

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 31st August 2026

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

Jeanette Davidson
Christie Lewis

Clubs

Albany Creek

Nick Jones
Brendon Stringer

Brisbane
Grammar School

Trevor Irvine

Everton

Shane Mills

Ferny

Ian Lewis

Gold Crest
Redcliffe

Leea Davidson
Richard Clay

St Pauls

KK Lakhotia

Sandgate
The Lakes

Troy Mee
Paul Otway
Ruchlin Desin
Mandeep Singh Lamba
Leigh Tovey
Bryan Hadden
Mark Redmond

Valleys

Ankur Sinha

Toombul
Wilston Norths
BNJCA Coaches

Visitors

NIL

APOLOGIES:

Clubs

Ashgrove
Waraba

Pine Rivers

Previous Meeting

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting from Monday, 26 August 2025.

Moved: Max Parsons

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 and Moved: John Powell

Seconded: Ankur Sinha

All in Favour - Carried

Treasurer's Report

2025-2026 BNJCA Audit Report was tabled for acceptance of the Audited financial statements for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Motion to accept Report

Moved: Max Parsons

Seconded: Steve Casey

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: KK Lakhotia

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: Shane Mills

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: KK Lakhotia

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: Ian Lewis

All those in favour

CARRIED

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

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: Jon Powell

Seconded: KK Lakhotia

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. Meeting informed that Management Committee has included these duties in the role of the Executive Officer as well as the Secretary duties. The Executive Officer has no voting rights but Max Parsons retains the right to vote as a regular Committee officer.

Committee: Steve Casey, Kathy Casey, Bhumika Chelwani, Ian Lewis, Ankur Sinha and Krishna Kumr Lakhotia

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

Moved: John Powell

Seconded: Richard Clay

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 2026-27.

Moved: Max Parsons

Seconded: Ian Lewis

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 2026/27.

Moved: Max Parsons

Seconded: KK Lakhotia

All those in favour

CARRIED:

NEXT AGM DATE:

John Powell moved that Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association AGM be set for 31th August 2027.

Moved: Max Parsons

Seconded: John Powell

All those in favour

CARRIED:

MEETING CLOSED:

7.31 PM

President's 2025-26 report

The 2025–26 season has again been a strong and positive year for Brisbane North Junior Cricket, built on our core purpose of getting children onto the field and enjoying the game of cricket within a safe, well-organised, and inclusive environment.

Despite ongoing challenges around ground availability, the Association successfully delivered a full season of competition.

Through careful planning, cooperation with councils and clubs, and a willingness by many to be flexible when required, we managed to accommodate all scheduled games.

While this came close at times, it highlighted the continued dedication and problem-solving approach of Steve and Kathy Casey as they once

again produced draws for pre- and post-Christmas seasons to ensure that our young players were able to take the field each week and continue playing the game.

Participation remains at the heart of what we do.

Seeing thousands of children across our affiliated clubs actively engaged in cricket each weekend reinforces the importance of our role as one of the largest junior cricket nurseries in Queensland.

The enjoyment, friendships, and life skills developed through junior cricket continue to be a defining strength of Brisbane North.

This season we have introduced an academy program that is open to all of those who are selected in stage 2 representative teams.

This program has been designed to build the skills that are not coached or practiced in the nets but instead are related to specific fielding techniques, running between wickets, and other such activities.

The stage 1 trials for Under 13 and above still evaluate the core skills of batting, bowling and keeping so players who miss selection in a stage 1 team in one year can still challenge for a spot the next year with no detriment in not attending the academy.

The purpose of the academy is to improve the overall performance of players in stage 2 and stage 3 competitions and have them better prepared for representative carnivals.

Looking forward, the Association has identified several key focus areas that will guide our work in the coming seasons.

The first is **Infrastructure development**.

Demand for quality playing fields and training facilities continues to grow alongside participation.

We will continue to work collaboratively with local councils, Queensland Cricket, and clubs to advocate for both improved and additional infrastructure so that participation can be sustained and expanded in a safe and enjoyable manner.

The second key focus area is **Player retention**.

While attracting new players to the game is important, ensuring that existing players continue to enjoy cricket and remain involved through their junior years is equally vital.

Information from Cricket Australia indicates that for all the new player signing up for cricket each season, just short of half this number do not return to keep playing junior cricket.

We are currently looking at ways to engage with more players at a skill and social level that suits their needs because we recognise that every player's journey in cricket is different.

The third key focus area is **Cultural diversity**.

This is an area that has been brought into sharper focus for me over the last few months.

Over the last several years we have been witness to our club teams and representative teams becoming more reflective of the diversity of Australian culture.

This is a good thing because true Australian culture is about a mixture of immigrant cultures.

Let's be honest, unless you are a full-blood first nations person then your ancestors either paid to come to Australia or they were sent here in chains.

I imagine all of us in this room are a product of immigration.

Our national culture has evolved over time by absorbing all the cultures we have brought with us.

Many of our junior players have emigrated here or are first generation Australians.

I know what that is like because my mother emigrated to Australia as well and that was enough for ignorance and bias to take root in those I went to primary school with.

A few months ago, I had to investigate claims that the parents of one of our Rep teams were over-zealous in their support of the team and the allegation of bullying was also levelled against us.

I'm happy to say the bullying allegation was quickly refuted as a smoke screen for another issue but there were different opinions regarding how "over the top" the support was from our parent group.

I sought counsel on cultural perspective from a friend and he said to me: "Delhi has a population similar to the whole of Australia, and many cities across the Asian sub-continent have an equally dense population. So much is happening there at any time, and it is always so loud. When you grow up in an environment like that, that loudness gets built into who you are."

It highlights that each of us brings our own "ways" to supporting our kids.

As president of the association, I want Brisbane North to welcome the cultures that come to this country, particularly as we are meeting around a common passion.

I would encourage everyone to be themselves when they support their kids AND be accepting of others in the way they support their kids too.

There are two caveats that we must operate by:

- If your actions are causing irritation or offence to others, then back off a bit.
- We go to games to let our kids play cricket. Their fun should be the priority.

We have an opportunity to lead the way in embracing everyone, demonstrating respect, and building a richer cricket culture.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our Management Committee, delegates, clubs, coaches, volunteers, parents, and players.

Junior cricket does not happen without the collective effort of many committed people, and Brisbane North is fortunate to benefit from such strong community support.

I look forward with confidence to the seasons ahead as we continue to grow participation, improve facilities, and strengthen an inclusive culture that allows every child the opportunity to enjoy the game of cricket.

Thank-you.

JP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Powell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Powell
President
BRISBANE NORTH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION