

President:
John Powell
Vice-President:
Ian Reeves OAM
Secretary:
Max Parsons
A/Treasurer:
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Committee:
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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday 26th August 2025

LOCATION: Level 2, South Pine Sports Complex, Brendale
MEETING OPENED: 7.14 pm

PRESENT:

Committee

John Powell
Steve Casey

Ian Reeves OAM
Bhumika Chelwani

Kathy Casey
Ian Lewis

Max Parsons

Patron

Michael Skinner

Old Cricket

Tom McDonald **Jeanette Davidson**

Clubs

Albany Creek **Nick Jones** **Brisbane Grammar School** **Trevor Irvine**

Everton **Shane Mills** **Ferny** **Ian Lewis**
C Rostron

Redcliffe **Richard Clay** **St Pauls** **KK Lakhotia**

The Lakes **Paul Otway** **Valleys** **Ankur Sinha**
Ruchlin Desin

Wilston Norths **Leigh Tovey**

Visitors

APOLOGIES:

Clubs

Ashgrove
Sandgate
Redcliffe

Iver K

Pine Rivers
Toombul

Previous Meeting

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting from Monday, 26 August 2024.

Moved: Shane Mills

Seconded: Richard Clay

All in Favour - CARRIED

President's Report

John Powell referred to and presented the Presidents Report which is also included in the Annual Report.

Presented: John Powell

Seconded: Kathy Casy

All in Favour - Carried

Treasurer's Report

2024-2025 BNJCA Audit Report was tabled for acceptance of the Audited financial statements for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Motion to accept Report

Moved: Max Parsons

Seconded: Ian Lewis

All those in favour

CARRIED

Annual Report

Report tabled for acceptance as per Section 66 of the Constitution.

Motion to accept Report

Moved: Max Parsons

Seconded: Ian Lewis

All those in Favour

Carried

Draw & Rules Committee Report

Steve Casey read his report as per the Annual Report and thanked Kathy Casey for her Draw assistance and Geoff Cowles for his input to the Rules.

Motion to accept Report

Moved: Steve Casey

Seconded: Max Parsons

All those in Favour

Carried

Grants Committee Report

Max Parsons referred to the report in the Annual Report.

Clothing and Equipment Report

Max Parsons referred to the report in the Annual Report.

Facilities Report

Max Parsons referred to the report in the Annual Report.

Patron's Message

Michael Skinner advised that he was happy with the operations of the Association and therefore was prepared to continue in the role of Patron.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

Nil

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Patron: Michael Skinner

John Powell was very happy to propose Michael Skinner as the Patron of Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association.

Moved: Ian Reeves OAM

Seconded: Kathy Casey

All those in favour

CARRIED

Management Committee:

John Powell handed control of the meeting over to Ian Reeves OAM.

President:

Ian Reeves OAM stated that John Powell had nominated for the position of President of BNJCA on the prescribed form and by the set date. As there were no other nominations, he moved that John Powell be elected as President.

Moved: Ian Reeves OAM

Seconded: Kathy Casey

All those in favour

CARRIED

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Vice President:

John Powell stated that Ian Reeves OAM had nominated for the position of Vice President of BNJCA on the prescribed form and by the set date. As there were no other nominations, he moved that Ian Reeves OAM be elected as Vice President.

Moved: Max Parsons

Seconded: Steve Casey

All those in favour

CARRIED

Management Committee:

John Powell stated that the following Management Committee nominations were made on the prescribed form by the set date. He read out the names and position applied for:

Secretary: Max Parsons

Treasurer: As there were no nominees Max Parsons will continue to act in this role.

Committee: Steve Casey, Kathy Casey, Bhumika Chelwani and Ian Lewis.

As there were no other nominations, he moved that all nominated persons be elected.

Moved: John Powell

Seconded: Ankur Sinha

All those in favour

CARRIED

ELECTION OF AUDITORS:

Max Parsons moved that Don Richards Chartered Accountants of Unit 3/555 Gympie Rd, Strathpine, be appointed as auditors for 2025-26.

Moved: Max Parsons
Seconded: KK Lakhota
All those in favour
CARRIED

AFFILIATION FEES:

Max Parsons moved that Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association set a yearly Club Affiliation fee of \$1 per club for 2025/26.

Moved: Max Parsons
Seconded: Shane Mills
All those in favour
CARRIED:

NEXT AGM DATE:

John Powell moved that Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association AGM be set for 31st August 2026.

Moved: Max Parsons
Seconded: Shane Mills
All those in favour
CARRIED:

MEETING CLOSED: 7.34 PM

President's 2024-25 report

This has been another good year for Brisbane North Junior Cricket, organizing weekly competitions for over 2,300 juniors and sending 180 players to represent our association at Queensland Junior Cricket events and zone development carnivals.

Our Executive Officer, Max Parsons, continues to do a mountain of work dealing with the many lease agreements that are necessary for using council grounds, dealing with inbound and outbound grants, managing the finances of the organization, booking all the representative accommodation and transport, searching for sponsorship, and many more tasks. The last part of the previous sentence is because I'm sure there will be items on Max's to-do list that I will forget.

We have noticed over many years that fewer people volunteer in sporting associations and there is sometimes an expectation that associations will employ people to manage their workload. However, this could only be achieved by funding such roles through player registration fees. This is a path that we would rather avoid because it could cause our sport to become unaffordable for some players. In mentioning player registration fees, it is worth mentioning that we have raised the player registration fee for the coming season from \$25 to \$30. This has been the first increase since we moved from team registration fees to player registration fees leading into the 2015/16 season. This increase has been necessary to continue our normal operations without drawing down savings. If we were to draw down savings, we would only be delaying a fee increase and we would have no buffer to manage any un-forecast financial challenges.

Returning to the topic of volunteering, we would like to acknowledge all the people who put their hand up to help keep our affiliate clubs operating and provide great experience for all the junior cricketers in our area. We would also like to make it known that there are also volunteering opportunities with the association. As our lives are deluged with more and more technology, we are always on the lookout for people with technological skills.

At the beginning of this report, I mentioned our registrations number of over 2,300 juniors. While this number may be impressive, it is still short of the 3,400 juniors that were playing about 9 or 10 years ago. There has been a lot of discussion about players dropping out around the U14 age group and what formats the players would most enjoy. We are always keen to hear perspectives from players, parents and club officials as to how we can provide opportunities and enjoyment for more junior players. Our drive here is to get kids active, and to provide access to a sport they can play as well as watch on television. If we can provide an enjoyable environment for kids to play cricket, it is our hope that more of them will continue to play cricket after they leave the junior ranks. This will be good for all the community clubs in our region.

As we look ahead to the 2025/26 season, we are also looking for initiatives to provide new opportunities that are connected to our game. We are still working on developing an umpiring program in partnership with the Queensland Umpires and Scorers Association, and as we make progress, we will post updates both on Facebook and on our website. Another new program we are trying to implement is a winter academy for all the players selected in our Stage 2 representative program. This will focus on aspects of the game that are not coached in cricket nets and are sometimes overlooked. We hope that this academy will help to prepare all these players for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 competitions in our representative program.

To close, I would like to thank the members of the Management Committee for their dedication to our game and to our association. I have already mentioned Max by name, but I would also like to call out Steve and Kathy Casey for the enormous amount of work that they do for the association. All the other members of the management committee appreciate their commitment and effort.

All the best to clubs for registration and in the forthcoming season.

Cheers

JP



John Powell
President
BRISBANE NORTH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION