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WACA CEO Christina Matthews and
President and Chair Dr Ken Michael AC



EXECUTIVE REPORT

It's been another year of outstanding results and achievements for the Western Australian Cricket Association and its Members.

THE WACA Pillars

1

Grow cricket's WA fan base significantly

2

Produce the best teams, players, competitions, coaches and officials in Australia

3

Increase participation substantially and inspire WA's next generation of players, fans and volunteers

4

Provide world-class leadership and allocate resources to ensure the delivery of our strategy

5

Develop facilities that meet the needs of WA fans, teams, grassroots participants and staff

The WACA Board continued to show strong leadership and commitment towards shaping a successful future for the Association and we thank them for their ongoing support.

The past year has seen several changes to the Board, including the departure of former Chair Dr Lachlan Henderson who accepted the role of Group CEO of Epworth HealthCare in Victoria in December 2016. We thank Lachlan for the commitment and passion he showed to the Association during his tenure and wish him all the best for his new endeavours.

Kade Harvey stood down from his role as Deputy Chair in November 2016 to focus on his role with the Perth Scorchers and left the Board in May 2017 when he was appointed Assistant Coach of the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors and Perth Scorchers men's team. The WACA Board also made history this season, appointing the first female Deputy Chair of a cricket association in Vanessa Guthrie.

Cricket participation during 2016-17 continued to grow, with 186,386 participants registered across all formats - an 11% growth on the previous year. School participation saw an increase of 18% to 125,517, with the results clearly linked to the success of the MILO in2CRICKET and T20 Blast programs.

The state's diversity statistics all saw exponential growth, with female participation rising 20% to 62,343, disability cricket participation growing 26% to 3,078, Aboriginal cricket getting a boost of 11% to 9,506 and the number of multicultural participants rising to 33,917 - a growth of 16%.

With construction of Perth Stadium nearing completion, the Association focussed its efforts on ensuring a long and successful future for the WACA Ground. The WACA formally presented its development plans for the Ground to the WA State Government and state opposition in November 2016 and will await the budget response following the recent elections and change in government. The WACA also presented the plans to representatives of the Australian Federal Government in June 2017, which were received with resounding approvals and support. It is hoped funding commitments will be realised between 2017-19 and the development will proceed shortly thereafter.

The WACA has been working closely with Cricket Australia, VenuesLive and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to ensure Perth Stadium will provide the best possible Member and fan experience and we're excited for the imminent opening and the opportunities this will bring cricket in WA. The collaborative efforts will ensure Members and fans have an exceptional match day experience, with facilities, food and beverage offerings and additional venue activations which will surprise and delight.

Work has continued to prepare for the move to Perth Stadium, with the drop-in wickets, which had been carefully curated and maintained at Gloucester Park, transferred to Perth Stadium in April 2017 for further curation. WACA turf management staff constructed the wickets in a composition and practice intended to achieve the goal of replicating the characteristics experienced at the WACA Ground.

Throughout the year, the WACA Board and Management continued to improve engagement and communication with its Members and stakeholders, with the addition of Insight, regular forums and opportunities for feedback and input.

As part of the Board's commitment to best-practice governance and leadership, a review of the WACA's Constitution progressed. The process involved a series of Member and stakeholder forums, regular updates and opportunities for feedback, as well as in-depth external legal and governance advice. Members voted on a proposed Constitution at a General Meeting in April 2017, which saw the current Constitution retained. It was encouraging to see majority votes received for the change, although not the constitutional margin required. The Board will now take time to review the process which was undertaken to ensure the issues raised by Members are appropriately addressed before bringing forward to the Membership again.

In what was a perfect finish to the season, the Perth Scorchers men's and women's teams made it into the KFC Big Bash League Big Final. Both matches were held at #TheFurnace, with the men taking out the Championship title for the third time in front of a sell-out crowd.

We were pleased to welcome back fiery pace bowler Mitchell Johnson for the BBL season, following his retirement from all forms of cricket in November 2015. Johnson's experience and leadership provided the team with a strong foundation to perform at their peak. In his first season back from retirement, Johnson enjoyed an unbelievable spell, with 3-3 in the most economical four overs in the competition's history to set up the Scorchers' seven-wicket win over the Stars.

The end of the 2016-17 season saw a legend of the game retire from domestic state cricket. Our popular Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors Captain Adam Voges announced his retirement effective at the end of the Sheffield Shield season, following a decorated 15-year career. Voges was an incredible leader, taking the Warriors to extraordinary heights and displaying remarkable resilience and physical and mental toughness.

We congratulate Hilton Cartwright and Heather Graham, who took out the top honours at this year's Laurie Sawle Medal Night. Cartwright was named the 2016-17 Laurie Sawle Medallist, with Graham awarded the Zöe Goss Medal.

Cartwright made his Australia Test debut during the year, receiving his baggy green ahead of the Commonwealth Bank Third Test against Pakistan in January. The much-deserved call-up made Cartwright the 52nd WA male player to play Test cricket for Australia and we congratulate him on this milestone achievement.

Perth Scorchers veteran Michael Klinger earned his maiden Australia call-up at the age of 36, having debuted at state level in the late 1990s. His 71 not out in the 2016-17 BBL Big Final made him the leading scorer in the competitions history and cemented his place in the Australian squad for the T20 International Series.

Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury Nicole Bolton was inspiring in Australia's 4-0 One Day International series win over South Africa in November. She was in form throughout the five-game series, scoring 219 runs at an average of 43.8 at the top of the order. Bolton scored two half-centuries among her five knocks, top scoring with 77 in game three.

Several players represented WA at the international level, including Nicole Bolton, Mitchell Marsh, Shaun Marsh, Jhye Richardson, Ashton Turner, Andrew Tye, Elyse Villani and Adam Voges. It is a credit to our high performance program to see such a large number of state players selected for Australian representation and one which the coaches and players can be extremely proud.

A huge thank you must go to our Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors and Western Fury and Perth Scorchers Coaches Justin Langer and Lisa Keightley. Our elite squads are performing at an incredibly high standard and the focus which has been placed on their training and development has been outstanding. We couldn't achieve the results on the field without their passion and leadership.

The WACA continued to lead Australian cricket in the area of staff engagement, finishing number one for the third year in a row ahead of the other states and territories. This is a significant achievement and proves we have a passionate employee group who truly believe in our values and aspirations and are united in achieving the best outcomes for our Members and stakeholders.

The achievements of the WACA wouldn't be possible without the tremendous efforts of the Association's staff and players and we thank them for their passion and

dedication. The Board is also extremely appreciative of the support and advice of the Leadership Team and look forward to continuing the work being undertaken to reach our future vision for the Association.

The 2017-18 season will see history made and remembered, with the last Ashes Test Match and BBL season to be played at the WACA Ground. We know the Ground holds a special place in the hearts of many cricket enthusiasts from WA and around the world and we are planning a fitting celebration as we hold our final full season before moving selected content to Perth Stadium. This will be a season not to be missed.

We look forward to celebrating our rich history with you at the WACA Ground this summer.

Dr Ken Michael AC | President and Chair
Christina Matthews | Chief Executive Officer



Mitchell Marsh, Christina Matthews
and Adam Voges at Perth Stadium

Western Australian Cricket Association (Inc.)

BOARD & MANAGEMENT

as at 30 June 2017

BOARD

Chair

Dr LJ (Lachlan) Henderson (until 6 Dec 2016)
Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC (from 7 Dec 2016)

Deputy Chair

K (Kade) Harvey (until 8 Nov 2016)
Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie (from 8 Nov 2016)

President

Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC

Vice President

Dr LJ (Lachlan) Henderson (until 6 December 2016)

Members' Representatives

K (Kade) Harvey (until 6 June 2017), TF (Thomas) Percy QC,
M (Michael) Veletta, DJ (Darren) Wates

WA Premier Council (Inc.) Representatives

M (Mark) Calverley, B (Brendan) Reid

Statewide Game Development

Committee Representatives

PC (Peter) Silinger, AJ (Avril) Fahey

Members appointed by the Board

DJ (David) Bailey, Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie

ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

Ms M (Margie) Tannock (until 5 Oct 2016)
Mr RI (Richard) Marshall (from 5 Oct 2016)

COMMITTEES

- Vision 2030 Project Control Group
- Governance Committee
- Nominations and Remuneration Committee
- Statewide Game Development Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- WACA/WAFC Co-Location Engagement Committee

AUDITOR

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

MANAGEMENT TEAM

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms C Matthews

GENERAL MANAGERS

Business Services

RI Marshall

Commercial, Marketing & Communication

SV Nasta

Game Development

Ms J Davies (from 11 Jul 2016)

High Performance

BC Oliver

Human Resources

Ms NY King (until 2 Dec 2016)
Ms CL Brayn (from 28 Nov 2016)

Membership & Museum

GJ White

Operations & Facilities

Ms JS Coubrough

Public Policy and Government

Relations Manager

MS Cutler (until 16 Dec 2016)
Ms DK Mitchell (from 27 Feb until 25 May 2017)

AFFILIATES

Organisations that administer cricket in WA and are affiliated with the WACA:

- CricketWest (Inc.)
- Indoor Sports WA (Inc.)
- WA Country Cricket Board (Inc.)
- WA District Cricket Council (Inc.)
- WA Female Cricket Council (Inc.)
- WA Schools Cricket Council (Inc.)
- WA Aboriginal Cricket Council (Inc.)
- WA Community Junior Cricket Council (Inc.)

Register of WACA Board Members attendance at Board meetings (11 meetings held)

Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC	9/11	M (Michael) Veletta	11/11	Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey	9/11
Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie	10/11	DJ (Darren) Wates	11/11	PC (Peter) Silinger	11/11
KM (Kade) Harvey	9/11	M (Mark) Calverley	10/11	DJ (David) Bailey	9/11
TF (Thomas) Percy QC	10/11	B (Brendan) Reid	8/11	Dr LJ (Lachlan) Henderson	5/6

CRICKET AUSTRALIA



Cricket Australia is the peak decision-making entity for cricket in Australia. The WACA receives funding from the activities of cricket in Australia as part of its role in Australian cricket.



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as at 30 June 2017

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DJ (David) Bailey



Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie

Honour Board

PRESIDENTS

1885-86 - 1898-99	JCH James	1917-18 - 1923-24	J Gardiner	1980-81 - 1989-90	BF Prindiville AO CMG
1899-1900	RH Kelsey	1924-25 - 1937-38	TP Draper	1990-91 - 1996-97	TJ Perrott AM Cit WA
1900-01	SH Parker	1938-39	SHD Rowe	1996-97 - 2003-04	PB Rakich AM
1901-02 - 1905-06	WJ Kingsmill	1939-40 - 1950-51	GW Miles	2004-05 - 2014-15	DK Lillee AM MBE
1906-07 - 1914-15	J Gardiner	1951-52 - 1962-63	LW Jackson KCMG	2014-15	Hon Dr KC Michael AC
1915-16 - 1916-17	WJ Farley	1963-64 - 1979-80	CR Bunning CBE		

CHAIRS OF WACA EXECUTIVE / BOARD

The Executive was so named from 1907. Prior to this a 'WACA Committee' was essentially the Executive, but in the period 1890 to 1907 the Trustees of the Association played the major role in ground management. The Chairman of the Executive was also Chairman of the International Committee from its inauguration in 1922 until February 1990. Mr LM Sawle became its first separate Chairman in 1990, with Mr PB Rakich continuing as Chairman of the Executive. From 2004 the Executive is now referred to as the Board.

1885-99	G Parker	1906-11	K Bolton	1939-46	SHD Rowe	1997-2004	CAC Fear
1899-1902	RH Kelsey	1911-17	WJ Farley	1946-58	AC Randell	2004-13	DJ Williams
1902-03	EA Randell	1918-23	K Bolton	1958-80	FJ Bryant	2013-15	JB Gannon
1903-04	FD North	1923-31	FA Barnard	1980-88	HWH Rigg	2015-16	Dr LJ Henderson
1904-05	K Bolton	1931-38	SHD Rowe	1988-89	LM Sawle	2016	Hon Dr KC Michael AC
1905-06	AG Russell	1938-39	AH Christian	1989-97	PB Rakich		

CHIEF EXECUTIVES / GENERAL MANAGERS

Until 1980, the Association Secretary was the highest ranked administrator of the WACA. That position deferred to the appointment of a General Manager which in turn was elevated to the title of Chief Executive in 1986.

1979-80 to 1985-86	WJ Rogers	1992 to 1997	CL Smith	2004 to 2007	AIC Dodemaide
1986 to 1989	TS Ivankovich	1998 to 2001	MN Allenby	2007 to 2012	GM Wood
1990 to 1992	DE Hoare	2001 to 2004	Mrs K White	2012	Ms C Matthews

SECRETARIES

1885-86 to 1886-87	G Fruin - Honorary	1900-01 to 1905-06	J Rushton	1973-74	R Miller
1887-88 to 1888-89	A Woodbridge - Honorary	1906-07	L Gouly	1974-75 to 1979-80	B Bellon
1889-90	HH Sherlock - Honorary	1907-08 to 1908-09	AWB Mather	1980-81 to 1996-97	KR Preston
1890-91 to 1895-96	FD North - Honorary	1909-10 to 1916-17	J Rushton	1997-98 to 2013-14	G Havercroft
1896-97 to 1899-00	H Brown	1917-18 to 1928-29	WJ Farley	2013-14 to 2016-17	Ms M Tannock
		1928-29 to 1947-48	CH Guy	2016-17	RI Marshall
		1948-49 to 1972-73	LE Truman		

LIFE MEMBERS

1893	Miss Sylvia Forrest*, daughter of the then Mayor of Perth, Alexander Forrest MLA on the opening of the WACA Ground. Miss Forrest later became Mrs Sylvia Woods.*	1972	FJ Bryant OAM*	1985	GAR Lock*	2007	TJ Zoehrer
1905	WJ Farley*	1977	Hon Sir Lawrence Jackson KCMG*	1985	RW Marsh MBE	2008	J Angel
1912	J Rushton*	1977	MJL MacGill*	1985	DK Lillee AM MBE	2008	CAC Fear
1917	RG Heath*	1977	DC McKenzie*	1985	BF Prindiville AO CMG*	2008	Ms C Towers
1918	Hon J Gardiner, MLA*	1977	JEV Murdoch*	1988	JT Irvine*	2009	R Edwards
1930	H Gregory, MHR*	1977	AD Drew*	1989	HG Bevan*	2009	BM Laird
1937	L Ryan*	1978	RC Mattiske*	1991	PB Rakich AM	2009	AL Mann
1947	F Boan*	1978	HWH Rigg	1993	DH Foster OAM	2009	G Havercroft
1948	CH Guy*	1979	RE Ballantine*	1995	TJ Perrott AM Cit WA*	2010	WM Clark
1951	Hon GW Miles*	1979	EJ Dowling*	1996	FD O'Driscoll	2010	PJ McConnell
1956	RJ Bryant OAM*	1979	GH Dunstan OBE*	1996	NL Ballard	2010	BA Reid
1956	AC Randell*	1980	RW Abbot MBE*	1998	KJ Hughes	2010	WP Reynolds
1963	His Excellency Lt-General Sir Charles Gairdner KCMG KCVO KBE CB then Governor of Western Australia*	1982	AR Edwards OAM	1998	GR Marsh	2011	CD Matthews
		1983	LM Sawle AM	1998	GM Wood	2012	AC Gilchrist AM
		1983	W Scott*	1999	TM Alderman	2012	JL Langer AM
		1985	DK Carmody*	2001	KH MacLeay	2013	KN Slater
		1985	CW Puckett*	2002	WM Bryant	2014	R Evans
		1985	CW Langdon*	2002	WJ Edwards	2014	Ms Z Goss
		1985	KD Meuleman*	2004	TM Moody	2015	DR Martyn
		1985	BK Shepherd OAM*	2004	MRJ Veletta	2015	Dr K Read
		1985	GD McKenzie	2004	B Yardley	2016	W Andrews
		1985	IJ Brayshaw MBE	2005	KL Jones		
		1985	RJ Inverarity MBE	2007	BM Julian		
				2007	L Pavy		



Creating a sustainable future



UNITED AS ONE

Cricket is a sport for all, whether it's attending matches, playing for a local club or in the backyard, or just being part of a community that loves the sport.

With Perth Stadium on the horizon, WA cricket has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to expand its Member, fan and participation base and be the sport of choice for all Western Australians.

The announcement that select international and BBL matches will move to Perth Stadium brings with it an opportunity for the WACA to make the game of cricket more accessible and provide fans with an at-match experience like nothing Perth has ever seen before.

For the first time in its history, the Association will increase accessibility to WACA and Perth Scorchers Memberships, both of which have been either sold out or unattainable in the past.

More cricket fans than ever before will have the opportunity to experience an incredible summer of cricket in Perth, watching the Australian team and Perth Scorchers take to the pitch at Perth Stadium and seeing our locally-grown talent come through the ranks and play their first domestic matches at the WACA Ground.

In December 2016, the WACA launched its United as One campaign which aimed to unite the WA cricket community and ignite their passion for the game, while connecting with

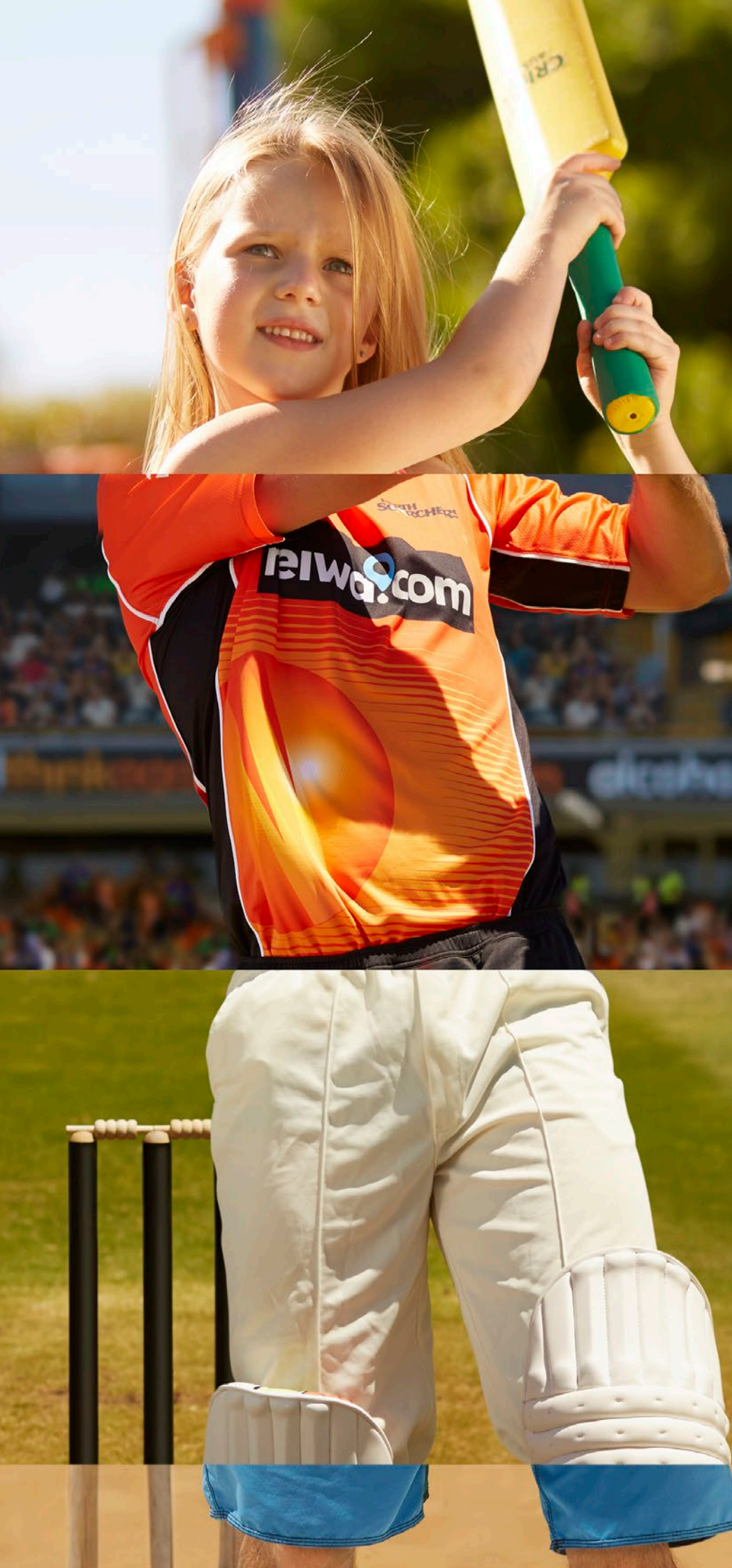
new audiences and positioning cricket as a sport for all, whether that be participation, attendance or Membership.

The campaign saw the introduction of the WA Cricket Club, which provided a unique way for new audiences to engage with cricket while also bringing fans together as part of WA cricket's family. It also provided an avenue for the WACA to share information on grassroots and elite cricket, encourage people to participate in the cricket community, whether through playing, volunteering or spectating, and inform people on Membership options.

Since the launch, the WA Cricket Club reached over 13,500 subscribers and has seen increased engagement with new audiences, including our next generation of cricket fans, children, females and families.

No matter where our cricket enthusiasts get their fix, whether it's playing for a local community cricket club or watching a match every now and then with friends or family on the couch, we are all part of the WA cricket family. We are all UNITED AS ONE!

UNITEDASONE.COM.AU



Campaign initiatives

The introduction of the free WA Cricket Club, to encourage non-Members to subscribe and receive further information and insights into cricket in WA.

The launch of the United as One website, which provides information on the WACA, Perth Scorchers and Perth Stadium.

United as One activations at key events and match days with a promotions team to engage with all cricket lovers.

Exciting offers and a range of competitions and prizes for Members, fans and the public.

A referral program, which saw Members receive a set of sticky wickets when they signed up a friend or family Member to the WA Cricket Club.

Targeted online advertising and radio advertising through the WACA's partnership with Nova 93.7.



Over the past six years, the Perth Scorchers have positioned themselves as one of the most successful Big Bash League clubs both on and off the field.

The Scorchers continued to stamp their mark in the league, winning their third Championship from six seasons in BBL|06. The Championship win was the highlight of a record-breaking season for the Scorchers, who welcomed another sell-out crowd of 21,832 people through the gates of #TheFurnace, taking the season total attendance to 124,076.

The Scorchers' third Championship, fifth appearance in a decider and fourth hosting of a BBL Final were all league firsts and continued a tradition of post-season success for the competition's most remote club.

The success was largely supported by the Scorchers' vocal fan base. Scorchers Members were once again out in force, setting a new Membership record for the club of 5,074. The club also celebrated its 500,000th fan to walk through the gates of #TheFurnace this season, following what can only be described as an incredible run of success for the Perth Scorchers.

Total viewer hours for the 2016-17 season was 30.5 million, with an average TV audience of 1 million per match. The total viewership was 4 million more than the Fremantle Dockers and only 5 million less than the West Coast Eagles, further showcasing the impact and success the Big Bash League competition has made in the sport industry.

The WBBL's home and away season viewership increased by 22% during the season, which was achieved through a stronger emphasis on broadcasting of women's matches. The live broadcast through Network TEN of the WBBL Final between the Scorchers and Sydney Sixers attracted an audience of 412,500 viewers, with Perth averaging 224,416 across the season.

Partnership investment in the club continued to grow off the back of consistent results, with the Perth Scorchers experiencing its most fruitful season for partnerships in 2016-17. The men's team added CSBP, Toxfree, Nova 93.7 and Budget to its stable of sponsors, which includes Principal Partners Homeloans and REIWA.com, Kleenheat joined as the women's team as their Principal Partner, and Holman Industries became a Major Partner across both teams.

Kleenheat's WBBL partnership with the Scorchers reflected the wide-spread support for the competition, with more than 3,000 people attending the four matches held at Lilac Hill and 5,000 spectators at #TheFurnace for the semi-final and final. The Scorchers' Womens team has gone from strength to strength, appearing in the semi-finals in WBBL|01 and the finals in WBBL|02.

This season saw Holman become the first partner to align with both the male and female teams of one club in the Big

Bash League. Originally a WBBL partner, Holman saw an opportunity to increase their support of cricket in Western Australia and align with the Perth Scorchers' ethos of one club, two teams.

The Perth Scorchers' digital space saw incredible growth during the year, with a concerted effort to create and promote engaging content that appealed to a diverse range of fans paying off with a 198% increase in video views. The streaming of WBBL matches surpassed the club's initial target of 50,000, with a total of 257,000 streams over the course of the season.

An increase in fan engagement was evident across all Perth Scorchers digital channels, with a 14% increase in Facebook followers taking the club to 383,531 fans and making it the number one sporting club in WA on the platform. Twitter engagement increased by 51% and Instagram saw the club's total followers reach 59,000 - a 61% increase on the previous year.

Attendance from the public was matched by strong hospitality support, with two regular-season matches sold-out and 75% occupancy across the other two games, while the Scorchers ended the season in the league's top three for at-match merchandise sales, despite having one of the smallest ground capacities in the competition.

The club also had a strong community presence through community engagement initiatives such as the Perth Scorchers Girls League, Perth Scorchers Culture Cup and WBBL home matches being hosted at Lilac Hill.

The new Perth Scorchers Girls League pathway initiative provides an avenue for girls and young women who want to continue cricket beyond the junior ranks an opportunity to do so without having to play in mixed-gender teams, or leap age groups. The success of the program across 2016-17 resulted in a growth from 19 teams the year before to 50 this season.

The Perth Scorchers Culture Cup was another initiative aimed at achieving cricket's goal of being a sport for all Australians and saw the state's best multicultural community Twenty20 sides come together and compete under one banner.

A total of 12 teams of diverse cultural backgrounds, including Indian, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Nepalese, competed in a month-long competition, with the inaugural champions Virsa Cricket Club having been honoured on-ground at the BBL match between the Scorchers and Brisbane Heat on 5 January 2017.

The initiatives capped a year of tremendous results for the Scorchers, with the crowning jewel undoubtedly the BBL|06 Championship.

The season wouldn't have been the success it was without the ongoing support of its Members, fans and supporters and the Perth Scorchers are grateful for the support.



Piepa Cleary celebrates a wicket during the WBBL Final against the Sydney Sixers at TheFurnace on 28 January 2017

A portrait of Adam Voges, a former Australian cricketer, wearing a black cricket cap with the WACA logo and a light-colored polo shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile, and his right hand is raised to his forehead.

FAREWELLING A LEGEND

"I still remember the phone call from him. We were dating at the time," recalls Kristy Voges, now Adam Voges' wife. "He'd just got his rookie contract with the WACA and I said to him 'congratulations', not knowing what the WACA was. He was playing a bit of amateur football, so I thought he was a footballer. The rollercoaster began and 15 years later we've had a great ride."

On Tuesday 14 March 2017, Voges fronted his WA teammates and coaches to announce his retirement from domestic state cricket. He retired with a long list of accolades and records, including the highest Test score by a WA player, the second-best Test batting average in history, the most Sheffield Shield wins as WA captain, and the fourth-most Shield runs by a WA player.

The tributes immediately came pouring in upon Voges' public announcement, such is his popularity in Australian cricket circles where he's universally respected.

The Warnbro-raised right-handed batsman reflects: "It's been 15 years of my life playing cricket for Western Australia. I've loved every single minute of it. Being able to drive through the WACA Ground every day, I'm going to miss that. It's the end of a pretty big chapter in my life."

Voges' story is a treasured tale of perseverance, toiling away for more than a decade in domestic ranks as a 'steady state cricketer', which included a domestic one-day record for fastest century and making his One-Day International debut in February 2007.

A late bloomer, Voges excelled as WA captain under the coaching tenure of Justin Langer, highlighted by his breakthrough 2014-15 Sheffield Shield season, scoring 1358 runs

to prompt his Test debut where, at 35-years-young, he became the oldest debutant to score a century.

Twenty Tests later, Voges finished his international career, but it was after a whirlwind 18 months in the national side where he scored five hundreds, including one at his beloved WACA Ground. He finished with the second-best Test batting average in history, behind only Sir Donald Bradman.

During his retirement press conference, Voges thanked the biggest influences on his career. He paid tribute to his biggest fans, wife Kristy and their two children Xavier and Ella, who kept life normal. He also thanked his parents Ken and Bev for all the sacrifices they made.

"Ken umpired every week, I scored every week," Bev recalls. "I think for about 11 years we got up at six o'clock every Sunday morning to drive him to his games. That's what you do as a parent and we loved every minute of it."

"Even as a little kid at tee-ball, the other kids went to have fun and make friends, but Adam went down to win," Ken recalls. "As a little tacker he was always driven, he was easy to coach. He'd listen to everything and when it worked, he'd tuck it away."

Adam played junior cricket with Warnbro Swans and Rockingham-Mandurah, which involved long commutes around the metropolitan area and to the WACA Ground. His parents were always happy to be Adam's personal taxi service given the passion he showed for the game as a youngster.

"We saw a lot of potential in him when he was very young, about five or six. The second he picked up a bat, it was very special. He's had a passion for it from a very young age, but we didn't expect him to achieve what he has," Bev added.

In his teenage years, Voges moved to Melville Cricket Club and began working with batting coach Wayne Andrews and long-term mentor Bob Meuleman.

"As a young kid he was a big tearaway fast bowler," Meuleman reflects. "But he had a lot of ability with the bat. Technically, at that stage of his career, his batting needed some work, but it was evident he was a steely-type character who had a lot to offer."

Voges' resolve and determination served him well over the following decade; however, it wasn't until he was made WA captain under new state coach Langer in late 2012 that he really achieved his full potential.

"Outside of my family, JL has no doubt been the biggest influence in my career – as a teammate, friend and coach," Voges says. "He turned me from a steady state cricketer to someone who got an opportunity to play Test cricket, wear a baggy green and play 20 Tests for Australia. For that I'll always be grateful."

Langer and Voges' partnership helped the Perth Scorchers to three Big Bash League titles (Voges was vice-captain under Simon Katich in BBL|03) and the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors to win the 2014 Matador BBQs One-Day Cup and reach two Sheffield Shield finals, after 15 years of falling short.

Voges' record for most Shield wins as WA Captain must be respected too. He is regarded as one of the most astute minds in domestic cricket, mentally tough, honest, tactically ahead of the game and never ruffled.

"He's got this incredible trait, I've only met one other guy like it in Adam Gilchrist, where he has this ability to be one of the boys and the captain. Not many people have that skill," Langer added.

Voges' remarkable 2014-15 Shield season led to his maiden Test call-up, after more than a decade of toil in domestic ranks. His determination had been rewarded.

"We probably didn't think he was ever going to get that Test debut. I still remember the day Rod Marsh called him and he was like a kid in a candy shop. He was so excited," recalled Kristy.

"He's got this incredible trait to be one of the boys and the captain." Justin Langer

Two months later, Voges made his Test debut against the West Indies in Dominica, entering the crease with Australia in trouble at 3-61. The then-35-year-old rescued the innings with a memorable century, reaching triple figures at approximately 4am Perth time, cheered on from afar by his whole family who had stayed awake all night watching it on TV. It was a significant milestone in a remarkable story, where he scored 1485 runs in 20 Tests, including five centuries at an amazing average of 61.87.

It's this feat which Langer takes greatest joy from.

"When Voges was selected, made his debut, then scored a hundred and then had the success he had, it's just brilliant," Langer recalled. "It's what makes me happy coming into the office every day."

The next chapter for Voges involves spending time with his young family, but he won't be lost to WA cricket. He'll play for the Perth Scorchers in the 2017-18 season and as his long-time batting coach Wayne Andrews says, "who knows, I wouldn't be surprised if Adam actually got into coaching one day".



Ashton Turner and Hilton Cartwright carry Adam Voges off the WACA Ground after his final domestic match



A NEW WAVE IN WA CRICKET

Heather Graham, Katherine Brunt
and Anya Shrubsole

"The reason why we made the WBBL finals wasn't our overseas players performing all the way, it was our local players stepping up," Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury and Perth Scorchers Coach Lisa Keightley argues when reflecting on the 2016-17 season.

Collectively, the 2016-17 season was a mixed bag for Western Australia's women's program, with the Scorchers reaching the Rebel Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) final, while the Fury finished last in the Women's National Cricket League (WNCL).

On the surface, the impact of the Scorchers international players who didn't play in the WNCL appears to explain those paradoxical results. But dig a little deeper, like Keightley's comments suggest, and there's more to it, with WA's new wave of talent enjoying a major season of development when given opportunity.

The list of examples is long, and there has been national recognition too. Fast bowler Piepa Cleary was named in Australia's extended squad for the 2017 ICC Women's World Cup, after taking 16 wickets across both the 50-over and T20 formats in 2016-17.

That call-up came a month after Cleary and all-rounder Heather Graham, both then-20, played leading roles during the Shooting Stars' tour of Sri Lanka, where the latter also captained the side.

Graham enjoyed her own breakthrough campaign across 2016-17, scoring 447 runs and taking 13 wickets in both formats, capped by becoming the youngest player ever to win the Zöe Goss Medal.

Young batter Chloe Piparo captained WA for the first time as a 22-year-old during the WNCL campaign against South Australia and Tasmania, marking the occasion with her maiden domestic century.

Piparo's deputy for those games was then-24-year-old spinner Emma King who, according to Keightley, had her 'best season', finishing as the leading wicket-taker across both formats with 23 scalps across the summer.

"The difference for us from getting to the semi-final in WBBL|01 to a final in WBBL|02, was our local players."
Lisa Keightley

There were others too, with 21-year-old Megan Banting stepping up as the state's number one wicketkeeper, Mathilda Carmichael winning the Female Rising Star award, Taneale Peschel scoring her maiden WNCL half-century, and then-teenager Melissa Cameron dominating Premier Cricket to finish runner-up in the Karen Read Medal.

"The difference for us from getting to the semi-final in WBBL|01 to a final in WBBL|02, was our local players," Keightley continues.

"Emma King had her best season, last year she played four games and she played every game this year. We had

Heather Graham performing with bat and ball, we had Piepa Cleary standing up and making a name for herself, we had Megan Banting keep for the first year."

Graham's individual success was symbolic of the 2016-17 season, which Keightley is optimistic will hold the side in good stead for the future.

WA stalwart Nicole Bolton, still only 28, had won three of the previous four Zöe Goss Medals, the spell only broken when she played in Victoria.

Bolton remains a key contributor for WA cricket, but Graham's rise, along with the aforementioned others, represents a greater sharing of the load.

"I think it's a huge step for women's cricket in WA that we've got two Australian players (Bolton and Elyse Villani) and Heather Graham, a young and up-and-coming cricketer, who has won the Zöe Goss Medal," Keightley says.

"She really stepped up and is starting to put in some consistent performances and showing the depth we're starting to create here.

"I think she's got confidence and belief that she can play and match it with the best in women's cricket. Hopefully it's the start of some bigger things to come from Heather."

"Heather and Piepa both possess a real 'x-factor' whenever they step out onto the park." Cathryn Fitzpatrick

Shooting Stars Head Coach Cathryn Fitzpatrick was eager to bring Graham, along with Cleary, into the national set-up for the Sri Lanka tour in March and April following their strong seasons.

In Sri Lanka, Graham scored 172 runs at 34.4 and took four wickets, while Cleary led the pace attack with three dismissals at 29.66 and an economy rate of 3.81.

"Heather and Piepa both possess a real 'x-factor' whenever they step out onto the park," Fitzpatrick says.

"Piepa's ability to continuously run in and hit the deck hard makes her an extremely effective fast bowler and she has improved out of sight in the last 12 months.

"The aspect of Heather's game that I like most is her ability to hit square of the wicket. A lot of batters still tend to hit down the ground through the V, but Heather likes to utilise a lot of cut and pull shots and isn't afraid to use the occasional ramp shot either.

"Her control with the ball is also fantastic, especially for such a young player."

Looking ahead, Keightley believes another 12 months within the evolving WA set-up can only benefit the youngsters.

Keightley is also eager to credit her support staff, led by Assistant Coach Michael Dighton, Strength and Conditioning Coach Joey Rotundo and Physiotherapist Amanda Simmonds, as well as ex-Australia international Zöe Goss.

"Watching our players in the nets, I can tell our skills have improved and their decision-making during games has also been better, especially our young players," Keightley says.

"Having experienced international players coming into the set up for the Women's Big Bash League helps too. Our local players gain so much from them, and when you add full-time coaches and staff into the mix you could see how valuable it has been from our results last season.

"All the players know the feeling of winning now after the Women's Big Bash League, so we will continue to work with them to improve, not only physically, but mentally as well. If the team buy in, I'm confident we will go well."



Megan Banting



LAURIE SAWLE MEDAL NIGHT

The talent of the next generation was highlighted at the WACA's Laurie Sawle Medal Night, with newcomers Hilton Cartwright and Heather Graham awarded WA cricket's most prestigious season honours.

Close to 400 people attended the Laurie Sawle Medal Night at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre to recognise the outstanding performances by the Laurie Sawle and Zöe Goss medallists, category award winners and wider playing group.

A season of consistency was punctuated by a Test debut for Cartwright, who finished the Sheffield Shield regular season as the competition's second-highest scorer. The 25-year-old ended the season with 861 runs at an average of 53.81, including two centuries and five fifties, to finish the first class campaign as his state's top scorer.

Cartwright's genuine all-round abilities were regularly on show for the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors, with his medium pace capturing 11 wickets across the Sheffield Shield and Matador BBQs One Day Cup competitions and his athleticism ensuring he stood out as one of the best fielders in domestic cricket.

His performances were rewarded at a national level in January when he received a Test call-up for the match against Pakistan at the SCG, scoring a composed first-innings 37 in his only opportunity at the bat. The glittering season also had Cartwright named the winner of the Warriors Domestic Four Day Player of the Year award.

Graham was one of the most consistent performers for her team over the 2016-17 season, compiling 447 runs across the

50-over WNCL and Rebel Women's Big Bash competitions. The 20-year-old was the Fury's top run-scorer in the WNCL, with 208 at an average of 34.66, and continued that form with 239 and 10 wickets in the WBBL.

Graham's maiden half-century for WA against NSW helped capture the attention of the national setup, with the all-rounder not in attendance at the awards night due to being on tour with the Shooting Stars in Sri Lanka.

The sparkling form also had Graham take home the Alcohol. Think Again Western Fury WNCL Player of the Year award.

England import Katherine Brunt became the first Perth Scorchers player to win consecutive Player of the Year awards, after being recognised for another stellar season with the club. The fastest-bowling female in world cricket captured 10 wickets, with a valuable economy rate of just 5.55 across WBBL|02, helping the eventual runners-up Scorchers to their first Championship decider in the competition.

Tye was named the Simon Katich Medallist, after he ended the KFC Big Bash League season in the top-10 wicket-takers list for the competition, with 10 scalps at an average of 27.4 and an economy of 7.14 - an impressive rate for a bowler often tasked with seeing out the closing overs.

Tye claimed best figures of 4-22 against the Brisbane Heat in a crucial return game win for the Scorchers at the Gabba

and made a memorable 33 against the Stars when elevated up the order in the last home game of the regular season. The win over the Heat also had the 30-year-old become only the second player in the competition's short six-year history to take a hat-trick.

Shaun Marsh claimed the media-voted Gold Cup count, which recognises the best-performing WA cricket product at international level. Marsh scored a half-century at the WACA Ground in the First Commonwealth Bank Test against South Africa, and while an injured finger ruled him out of the remainder of Australia's summer campaign, he regained his Test spot for the recent series against India in the sub-continent scoring half-centuries in the second and third Tests.

Outgoing State Captain Adam Voges was named the winner of the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors Domestic One Day Player of the Year award. Voges ended the Matador BBQs One Day Cup as WA's leading scorer and sixth overall

for the tournament with 301 runs. The ageless skipper scored a remarkable four half-centuries in six innings, including a match-winning 89 not out against Tasmania, and averaged 75.25.

The performances helped propel his domestic one day run total to 3,133 - the second most for WA - across 91 matches at an average of 42.91. The right-handed batsman leaves his position having guided his side to 24 Sheffield Shield wins - the most by any WA captain - and compiled 7,522 runs - the fourth-most for WA - across his 112 matches.

Young Warriors paceman Cameron Green and code-switching batter Mathilda Carmichael were named the Male and Female Rising Star winners respectively, with spinner Katie Hartshorn and paceman Simon Mackin named winners of the values-based Legacy and Excalibur awards respectively.



AWARD WINNERS

Laurie Sawle Medal
Hilton Cartwright

Zoe Goss Medal
Heather Graham

Gold Cup
Shaun Marsh

Simon Katich Medal
Andrew Tye

Perth Scorchers WBBL|02
Player of the Year
Katherine Brunt

Alcohol.Think Again
Western Warriors Domestic
Four Day Player of the Year
Hilton Cartwright

Alcohol.Think Again
Western Warriors Domestic
One Day Player of the Year
Adam Voges

Alcohol.Think Again
Western Fury WNCL
Player of the Year
Heather Graham

Legacy Award
Katie Hartshorn

Excalibur Award
Simon Mackin

Female Rising Star
Mathilda Carmichael

Male Rising Star
Cameron Green



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Elyse Villani

2016-17 WA Australian Representatives

NICOLE BOLTON	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	ODI	20	20	2	829	113	46.06	1130	73.36	2	5	7
	T20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	
	ODI	3	0	18	2	2/18	9.00	6.00	9.00	-	-	
HILTON CARTWRIGHT	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	1	1	-	37	37	37.00	97	38.14	-	-	-
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	
	Test	4	-	15	-	-	-	3.75	-	-	-	
MICHAEL KLINGER	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	T20	3	3	-	143	62	47.67	112	127.68	-	1	2
MITCHELL MARSH	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	6	12	-	237	53	19.75	458	51.75	-	1	3
	ODI	11	10	1	218	76*	24.22	225	96.89	-	2	1
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	
	Test	72	9	224	4	2/77	56.00	3.11	108.00	-	-	
	ODI	71.2	1	436	8	2/38	54.50	6.12	53.40	-	-	
SHAUN MARSH	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	6	12	-	382	130	31.83	1057	36.14	1	3	4
	ODI	3	3	-	39	22	13.00	51	76.47	-	-	2
JHYE RICHARDSON	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	T20	2	1	-	-	0	0.00	1	0.00	-	-	3
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	
	T20	6	-	62	2	1/24	31.00	10.33	18.00	-	-	
ASHTON TURNER	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	T20	3	3	-	26	18	8.67	21	123.81	-	-	2
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	
	T20	6	-	42	3	2/12	14.00	7.00	12.00	-	-	
ANDREW TYE	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	T20	2	1	-	0	0	0.00	2	0.00	-	-	-
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	
	T20	7	-	69	3	3/37	23.00	9.86	14.00	-	-	
ELYSE VILLANI	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	ODI	20	17	2	408	75	27.20	443	92.10	-	3	12
	T20	4	4	2	126	73*	63.00	91	138.46	-	1	1
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	
	ODI	42	1	250	7	3/42	35.71	5.95	36.00	-	-	
ADAM VOGES	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	5	10	-	148	47	14.80	415	35.66	-	-	4
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	
	Test	9.4	1	26	-	-	-	2.77	-	-	-	

*Statistics for period 1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017



Simon Mackin celebrates during day one of the Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and Tasmania at the WACA Ground on 17 November 2016

Andrew Tye



ALCOHOL.THINK AGAIN **WESTERN WARRIORS**

A tale of two halves is how I would describe the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors' season.



In the Matador Cup, we were a bonus point away from making the finals. So close and yet so far again. The upside was that it was nice to have played three one day games back at the WACA Ground. Unfortunately rain interruptions had an impact at that time of the year, but we loved being home in front of our Members and young fans.

Good lessons are being learned and it is important we take heed of one of our team values of respecting and learning from the past, so that we can improve next season.

Weighing up the perfect early season preparation is tricky. For example, we ask the big question of whether we are entering the JLT Domestic One Day Cup with enough tough match practice. For the last two seasons we have been able to play practice games in Brisbane, but unfortunately we have gone with restricted teams due to injuries.

We played a game at the WACA against Victoria which was an excellent hit out, but again our bowlers entered the official season with limited match practice. This may or may not be relevant, but my gut feeling tells me even the greatest players need time in the middle to ready

themselves for the higher-pressure games. The contrast was our lead in with the Champions League in India a couple of seasons before, which acted as a strong catalyst for the success of our Warriors' seasons.

Losing players like Nathan Coulter-Nile, Joel Paris and Jhye Richardson before the tournament, and then chopping and changing Ashton Agar and Shaun Marsh due to injury (shoulder and finger respectively), were sure to have an impact, but we are fast learning two things. One, there is a difference between being fit to play and fit to perform. Secondly, it doesn't matter how good your team looks on paper, you have to be ready to go at all times in our very close and competitive domestic competition if you want to enjoy consistent and sustained success.

Another lesson is that confidence and momentum is a wonderful thing; with them, you can be unstoppable, lose them, and you feel like you are running into a strong sea breeze. Our sluggish start in the Matador Cup seemed to seep into the first half of our Sheffield Shield season and before we knew it we had lost our first four games. Left scratching our heads, our losses provided us with an opportunity to take a close look at everything we were doing in the program.

After a period of soul searching, the players beat Queensland at the WACA Ground in the game leading into the BBL. From there, those confidence and momentum bugs grew into eagles, to a point where we not only won the BBL Final, but also five of the last six Shield games. We were playing so well that it simply didn't feel right that we weren't playing in the Sheffield Shield Final. It was a deflating feeling knowing that we were flying high and playing great cricket, yet we were paying the price for our poor early season form. We had no one to blame but ourselves for this and we accept the responsibility for that.

Moving forward there is plenty to be excited about.

The retirement of our captain Adam Voges obviously leaves a hole for many reasons, but the search to replace him is well and truly under way. At the Laurie Sawle Medal Night I talked about the traits we will miss from Adam not being around.

The two questions I always ask of any new recruits are, 'Can he play? Is he a good bloke?'.

In Adam's case, he is more than a good bloke, he is a great bloke and his statistics suggest he was also a great player, not just a good one. His leadership ability and the way he lived our values of work ethic, honesty, looking after his mates, learning from the past and celebrating success was outstanding. He will be missed.

Thankfully the influence of Adam and senior players like Michael Klinger and Shaun Marsh, has provided valuable mentorship for our next rung of leaders. Hilton Cartwright,

Ashton Turner and Jason Behrendorff had standout seasons and have been rewarded with selection in Australian and Australia A squads. This is also the case with Ashton Agar, Cameron Bancroft and David Moody who are a part of the Australia A squad this winter.

Our depth of young talent is outstanding and we are working hard towards Mitch Marsh, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Joel Paris, AJ Tye, Sam Whiteman and Jhye Richardson being ready and fit to perform by the start of the summer.

We are also enthusiastic about the development of our younger players, like Cameron Green and Josh Inglis, who had a taste of Sheffield Shield cricket last year. Cameron Green's first over in first class cricket was the best over of bowling I think I have ever seen in my career. Hopefully this is just the start of something special.

The departure of our assistant coach Adam Griffith, who has been appointed as the Head Coach of Cricket Tasmania, opens new doors to our program. We wish him well and thank him for his service and friendship over the last seven years. Like our players, it is uplifting seeing our people being promoted to roles within the game.

A tale of two halves and so close, yet so far, sums up this last season. We understand the high expectations of Western Australian cricket and we are looking forward to starting off where we finished last season.

Thanks again for your loyal support.

JL

Sam Whiteman



SHEFFIELD SHIELD RESULTS

WA v SA - WACA Ground - 25-28 Oct 2016

WA 9/271 dec (S. Marsh 73) & 302 (S. Marsh 110) def by SA 9/505 (Behrendorff 3/70) & 0/69, SA won by 10 wkts

NSW v WA - SCG - 4-7 Nov 2016

WA 216 (Turner 81) & 177 (Klinger 50) def by NSW 298 (Agar 6/110) & 7/96 (Agar 4/31), NSW won by 3 wkts

WA v TAS - WACA Ground - 17-20 Nov 2016

WA 262 (Turner 110) & 345 (Wells 120) def by Tas 402 (Behrendorff 5/80) & 1/209 (Short 1/36), Tas won by 9 wkts

QLD v WA - Tony Ireland Stadium - 26-29 Nov 2016

Qld 422 (Mackin 3/100) & 6/252 dec (M. Marsh 4/38) def WA 6/340 dec (Bancroft 103) & 237 (Klinger 65), Qld won by 97 runs

WA v QLD - WACA Ground - 5-8 Dec 2016

Qld 353 (Mackin 5/68) & 138 (Mackin 6/33) def by WA 265 (Turner 100) & 2/227 (Wells 113*), WA won by 8 wkts

SA v WA - Gliderol Stadium - 1-3 Feb 2017

WA 201 (Inglis 49*) & 245 (Bancroft 56) def SA 247 (Mackin 7/81) & 192 (Mackin 5/82), WA won by 7 runs

TAS v WA - Bellerive Oval - 10-12 Feb 2017

Tas 198 (Green 5/24) & 265 (Moody 4/45) def by WA 410 (Cartwright 94) & 1/54 (Cartwright 27*), WA won by 9 wkts

WA v VIC - WACA Ground - 25-26 Feb 2017

Vic 117 (Behrendorff 9/37) & 130 (Behrendorff 5/52) def by WA 285 (Wells 70), WA won by an innings & 38 runs

VIC v WA - Traeger Park - 8-11 Mar 2017

WA 146 (Turner 59) & 258 (Cartwright 101) def by Vic 322 (Moody 5/59) & 2/83 (Mackin 1/18), Vic won by 8 wkts

WA v NSW - WACA Ground - 16-19 Mar 2017

WA 9/436 dec (Bancroft 104) & 4/275 dec (Cartwright 170*) def NSW 309 (Behrendorff 4/70) & 396 (Turner 6/111), WA won by 6 runs

MATADOR BBQS ONE-DAY CUP RESULTS

WA v SA - WACA Ground - 2 Oct 2016

WA 9/242 (Voges 51) tied with SA 242 (48.4) (Rimmington 4/34)

WA v QLD - WACA Ground - 6 Oct 2016

WA 6/221 (38) (Voges 85) def by Qld 5/222 (36.5) (Behrendorff 1/34), Qld won by 5 wkts

WA v VIC - WACA Ground - 8 Oct 2016

WA 6/190 (28) (Klinger 87) def Vic 9/98 (18) (Tye 3/10), WA won by 41 runs (D/L)

TAS v WA - North Sydney Oval - 15 Oct 2016

Tas 8/267 (Rimmington 2/42) def by WA 6/268 (48.3) (Voges 89*), WA won by 4 wkts

CA XI v WA - Hurstville Oval - 17 Oct 2016

CA XI 8/147 (15) (Tye 4/23) def by WA 5/159 (13.4) (Agar 47), WA won by 5 wkts (D/L)

NSW v WA - North Sydney Oval - 19 Oct 2016

WA 207 (Voges 62) def by NSW 2/210 (41.5) (Turner 2/26), NSW won by 8 wkts

David Moody looks on with team mates during the Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and New South Wales at the WACA Ground on 18 March 2017





SHEFFIELD SHIELD STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	D	NR	BP	Points
Victoria (W)	10	7	2	1	-	17.31	60.31
South Australia	10	5	5	-	-	17.24	47.24
Western Australia	10	5	5	-	-	15.48	45.48
New South Wales	10	4	3	3	-	17.60	44.60
Queensland	10	4	5	1	-	16.53	41.53
Tasmania	10	1	6	3	-	10.64	19.64

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
HWR Cartwright	10	18	2	861	170*	53.81	1395	61.72	2	5	-	108	15
AJ Turner	9	15	1	742	110	53.00	1280	57.96	2	3	-	102	6
JW Wells	9	17	2	578	120	38.53	1205	47.96	2	2	1	78	4
CT Bancroft	10	19	-	536	104	28.21	1297	41.32	2	2	2	55	-
M Klinger	10	18	-	431	65	23.94	1007	42.80	-	4	2	52	1
AC Voges	8	13	3	244	78*	24.40	466	52.36	-	2	2	31	-
SM Whiteman	5	9	-	230	104	25.55	372	61.82	1	1	-	42	-
JP Inglis	5	7	1	229	55	38.16	356	64.32	-	2	1	30	1
SE Marsh	1	2	-	183	110	91.50	316	57.91	1	1	-	29	-
DJM Short	3	6	-	138	42	23.00	325	42.46	-	-	-	19	-
AC Agar	4	6	-	115	35	19.16	273	42.12	-	-	-	13	-
JP Behrendorff	7	10	2	105	28*	13.12	242	43.38	-	-	1	11	3
J Nicholas	2	3	-	90	52	30.00	154	58.44	-	1	-	11	1
C Green	3	3	-	47	45	15.66	58	81.03	-	-	1	4	3
DJM Moody	9	12	7	42	9	8.40	214	19.62	-	-	1	2	-
NJ Rimmington	2	4	-	30	26	7.50	60	50.00	-	-	2	5	-
MR Marsh	2	4	-	26	14	6.50	41	63.41	-	-	2	3	1
RM Duffield	1	2	-	23	23	11.50	23	100.00	-	-	1	5	-
SP Mackin	8	10	5	15	12	3.00	91	16.48	-	-	2	1	-
WG Bosisto	1	2	-	12	8	6.00	60	20.00	-	-	-	2	-
AJ Tye	1	1	-	6	6	6.00	20	30.00	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Avg	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
JP Behrendorff	7	13	212.4	43	651	37	9/37	14/89	17.59	3.06	34.40	3	1	-	-
SP Mackin	8	16	288.4	73	881	35	7/81	12/159	25.17	3.05	49.40	4	2	2	-
DJM Moody	9	18	257.4	53	886	28	5/59	6/86	31.64	3.43	55.20	1	-	5	-
AC Agar	4	8	143	24	445	16	6/110	10/141	27.81	3.11	53.60	1	1	1	-
C Green	3	6	55.3	9	222	12	5/24	7.80	18.50	4.00	27.70	1	-	-	-
MR Marsh	2	3	51	8	222	8	4/38	6/112	27.75	4.35	38.20	-	-	-	-
AJ Turner	9	10	77.2	11	276	7	6/111	6/160	39.42	3.56	66.20	1	-	15	-
HWR Cartwright	10	15	99	12	450	7	2/38	2/107	64.28	4.54	84.80	-	-	2	-
DJM Short	3	6	56.2	8	226	5	2/77	2/97	45.20	4.01	67.60	-	-	2	-
J Nicholas	2	4	46	5	232	2	2/97	2/123	116.00	5.04	138.00	-	-	1	-
AC Voges	8	6	15	2	37	1	1/7	1/13	37.00	2.46	90.00	-	-	18	-
AJ Tye	1	2	19	-	100	1	1/54	1/100	100.00	5.26	114.00	-	-	-	-
WG Bosisto	1	1	6	-	27	-	-	-	4.50	-	-	-	-	2	-
RM Duffield	1	2	16	1	92	-	-	-	5.75	-	-	-	-	-	-
NJ Rimmington	2	3	46	6	141	-	-	-	3.06	-	-	-	-	-	-
CT Bancroft	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
JP Inglis	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-
M Klinger	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
SE Marsh	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
JW Wells	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
SM Whiteman	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2



MATADOR ONE-DAY CUP STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	T	NR	NRR	BP	Points
Queensland	6	5	1	-	-	0.334	1	21
New South Wales (W)	6	4	2	-	-	0.202	1	17
Victoria	6	3	3	-	-	1.227	4	16
Western Australia	6	3	2	1	-	0.024	1	15
Tasmania	6	3	3	-	-	0.031	1	13
South Australia	6	2	3	1	-	-0.332	2	12
Cricket Australia XI	6	-	6	-	-	-1.604	0	0

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
AC Voges	6	6	2	301	89*	75.25	323	93.18	-	4	1	30	2
M Klinger	5	5	-	236	87	47.20	263	89.73	-	1	-	17	6
CT Bancroft	6	6	2	177	65*	44.25	184	96.19	-	2	-	11	3
HWR Cartwright	6	6	-	101	32	16.83	119	84.87	-	-	1	15	3
DJM Short	4	4	-	93	52	23.25	94	98.93	-	1	-	9	3
SE Marsh	2	2	-	85	70	42.50	89	95.50	-	1	-	11	1
AJ Turner	3	3	-	62	41	20.66	50	124.00	-	-	-	5	4
AC Agar	3	3	-	54	47	18.00	38	142.10	-	-	-	4	4
JW Wells	2	2	-	39	35	19.50	49	79.59	-	-	-	4	-
NJ Rimmington	6	2	1	38	21	38.00	44	86.36	-	-	-	4	-
SM Whiteman	6	5	2	27	13*	9.00	26	103.84	-	-	1	2	1
JP Behrendorff	6	2	-	14	14	7.00	29	48.27	-	-	1	1	-
AJ Tye	6	4	3	9	5	9.00	12	75.00	-	-	-	1	-
MR Marsh	2	2	-	4	3	2.00	7	57.14	-	-	-	-	-
DJM Moody	3	1	1	1	1*	-	3	33.33	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AJ Tye	6	6	42.4	-	251	12	4/23	20.91	5.88	21.30	1	-	4	-
NJ Rimmington	6	6	37	3	170	7	4/34	24.28	4.59	31.70	1	-	-	-
JP Behrendorff	6	6	39.4	3	213	5	2/23	42.60	5.36	47.60	-	-	2	-
AC Agar	3	3	19	-	107	4	2/27	26.75	5.63	28.50	-	-	3	-
HWR Cartwright	6	5	16	-	111	4	2/26	27.75	6.93	24.00	-	-	2	-
AJ Turner	3	3	9	1	59	3	2/26	19.66	6.55	18.00	-	-	2	-
AC Voges	6	2	5	-	27	2	2/22	13.50	5.40	15.00	-	-	1	-
DJM Moody	3	3	19	-	115	2	1/49	57.50	6.05	57.00	-	-	1	-
DJM Short	4	3	17	-	86	1	1/39	86.00	5.05	102.00	-	-	2	-
MR Marsh	2	1	6	-	36	-	-	-	6.00	-	-	-	1	-
CT Bancroft	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
M Klinger	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SE Marsh	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JW Wells	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SM Whiteman	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-



Mitchell Johnson celebrates during the Big Bash League between the Perth Scorchers and Adelaide Strikers at TheFurnace on 23 December 2016



Shaun Marsh



PERTH SCORCHERS

In his poem *The Law of The Jungle*, Rudyard Kipling says
*“For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of
 the Wolf is the Pack”.*



After our clinical defeat of the Sydney Sixers in the final on 28 January, the question was asked, many times, what the secret was to the Scorchers' incredible success.

Five finals and three titles in six seasons of the flourishing BBL competition, is outstanding in anyone's language. In a game that is so unpredictable, that level of accomplishment is something to be proud of and it makes the questions of success secrets obvious.

What is less obvious, is the answer to these inevitable questions. Through experience, I am acutely aware that there is no secret formula to success and that many variables must fall your way to secure the ultimate prize.

That said, the one trait of the Scorchers that stands out to me is our people. We have outstanding people throughout the organisation. From the players, to support staff and administrators, commercial partners, Members and supporters; our pack is strong.

In every successful business or manual on successful organisations, the one characteristic that shines out every time is the people. Obviously, you need to know your stuff and

have high levels of expertise, but if you get the combination of people right then you can produce magical results.

We are very careful in our selection process because we know players of strong character will shine through when the pressure comes on. People of good character also have a way of looking after each other on and off the field. There is a strong family atmosphere in our group and it is this immeasurable variable that acts like the glue that keeps things together, especially when the pressure is on.

A quick glimpse down our list of players tells a tale. Not only are they very good players, but they are also outstanding people who we know we can rely on. Our leaders Adam Voges, Michael Klinger, Shaun Marsh, Jason Behrendorff, AJ Tye and Mitchell Johnson are quite simply outstanding people. Also, our philosophy of recruiting overseas players, who will not only play a role on the field, but also fit into our group off it, is paying strong dividends for us. David Willey, Ian Bell and Tim Bresnan were proof of this again.

The same applies to our younger brigade of players who are now benefitting from their time within our squad. Mitchell Marsh, Ashton Turner, Ashton Agar, Sam Whiteman, Jhye Richardson, Cameron Bancroft and Hilton Cartwright are all blossoming into exceptional players.

Looking back on the season, I am not bold enough to say that our selection and recruitment policies are the only reason for success. In any season you also need a degree of luck. Richie Benaud once said that “captaincy is 90 per cent luck, 10 per cent skill”, and while I believe the great gentleman of our game was selling himself a little short, there is no doubt you need things going your way if you are to succeed.

At the start of the campaign it seemed the Cricket Gods were against us. Scorchers favourite Brad Hogg had decided to part company with us and our injury list was, frankly, scary. Nathan Coulter-Nile, Jason Behrendorff and Joel Paris were on our long-term injury list, AJ Tye had dislocated his shoulder three weeks out from the first game and Mitchell Johnson dislocated his left index finger two days before the first game.

Thankfully, our fortunes took a turn for the better as the season progressed. Mitchell Johnson not only played the entire tournament, but he exceeded all expectations and was one of the catalysts for our success. His smiling face and incredible athletic ability were inspiring; not for the first time in his career.

Equally, AJ Tye recovered in time to have a significant impact on the campaign, culminating in selection in the

Australian T20 team. With Michael Klinger, Jhye Richardson and Ashton Turner, their selection for Australia was just reward for the influence they had with our Scorchers.

Never in our wildest dreams would we have expected Adam Voges and the Marsh brothers to have been available for so much of the tournament. Their omission from the Australian team left them accessible for more of our cause than we had planned and they all had a big impact.

By the time the finals came around, not only did we have most of our players available, but they were playing as a confident and cohesive group. Playing two finals again at #TheFurnace was an uplifting experience and we loved sharing the trophy with our loyal Scorchers pack.

In this report last year I wrote, “*Just as we have taken ingredients from our recipe of success over the previous four campaigns, we will learn from this less successful season to ensure the Perth Scorchers continues to be a dominant team into the future*”. We are very proud to have returned to the winner’s podium, and while we were disappointed to miss out on our first final in six years last season, great lessons were learned then, just as they will be now from being back in the winner’s circle.

JL



Mitchell Marsh

KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE RESULTS

Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

#TheFurnace - 23 Dec 2016

Scorchers 7/197 (Bell 61) def Strikers 9/149

(Johnson 3/33)

Scorchers won by 48 runs

Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

SCG - 27 Dec 2016

Scorchers 8/130 (M. Marsh 31*) def by Sixers 4/132 (18)

(Tye 3/15)

Sixers won by 6 wkts

Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Etihad Stadium - 29 Dec 2016

Renegades 8/148 (Willey 2/15) def by Scorchers 6/152

(20) (Klinger 72)

Scorchers won by 4 wkts

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

#TheFurnace - 1 Jan 2017

Scorchers 4/177 (Bell 45) def Thunder 8/127 (Willey 2/21)

Scorchers won by 50 runs

Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

#TheFurnace - 5 Jan 2017

Scorchers 6/173 (M. Marsh 40) def by Heat 1/174 (14.4)

(Willey 1/30)

Heat won by 9 wkts

Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

Gabba - 11 Jan 2017

Scorchers 5/156 (Klinger 81) def Heat 129 (Tye 4/22)

Scorchers won by 27 runs

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

#TheFurnace - 14 Jan 2017

Scorchers 7/134 (Tye 42) def by Stars 3/137 (17.2)

(Richardson 2/26)

Stars won by 7 wkts

Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

Bellerive Oval - 21 Jan 2017

Hurricanes 6/134 (Johnson 2/15) def by Scorchers

3/135 (13.5) (S. Marsh 57)

Scorchers won by 7 wkts

Semi-Final: Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

#TheFurnace - 24 Jan 2017

Stars 8/136 (Johnson 3/3) def by Scorchers 3/139

(16.5) (S. Marsh 56*)

Scorchers won by 7 wkts

Final: Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

#TheFurnace - 28 Jan 2017

Sixers 9/141 (Richardson 3/30) def by Scorchers 1/144

(15.5) (Klinger 71*)

Scorchers won by 9 wkts





KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NR	Points	NRR
Perth Scorchers (W)	8	5	3	-	10	0.618
Brisbane Heat	8	5	3	-	10	0.516
Sydney Sixers	8	5	3	-	10	-0.848
Melbourne Stars	8	4	4	-	8	0.397
Melbourne Renegades	8	4	4	-	8	0.042
Adelaide Strikers	8	3	5	-	6	0.334
Hobart Hurricanes	8	3	5	-	6	-0.530
Sydney Thunder	8	3	5	-	6	-0.600

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
M Klinger	10	10	1	334	81	37.11	263	126.99	-	3	-	29	11
IR Bell	10	9	2	231	61	33.00	182	126.92	-	1	1	19	6
MR Marsh	5	5	2	210	70	70.00	138	152.17	-	1	-	13	8
SE Marsh	8	8	1	180	57	25.71	158	113.92	-	2	-	24	2
SM Whiteman	9	9	2	154	41	22.00	111	138.73	-	-	-	17	5
AJ Turner	10	8	2	123	44*	20.50	84	146.42	-	-	-	6	8
AC Agar	9	6	4	79	29*	39.50	50	158.00	-	-	-	6	3
AJ Tye	10	1	-	42	42	42.00	33	127.27	-	-	-	4	1
AC Voges	7	6	2	40	20*	10.00	32	125.00	-	-	-	2	3
HWR Cartwright	4	2	1	20	13*	20.00	29	68.96	-	-	-	2	-
TT Bresnan	5	1	1	20	20*	-	15	133.33	-	-	-	1	1
DJ Willey	5	3	1	11	5*	5.50	17	64.70	-	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	8	2	2	6	6*	-	8	75.00	-	-	-	1	-
CT Bancroft	2	1	-	-	0	0.00	3	0.00	-	-	1	-	-
MG Johnson	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
MG Johnson	9	9	34	3	201	13	3/3	15.46	5.91	15.60	-	-	1	-
JA Richardson	8	8	26	-	222	11	3/30	20.18	8.53	14.10	-	-	5	-
AJ Tye	10	10	38.2	-	274	10	4/22	27.40	7.14	23.00	1	-	3	-
TT Bresnan	5	5	19	-	138	9	3/40	15.33	7.26	12.60	-	-	4	-
DJ Willey	5	5	15	-	96	7	2/15	13.71	6.40	12.80	-	-	2	-
AJ Turner	10	8	14	-	105	5	2/25	21.00	7.50	16.80	-	-	9	-
AC Agar	9	9	28	-	215	3	1/22	71.66	7.67	56.00	-	-	8	-
MR Marsh	5	5	12	-	110	3	1/13	36.66	9.16	24.00	-	-	3	-
AC Voges	7	2	3	-	20	1	1/14	20.00	6.66	18.00	-	-	2	-
CT Bancroft	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
IR Bell	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
HWR Cartwright	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M Klinger	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
SE Marsh	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
SM Whiteman	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-



Ashton Turner celebrates during the Big Bash League match between the Perth Scorchers and the Sydney Sixers at TheFurnace on 28 January 2017



Chloe Piparo



Piepa Cleary



ALCOHOL.THINK AGAIN **WESTERN FURY**

The goal of the Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury for the 2016-17 season was to build on the previous season, continue to work hard and improve our performances.



It's been 30 years since the last time a Western Australian women's team has lifted a trophy, and we wanted to compete for the title in this year's Women's National Cricket League (WNCL). We competed in four of the six games, but we did not manage to win a game. This was very frustrating and disappointing, as the squad's work ethic increased significantly and all had improved their skill levels throughout the season.

We didn't have the experience of Jenny Wallace and Nicole Shaw due to retirement and I felt, at key times, we lacked their calming influence and experience.

The Fury was captained by Elyse Villani for the first four games and Chloe Piparo for the final two games, as Villani was away for Australian duties. Both managed the playing group very well and led from the front on and off the playing field.

Our pre-season consisted of weekly training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights and, with the addition of three full-time staff, we had the opportunity to include individual one-on-one sessions, which increased the time on task with their skills, fitness and any additional physiotherapy or

rehab when needed. The squad made some very exciting changes throughout this time and we made a definite shift towards a high-performance environment.

The Fury's campaign began at home against ACT Meteors and Victorian Spirit. We had a perfect start against the Meteors with our overseas player Natasha Farrant getting a wicket with her first ball and going on to get figures of 10-2-36-3. Heather Graham also claimed two wickets. After their 50 overs, we had the Meteors 8/195 which was a great start for us with a young bowling attack. Unfortunately this run chase didn't go smoothly, as we lost consistent wickets throughout the innings with the only highlight coming when Graham scored 35 runs and we were bowled out for 170. You could say this was one that got away.

We celebrated the 30-year anniversary of WA's first and only Female National Championships title when we played Victoria, with most of the 1986-87 side present which was a great thrill and source of inspiration. Spirit captain Meg Lanning won the toss and elected to bowl, which worked well for them as we were bowled out in 45 overs for 151. Villani batted extremely well considering our next top score was only 12 and we couldn't put a partnership together. Sadly, the Spirit chased down the runs in the 28th over and won three wickets down.

A fortnight later, the Fury suffered another defeat to the NSW Breakers in Sydney which all but ended the side's finals hopes. The highlight of the game was all-rounder Graham scoring 57 runs against a very strong attack.

Next up, Queensland Fire won the toss and elected to bat first and posted 7/264. Farrant was the pick of the bowlers with another three wickets. We fell six runs short in the chase, but the highlight in the batting innings was Nicole Bolton (70) and Graham's (73) partnership of 126.

In the final round, we headed to Adelaide to play South Australia Scorpions and the Tasmanian Roar. Australian commitments for Villani and Bolton meant they were unavailable, which provided other squad members an opportunity to play and for us to test our depth.

SA set a very competitive score of 6/267. Piepa Cleary showed her potential with the ball, taking four wickets from her 10 overs, but in reply we could only managed 5/215. Our final game against the Roar was another high scoring affair. The Fury won the toss and elected to bat and posted 8/275. Piparo scored her highest WNCL score of 119 from 140 balls, which was a fantastic captain's knock. The Roar managed to chase the runs down in the 49th over. Once again, you could say it was one that got away.

Although it was not the campaign the Fury had hoped for, there were plenty of promising signs.

We were competitive in a handful of matches, but unfortunately we were not able to get a result. Having said that, we had plenty of good individual performances and improvement throughout the WNCL. We just couldn't put it together collectively.

I am quite realistic about where this young group is at and it's going to take time to get that consistency, as well as being ready mentally to grind out a result during close games.

We will take the good bits from this season and continue to work hard on improving the areas we need to and hit the ground running for next season.

Lisa Keightley

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE RESULTS

Western Fury v ACT Meteors

WACA Ground - 14 Oct 2016

Meteors 8/195 (Farrant 3/36) def Fury 170 (Graham)

Meteors won by 25 runs

Western Fury v VicSpirit

WACA Ground - 16 Oct 2016

Fury 151 (Villani 81) def by VicSpirit 3/155 (28.3) (Biss 1/4)

VicSpirit won by 7 wkts

NSW Breakers v Western Fury

Blacktown International Sportspark - 29 Oct 2016

Breakers 7/250 (King 2/38) def Fury 143 (Graham 57)

Breakers won by 107 runs

Western Fury v Queensland Fire

Blacktown International Sportspark - 30 Oct 2016

Fire 7/264 (Farrant 3/59) def Fury 9/258 (Graham 73)

Fire won by 6 runs

SA Scorpions v Western Fury

Woodville Oval - 19 Nov 2016

Scorpions 6/267 (Cleary 4/50) def Fury 5/215 (Peschel 50*)

Scorpions won by 52 runs

Western Fury v Tasmanian Roar

Woodville Oval - 20 Nov 2016

Fury 8/275 (Piparo 119) def by Roar 4/276 (49)

(Biss 3/50)

Roar won by 6 wkts

Nicole Bolton walking onto the pitch through the 1986-87 WA Female National Championship players





WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	T	NR	NRR	BP	Points
Queensland Fire	6	4	1	1	-	0.531	1	19
NSW Breakers (W)	6	4	2	-	-	0.915	3	19
VicSpirit	6	4	2	-	-	0.688	2	18
SA Scorpions	6	3	2	1	-	0.416	2	16
ACT Meteors	6	3	3	-	-	0.219	2	14
Tasmanian Roar	6	2	4	-	-	-1.805	-	8
Western Fury	6	-	6	-	-	-1.030	-	-

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
H Graham	6	6	-	208	73	34.66	302	68.87	-	2	-	25	-
C Piparo	6	6	-	201	119	33.50	297	67.67	1	-	-	23	-
EJ Villani	4	4	-	140	81	35.00	158	88.60	-	1	-	20	1
NE Bolton	4	4	-	87	70	21.75	161	54.03	-	1	-	6	-
P Cleary	6	6	-	84	35	14.00	132	63.63	-	-	1	7	-
E Biss	6	6	-	77	29	12.83	118	65.25	-	-	-	6	1
T Peschel	3	3	1	63	50*	31.50	98	64.28	-	1	-	7	-
BM Devchand	2	2	-	60	44	30.00	91	65.93	-	-	-	4	-
M Carmichael	4	4	-	57	21	14.25	115	49.56	-	-	-	5	-
NE Farrant	6	5	2	36	12	12.00	78	46.15	-	-	-	3	-
EL King	6	5	2	36	14	12.00	71	50.70	-	-	-	2	-
M Banting	5	4	-	35	15	8.75	59	59.32	-	-	-	3	-
M Cameron	2	2	1	27	27*	27.00	38	71.05	-	-	1	3	-
KJ Hartshorn	5	3	2	-	0*	0.00	4	0.00	-	-	1	-	-
EJ Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
NE Farrant	6	6	53	5	254	8	3/36	31.75	4.79	39.70	-	-	2	-
E Biss	6	6	36	1	201	8	3/50	25.12	5.58	27.00	-	-	-	-
EL King	6	6	50	6	218	6	2/34	36.33	4.36	50.00	-	-	-	-
P Cleary	6	6	44	3	204	5	4/50	40.80	4.63	52.80	1	-	4	-
H Graham	6	6	50.3	1	253	3	2/36	84.33	5.00	101.00	-	-	2	-
KJ Hartshorn	5	5	32	1	169	2	1/32	84.50	5.28	96.00	-	-	1	-
T Peschel	3	2	8	-	41	1	1/35	41.00	5.12	48.00	-	-	-	-
NE Bolton	4	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	2.00	-	-	-	2	-
BM Devchand	2	1	2	-	16	-	-	-	8.00	-	-	-	-	-
EJ Villani	4	1	1	-	11	-	-	-	11.00	-	-	-	4	-
M Banting	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
M Cameron	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M Carmichael	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C Piparo	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EJ Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Suzie Bates leads her team onto the field during the Women's Big Bash League match between the Perth Scorchers and the Sydney Sixers at Thebarrage on 28 January 2017



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To play in the final at home with the men's team was a highlight and a fantastic achievement. While we didn't make it a double win, I am very proud of all the players and staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the competition.

We had a great blend of world-class international performers, led by skipper Suzie Bates, and an exciting group of players who worked extremely hard throughout the competition to push each other to become better cricketers.

Our WBBL|02 season started with inconsistent results up until Christmas. We started off in Sydney, narrowly going down to the Hobart Hurricanes at North Sydney. With our next game the following day, we bounced back well with a 17-run victory over the Hurricanes.

We enjoyed the opportunity to be back at #TheFurnace against a strong Brisbane Heat side, where Nicole Bolton (46*) teamed up with Heather Graham (29*) to help us claim an eight-wicket victory. The Heat exacted the reverse result the following day, leaving us fifth with two wins and two losses.

After a brief break and buoyed by the arrival of English import Anya Shrubsole, we started a 12-day road trip to play six games in three cities. It was going to be a big challenge for a young squad, but if we could win at least

four games on the road it would set us up nicely for our last four games at home.

We started well, with a 32-run victory over the Renegades at Etihad Stadium led by Elyse Villani and Emma King. We moved to equal top on the WBBL table after a six-wicket victory over the Adelaide Strikers at the Adelaide Oval, with Katherine Brunt showing off her skills with two wickets and two run-outs earning her Player of the Match honours.

After a good win, it was back to Melbourne to play the Renegades. Unfortunately, we didn't play at our best and lost by five wickets.

Following the loss, we had 24 hours to review and prepare for Meg Lanning's Melbourne Stars. Local spin twins Katie Hartshorn and King gained good spin, before Villani and Bates combined for a 116-run opening partnership to win the match.

After being on the road for two weeks, we were looking forward to playing our last stretch of games at home and needed to win at least three matches to cement our place in the semi-finals. We started well, beating the Adelaide Strikers by seven wickets in scorching 36-degree heat.

We moved to outright second on the table after a 33-run victory over the Stars at Lilac Hill, where Lauren Ebsary's experience was pivotal.

A few days later, we secured a second consecutive semi-finals berth after defeating the Sydney Thunder by four runs at Lilac Hill. Villani (74) was the star with seven fours and three sixes, while youngster Piepa Cleary took

3-16. We'd lose the following day against the Thunder, but finished second on the table with our BBL's side top spot finish helping us secure a home semi-final.

Brisbane Heat was the only thing standing in our way of moving through to the WBBL|02 Big Final. After a solid start for Brisbane, Cleary and King did an admirable job reeling the Heat back. Cleary's ability to execute the yorker was brilliant to watch, as the Heat battled to 5-124.

Bolton continued her splendid form sharing a blistering 67-run opening stand with Villani to lay the foundation for a victory. Villani finished with 52*, as we triumphed in 15.4 overs by nine wickets to seal a spot in our first-ever WBBL Big Final.

Finals day would be against the Sixers, who had won both of our previous two matches in WBBL|02.

We produced a strong bowling performance, led by Shrubsole (2-17) with her best spell of the season, meaning the Sixers total of 125 looked below par on a very good wicket and outfield.

Villani and Bolton started well, putting pressure on the Sixers early in the run chase. The Sixers got the breakthrough on the last ball of the power play and, with some tight bowling, applied pressure and boundaries became hard to come by.

Sydney pulled off a stunning direct hit to get rid of Bates, which changed the momentum. The run rate started to dip in the middle overs and, after losing 3-9, we found ourselves with too much to do at the back end, as we heartbreakingly lost by seven runs when victory was within grasp.

It hurt and we know it won't be easy to get that opportunity again. But after making the semi-finals in WBBL|01 and the Big Final in WBBL|02, we are determined to go one better in WBBL|03.

Lisa Keightley

REBEL WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE

Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

North Sydney Oval No.2 - 10 Dec 2016
Scorchers 6/119 (Brunt 41) def by Hurricanes 5/120 (19) (Bates 2/14), Hurricanes won by 5 wkts

Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

North Sydney Oval - 11 Dec 2016
Scorchers 4/142 (Villani 54) def Hurricanes 9/125 (Brunt 2/18), Scorchers won by 17 runs

Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

#TheFurnace - 17 Dec 2016
Heat 9/101 (King 2/10) def by Scorchers 2/102 (17.1) (Bolton 46*), Scorchers won by 8 wkts

Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

#TheFurnace - 18 Dec 2016
Scorchers 9/94 (Villani 19) def by Heat 2/95 (12.5) (King 2/30), Heat won by 8 wkts

Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Etihad Stadium - 29 Dec 2016
Scorchers 5/155 (Villani 60) def Renegades 7/123 (King 2/25), Scorchers won by 32 runs

Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Adelaide Oval - 31 Dec 2016
Strikers 9/82 (Graham 2/12) def by Scorchers 4/85 (15.5) (Bolton 28), Scorchers won by 6 wkts

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Camberwell Sports Ground - 4 Jan 2017
Scorchers 7/131 (Graham 30) def by Renegades 5/132 (18.1) (King 2/30), Renegades won by 5 wkts

Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

Toorak Park - 5 Jan 2017
Stars 6/117 (King 1/19) def by Scorchers 1/118 (16.1) (Villani 57), Scorchers won by 9 wkts

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Hurstville Oval - 8 Jan 2017
Sixers 6/132 (Shrubsole 2/20) def Scorchers 6/120 (Bates 52), Sixers won by 12 runs

Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

SCG - 9 Jan 2017
Scorchers 9/129 (Ebsary 37) def by Sixers 6/133 (19.3) (Brunt 2/25), Sixers won by 4 wkts

Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

#TheFurnace - 14 Jan 2017
Strikers 6/120 (Cleary 3/21) def by Scorchers 3/122 (18) (Graham 39*), Scorchers won by 7 wkts

Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

Lilac Hill - 15 Jan 2017
Scorchers 4/130 (Ebsary 45*) def Stars 9/97 (Shrubsole 2/9), Scorchers won by 33 runs

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Lilac Hill - 20 Jan 2017
Scorchers 5/149 (Villani 74) def Thunder 6/145 (Cleary 3/16), Scorchers won by 4 runs

Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Lilac Hill - 21 Jan 2017
Scorchers 4/131 (Bolton 53) def by Thunder 5/124 (19.1) (Villani 3/16), Thunder won by 5 wkts

Semi-Final: Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

#TheFurnace - 24 Jan 2017
Heat 5/124 (King 2/17) def by Scorchers 1/125 (15.4) (Villani 52), Scorchers won by 9 wkts

Final: Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

#TheFurnace - 28 Jan 2017
Sixers 5/124 (Shrubsole 2/17) def Scorchers 7/117 (Brunt 35*), Sixers won by 7 runs



WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NR	Points	NRR
Sydney Sixers (W)	14	9	5	-	18	0.442
Perth Scorchers	14	8	6	-	16	0.3
Brisbane Heat	14	8	6	-	16	0.046
Hobart Hurricanes	14	7	6	1	15	-0.034
Melbourne Stars	14	7	7	-	14	0.256
Sydney Thunder	14	6	7	1	12	-0.046
Melbourne Renegades	14	6	8	-	11.5	-0.519
Adelaide Strikers	14	3	9	2	8	-0.541

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
EJ Villani	16	16	1	442	74	29.46	413	107.02	-	5	-	59	5
NE Bolton	16	15	2	324	53	24.92	345	93.91	-	1	-	28	1
SW Bates	16	16	2	310	54*	22.14	335	92.53	-	2	-	29	3
H Graham	16	14	6	239	39*	29.87	233	102.57	-	-	-	21	1
KH Brunt	16	12	4	216	41	27.00	163	132.51	-	-	-	16	8
LK Ebsary	16	13	7	205	45*	34.16	207	99.03	-	-	-	15	2
C Piparo	14	7	1	57	17	9.50	72	79.16	-	-	1	4	0
P Cleary	8	2	1	12	7	12.00	15	80.00	-	-	-	-	0
M Banting	6	2	-	12	10	6.00	16	75.00	-	-	-	1	0
A Shrubsole	12	4	1	12	9*	4.00	11	109.09	-	-	2	-	1
EL King	16	3	3	11	6*	-	8	137.50	-	-	-	1	-
EJ Smith	10	1	-	2	2	2.00	3	66.66	-	-	-	-	-
M Carmichael	2	1	1	1	1*	-	1	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
E Biss	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RL Grundy	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KJ Hartshorn	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
EL King	16	16	57	3	338	17	2/10	19.88	5.92	20.10	-	-	2	-
SW Bates	16	16	52.3	-	345	13	2/14	26.53	6.57	24.20	-	-	5	-
P Cleary	8	8	25	1	131	11	3/16	11.90	5.24	13.60	-	-	3	-
KH Brunt	16	16	60	1	333	10	2/14	33.30	5.55	36.00	-	-	8	-
H Graham	16	15	37.5	-	258	10	2/12	25.80	6.81	22.70	-	-	2	-
A Shrubsole	12	12	46.1	-	243	9	2/9	27.00	5.26	30.70	-	-	3	-
RL Grundy	4	4	14	-	90	5	2/18	18.00	6.42	16.80	-	-	2	-
KJ Hartshorn	6	4	11	-	79	3	1/15	26.33	7.18	22.00	-	-	-	-
EJ Villani	16	2	3.1	-	31	3	3/16	10.33	9.78	6.30	-	-	11	1
E Biss	2	1	2	-	11	1	1/11	11.00	5.50	12.00	-	-	1	-
M Banting	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NE Bolton	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
M Carmichael	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LK Ebsary	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
C Piparo	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
EJ Smith	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2



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PREMIER CRICKET

Subiaco Floreat celebrates winning the 2016-17 Premier Cricket flag

Subiaco Floreat clinched their sixth Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket First Grade premiership after a thrilling two-wicket Grand Final win over Joondalup at the WACA Ground in late March.

Lions skipper Chris Hansberry proved the match-winner with a chanceless 74 not out, in an unbeaten 90-run ninth wicket stand with Andrew Holder, as the duo closed out an improbable victory for the third consecutive match. The pair shared Player of the Match honours, after also taking three and six wickets respectively with the ball in restricting Joondalup on day one.

Subiaco Floreat came from fifth spot to win the premiership, defeating neighbours Claremont-Nedlands in the preliminary finals after the Tigers had won the Kevin Sullivan Silver Cup as minor premiers.

Claremont-Nedlands also took out the Club Championship and One Day League titles, with Fremantle winning the Premier T20 flag.

Tigers' 21-year-old all-rounder Tim David won the Olly Cooley Medal, after scoring 874 runs at an average of 62.43 and taking 18 wickets with the ball.

David polled 17 votes from seven matches, finishing two votes ahead of runner-up Robert Jones (15) from South Perth, with Fremantle's Chris Chelley (13) and Gosnells' Luis Reece (12) close behind.

In Female Premier Cricket, Midland-Guildford took out both the 50-over and T20 titles with Grand Final victories over South Perth.

Swans skipper Chloe Piparo starred in both finals scoring 91 not out and 59 not out respectively, while Bhavisha

Devchand (49 not out and 3/17) was named Player of the Match in the T20 decider.

Melville veteran Renee Chappell won the Karen Read Medal, finishing with 17 votes, beating South Perth teenager Melissa Cameron by one vote. The Melville right-arm spinner claimed 20 wickets in the 50-over competition at the amazing average of 5.85, while she also took seven wickets in the T20 competition at 16.71, contributing 155 runs at 31.

Melville also won both the Female B-Grade 40-over and T20 flags, defeating Midland-Guildford on both occasions.

In the male lower and under-age grades, Willetton won the Second's flag along with the Under-14 McKenzie Shield.

Wanneroo won the Third Grade and Under-17 WADCC Shield titles and Claremont-Nedlands clinched the Fourth Grade flag.

Midland-Guildford claimed the Colts League premiership, while Scarborough secured the Under-15 Watkins Shield and Rockingham-Mandurah won the Under-13 Inverarity Shield.

Nathan Johnstone won the Best First Grade Umpire award, while former Melville player Amanda Williams claimed the Female Competition Umpire of the Year.

The media coverage of all WA Premier Cricket competitions was strong, led by Community Newspaper Group and 91.3 Sport FM.

The WACA is grateful for the ongoing support of the WADCC Management Committee, club officials, volunteers and Premier Cricket sponsors, led by Healthway.

OLLY COOLEY MEDAL VOTING

1. Tim David (Claremont-Nedlands) - 17
2. Robert Jones (South Perth) - 15
3. Chris Chelley (Fremantle) - 13
4. Luis Reece (Gosnells) - 12

WADCC TEAM OF THE YEAR

Alex Malcolm (Subiaco Floreat), Travis Birt (Claremont-Nedlands), Tim David (Claremont-Nedlands), Daniel Lawrence (Wanneroo), Dane Ugle (Rockingham-Mandurah), Callum Taylor (Mount Lawley), Calum How (wk) (Subiaco Floreat), Chris Chelley (Fremantle), Luis Reece (Gosnells), Chris Hansberry (c) (Subiaco Floreat), Andrew Holder (Subiaco Floreat), Matthew Hanna (Willetton)

KAREN READ MEDAL VOTING

1. Renee Chappell (Melville) - 17
2. Robert Jones (South Perth) - 16
3. Chloe Piparo (Midland-Guildford) - 15
4. Bhavisha Devchand (Midland-Guildford) - 12

FEMALE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Chloe Piparo (Midland-Guildford), Lizzy Alderson (Subiaco Floreat), Gorgia Platten (Melville), Heather Siegers (South Perth), Rebecca Grundy (University), Bhavisha Devchand (Midland-Guildford), Annelies Gevers (wk) (Midland-Guildford), Renee Chappell (c) (Melville), Elizabeth Dawson (Midland-Guildford), Sarah Addison (South Perth), Caroline Brough (Melville), Blair Pasco (South Perth)

Full list of awards

Batting Average: Josh Inglis (Joondalup) 426 runs at 71.00

Batting Aggregate: Tim David (Claremont-Nedlands) 874 runs at 62.43

Bowling Average: Nathan Rimmington (Bayswater-Morley) 26 wickets at 14.77

Bowling Aggregate: Andrew Holder (Subiaco Floreat) 57 wickets at 18.51

Male Spirit of Cricket Award: Claremont-Nedlands

Senior Coach of the Year: Tim Macdonald (Claremont-Nedlands)

Allan Edwards Trophy: Alex Bevilacqua (South Perth)

Kookaburra Player of the Year: Chris Chelley (Fremantle)

JP Robbins Medal: Kip Cameron (Claremont-Nedlands)

Albert Ritchings Medal: Bryce Jeffery (Bayswater-Morley)

Allan Mackley Award: Timothy Adrichem (Wanneroo)

Best 1st Grade Umpire: Nathan Johnstone

Best 2nd Grade Umpire: Michael Kovalevs

Best 3rd Grade Umpire: Daniel Smith

Best 4th Grade Umpire: Stephen O'Dea

Peter McConnell Award: Jack Paterson

Media Guild Award - Rising Star Award: Jake Carder (Fremantle)

Media Guild Award - Under 19 Player of the Year: Cameron Green (Subiaco Floreat)

Media Guild Award - Under 17 Player of the Year: Jordan Clark (Rockingham-Mandurah)

Best Pitch Award: Floreat Park Oval (Subiaco Floreat)

Most Improved Pitch Award: Breckler Park 1 (Mount Lawley - Neil McDonald)

Premier Club Administrator of the Year: Dick Hutchison (Midland-Guildford)

Full list of awards

A Grade 50 Over Batting Aggregate: Chloe Piparo (Midland-Guildford)

A Grade 50 Over Bowling Aggregate: Renee Chappell (Melville)

A Grade 50 Over Champion Player: Renee Chappell (Melville)

A Grade T20 Batting Aggregate: Chloe Piparo (Midland-Guildford)

A Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate: Heather Graham (Subiaco Floreat) & Tansi Price (University)

A Grade T20 Champion Player: Tansi Price (University)

Female Champion Club: Melville Cricket Club

Female Club Coach of the Year: Angele Gray (Midland-Guildford)

B Grade 40 Over Batting Aggregate: Gorgia Platten (Melville)

B Grade 40 Over Bowling Aggregate: Caroline Brough (Melville)

B Grade 40 Over Champion Player: Caroline Brough (Melville)

B Grade T20 Batting Aggregate: Gorgia Platten (Melville)

B Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate: Caroline Brough (Melville) & Blair Pasco (South Perth)

B Grade T20 Champion Player: Gorgia Platten (Melville)

U15's Player of the Year: Gorgia Platten (Melville)

Clare Papasergio U18's Player of the Year: Rebecca West (Melville)

U15's Club Competition Champion Player (Spring): Millie Monaghan (Wembley)

U15's Club Competition Champion Player (Summer): Molly Healy (South Perth)

U18's Club Competition Champion Player: Rebecca West (Melville)

Female Spirit of Cricket Award: South Perth Cricket Club
Competition Umpire of the Year: Amanda Williams



PLAYERS OF THE FUTURE

WA celebrates the Under-19's National Championships title in Adelaide

Western Australia's triumph at the 2016-17 Under-19 Male National Championships was the undoubted highlight across the state's under-age teams during the summer.

WA defeated ACT/NSW Country by six wickets in the final in Adelaide to clinch the state's first Under-19 title since 1993-94, when the likes of Simon Katich, Kade Harvey and Mike Hussey were part of the side.

Subiaco Floreat talent Cameron Green was named Player of the Final, after taking 4-30 and scoring 51 not out from 23 balls. The 17-year-old went on to take a five-wicket haul on his Sheffield Shield debut and won the WACA's Male Rising Star award.

WA finished fourth at the Male Under-17 Nationals, while the state's Female Under-18 and Under-15 sides finished sixth in their respective championships.

Mathilda Carmichael was named WA's Female Rising Star, while then-20-year-olds Heather Graham and Piepa Cleary earned Shooting Stars selection for a tour of Sri Lanka in March and April after breakout 2016-17 seasons.

MALE

WA finished third in the Toyota Futures League for the third consecutive season, claiming three wins, two draws and a loss.

Highlights of the season included wicketkeeper-batsman Josh Inglis putting his hand up for his Sheffield Shield debut with a century against ACT at Manuka Oval in November.

Claremont-Nedlands' 21-year-old all-rounder Tim David earned a Futures League opportunity after good Premier Cricket form and hit a hundred on debut against South

Australia, later winning the Olly Cooley Medal. Spinner Liam O'Connor also took a five-wicket haul in the same game.

Young trio Jake Carder, Nicholas Hobson and Clint Hinchliffe all scored centuries in the final game against New South Wales, a crushing innings win at Lilac Hill.

Joondalup batsman Hinchliffe was the side's top scorer with 400 runs at 44.44, while Carder, who won the Media Guild Rising Star award, made 322 runs at 40.25. Perth quick Josh Nicholas was the side's leading wicket-taker with 17 dismissals.

WA's drought-breaking Under-19's triumph in Adelaide was the big highlight, spearheaded by top scorers Aaron Hardie (332 runs) and Daniel Moore (306 runs), along with Green (20 wickets) and Liam Knight (13 wickets).

Green, who was named in the Under-19 Team of the Championships, Hardie and Bradley Hope were all included in the Pathways BBL curtain-raiser at the SCG in December.

Wanneroo's Matthew Spoors also got the opportunity to play for Australia's Under-19 side against Sri Lanka in Tasmania in April.

In the Under-17 Nationals in Brisbane, WA heartbreakingly went down by two runs to New South Wales Metropolitan in the semi-finals before finishing fourth.

Emile van der Merwe was the side's top scorer with 310 runs at 44.29, earning selection in the Cricket Australia XI for the Under-19 Nationals after his strong displays.

Jake Riccardi (nine wickets), Connor Chadwick and James Pike (both seven wickets) and Hamish McKenzie (255 runs) also impressed at the Under-17s.

WA's Bryce Jackson, Damien Burrage, Jordan Clark and van der Merwe were also named in Cricket Australia's Pathway Rookie Camp in Brisbane in January.

In the School Sport Australia 15 & Under Boys National Championship in south-east Queensland, WA finished fifth during a rain-affected week where several youngsters impressed.

WA duo Michael Herbst and Ewan Nielson were named in Cricket Australia's Under-16 squad, with south-west product Jayden Goodwin on standby.

In the National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs, WA finished fifth in the male division with a 3-3 win-loss record.

WA trio Keren Ugle, Dane Ugle and Hugh Sando were named in the Black Caps side for team of the tournament.

FEMALE

In the Under-18 Nationals in Hobart in November, WA's youthful squad recorded wins over Queensland and South Australia but finished in sixth spot with a 2-6 record.

