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Cover: Jhye Richardson caps off remarkable 2018-19 season, by becoming the first homegrown WA quick to play for Australia since 1995.

The Western Australian Cricket Association, acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar Nation as the Traditional Custodians of this country and its waters and that the WACA Ground stands on Nyoongar Country. We pay our respects to Nyoongar Elders both past and present.







A year of firsts saw cricket in Western Australia take steps into the future during 2018-19, with a full BBL and Men's International season at Optus Stadium and the start of a thriving WACA Ground without these major matches.

It's safe to say when Sachin Tendulkar says your pitch is good, it's good.

Following the Perth Test in December the legendary Indian batsman tweeted:

"Pitches play a crucial role, especially in Test cricket. In order to revive Test cricket and generate excitement, we need to provide more pitches like the one at Perth, where the skills of batsmen and bowlers are truly tested.

Tendulkar's sentiments were echoed around the cricketing world, with many reporting the pitch was just as 'lively' during Australia's loss to South Africa in the ODI in November.

These accolades and the fact that the Perth Test was the only result of the Australian series, demonstrated a successful start to the summer of cricket at Optus Stadium. This could not have been possible without the hard work and long hours our WACA Turf Team put into making sure the drop-in wickets reflected the famous personality of the

WACA wicket... bouncy and fast. The move to the Stadium meant the iconic WACA Ground was available to major sporting teams like Chelsea FC and Manchester United FC to use as a training facility during their tours which are a major boost to tourism in WA.

This multi-sport use highlights the importance of securing Federal and State Government funding for the Ground Improvement Project, to ensure the facilities are helping attract major tourism events to Perth. It was extremely positive to receive a \$30 million election commitment from the Australian Labor Party prior to the election, and although we had hoped the Coalition would match the commitment, we remain in positive conversations with the current Government.

The concept plans for the WACA Ground are not only focused on improving facilities for elite teams and patrons, but there has been a strong focus on what the Ground offers the local community. It is important for us to transform the Ground into a sustainable community and sporting hub with cricket at its heart.

This year was also a success for our new Functions and Events team, part of our Operations and Facilities department, who hosted nearly 500 events at the Ground including match day

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET STRATEGY 2017-2022

We will:

- Deliver what our Members and fans want, through a focus on innovation, customer service and engaging content
- Create the best participation experiences to grow junior cricket and ensure best practice model for senior community competitions
- Deliver the best High Performance system in Western Australian sport

- Be the leading sport for women and girls and all diversity groups
- Promote cricket to inspire a love of the game in WA
- Use technology to deliver great experiences for Members, fans, participants and volunteers
- Maximise long-term sustainable revenue to drive investment in WA cricket

dining events, opening the Sales Bar & Café prior to all events at Optus Stadium and hosting major international teams like the Manchester United and Chelsea FC.

On the elite team's front, the Western Warriors started their season strongly, finishing top of the table and undefeated in the JLT One-Day Cup qualifying rounds until losing the semi-final and getting knocked out early. Following our last Sheffield Shield game, it was looking like we could make the finals and have a chance to claim our first Shield title in two decades, but other results didn't go our way and we finished third. Throughout both competitions we saw what the future of the game might look like, with seven debutants impressing throughout the season.

With a new leader at the helm in Chloe Piparo the Western Fury were hoping to go one better than the year before and claim the Women's National Cricket League title, however they struggled to post back-to-back wins. The young team

still showed positive signs with wins against Victoria and NSW and a career-best season from Heather Graham.

Over the past 12 months we've had 11 Western Australians selected for Australian Teams, in all formats of the games, and across both men's and women's teams. Despite not winning any silverware during the 2018-19 season, our strong showing on the international stage helped to maintain our status as the top ranked High Performance program in the country.

Congratulations to Nicole Bolton, Ashton Agar, Ashton Turner, Andrew Tye, Mitch Marsh, Shaun Marsh, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Jason Behrendorff, Marcus Stoinis, D'Arcy Short and of course Jhye Richardson. It was a highlight of the season to see Jhye Richardson receive his Baggy Green and make his Test debut, the first born and bred West Aussie paceman in more than two decades to do so.



Both the WBBL and the BBL on-field performances weren't what we hoped for, the first year that neither side made the finals. However, we had great success leading the League in average attendance in BBL and another strong showing at Lilac Hill's WBBL carnival weekend. We drove new audiences to the cricket, attracting more females than ever before and reached the highest ever number of WACA and Scorchers Members.

This season was the last for two long-standing members of our WACA Leadership Team, Ben Oliver and Richard Marshall. Ben has been leading our High Performance department for the past seven years to great success and leaves us to become the Executive General Manager of National Teams at Cricket Australia. Richard has been our Chief Financial Officer for the past 12 years. During his time at the WACA, Richard managed the turnaround of the Association's finances, including a period of significant growth.

Community Cricket has continued to roll out new initiatives across grassroots cricket to help attract new participants to our game. We saw growth in the number of women and girls playing and in cricketers with a disability picking up a bat or ball.

The work we do in the community is meaningful and varied but often not recognised enough. Over the past 12 months we have developed a clear strategy around our philanthropic arm, the WA Cricket Foundation. We have added to our Foundation Board Meredith McClements, John Gardner and John Goodlad who will assist the existing Board members to raise awareness and funding that will support key initiatives in the community.

During the year we celebrated WA's winning Sheffield Shield sides of the 80s and the 90s, honouring and celebrating our past achievements in the domestic competition. Players from both the hat-trick and double

Shield wins came together with the current Western Warriors squad to hear from the likes of Mike Veletta, Graeme Wood and Adam Gilchrist.

WA Cricket's Gallery of Greats had its first female inductee this year, with former WA captain and all-rounder Olive Leslie added to the prestigious list. Leslie coached WA for more than two decades and was a state and national selector, but her biggest impact on the game was when she helped form the inaugural WA Women's Cricket Association. Towering fast bowler Jo Angel, who retired as the State's lead wicket-taker, was also inducted into the Gallery of Greats. Sadly, this year we lost Allan Edwards, one of WA's greatest cricketers and member of the Gallery of Greats. On behalf of everyone at the WACA, we wish the Edwards family our deepest sympathies.

Together with Churchill Press, sports media doyen Ken Casellas and Holman Industries, the WACA launched the hardcover coffee-table book - The Doctor Declares: The End of an Era at the WACA Ground. The publication is a sequel to last year's popular title, The Doctor's In and documents the 2017-18 summer of cricket at the iconic WACA Ground.

With another cricket season done and dusted, we wish to thank the Association's staff, players and volunteers for their tireless enthusiasm and hard work. Cricket in WA would not be in the positive state is it without their dedication.

We also want to thank the WACA Board for their ongoing guidance, support and leadership in helping to create a sustainable future for the sport that we all love.

Hon Dr Ken Michael AC | Chair Christina Matthews | Chief Executive Officer



Western Australian Cricket Association Limited

BOARD & MANAGEMENT as at 30 June 2019

BOARD

Chair

Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC

Deputy Chair

Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie

Member Elected Directors

Mr TF (Thomas) Percy QC (re-elected 26 Sep 2018), Mr M (Michael) Veletta, Mr DJ (Darren) Wates,

Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC and

Hon TK (Terrence) Waldron

Cricket Appointed Directors

Mr M (Mark) Calverley (until 5 Jul 2018),

Mr PC (Peter) Silinger (until 5 Jul 2018), Mr CK Bauer and

Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey (reappointed 26 Sep 2018)

Board Appointed Directors

Mr DJ (David) Bailey (reappointed 26 Sep 2018),

Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie and Ms ED (Eva) Skira

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr RI (Richard) Marshall

COMMITTEES

- · Audit and Risk Committee
- Governance Committee
- Nominations and Remuneration Committee
- Statewide Game Development Committee
- WACA Ground Development Stage 1 Project Control Group

AUDITOR

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

MANAGEMENT TEAM

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms C Matthews

GENERAL MANAGERS

Finance & Business Services

Mr RI Marshall (to 12 Apr 2019), Mr JCK Michael (from 8 Apr 2019)

Commercial, Marketing & Communications

Mr SV Nasta

Community Cricket

Ms J Davies

High Performance

Mr BC Oliver

People & Culture

Ms CL Brayn

Membership & Museum

Mr GJ White

Operations & Facilities

Ms JS Coubrough

Public Policy & Government

Relations Manager

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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 Community Junior Cricket Council (Inc.)
- WA Veterans Cricket (Inc.)

