

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BlowFly Bulletin

22nd December 2023



Acknowledgement of Country

BlowFly Cricket acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and play our inclusive all-abilities grassroots sport.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE FRIDAY NIGHT BLOWFLY CRICKET GROUP!

We also celebrated David's 18th Birthday with a delicious cake and lots of friendship, laughter and fun.

From all of us at James Henty, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and we will see you when the season resumes at on Friday 2nd February 2024!

Kate, Fiona & Shabana



James Park/Hornsby Christmas Party



An Interview with Justin Houghton (KISS)

M: Mark

J: Justin

M: Justin, we heard you went to a KISS concert.

J: 2022 was the first time I went to a KISS concert and so I've been twice now.

M: Did you have any close contact with any of the members?

J: No, we were a bit far away from the stage and spaced out. KISS asked the left and right side of the audience to yell in response to the songs.

M: So, you went recently as well as in 2022?

J: Yes, I went recently on October 7th, 2023.

M: What was the music like?

J: It was good and pretty similar to last time.

M: What's your favourite KISS song?

J: Rock and Roll All Nite for sure.

M: Can you sing the chorus for us?

J: (Justin sings brilliantly and Mark interrupts him with a much more average voice).

J: Oh, and they had fireworks coming out of guitars and flames.

M: Wow. What about Jean Simmons did he poke his tongue out?

J: Yes, he poked it everywhere, so he definitely poked his tongue a lot.

M: What an experience, did anyone go with you?

J: Mark (Perry) went with me, and he enjoyed it too.

M: Out of 10 with 10 being mind-blowing and 1 being boring, what would you rate the concert?

J: It was mind-blowing so 10/10. Without make-up it would have been ordinary.

M: Is it the best concert you've ever been to?

J: Yes, it's the best one I've been to. My dad and I liked it.

M: So, your dad went too?

J: Last year it was just me and my dad but this year it was my dad and Mark too.

Jordan: What concert was better: 2022 or 2023?

J: They were both very good but maybe last year was better because there were more fireworks.

Jordan: Thank you for your interview, Justin.





Blowfly Community Coaching Course (Level 1)

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association
(HKHDCA)

Blowfly Cricket Club Community
Coaching Course Registration



Date: Friday 12th January
Time: 10am-12pm
Location: Mark Taylor Oval



Upcoming BlowFly Community Coaching Course – Level 1

To register for the upcoming course, you can scan the QR code to the left, or use the below link.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zFV00P3DG00lpOVhR8Lp26uFgb7LutBHj-3mmsFmAQFUMjVIRDdNRUZDUFU4R0cyUkhaRVYyVEk1MC4u>



Cricket Australia Community Cricket Awards Now Open!

Has your organisation or a member of your organisation gone above and beyond in season 2023/24?

Why not nominate them for the Cricket Australia Community Cricket Awards?

Help us recognise those that have inspired others to love and play cricket by nominating them today!

With two new categories this season, there are fifteen categories an organisation or an individual may be eligible for.

- 📄 Community Coach of the Year
- 📄 Women and Girls Initiative of the Year
- 📄 Community Cricket Club of the Year
- 📄 Community Cricket Association of the Year
- 📄 Inclusion & Diversity Initiative of the Year
- 📄 Indoor Facility of the Year
- 📄 Junior Initiative of the Year
- 📄 Woolworths Cricket Blast Coordinator of the Year - **NEW CATEGORY**
- 📄 Community Match Official of the Year
- 📄 Community Partnership of the Year
- 📄 Community Facility Project of the Year - **NEW CATEGORY**
- 📄 Technology & Media Initiative of the Year
- 📄 Young Leader of the Year
- 📄 Celebrating Cricket in Schools
- 📄 Volunteer of the Year

Nominations are now open, **close at 11:59 pm, Wednesday 7th February 2024**, and must be submitted through the nomination form below.

Please be sure to answer all questions in your selected category to ensure compliance with award criteria.

[Nominate a Volunteer Now!](#)



Hornsby RSL Raffles!!

If you are unable to make it to the club in person you can always buy some tickets for the respective twice weekly online raffles.

Hornsby RSL Club have kindly sponsored BlowFly Cricket through the ClubGRANTS program, with the funds being divided between each of our Centres & the Uncoachables Academy.

Buy your online tickets here: <https://pubandclub.co/hornsbyrslmegamembersraffle>

To see more about the raffles, use this link: <https://hornsbyrsl.com.au/whats-on/special-events/>



Good for Cricket

It's that time again, the Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle is now open.

Help BlowFly Cricket raise much needed funds by sharing the QR Code or the link with your family and friends and support your club.

<https://toyotagoodforcricket.raffletix.com.au/blowflycc>



As always there are amazing prizes to be won.

Amount raised as of 22nd December = \$1,250

BEST OF THE WEST

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY, CULTURE & CRICKET

SYDNEY THUNDER v **PERTH SCORCHERS**

MON 8 JAN | 7:15PM
SYDNEY SHOWGROUND STADIUM

BUY TICKETS

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Best of the West: Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers, Monday January 8, Sydney Showground Stadium, 7:15pm

Join us for a night of community, culture, and cricket as we celebrate the best of Western Sydney!

Immerse yourself in the vibrant energy and spirit of the west, with an epic line-up of cultural performances, interactive workshops, local celebrity appearances, and special food offerings.

Sydney Thunder are delighted to offer you 30% off tickets*. To redeem this offer, click 'Buy Tickets' below and enter the code BBLSYD12 in the code box

The Big Bash is a big hit for the whole family, we can't wait to see you there!

Australian Sports Foundation – 2024 Uncoachables Program Fundraiser



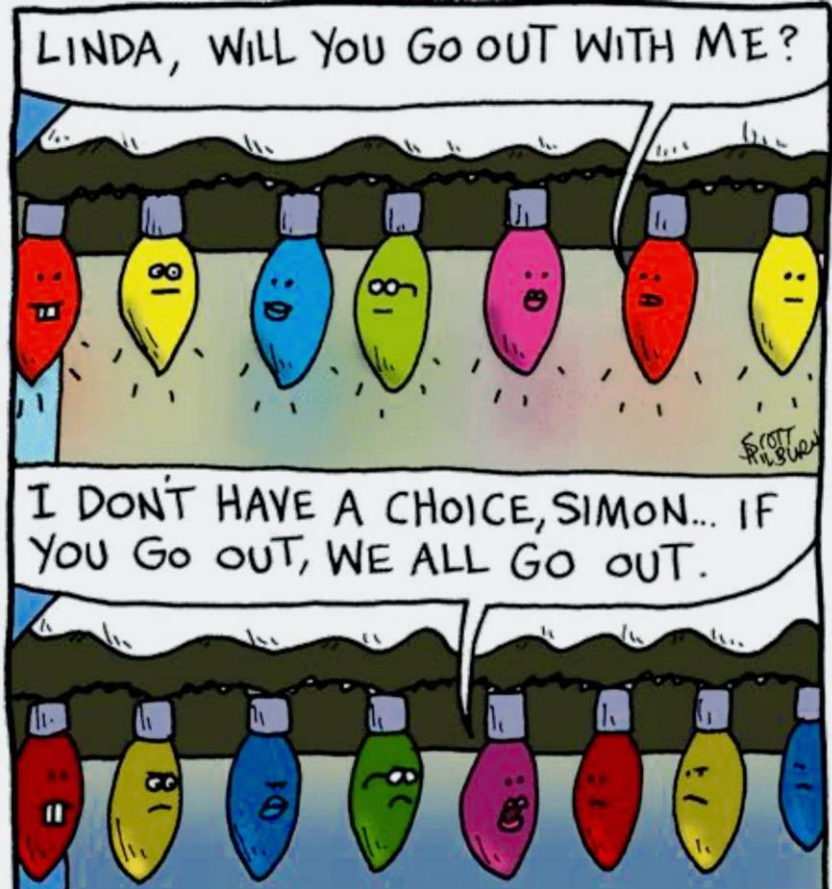
BlowFly Cricket actively develops our 'Uncoachables Coaching the Uncoachables' coaches, firstly through the completion of the Cricket Australia Accredited Community Course (formerly Level 1) and then ongoing mentorship and experiential learning at WPHCCC Junior Blaster Centre, Coaches' Association School Holiday Coaching Clinics, various BlowFly Cricket Coaching Clinics held at: Sony Foundation School Holiday Respite Camps, Wheelchair Sports NSW Childrens School Holidays Camps, various specialised and mainstream schools and also Inclusive Sports Days held at public schools supported by local councils and various bodies.

With more and more experience and exposure our coaches develop increased levels of self-esteem, self-confidence, self-belief, assertive skills and maturation. Not to overlook the monetary payments for their time and effort. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on all parts of the community, especially regarding physical contact and interaction. This project is in light of the need for online aspects of coaching training and development, which also includes safe infection control and hygiene practices, and in response to our growing number of centres and increasing need for more incredible coaches. Through the club's fundraising partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation, donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

So please show your support by donating today! You can donate through the link below, or by clicking on the Australian Sports Foundation link on the BlowFly Cricket website. All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible, through the Australian Sports Foundation donation link below. With your support we can make sure Blowfly Cricket and these kids have a great future ahead.

<https://asf.org.au/projects/blowfly-cricket/the-uncoachables-coaching-the-uncoachables-2020-2024-seasons>





Joke Corner

WE'RE
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Help us raise funds with
RETURN and **EARN**



BlowFly Cricket Return and Earn Fundraising Every week our one and only Dougal Graham collects between 700-1200 cans and bottles for BlowFly Cricket's Return & Earn fundraising. Thank you Dougal as you are a legend!

Thank you to Gordon Golf Club, Castlecove Golf Club, North Turramurra Golf Club, West Pymble Bicentennial Club, Lindfield Sports Club and those lovely people residing at "Gordon Gardens" 803- 805 Pacific Highway, Gordon for your ongoing support with this fundraising initiative for our BlowFly Cricket community.

Additionally, we now have several fine individuals & families on board, collecting hundreds of cans and bottles to help out with this initiative including Hannah & Anthony Beard; the Buczek family, Uncle Snake & Nana Audrey; Jan & Jock Brock; Azaan Husain & Shabana Hakim; Rie Iwabuchi; the Jones family; Morwenna Landers; Amanda "Vivienne Nissen"; Brendan Price; Phil Smith; Akiko Tomita; & Sandy Wall.



If you would like to help with this fundraising initiative, please contact Marnie at blowflycricketfundraising@gmail.com



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