

Lane Cove Cricket Club

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132nd LCCC AGM

23rd July 2025

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Opened 7:33pm

Attendees

Brendan Hood, Paul Bakker, Andrew Bray, Mark Schaafsma, Ryan Devine, Zeus Irani, Angus MacKay, Glenn Poynton, Micah Nassif, Arun Sirripi, Adit Khosa, Mitchell Cross, Lachlan Roughly, Olivier Meichan

Apologies

Joe Camarsh, Alec Cornelius, Dave Fagan, Mark Fini, Bevan Guest

President's Report

- 2024-25 was a special one for the club with 2 Senior and 4 Junior premierships.
- Players benefitted fully from the Blackman Park nets lighting infrastructure upgrade, enabling players to train at night.
- Thanks to the committee who prepared for the 2024-25 season well in advance, including recruiting 3 overseas imports, who went on to make a significant contribution throughout the season, both playing and coaching.
- For the first time in 17 seasons, the club's u24 team qualified for the semi finals, and proceeded to claim the Frank Gray trophy, defending 260 at Weldon against Warringah in the grand final.
- Further, our first grade side won the Limited Overs competition, our first in the second season of the competition, playing away against Mt Prichard Southern Districts, and comfortably chasing 210 off the back of skipper Michael Byrant's batting.
- The club receives great support from our sponsors, Belle Property Lane Cove, LBD Landscaping, Kingsgrove Sports and Kingston Financial, who I'd like to express our sincere thanks to.
- A special mention to Andrew Bray who stepped up as "Vice President - Seniors", and ran the Seniors with a no fuss, can do attitude.
- The Juniors under new "Vice President - Juniors" Bevan Guest, increased numbers to 290 players and 35 Junior Blasters.
- Along with the great participation, the Juniors had great results, including winning two under 10 boys and two girls premierships.
- Plans are well under way for the 2025-26 season, with the goal that more Seniors will commit to playing which will help keep Senior Subscription fees in check.
- A particular point to note from our financials is that the club spent nearly \$100,000 in Council fees, something that needs active management to control.

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- Consequently, the club needs to unite or die, as it becomes progressively harder and more complex each year to run the club.
- Nevertheless, we thank Lane Cove Council for all their support and work on grounds last season.
- With new covers at Tantallon and a new small cover at KSO in the pipeline, we look forward to improved pitches in the upcoming season.

Financial Report

- Financially, LCCC had a difficult season in 2024/25.
- Revenue was \$178k, with a net loss of \$31k.
- Junior player numbers increased slightly while Senior player numbers stagnated.
- Overall, player subscription fees increased slightly to \$134k.
- While revenue increased from \$142k to \$178k, club expenses increased too.
- After adjustments to the operating result from grants, donations and prior year expenses, the result was a net loss.
- Ground hire was \$98K, up from \$43k.
- Equipment and balls was \$32k.
- NSJCA registration fees were \$37k.
- There was also a \$26k prior year ground hire adjustment.
- Grants were \$23k and Donations \$11k.
- Despite the loss, the Club maintains a solid cash reserve of \$92k, and net assets of \$79k, reflecting prudent historical management.
- Looking ahead, the Club faces a number of significantly increasing expenses.
- Ground hire, which has more than doubled in recent years, is expected to rise further.
- NSJCA fees continue to trend upwards and are expected to increase a further 10% in 2025/26.
- Shires Umpiring Fees, which Cricket NSW have advised they will not be paying for anymore, will be an additional expense for the club.
- These expenses represent structural challenges to the club's financial model.
- The committee is proactively reviewing cost drivers and remain committed to keeping cricket affordable and accessible.
- However, fees may have to increase further in coming seasons if the increased costs can't be absorbed through other efficiencies or increased external funding.
- Nevertheless, the club is maintaining Senior registration at \$700 and Junior registration at \$425 (excluding other fees from Cricket Australia, Cricket NSW and NSJCA).
- Maintaining healthy registration numbers and securing ongoing support from sponsors and donors will be essential in offsetting financial headwinds.
- Yet the Club remains well positioned for growth, building off the hard work of club administrators over many years, resulting in the Club having access to some of the best playing and training facilities in Sydney.