It could have easily been three wins, if it weren't for a close defeat against ACT/NSW Country.

Rebecca West, who would later win the Under-18 Player of the Year, was the state's leading scorer with 180 runs at an average of 30, finishing seventh overall.

West was rewarded for her stellar tournament with selection into the Cricket Australia Under-18 Talent Development squad, as well as a Rookie Squad selection with the WBBL Perth Scorchers.

Ashlee King showed promise, with 12 wickets during the Nationals including a four-wicket haul against Queensland.

In the Under-15 Nationals in Canberra in January, WA won two of its first three games but ultimately finished sixth with a 2-6 record, missing out on a higher finish following a narrow defeat to Victoria Metropolitan.

Melville talent Gorgia Platten was the fourth top scorer with 177 runs, while bowler Zoe Britcliffe (nine wickets) impressed, with both consistent stand-out performers.

Platten was rewarded for her efforts during the championships with selection into the Cricket Australia Under-15 Talent Development squad.

WA finished fourth in the female division with a 1-3 win-loss record in the National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs. WA's Kavita Pepper was named in the Black Caps side for team of the tournament.

TOYOTA FUTURES LEAGUE		Pts	NRR
1	Queensland (W)	42.54	
2	Tasmania	41.34	
3	Western Australia	30.51	
4	South Australia	24.57	
5	New South Wales	17.44	
6	Victoria	13.69	
7	ACT	10.42	

U19 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS (POOL A)

1	NSW Metropolitan	23	1.4154
2	Western Australia (W)	14	0.2685
3	ACT/NSW Country	13	0.3943
4	Victoria Country	9	-0.0406
5	Northern Territory	0	-1.1299

QF: WA def Tasmania

SF: WA def Victoria Country

Final: WA def ACT/NSW Country

U17 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS (POOL A)

1	NSW Metropolitan	28	2.7425
2	ACT/NSW Country	14	-0.1168
3	Western Australia	8	-1.2233
4	Victoria Country	4	-0.4825
5	Northern Territory	4	-1.5137

QF: WA def Victoria Metropolitan

SF: NSW Metropolitan def WA

4th Place Final: ACT/NSW Country def WA

U18 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1	NSW Metropolitan (W)	24	2.4431
2	Cricket Australia XI	20	0.9662
3	ACT/NSW Country	13	1.0449
4	Victoria	12	-0.3679
5	Queensland	9	-0.3582
6	Western Australia	6	-1.3438
7	Tasmania	4	-1.0874
8	South Australia	2	-1.4002

5th place Final: Queensland def WA

U15 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1	ACT/NSW Country (W)	15	1.661
2	Queensland	12	1.244
3	NSW Metropolitan	11	1.499
4	Victoria Country	9	0.903
5	Victoria Metropolitan	6	-0.066
6	Western Australia	5	-0.828
7	Tasmania	4	-1.975
8	South Australia	0	-2.027

5th place Final: Victoria Metropolitan def WA



A full-page photograph of two cricket players in yellow uniforms. The player on the left is standing, holding a bat, and looking towards the camera. The player on the right is kneeling, also holding a bat, and looking towards the camera. Both uniforms feature a yellow base with red and black patterns on the sleeves and legs, and a logo on the chest that says "alcohol thinkagain". The bats are white with "REB56" and "ULYSSES EST. 1992" written on them. The background shows a green field, a black fence, and a clear blue sky.

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GAME & MARKET DEVELOPMENT

2016-17 WACA Volunteer of
the Year Award winners

Participation in cricket across Western Australia continued to grow during 2016-17, with a focus on diversity supporting the record growth across the Association's key target areas.

Overall participation in WA grew 11 per cent in 2016-17, with the state holding 13 per cent of the total participation in Australia and exceeding the percentage of total population.

Female interest in cricket continued to soar, with over 62,000 females now playing across Western Australia. The Perth Scorchers Girls League saw a significant increase in teams across the state, from 17 in 2015-16 to 64 in 2016-17.

MILO in2CRICKET & MILO T20 BLAST

With unprecedented growth in MILO in2CRICKET and MILO T20 Blast participants in 2015-16, the 2016-17 season focussed on supporting and developing these vital entry level programs to ensure they continue to strengthen. While the season saw numbers across both programs regress across Australia, significant improvements were achieved in coordinator and parent engagement with more than 600 parents upskilled for centre coordinator, group leader, team manager or parent helper roles.

CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

Over 92,000 students took part in four-week cricket programs delivered in schools across the state by more than 390 ambassadors through the Perth Scorchers School Ambassador Program and with support from WACA staff.

More than 25,500 children took part in the MILO T20 Blast School Cup one day carnivals, which aimed to inspire them to take up cricket. Belridge Senior High School (Kim Hughes Shield - top tier) and Mazenod College (Graeme Wood Shield - second tier) claimed the secondary school cricket competitions.

COUNTRY

Together with the Country Cricket and Regional Cricket boards, the WACA continued its focus on supporting country cricket.

Country carnivals and competitions were held throughout the summer school holidays, with extensive involvement from the WACA's country cricket team and support from The Lord's Taverners WA and the WACA's Platinum Partner Healthway.

An Under 15s Regional Carnival was held in Bunbury in December, with 48 of the state's best regional players coming together to take each other on in a series of matches across four days. The competition saw 18 country players selected from the Regional Carnival to participate in the state Under 15s Talent Carnival at Guildford Grammar School in January. A record number of five country players from the 15s Talent Carnival were selected for the State School Boys Under 15s thirteen-man team.

Nine country players also participated in the Under 16s Talent Carnival at Murdoch Playing Fields, which was used to finalise the School Boys team and the Under 17s preliminary squad for next season. Former Dunsborough junior Lance Morris was also selected in the State Under 19 team, which won the National Championships in Adelaide.

A total of 43 junior teams and 42 senior teams took part in this year's Alcohol.Think Again Country Week, with players competing on the best available district grounds Perth had to offer.

The Commonwealth Bank Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC) were held in Wollongong, New South Wales in early January. WA finished seventh in the female division, which is in its second season, and fifth in the male overall division. Two of the state's male players were selected in the team of the tournament, including Captain Jono Whitney from Bunbury Cricket Association and Julian Crudeli from the Upper Great Southern Cricket Association.

ABORIGINAL CRICKET

There was a continued focus on Aboriginal participation in WA, which saw a growth of 11 per cent from 2015-16 reaching 9,506 participants in 2016-17. The WACA also remains the only state cricket association with a dedicated Aboriginal programs coordinator.

The WACA continued to explore opportunities to grow and leverage the resourcing of Aboriginal programs, with a new governance structure implemented this season. The WA Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee, co-chaired by Hon Dr Ken Michael AC and Professor Collen Hayward AO,

was established as a sub-committee of the WACA Board to oversee and drive the strategic direction for Aboriginal cricket across the state.

A concerted effort was made to more closely align the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) with the WACA's High Performance Program, which saw a new direction for the men's and women's teams through a stronger focus on player development, preparation and increasing opportunities for exposure to the WACA player pathway. Work is also underway to develop a more structured junior program, including the identification and support of Aboriginal players through WACA pathways programs.

Following a series of visits by WACA staff to the Western Desert, the WACA is looking to build on the partnership with Ngurra Kujungka as part of the effort to develop flexible and localised delivery models for programs in remote areas.

The Ballardong Cricket Academy, which is in its tenth year, continued to play a vital role in the Wheatbelt region, with nearly 100 participants taking part this season. A partnership between the WACA and Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries saw significant investment in the exploration of the impact and operation of the academy, with a view of expanding and adapting the model into other regional areas.

FEMALE CRICKET

There was continued growth in the number of females engaging with cricket in Western Australia, with the state reaching a total of 62,343 participants in 2016-17. The

**TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS**
186,382

11%
GROWTH

**SCHOOL
PARTICIPANTS**
125,517

18%
GROWTH

**CLUB &
COMMUNITY
PARTICIPATIONS**
39,783

4%
DECLINE

**INDOOR
CRICKET
PARTICIPANTS**
21,082

6%
GROWTH

COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING DIVERSITY STATISTICS

**FEMALE
PARTICIPANTS**
62,343

20%
GROWTH

**MULTICULTURAL
PARTICIPANTS**
33,917

16%
GROWTH

**ABORIGINAL
PARTICIPANTS**
9,506

11%
GROWTH

**DISABILITY
PARTICIPANTS**
3,078

26%
GROWTH

second season of the Women's Big Bash League supported the state's efforts to drive engagement and reinforce the female pathway and opportunities available for girls and women in cricket.

The WACA has led the country in its commitment to increasing girls' participation, with a range of dedicated initiatives implemented off the back of WBBL|02 which saw the profile and popularity of the sport continue to rise amongst women and girls.

The continued success of the Perth Scorchers Girls League community cricket competition saw an increase in the number of participating teams in the metropolitan and regional areas. Through a collaborative process, led by the WACA, a comprehensive and holistic Female Development Plan was designed to guide the evolution of female cricket in WA and ensure the WACA remains well-placed to make cricket the sport of choice for women and girls.

MULTICULTURAL CRICKET

Multicultural cricket participation rose to 33,917 this season - a growth of 16 per cent from 2015-16 and the WACA continued to provide administrative and governance support to numerous multicultural groups which run their own cricket competitions in the community.

The top 12 teams from the Community Group Competitions were invited to take part in the inaugural Perth Scorchers Culture Cup, which saw the players take part in a T20 Competition with round-robin and knockout phases.

DISABILITY CRICKET

There was strong growth in disability cricket during 2016-17, with a 26 per cent increase on the previous season to 3,078. The inaugural Integrated Cricket League season saw four Community Cricket Clubs enter teams into an association for cricketers with a disability.

The inaugural National Cricket Inclusion Carnival was held in January and WA entered state teams for cricketers with an intellectual disability (ID), deaf and hard of hearing and a combined team with South Australia for the blind and vision impaired. WA were victorious in the Deaf and Blind Divisions, with the Deaf team's win the first in over 40 years.

Western Australians Boyd Duffield and Anthony Kalimeris were selected in the final Australian 14-player squad for the INAS Tri-Nations Series to be played in July 2017 in Cheshire, England. The tournament brings together the best cricketers with an intellectual disability from Australia, England and South Africa, with separate 40-over and T20 tournaments to be contested between the three nations.



CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The WACA Club Development Program took a new approach in 2016-17, with a series of workshops and community club cricket forums run mid-season. The WACA hosted a Clubs in Focus Week in December, which was designed to encourage clubs to engage in two valuable club development opportunities.

Almost 200 WA cricket clubs have participated in the TOP Club program - designed by the WA Sports Federation and supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. The program aims to assist clubs to write operational plans, which focus on all aspects of running a club and the behaviours and values they wish to see exhibited in their club.

During 2016-17, the WACA produced a *Safeguarding Kids in Cricket Guide* for clubs and associations to follow to help keep all kids in cricket safe. A Safe Clubs for Kids workshop was also held at the WACA Ground in November, in partnership with the WA Sports Federation for community club volunteers.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The WACA's 2016-17 WA Cricket Volunteer of the Year Awards were held during the One Day International match on 19 January.

This year's award winners were:

- **Ryan McClay** - Secret Harbour Dockers JCC - Young Volunteer of the Year - Male
- **Bryanna Paterson** - Wembley Districts JCC - Young Volunteer of the Year - Female
- **Paul Clune** - Bakers Hill CC - Toyota Country Volunteer of the Year - Male

- **Melinda Lucas** - Toodyay Cricket Club - Toyota Country Volunteer of the Year - Female
- **David Horsley** - Seniors Cricket WA - Volunteer of the Year - Male
- **Margie Oldfield** - Wembley Districts JCC - Volunteer of the Year - Female

INDOOR CRICKET

Indoor cricket participation increased in 2016-17 to 21,082 on the back of strong junior indoor cricket programs and senior players looking for a format available mid-week during the winter months.

A female cricket program, which was aimed at increasing participation, commenced across various indoor centres in Perth throughout March and April, with girls aged between 12 and 17 years taking part in matches and developing their skills. The program was assisted by Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury player and Indoor Australian Cricket Representative Taneale Peschel through the Australian Cricket Association player program.

The National Indoor Cricket League commenced in April 2017, with four Super League Centres participating in WA in the inaugural season. The exciting new indoor cricket league, developed by Cricket Australia, was aimed at re-energising the existing state Super League competitions and attracting new participants to play indoor cricket.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The WACA acknowledges the work and support of its key affiliate groups, their members, clubs and associations, as well as the thousands of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure community cricket across our state is healthy and thriving.



The girls of the Wembley Cricket Club





MEMBERS & FANS

Hilton Cartwright with a Perth Scorchers fan

MEMBER EVENTS

Over the past six seasons the WACA's exclusive Member events have continued to grow, with more than 15 events hosted annually.

The WACA's marquee off-season function, After the Siren with Woosha, provided Members with an opportunity to hear from former West Coast Eagles Coach John Worsfold. Worsfold spoke about the successes and challenges he has faced during his time as both a player and coach while Members enjoyed a sumptuous lunch.

Members were invited to join coaches and players of the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors and Western Fury and Perth Scorchers' teams for a Season Launch breakfast at Rambla on Swan, where they heard about the off-season training regime and the players to watch in 2016-17.

The ever-popular Test Match Breakfast with the Curator saw Members take to the pitch to hear from Matthew Page on the preparation which was undertaken to get the wickets ready for the season. Australian Head Coach Darren Lehman was also on hand to entertain Members and provide a behind-the-scenes look and insight into the team.

Langer's Loft was the place to be during the season, proving the most popular destination in the Members

Enclosure. The upmarket dining experience, which saw Members enjoy a view of the pitch from elevated seating, sold out across the summer. A range of dining events were also hosted at various matches throughout the season, providing Members with a first-class hospitality offering in the Bradman Room.

MEMBER FACILITIES

This season saw additional breakout areas and service points introduced throughout the Members Enclosure to alleviate queuing and improve service times. The Boundary Room was redesigned to create a more comfortable experience for Members, while additional coffee outlets and the renovation of the Green Bean Café in the Long Bar provided for a more enjoyable Member experience.

Renovations to the All Rounder area provided an idyllic location for Members to take a break and enjoy food and beverage facilities under the shade. Members use of the area was unprecedented during the Test Match.

Alcohol.Think Again Western Warrior Hilton Cartwright was added to the Test Player Walk, which celebrates Western Australian players that have represented Australia in Test cricket.

In anticipation of a record attendance by Members for the final Ashes Test Match to be hosted at the WACA Ground,

Thank you to the WACA's Dennis Lillee Club Members for their support throughout the season:

Rory Anderson, Frank Ashe, Julian Burt, Murray Cutbush, Lorraine Day, Sam Gannon, Greg Hanson, Christopher Hanson, Stephen Hauville, Mark Hill, Thomas Hodgkins, Gregory Makin, John McMahon, Johan Mostert, Chris Norman, Bev Norman, Rob O'Connor, Joe O'Dea, Tom Perrott, Steven Pola, Craig Serjeant, Louise Smyth and Peter Thomas.

the WACA is working to increase the availability of breakout areas in 2017-18. These will include a Double-Decker Marquee behind the Players Pavilion, additional shade and viewing areas in the Gate 7 precinct, and use of Trinity Oval.

MILO T20 BLAST POP UP SESSIONS

A series of MILO T20 Blast Pop Up Sessions were held in the days leading up to Perth Scorchers BBL fixtures at #TheFurnace in December and January. The sessions, which were run in Bayswater, Thornlie, Kwinana, Whitfords and Caversham, allowed junior participants to continue playing T20 cricket over the school holidays and connect the entry level program to our elite pathways during the BBL season.

The pop ups proved a great success, with record attendance across the five sessions. The sessions featured T20 Blast games and skill zones, an inflatable net for younger attendees, visits from the Perth Scorchers' mascots Blaze and Amber and appearances from players.

WBBL ALL GIRLS MILO T20 BLAST CENTRES

This season saw the launch of three All Girls MILO T20 Blast Centres, which were established in Joondalup, Swan View and Hungtingdale and held once a week over eight weeks. The successful new initiative aimed to align junior girls cricket to the elite pathway, with the centres named after Perth Scorchers WBBL players Piepa Cleary, Heather Graham and Chloe Piparo. The named players attended four sessions at their respective clinics and provided advice and guidance to the young girls.

