake Bateman and Amos Austin. All four umpires improved over the year and will hopefully continue to pursue umpiring in the coming years as they are challenged by senior football and further opportunities to develop. Joshua Duffy Sykes was also selected in the 2012 State Development Academy, and through strong performances earned his place as the NSW umpire at the Australian Schools Carnival in Adelaide. Joshua travelled to Adelaide with the NSW team and umpired as part of the National schools Under 12's and Under 15's matches for a week in July. Joshua however was not our only jet setting umpire in 2012. Charlotte Craine was the lucky winner for NSW/ACT to umpire half time Auskick at the 2012 Toyota AFL Grand Final. As a new green shirt umpire Charlotte received an all expenses paid trip to Melbourne to participate in the AFL Grand Final and Grand Final parade through the streets of Melbourne.

In concluding this 2012 Annual Report I want to thank a few people for the significant support they provided both I and the Central Coast region. Firstly to the Regional Committee and all Central Coast junior clubs for their support in developing training bases and promoting umpiring throughout the region. To the NCCUA for their continued support of junior umpiring, and significantly in providing uniforms, trophies and certificates to the umpiring group. To Darrel Luck, Joshua Duffy Sykes and Lachlan Head for offering assistance and providing coaching to the umpires week in week out throughout the season, along with mentoring on the weekends. To all the club umpire coordinators and mentors that provided support to umpires each weekend. Finally to Craig Friend who came on board to manage the umpire appointments and administration. Each week appointments were organised and confirmed early in the week, so that everyone knew where they would be on the weekend. Thank you to all of these people for the significant support they provided to the success of the season.

The 2013 season will again bring new challenges with a change from even to odd age groups, while the competition should grow to have more teams which will mean we will need more umpires involved. Although I am very confident that we will again get a strong structure in place and invite many new umpires to the group for the 2013 season.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS 2012

2012 Northern Region Development Squad:

Amos Austin
Jake Bateman
Josh Duffy-Sykes
Lachlan Head

UMPIRE AWARDS 2012

Goal Umpire of the Year

Lachlan Waters

Boundary Umpire of the Year

Charlotte Craine

Best First Year Umpire

Rhys Gosper

Most Improved Umpire

Riley Friend

Field Umpire of the Year

Lachlan Head

Golden Whistle Award

Joshua Duffy-Sykes

Carl Fletcher

Acting Umpires Manager

AFLGSJ Central Coast

AFLGSJ NEWCASTLE UMPIRES REPORT



Newcastle Junior Umpiring Year in Review

Demand for umpires rose by 25% from 2011 with two additional games in Under 10's and one additional game in Under 12's and Under 14's each week.

Green shirt recruits increased from 8 to 15 in 2012 which was sufficient to cover the additional matches. Total number of umpires rises to 51 from 48.

Retention rates in 2012 were at 75%. Ten percent of those umpires who stopped umpiring indicated their HSC studies as the cause. Five percent left the area and ten per cent went back to playing AFL.

40 Umpires were required each week. Even with 11 spare umpires each week, there were occasions where on some weekends umpires were required to double up and do two matches. All ten clubs had at least two umpires; some clubs provided only nine umpires and the number of independent umpires increased by 2.

Umpire coaching sessions were held at all clubs except at Cardiff. Coaching sessions were conducted at Medowie, Maitland and Singleton for most of the year. Sessions stopped at Maitland and Singleton when work times prevented Brendan Marriott from making sessions towards the end of the season.

The Regional squad this year was slightly smaller but there was a much stronger attendance at training with the senior group at Marks Point.

More umpires experienced final series umpiring due to the Conference Series Format. The first two weeks of the Under 12's and U14's finals had a total of six matches played and not the traditional three matches. This resulted in more umpires being needed to officiate in the extra games with umpiring in the first week of the finals being played at two venues because of the extra games.

Overall the season saw many umpires improve their skills with several gaining accreditation to level 1, which is there were six new level 1 umpires. This has led to the umpire group consisting of approximately equal numbers of first year umpires, second year green shirt umpires and accredited umpires.

2013 is expected to see a further rise in demand for umpiring services due to the introduction of a fifth age group. This growth will see a further 25% increase in the number of umpires required each week. The link to the clubs as sources of new umpires remains the key recruitment strategy for the junior group.

Roy Reichert
Umpires Manager
AFLGSJ Newcastle

TREASURER'S REPORT**BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT****AS AT 12 OCTOBER 2012**

Balance B/Forward 4 October 2011	1035.17
<u>Plus</u> Deposits	<u>17488.03</u>
	18523.20
<u>Less</u> Payments	<u>16841.13</u>
Balance as at 12 October 2012	\$ <u>1682.07</u>
Balance as per Bank Book as at 12 October 2012	\$ <u>1682.07</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
AS AT 12 OCTOBER 2012

Balance B/Forward No 1 Account 1035.17

Plus Income Received

Membership Fees	4400.00
Sponsorships	5300.00
Baxter Field Oval Hire	1500.00
Tribunals Payments	120.00
Pre Season Match Payments	500.00
Uniforms	1266.00
BDAFL - Medal Night	150.00
Presentation Night - NCCUA	380.00
Fundraising	3709.30
Training BBQs	39.00
Donation	120.00
Interest	<u>3.73</u>

Total Income 17488.03

18523.20

Less Expenses

Uniforms	5337.70
BDAFL Affiliation Fee	2000.00
Dept Fair Trading (Incorporation Fees)	79.00
Social Functions / Umpires Forums	816.00
Baxter Field Oval Hire	1500.00
Gym / Pool Sessions	908.00
Web site	211.16
Tribunals Payments	120.00
Trophies / Awards	1120.20
Fundraising	1945.02
Presentation Night - NCCUA	2634.00
Gifts / Donations	65.00
Combined Training Sessions	94.00
Bank Fees	<u>11.05</u>

Total Expenses 16841.13

Balance as at 12 October 2012 \$ 1682.07

Other Assets –**Audio/Visual Equipment**

Sony Data Projector, Model No VPL-EX100; Serial No 5060051 - \$669.18 (incl. postage & GST)

Communications equipment

Total cost (incl. GST) - \$1540.00

ARF 7531AA Duplex Transmitter, Serial No – F ADD0001 NO: 036

ARF 7531AA Duplex Transmitter, Serial No – F ADD0001 NO: 014

Vokkero Std Boom Microphone x 2

Vokkero 3 Battery Charger ARF 7578A, Serial No – 91120A0018

Power Supply Adaptor for Charger, Serial No – EB17231658

Vest Large

Vest X-Large

Vest XX Large

Training Equipment

HART Group Boxing Equipment - \$884.50 (incl. postage & GST)

1 x HART Get Fit Boxing Gloves – 16oz (Blue) – Cat No 6-405

1 x HART Get Fit Curved Focus Pads – Cat No 6-424

3 x HART Group Boxing Kit containing (Cat No 6-474) –

9 x HART Get Fit Boxing Gloves – 12oz (Blue) – Cat No 6-406

9 x HART Get Fit Curved Focus Pads – Cat No 6-424

3 x HART Mesh Kit Bags – Cat No 6-461

Ross Faulkner 5 x 3 Coaches Mat - \$204.05 (incl. GST)

Cooking Equipment

Toaster oven and Sandwich Press - \$184.00 (incl. GST)

Other miscellaneous training equipment (Approximate value of items below based on replacement ~ \$600)

16 cones (round dome type)

5 orange cones (witches hat type)

4 mini hurdles

1 agility ladder

3 X 4kg medicine balls

1 black tub

4 footballs (very flat)

Hart Portable Goal Posts (Valued at \$175)

Note: The Association has at 12 October 2012, one outstanding debtor – Mr Jarrod Thompson owing \$85.

Neville Turner

Treasurer

INVENTORIES**NCCUA UNIFORM STOCK ON HAND AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Item	Size	Stock on Hand 2011	Stock Ordered 2012	2012 Sales	Stock on Hand 2012	Old Stock - Carlton logo	Total (\$)
F/B Shirt	XS	1	2	1	1	1	45
	S	8	4	3	6	3	270
	M	4	10	13	1		45
	L	4	7	9	2		90
	XL	11	5	2	8	6	360
	2XL	2				1	
	4XL						
Goal Umpire SS Shirt	XS						
	S	1				1	
	M	1	2	2		1	
	L	1	2		1	2	45
	XL	3	4		3	6	135
	2XL	2	3	2	1	2	45
	4XL		3	2	1		45
Goal Umpire LS Shirt	XS						
	S	3				3	
	M	5				3	
	L	2		1		1	
	XL	3					
	2XL			1			
	4XL	1				1	45
Shorts	XS	1			1		20
	S	6			6		120
	M	5	4	6	3		60
	L	4		3	1		20
	XL	10		1	9		180
	2XL	1			1		20
	4XL	1			1		20
Tracksuits	S						
	M	3			3		255
	L	1			1		85
	XL	1			1		85
	2XL						
	4XL						
Polo Shirts	XS				0		
	S	4			6		210
	M	2	3	5	10		350
	L	6	6	3	12		420
	XL	3	3		11		385
	2XL	0			3		105
	4XL	0			1		35
Flags	SET OF 4	2			2		90
Sweatbands	pair	14		9	5		50
Socks	7-11	16	8	23	1		12
	11-14	7	6	1	6		72
Caps		4		1	3		45
SUB-TOTAL							3764

Additional Stock (Training Wear)							
Item	Size	Stock on Hand 2011	Stock Ordered 2012	2012 Sales	Stock on Hand 2012	Old Stock - Carlton logo	Total (\$)
Warm Up Shirts	XS	1			1		35
	S	1			1		35
	M						
	L						
	XL	3			3		105
	2XL						
Spray Jackets (White)	S	1			1		30
	M	2			2		60
	L	1			1		30
	XL	1			1		30
	2XL						
	4XL						
Blank Field/Boundary Shirts for Juniors	S	1		1			
	M	2	5	1	6		210
	L	1	10	3	8		280
	XL		3	1	2		70
	2XL		1		1		35
	4XL						
TOTAL							4684

All prices (except Warm Up and Polo shirts) quoted above exclude the addition of GST at 10%. The prices quoted are for replacement value of stock on hand.

Season 2012 Uniform Report

The 2012 season saw a few issues involving the uniforms and gear for the NCCUA.

The first problem was a delay from China of blank uniforms into Australia. The uniforms did not arrive until two weeks after the season start.

The second problem was that the logo on the back of the shirts was the old white Herald logo rather than the new black Herald logo.

Rather than inconvenience the NCCUA members with delays in reprinting shirts it was agreed to keep the supplied shirts.

A number of polo shirts were also replaced for another batch due to incorrect embroidery by the supplier.

The stock list above shows old and new stock. With a withdrawal of sponsorship from one of sponsors (Carlton Draught), there are a number of shirts with their logos on the shirts.

The sponsor badges are too difficult to be removed and the incoming Committee will need to decide how to dispose of these shirts at future meetings.

The value of stock being held by the Association at the end of September 2012 was approximately \$4684. In 2011 the value of stock being held by the Association was \$4420.

The Stock On Hand report has again been reported using the ex GST price of the supplier (replacement cost, including the cost of embroidery and screen printing incorporated in the price), so the actual stock value should be higher due to GST not being included in the value of the stock being reported. Note: Warm Up and Polo shirts include GST at 10% in the price quoted.

Roger Stokes

Committee Member/Gear Steward