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- WA Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee
- WA Education Advisory Committee

Register of WACA Board Membe	Register of WACA Board Members attendance at Board meetings (11 meetings held)									
The Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC	9/11	Mr MR (Michael) Veletta	11/11	Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey	9/11					
Dr VA (Vanessa) Guthrie	9/11	Mr DJ (Darren) Wates	11/11	Mr CK (Christian) Bauer	11/11					
The Hon TK (Terrence) Waldron	10/11	Ms ED (Eva) Skira AM	10/11	Mr PC (Peter) Silinger	1/1					
Mr TF (Thomas) Percy QC	10/11	Mr DJ (David) Bailey	8/11	Mr M (Mark) Calverley	1/1					

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.



















WACA Board

as at 30 June 2019

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PC (Peter) Silinge



CK Bauer



AJ (Avril) Fahey

Board Appointed Directors



DJ (David) Bailey (reappointed 26 Sep 2018)



Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie



ED (Eva) Skira

Company Secretary



RI (Richard) Marshall

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 - July 2018	Hon Dr KC Michael AC
1915-16 - 1916-17	W.I Farley	1963-64 - 1979-80	CR Bunning CBF		

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

SECRETARIES

1885-86 - 1886-87	G Fruin - Honorary	1900-01 - 1905-06	J Rushton	1973-74	R Miller
1887-88 - 1888-89	A Woodbridge -	1906-07	L Gouly	1974-75 - 1979-80	B Bellon
	Honorary	1907-08 - 1908-09	AWB Mather	1980-81 - 1996-97	KR Preston
1889-90	HH Sherlock -	1909-10 - 1916-17	J Rushton	1997-98 - 2013-14	G Havercroft
	Honorary	1917-18 - 1928-29	WJ Farley	2013-14 - 2016-17	Ms M Tannock
1890-91 - 1895-96	FD North - Honorary	1928-29 - 1947-48	CH Guy	2016-17	RI Marshall
1896-97 - 1899-00	H Brown	1948-49 - 1972-73	l E 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 1972 1977	KCMG KCVO KBE CB then Governor of Western Australia* CR Bunning CBE* FJ Bryant OAM* Hon Sir Lawrence Jackson KCMG* MJL MacGill*	1985 1985 1985 1985 1985 1985 1985 1985	KD Meuleman* BK Shepherd OAM* GD McKenzie IJ Brayshaw MBE RJ Inverarity MBE GAR Lock* RW Marsh MBE DK Lillee AM MBE BF Prindiville AO	2004 2004 2004 2005 2007 2007 2007	WJ Edwards TM Moody MRJ Veletta B Yardley* KL Jones BM Julian L Pavy TJ Zoehrer J Angel	2014 2015 2015 2016 2017 2017 2017 2017	Ms Z Goss DR Martyn Dr K Read WS Andrews MW Goodwin MEK Hussey Ms P Verco Ms O Leslie* Ms J Morison*
1905	WJ Farley*	1977	DC McKenzie*	1303	CMG*		CAC Fear	2017	Ms P Drage*
1912	J Rushton*	1977	JEV Murdoch*	1988	JT Irvine*	2008	Ms C Towers	2017	Ms E Fairlie
1917	RG Heath*	1978	AD Drew*	1989	HG Bevan*	2009	R Edwards	2017	Ms H Asquith
1918	Hon J Gardiner,	1978	RC Mattiske*	1991	PB Rakich AM	2009	BM Laird	2017	Ms J True
	MLA*	1978	HWH Rigg*	1993	DH Foster OAM	2009	AL Mann	2017	Ms L Hollingsworth
1930	H Gregory, MHR*	1979	RE Ballantine*	1995	TJ Perrott AM Cit	2009		2017	Ms A Fuhrmann
1937	L Ryan*	1979	EJ Dowling*		WA*	2010	WM Clark	2017	Ms C Papasergio
1947	F Boan*	1979	GH Dunstan OBE*	1996	FD O'Driscoll	2010	PJ McConnell	2017	Ms L Keenan
1948	CH Guy*	1980	RW Abbot MBE*	1996	NL Ballard	2010	BA Reid	2018	SM Katich
1951	Hon GW Miles*	1982	AR Edwards OAM*	1998	KJ Hughes	2010	WP Reynolds	2018	P Silinger
1956	RJ Bryant OAM*	1983	LM Sawle AM	1998	GR Marsh	2011	CD Matthews	2018	Ms A Warren
1956	AC Randell*	1983	W Scott*	1998	GM Wood	2012	AC Gilchrist AM	2018	Ms P Mace
1963	His Excellency	1985	DK Carmody*	1999	TM Alderman	2012	JL Langer AM		
	Lt-General Sir	1985	CW Puckett*	2001	KH MacLeay	2013	KN Slater		
	Charles Gairdner	1985	CW Langdon*	2002	WM Bryant	2014	RJ Evans		





For one of Western Australia's brightest stars the 2018-19 cricket season was a career defining one.

Heather Graham was well aware of the task ahead, but to grab the season by the scruff of the neck, meant putting down the batting gloves and picking up a pair of boxing gloves.

"I realised that if I wanted to have a great career in cricket I needed to change my ways in a few things," Graham said.

"Heading into pre-season I was needing to change the way I approached cricket, the first thing I did was to start boxing, which I did in the six weeks off we get a year. I was in the gym training every morning and I was eating a lot better.

"Being able to prove to the coaches, not only in WA but at the National Performance Centre in Brisbane, that I could improve those off-field areas was a big step for me."

The hard work paid off immediately. Graham averaged 70.75 with the bat and more than two wickets a game across the first four Woman's National Cricket League fixtures of the season.

The highlight of her season came when she scored her maiden first-class century against the all conquering New South Wales side.

"Scoring that hundred against New South Wales was the most special moment I had last season," Graham said.

"Being able to reach my first century against such a formidable team was massive, there was a bit of relief there.

"I've been around the system for a while now and have been classed as one of our better batters, so not having the big runs under my belt was something I was conscious of.

"It was more than just a stat, I proved to myself that I can score big runs when it was needed.

"Getting myself fitter played a huge part in the way my 50 over season panned out. Being an all-rounder you have to be fit because your role is to perform in both innings.

"Looking back on previous seasons I definitely wasn't fit enough to be consistent with bat and ball and being able to show that consistency was a big step forward for me and contributed to being selected in the Australia A squad."

Leading into the fourth season of the Rebel Women's Big Bash League expectations were not only high for the Perth Scorchers but for Graham as well.

However, the 23-year-old was about to dive head first into a battle of mental toughness, a battle she had no idea how to win.

"My mindset in the WBBL wasn't great to be honest," she said.

"Coming off a great start to the WNCL season and then not being able to score runs in the WBBL really got to me.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself for the fact that I wasn't scoring any runs and could have easily been dropped because there were other people sitting on the bench who could've come in and done the job.

"I didn't even know how well I was bowling or how many wickets I had taken because I was so focused on trying to make runs.

"It drove my confidence down and I wasn't in a great headspace."

Despite not meeting her own high expectations with the bat, Graham still delivered throughout the season.

Scoring a match winning 44 not out to set up a stunning super over win against the Hobart Hurricanes, before stepping up with the ball in the sudden death over.

Graham then went on to finish equal leading wicket taker for WBBL|04 with 22 scalps.

"I took a step back from everything towards the end of the Big Bash season, and realised that actually I was bowling brilliantly and taking wickets," she said.

"I decided to start focusing on the good and not the bad. Learning to put all that frustration to the side and celebrating the wins helped with getting my mind back on track."

The accolades didn't stop there, at Australian Cricket's night of nights Graham accepted arguably her greatest individual accolade to date. As voted by her peers from around the country, the rising star was named Women's Domestic Player of the Year.

"Taking out that award was a huge shock," Graham said.

"You never go into a season thinking about what awards you might win but looking back on it, to beat the likes of Elyse Perry who had an absolutely phenomenal season was unbelievable. The fact that I was voted as the Women's Domestic Player of the year by my peers is extra special.

"After all the ups and downs of the summer, it made me sit back and realise that I did have a really good year compared to how I was feeling at some stages."

Feeling on top of the world once again, it was time for Graham to take on some of the world's best, travelling to the UK with the Australia A side during the Aussie winter.

With a new perspective on cricket, the 23-year-old relished the opportunity.

"It has been great to be a part of the Aussie A set up. I've been working closely with the coaches and they've helped improve my technique a lot," she said.

