

# The First Graders

## Ashley Doolan



### **Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 60**

Full name: **Ashley Leslie Doolan**

Date and Place of Birth: **20 November 1987, Kiama**

Secondary School: **Kiama High School**

Occupation: **Landscape Gardener**

Playing role: **Wicketkeeper/right hand bat**

<b>BATTING</b>								
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50
2007-08	18	18	3	56	194	12.93		1
2008-09	18	20	2	59*	465	25.83		2
T20	3	3	0	42	65	21.6		0
2009-10	17	14	2	89	224	18.67		1
T20	2	2	1	21*	39	39		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>20.14</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>WickKeep</b>								
Season	Caught	Stpd.	Total	Byes				
2007-08	34	3	37	42				
2008-09	13	6	19	52				
T20	2	0	2	0				
2009-10	15	3	18	53				
T20	2	1	3	0				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>147</b>				



A wicketkeeper rated highly by former Australian custodian Steve Rixon, Ash Doolan made his debut with the club in round three of the 2007-08 season against Sutherland at Petersham where he effected two dismissals and scored seven runs. It was also his first match in Sydney 1st Grade Cricket.

A highlight of his first season was his match total of seven catches against Manly which included five in the first innings. With the addition of two games in 2nds, he tallied 42 dismissals for the season. Keeping wickets in 23 innings, he conceding no byes in nine matches while allowing only one in each of four others. It was a fitting outcome that he took out the club's prestigious annual wicket-keeping award. His commitment to training, enthusiasm and outstanding work ethic were also features of his success.

Over the following two seasons Ash continued to perform to an exceptionally high standard and was one of the top custodians in the 1st Grade competition. He took some amazing catches 'keeping to the likes of fast men Burt Cockley, Scott Coyte, Glen Whichello and James Byrne along with top-class spinners in Nathan Hauritz and Rodney Stafford.

Doolan also showed his class as a batsman with some handy knocks. His best performance was 89 against Manly at Manly Oval in 2009-10 while in 2008-09 his aggregate of 465 was the sixth highest for the club and third best in 1st Grade. Relishing the Manly attack his 53 not out at Coogee that season ensured a good win for his side in a tight finish. An attacking batsman he was regularly used to get the scoreboard ticking over when runs were tight.

Struggling to break into the first class cricket scene in New South Wales Ash decided to try his luck in another state and from the start of the 2010-11 season he transferred to Tasmania joining the New Town Cricket Club. He played a Second XI match with his adopted state that season but at the end of the summer returned to Sydney where he played with Mosman in the 1st Grade competition.

In his three seasons with Randwick Petersham Ashley Doolan played 60 matches in 1st and 2nd grades effecting 84 dismissals behind the stumps while scoring 1,079 runs. In his first season he played in the 1st Grade semi-final and was a member of the club at a time when it won its first Club Championship.