

CNSW - Far North Coast - Minutes

Date 15th April 2025 7.00pm

Meeting Group: FNCCC

Meeting Lead: James Rankine

Minutes taker: James Rankine – via teams transcription

Attendance: Phil Melville, Dan Rowlands, Adam Housen, Wayne Garrad, Doug Trigg, Barry Cooper, Luke Davis, Corey Latta, Ben Hall, Michael Wood, Nathan Robinson, Matt Hambly, Craig Jenkins, Nathan Pollock, John Black, Jason Trisley, Clinton Carey, Michael Bentley, Ian Rowlings, Jamie Bennett, Matt Cleaver, Jamie Wilson, Alec Williams, Gary Rossington, Abe Crawford, Jacob Graham, James Rankine

Apologies: NIL

1. Welcome and Previous Meeting Review

James Rankine opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He confirmed that all action items from the last meeting were completed, including ensuring all scores were submitted and addressing code of conduct issues.

2. Umpires Update - Doug Trigg

The main disappointment was the reduced number of available umpires towards the end of the season, which affected semi-finals and finals.

Despite this, the season was successful overall, with good recruitment and strong performance from the umpires.

Doug highlighted the improved communication and appointment process through the new Cricket app and Officials HQ.

Doug received the Ted Wyke's Award for his contributions to FNCCUSA he was nominated by the FNCCUSA executive, which he acknowledged with gratitude.

3. Northern Rivers Update - Barry Cooper

The Junior finals were planned to be held in Lismore but were disrupted by weather.

District awards were distributed to individual clubs for presentation.

Senior finals were also affected by weather, but overall, the season was satisfactory.

There is a need to increase junior and senior player numbers for the next season.

4. Ballina Update - Wayne Garrard

Ballina had a good season, but finals were washed out due to weather.



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The third and fourth-grade competitions were combined, which worked well, but there is a desire to have separate competitions next year if an additional team can be recruited.

5. Ballina Juniors Update - Nathan Pollock

Ballina Juniors had a successful season, reaching the finals, which were unfortunately washed out.

The presentation for Ballina District and Far North Coast was held at Cherry Street and went well.

Awards were sent home with club representatives.

Plans for next year include starting the inter-district competition earlier in the season to use it as a selection process for Far North Coast teams.

Awaiting updates on the appointment of a new Academy coach.

6. Tweed District Update - Ian Rowlings and Adam Housen

Ian Rowlings, the new president of Tweed District Cricket Association, introduced himself.

Adam Housen provided an overview of the season, noting that many teams reached the finals, which were also affected by weather.

Congratulations were extended to Cudgen and Ballina for their successes in the second-grade competition.

The U'11s teams are performing well, and the blast programs are thriving.

Adam Housen is stepping down and embarking on a new adventure, calling in from his caravan

7. Acknowledgements and Farewells - Phil Melville

Phil Melville congratulated Adam Housen on his contributions and expressed sadness at his departure.

Adam has been a valuable liaison between the Tweed area and the Far North Coast Cricket Council.

Best wishes were extended to Adam and his family for their future endeavours.

8. North-South Playoff and Ground Acknowledgement - James Rankine

James acknowledged the efforts of the Lennox Head committee in preparing the ground for the North-South playoff.

Thanks were extended to the committee for their dedication and hard work.

9. Far North Coast First Grade Update - James Rankine

Expressions of interest for next year's Far North Coast first grade are open until the end of the month.

Nine responses have been received so far.

The Committee of Management will allocate points and finalise the eight teams for the next season by July 1st.

Team nominations for second grade will follow, allowing associations to plan for third, fourth, and fifth grades.

10. Playing Conditions Review - James Rankine

A review of playing conditions will be conducted, with information to be sent to clubs for feedback.

The aim is to finalize any changes by August to ensure no surprises for the next season.

11. AGM Date and Venue - Phil Melville

Phil proposed holding the AGM in July, aligning with historical timing and financial considerations.

There was a discussion about the timing, with a preference for July unless there are compelling reasons to hold it earlier.

12. FNCCC Balls and Trophies Distribution - Phil Melville

Phil apologized for the delay in distributing balls and trophies.

The Far North Coast Council will return balls to Clubs and pay for umpires for finals.

Phil will distribute the remaining senior award trophies to the relevant clubs soon.

13. Veterans Cricket Update - Doug Trigg

- FNC to host 2025-26 NSW State Championships for Over 70s in Lismore & Ballina - Mon 16th-Thurs 19th February, 2026.
- FNC to run a local Over 45 Winter competition comprising 4 to 5 teams.
- CHS Cricket- Tweed Region to again host NSW v Queensland Secondary School Challenge 2025, for both boys and girls, during week Mon 8th to Fri 12th September. Coordinator is North Coast Schools Cricket convenor Sean Lowrey from Kingscliff HS.

14. Promotion and Relegation Appeal - Michael Wood

The Cavaliers have appealed against the promotion and relegation criteria.

They will not respond to requests until they receive a response from the North Coastal Zone.

15. Review with Cricket NSW - James Rankine

A review with Cricket NSW is planned, and associations are invited to set a date for this review.

Only Ballina Juniors have responded so far, and other associations are encouraged to participate.

James to send out email to other associations



16. Additional Business

James Rankine reminded everyone about the Cricket South Wales 2.4% CPI increase to team operation fees

Stage 1: From \$180.00 to \$184.32 – based on 9 players x \$20 for these teams in 24/25

Stage 2: From \$220.00 to \$225.28 – based on 11 players X \$20 for these teams

Stage 3: From \$280.00 to \$286.72 – based on 14 players x \$20 for these teams

Seniors: From \$450.00 to \$460.80 –based on 22.5 players x \$20 for these teams

Jason Trisley raised concerns about social media discussions on surcharges for fees, which Doug Trigg clarified as increases to the National Registration Fee and a 1.49% surcharge by Play HQ. \$36.50 + 1.49% of entire registration fee per senior participant (previously \$22.50) • \$17.45 + 1.49% of entire registration fee per junior participant (previously \$16.00)

<https://resources.cricket-nsw.pulselive.com/cricket-nsw/document/2025/04/09/3efa9f71-1195-4a31-bdd1-6774dd82b951/National-Registration-Fee-Communications-April-2025.pdf> **James to**

Follow up

17. Nathan R - Pottsville inquired about the transparency of points allocation, which James Rankine confirmed would be published.

18. Final Remarks and Closing

James Rankine thanked everyone for their participation and contributions throughout the season.

Daniel Rowlands reminded everyone that meeting minutes and timelines are available on the website.

James Rankine wished everyone a safe and happy Easter and concluded the meeting.

ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS

James to confirm NRF and the 1.49% mentioned in CA documentation and communicate to all clubs.

James to contact Associations again to lock in dates for season reviews.

James to coordinate FNCCC PC review by seeking feedback. Deadline for project end July.

James to contact NCZ re progress and timeline for Academy Coach appointment and program commencement.

FNCCC to set AGM date and venue.

Next Meeting: To be scheduled.