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- Further, it's pleasing to see newcomers to the Club and the sport of Cricket, and the Club needs to continue investing in the future of the club, particularly the Juniors.
- Thank you to our sponsors, donors and supporters for your continued support.
- Thank you to our captains, managers, coaches, parents, junior representatives, club committee and generally anyone who has continued the fine traditions of LCCC.

Approval of 2023-24 Annual Report

- Proposed by Andrew Bray
- Seconded by Arun Sirrpi
- Passed unanimously

Election of Office Bearers

- The president declared all positions vacant.
- The following candidates were then nominated and elected:
 - President - Brendan Hood
 - Nominated by Andrew Bray
 - Seconded by Arun Sirrpi
 - Vice President-Seniors - Andrew Bray
 - Nominated by Mark Schaafsma
 - Seconded by Brendan Hood
 - Vice President-Juniors - Bevan Guest
 - Nominated by Brendan Hood
 - Seconded by Mark Schaafsma
 - Secretary - Mark Schaafsma
 - Nominated by Andrew Bray
 - Seconded by Zeus Irani
 - Assistant Secretary - Arun Sirrpi
 - Mark Schaafsma
 - Andrew Bray
 - Treasurer - Paul Bakker
 - Nominated by Brendan Hood
 - Seconded by Mark Schaafsma
 - Assistant Treasurer - Zeus Irani
 - Nominated by Brendan Hood
 - Seconded by Arun Sirrpi

Election of Management Committee

- The following candidates were nominated and elected:
 - Alec Cornelius
 - Mitchell Cross
 - Dave Fagan

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- Ryan Devine
 - Zeus Irani
 - Angus Mackay
 - Adit Khosa
 - Glenn Poynton
- Further management committee positions are open based on expression of interest

Election of Patron

- Anthony Roberts MP for Lane Cove remains the club patron
 - Nominated by Brendan Hood
 - Seconded by Mark Schaafsma (send him a letter advising appointment)

Election of Honorary Auditor

- Darren Hill approved to remain as Auditor.
 - Nominated by Brendan Hood
 - Seconded by Mark Schaafsma

Nominations of Vice Presidents

- Approved with the same VPs as last year.
 - Nominated by Brendan Hood
 - Seconded by Andrew Bray

Pre-Season Announcements

- Pre-season training commencing 10/08/2025
 - Wednesday evenings at Blackman from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
 - Sunday mornings at KSO from 10:00am to 12:00pm.
- 4 Overseas Players confirmed

Other Business

- Shires Umpiring
 - Cricket NSW are withdrawing their funding of Shires Umpires.
 - This equates to funding of approximately \$15k per Shires club.
 - The Shires Sub Committee has scheduled a meeting on Monday 4th August 2025 to discuss. Andrew Bray will represent LCCC.
- SCA AGM
 - This is scheduled for Monday 11th August 2025.
- Cricket 365
 - This is an initiative of Cricket Australia, and hence Cricket NSW, to schedule cricket 365 days per year.
 - The impact though is higher demand for grounds.

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- Specifically, this may cause an issue for LCCC with use of current grounds, such as Blackman Park, being lost, or partially lost.
- New Covers
 - A large cover is to be purchased for Tantallon Oval.
 - A new small cover is to be purchased for Kingsford Smith Oval.
- Frogbox Live Streaming
 - The club is intending to set up Frogbox for use at Tantallon Oval.
- Clothing
 - The existing arrangement with Kingsgrove Sport is to be continued.
 - However, stock levels are low and need to be refreshed.
- Fund Raising
 - Various fund raising activities are being considered.
 - Effectiveness will depend on club members' support to implement the proposed initiatives.

Meeting Closed 8:40pm