PERTH SCORCHERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The first Perth Scorchers BBL home game of the season saw #TheFurnace transformed into a festive wonderland, with fans invited to celebrate a Christmas-themed match

with their family and friends. #TheFurnace was decked out in Christmas decorations, with a large inflatable Santa and reindeer adorning the Players Pavilion, as well as an interactive Snow Dome in the Fan Zone. Post-match, fans were invited onto the ground to join Santa and his elf in a family-friendly sing-along Christmas concert. A glow lit-up #TheFurnace, with LED candles handed out to all supporters thanks to the Perth Scorchers' Match Day Partner Kleenheat.

INAUGURAL PERTH SCORCHERS FAN ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS

This season saw the introduction of the Perth Scorchers Fan Engagement Officers (FEOs). Casual staff were employed to represent the Perth Scorchers in the wider community and link entry level programs with elite cricket. The FEOs visited numerous community events, school cups and MILO T20 Blast Sessions throughout the season, taking the opportunity to speak with participant's parents to drive awareness of the full scope of offers, programs and services the Perth Scorchers offer.

WBBL FAMILY FUN DAY

To increase awareness of WBBL matches being held at Lilac Hill, the Perth Scorchers partnered with the City of Swan to host a WBBL Family Fun Day on Saturday 21 January. The event brought a family-friendly carnival-like atmosphere to the match, with families encouraged to come down with a picnic basket and rug to enjoy a fun-filled day of cricket and entertainment.

Activities on offer included a water slide, bungee run, airbrush tattoo artists, balloon creations, teacup rides, a jumping castle and a visit from Blaze and Amber. Following the match, a Girls Only Perth Scorchers Pop Up Session was held with girls invited onto the field to play MILO T20 Blast games and a surprise appearance from several of the Perth Scorchers players.





APPRECIATION

HEALTHWAY

The partnership between Healthway and the WACA was initiated to reach adults and youth participating in, and spectating at, the WACA's grassroots to elite programs to:

- Increase awareness and understanding of the Alcohol. Think Again health message
- Encourage behavior change leading to good health
- Facilitate structural and policy change to create healthy environments
- Promote and maintain all WACA events as smoke free
- Promote Healthway as the organisation sponsoring the project and promoting the Alcohol.Think Again health message

Since the inception of the partnership, the WACA has implemented a range of strategies to facilitate behavioural and cultural change around alcohol consumption and promotion.

The partnership has also allowed the WACA to challenge the sport's governing body, Cricket Australia, on the role of alcohol partnerships in cricket and sport more broadly.

Through substantial branding, promotion and community engagement opportunities featuring the Alcohol.Think Again message, Western Australia's cricket participants have successfully been, and continue to be, exposed to and educated about the harms of excessive alcohol consumption.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The WACA appreciates the strong relationship it has enjoyed with the Western Australian State Government and local governments throughout 2016-17.

This year saw the launch of the inaugural WA Parliamentary Friends of Cricket, an informal apolitical group of parliamentarians that have an interest in cricket. We thank the group's convenors and members for their commitment to raising awareness of cricket in the community and look forward to inspiring their passion in the coming year.

The WACA is excited about the opportunities that exist in the East Perth precinct with the impending completion of

Perth Stadium and the government's vision for the Riverside and WaterBank redevelopment area. We look forward to continuing to work with VenuesLive and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority to maximise these opportunities.

The opening of Perth Stadium and relocation of select international cricket and Big Bash League matches to the new stadium presents an opportunity for the future of the WACA Ground to be re-imagined. The WACA is excited to work with government on this vision, which would see the WACA Ground increase its use as a community destination.

The state government continued to support grassroots cricket throughout 2016-17 across a wide range of initiatives. The WACA is particularly proud of its partnerships with the state to drive participation and engagement opportunities for people with disabilities, females, multicultural initiatives and Aboriginal programs. We also acknowledge the government's positive contribution through KidSport, equipment grants, travel subsidies and provision of facilities.















The Association's vision to drive participation across all age groups, as well as grow diversity and the reach of the game across the community, has also been supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, VenuesWest and Tourism WA, and we acknowledge them for their contribution.











This past year saw growing relationships with local government, in particular the partnership with the City of Swan who worked with the Perth Scorchers to host the Women's' Big Bash League Family Fun Day at Lilac Hill. As the primary providers of community cricket facilities, local governments have a crucial role to play in fostering the next generation of cricketers. They provide a place for families to participate and enjoy the social and physical benefits that playing cricket and being part of a team offers.

The WACA would also like to acknowledge the Department of Transport, Mainroads and the WA Police, which work together to ensure smooth and safe match day operations.

We look forward to continuing to foster our state and local government relationships over the coming year.

2016-17 Commercial Partners

WACA	
Platinum	 
Gold	   
Media	
Suppliers	    
Charity	 

PERTH SCORCHERS			
Joint Principal Partners (BBL)	 		
Major Partner (BBL & WBBL)		Principal Partner (WBBL)	
Regional Community Partner		Coaches Partner (BBL)	
Official Partner		Official Partner (WBBL)	
Media and Charity Partners	 		

Thank you to all of the WACA and Perth Scorchers Commercial Partners for their ongoing involvement and support of Western Australian cricket.



2017 WACA Female Scholarship recipients

The WACA's philanthropy projects, in partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation, focus on growing the opportunities and accessibility of cricket across Western Australia.

The Female Scholarship Program consists of four \$5,000 grants kindly donated by long-time supporter of the WACA, Kay Leverington. The grants provide female cricketers with access to additional resources, including education, travel allowances and equipment.

The successful recipients for 2017 were Rebecca West, Ashlee King, Zoe Britcliffe and Rikki Gartlett.

Cricket's presence across the Pilbara and Kimberley regions, supported by the Northwest Cricket Program, achieved some significant milestones during the season, including:

- Growth in the Pilbara and Kimberley's school-based cricket activities, with an increase of 64 per cent and 93 per cent respectively for their Extended Skills Programs
- WA representation at the Pilbara Talent Camp in July 2016
- Selection of Michael Durack, Darcy Turner and Zoe Britcliffe in the WACA's Pathway Programs, including financial support towards travel and accommodation costs as required
- The ability to provide financial support for Karratha-based Corey Rutgers, who was selected in the WACA Country XI team which competed at the Australian Country Cricket Championships in January 2017
- Commencement of a new T20 Blast Centre in Wickham, with 24 participants

The WACA is also grateful to the Lord's Taverners Australia (WA Branch) for their ongoing support of cricket programs across all-abilities, Aboriginal and underage talent through a combination of fundraising events, scholarships and donations.

The WACA would like to thank all our donors for their ongoing contributions to support the growth of cricket in WA.



Fundraising Partner





LIFE MEMBER

WAYNE ANDREWS

Wayne Andrews represented Western Australia for 11 seasons from 1982 to 1992 and was one of the state's most valuable all-rounders.

He played 91 first-class games for WA and scored 4,684 runs at an average of 37.17, with a highest score of 139 runs. As an orthodox left-arm spin bowler, Wayne took 40 wickets at an average of 39.52. He also took 71 catches.

He was ever-reliable and performed at his best in pressure situations, on many occasions being the rock in the middle-order who rescued WA in precarious situations.

Wayne's performances and contributions to the state are evident through his remarkable distinction of playing in five WA Sheffield Shield winning teams: 1983-84, the hat-trick of 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89, and again in 1991-92. In addition, Wayne captained WA 10 times in 1990 and 1991 and was a member of the state team for two winning seasons.

In domestic one-day matches, Wayne represented WA 47 times, with a highest score of 103* and five fifties. He had a batting average of 33.4 and took 13 wickets at an average of 36.53 and 15 catches.

Wayne also had a very successful pennant grade cricket record, playing for 19 seasons in 189 games for South

Perth, Claremont-Nedlands and Gosnells where he was also captain-coach of each club. He scored 7,006 runs at an average of 36.87, took 276 wickets at an average of 22.01 and took 95 catches. He is the only player to have won the Olly Cooley Medal three times, which is awarded to the best player in the first-grade competition in a season based on the votes of the umpires.

Wayne played in the Lancashire League in England in 1987, where he topped his team's highest runs score (at an average of 38.55) and the most wickets taken (60 at an average of 15.21) in the season. His bowling figures included four five-wicket hauls with a best of 6/38.

Wayne is a Level 3 coach and over the past 23 years has held several coaching roles at state, club and school levels. He has been the development coach of the WACA's Under-17s and WACA Under-19s and provided specialist coaching support throughout senior male high performance programs. Wayne also had successful coaching tenures at Wesley College and Guildford Grammar School, where he developed a reputation as a highly respected private coach and mentor of young players.

Wayne was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for his services to WA cricket.

Obituaries



AT (ALAN) PREEN

In November, one of WA's most versatile and talented sportsman in

the post-war era passed away. Alan Thomas Preen was Fremantle born-and-bred and made his mark in both cricket and football. He began his cricket career with his home club, Fremantle, as a 15-year-old in 1950, and underlined his talent by taking 38 wickets in his debut season.

A left-arm medium paced bowler, he played seven seasons at home before transferring to Mt Lawley for a season and then Claremont-Cottesloe for two. Selected for the state in 1953, Preen followed the pace bowlers, Gorringe and Price, as an integral part of the WA attack. He could revert to bowling cutters if the wicket so dictated, but after 13 matches other bowlers were preferred. His performances for the state were 158 runs at an average of 13.16; 28 wickets at 34.96 and 8 catches.

In 1960, Preen went to Scotland and played cricket for several seasons before returning to Perth in 1966 and went back to the Fremantle club. His club figures were 116 matches over 11 seasons – 1135 runs at an average of 16.75; 431 wickets at a commendable average of 14.89; and 46 catches. In 1955-56 he won the competition bowling aggregate with 72 wickets, and 23 times took 5 wickets in an innings with 8/68 his best. His best effort with the bat was a 72 – only his second score over 50.

In his youth, he apprenticed as a plumber and it was in this trade he went to the north-west but made the transition to roof plumbing. Such was his love of cricket, he turned out for

the Pilbara in the 1970 Country Week carnival. He took 14 wickets at 14.82 showing he had not lost his skill.

He died aged 81 and leaves his wife, Thelma, a son, Stuart who was a competent country cricketer, and two daughters.



R (HARRY) GORRINGE

In December 1952 Queensland were defeated in Perth by a marvellous bowling feat in

what became known as "Gorringe's match". Queensland were chasing 224 to win on the last day. WA captain, Keith Carmody, switched his down-wind opening bowler to bowl into the breeze. It produced remarkable results in only the bowler's third state match. In his opening overs, Gorringe claimed 4/0 and later to concluded the innings he took three wickets in four balls to finish with 8/56 – a record, at the time, for WA in Sheffield Shield cricket.

Such was the feat of Harrison Reginald Gorringe, a 24 year-old fast-medium right-arm bowler with a high over-the-top action that gave him late swing and sometimes disconcerting bounce. Gorringe began with the East Perth Cricket Club in 1945-46, playing in their only post-war premiership in 1948-49, and still holds the club record of 554 career wickets. In a 17-year stint at the club, he played 176 matches and scored 1598 runs at an average of 12.88 without once making a 50. In 1959-60 and 1960-61 he was club captain.

An injury to Peter Dunn saw him selected for WA in late 1951. His 28 matches for WA and Combined XI yielded 228 runs at 7.17; 89 wickets at 34.88 and 12 catches.

Gorringe passed away in July, aged 89, leaving his wife, Sandra, a prominent speech and drama teacher in the western suburbs, and two step-sons.

A (ALAN) BASCOMBE

The death occurred in July of Alan Bascombe, one of Midland-Guildford's very able cricket administrators. He served the club with distinction at Cricket Council. He leaves his wife, Val, son Mark, a Midland-Guildford and Country XI player, and two daughters.

IN MEMORIAM

The Western Australian Cricket Association extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the following Members for whom we have advice of their untimely passing during 2016-17. Any omission in failing to acknowledge the passing of a valued Member is sincerely regretted.

Leonard Anthonisz
Peter Hammond
Alan Hansen
Robert Jensen
John Jory
Patrick Kelly
Terry Kitson
Mardee Kow
John Major
Eileen Nock
Nigel Pashby
Mary Possingham
James Quinn
Shirley Richardson
Howard Shotter
Alan Smith
Robert Stanley
Warren Treadgold
Raymond Upston
Frederick Walsh
Lyall Wilkinson
Alan Woolmer

Western Australian Cricket Association (Inc.)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the year ended 30 June 2017

The WACA recorded an operating surplus before finance costs and depreciation of \$1,878,000 (2016: \$1,946,000).

The overall operating surplus after all charges was \$36,000 (2016: \$145,000).

Revenues from operating activities increased by \$532,000 (2%) compared to the previous year due mainly to:

- increased revenue from Catering of \$132,000 (11%) related to the increased investment in the catering operations; and
- increased revenue from Marketing of \$294,000 (9%) related mainly to sponsorship agreements.

Expenditure on operating activities increased by \$601,000 (2%) compared to the previous year due mainly to:

- increased expenditure on Cricket Operations of \$546,000 (4%), in line with the Association's strategy to increase the investment in Cricket;
- reduced expenditure on Administration and Finance of \$644,000 (24%), due largely to the release of provisions and accruals no longer required, including the provision for a surcharge payable to Cricket Australia in relation to Australian Cricket Revenue ("ACR"). The prior year included a charge of \$330,000 in relation to payroll tax on additional player payments due to an increase in ACR; and
- increased expenditure on Future Development of \$665,000 (72%), related to; business expansion in preparation for major matches to be played at Perth Stadium; planning for development of the WACA Ground and; proposed governance changes.

The Balance Sheet remains very strong with no interest-bearing debt.

Cash flows from operations were strong and able to fully fund the capital expenditure incurred.

Please find attached summaries:

- Profit and Loss account
- Balance Sheet
- Cash flow statement

Financial Summary

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 (\$'000's)	2016 (\$'000's)
REVENUE		
From Operating Activities		
Catering	1,302	1,170
Cricket Operations	19,880	19,709
Match Ticketing	2,006	1,974
Marketing	3,608	3,315
Membership	3,535	3,531
Sub-total	30,331	29,699
Other income	337	437
Total Revenue	30,668	30,136
EXPENDITURE		
On Operating Activities		
Ground	6,362	6,491
Cricket Operations	15,650	15,103
Marketing	2,172	2,108
Membership	1,002	905
Administration and Finance	2,018	2,662
Future Development	1,586	921
Total Expenditure	28,790	28,190
Operating surplus before finance costs and depreciation	1,878	1,946
Finance costs	2	31
Operating surplus before depreciation	1,876	1,915
Depreciation	1,840	1,770
Operating Surplus	36	145

The full set of financial statements are presented in the 2016-17 Western Australian Cricket Association (Inc.) Financial Statements | Annual Report.

Financial Summary

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2017

	2017 (\$000's)	2016 (\$000's)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	12,832	12,244
Trade and other receivables	265	380
Inventories	11	18
Other current assets	74	128
Total current assets	13,182	12,770
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	17,473	18,669
Total Assets	30,655	31,439
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	2,035	2,075
Provisions	1,251	842
Deferred income	778	1,029
Total current liabilities	4,064	3,946
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	279	734
Deferred income	1,186	1,669
Total non-current liabilities	1,465	2,403
Total liabilities	5,529	6,349
NET ASSETS	25,126	25,090
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Accumulated funds	25,126	25,090
Total Members' funds	25,126	25,090

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Financial Summary

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 (\$000's)	2016 (\$000's)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	29,725	29,459
Cash payments in the course of operations	(28,815)	(28,289)
Interest received	314	376
Finance costs paid	(2)	(31)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,222	1,515
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	79	22
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(713)	(1,159)
Net cash used in investing activities	(634)	(1,137)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	588	378
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	12,244	11,866
Cash at the end of the financial year	12,832	12,244

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