"I love working with Lisa Keightley and the other WA coaches but to have the opportunity to work with some different people and hear different perspectives has been awesome and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

After a stellar season Graham is busting with excitement for the first ever standalone WBBL during the 2019-20 summer, a first for female cricket in Australia.

"It was a great 12 months for me and I hope that I can continue that form this summer. I'm really looking forward to this season having a standalone Big Bash tournament is huge," she said.

"We have shown how great the atmosphere can be at WBBL games, having the opportunity to create that festival-like atmosphere again at Lilac Hill and at the WACA Ground is so unique to our game."







Western Australia's 2018-19 men's season was one of transition. A new coach, a new captain for the Perth Scorchers, a new venue at Optus Stadium, a new approach to injury management and a strong representation in the Australian setup. The combination of these changes saw a new generation of West Aussies grab their opportunities and prove that the future looks bright for WA cricket.

It was a successful year of international call-ups, with 10 Western Warriors called into the Australian squad over the past 12 months. Then with the likes of Jason Behrendorff and Nathan Coulter-Nile focusing on white ball cricket at home under a new injury management plan, WA's Shield team needed players to stand up and fill the void.

Over the summer 11 players made their debut for WA across One-Day Cup, Sheffield Shield and Big Bash League.

Matthew Kelly backed up his stunning debut season last summer by finishing the Shield campaign as the leading wicket-taker with 30 scalps at 28.53.

The 24-year-old was one of only three players to play all ten Shield matches with the highlight coming in a crucial win over South Australia when he took 6-67 to help kick-start WA's push towards a Shield final.

"As a fast bowler that's what you want to do - get through a full season and contribute," Kelly said.

"My goal heading into the 2018-19 season was to play all ten games and get through without any major injuries.

"I've got to know my body better as I've got a bit older and so have the support staff. I started pilates last season and now I swear by it.

"To be able to get through the season unscathed was huge for me, the wickets were a bonus and good reward for all the hard work.

"We knew going into the season that those boys (Behrendorff and Coulter-Nile) would be playing white ball cricket, so the rest of us were aware that we would need to step up.

"It was a great opportunity for not only me but the rest of the younger guys, and then seeing them get rewarded after all their hard work and how eager they are to play for WA was amazing."

Kelly's form extended into the Big Bash, as his Yorker delivery gained praise from experts around Australia as the best in the league.

Claiming 11 wickets from seven outings in Scorchers colours earned Kelly a call up to the lucrative Indian Premier League.

Fellow quick Cameron Green burst onto the scene in the previous Shield season, and the 20-year-old took no time in reminding fans what he's capable of when he took 3-44 in his first One-Day Cup game for WA.

Green stole the spotlight once again in his second Shield match when the Warriors were desperate to bounce back from their heavy loss in the first game of the season to eventual champions Victoria.

Not fazed by the pressure, Green claimed figures of 6-30 in the first innings before taking 3-12 in the second to help guide WA to a seven-wicket win.

Unfortunately, he suffered a stress fracture in his back during the BBL which cut his impressive summer short.

Aaron Hardie was another outstanding young gun for the summer, his first-class debut in the final Shield match of the season saw him produce a match winning eight wicket haul earning him Player of the Match honours.

Hardie took four poles in each innings against Queensland at the WACA Ground to give WA a short glimpse at a spot in the final.

The talent on display wasn't just restricted to the young bowlers, Josh Philippe played all six of WA's One-Day Cup games which included three crucial half centuries, before donning the Baggy Black in eight of ten Shield fixtures.

It's in the four-day format where the 22-year-old really put his name in the headlines. Philippe crafted his maiden first-class century in the first match of the summer, 104 runs which included 17 boundaries.

When WA's charge towards the Shield final was starting to gain momentum, Philippe racked up 100 runs across two innings which proved pivotal in a low scoring win over South Australia at the WACA Ground, then followed up with a 112 run performance during a thrilling win against Tasmania in Hobart.

Adam Voges said seeing several of his young squad members produce match winning performances on the big stage was a big highlight of the 2018-19 season.

"It's an exciting time for WA cricket, we have a great group of talented, hard-working young guys coming through at the moment," he said.

"They're all very committed to Western Australia, and it was very pleasing to see some really good signs last season.

"For any young player, consistency of form is ultimately what we want to see, so for those young blokes it's helping them to continue to understand their games, which then helps build that depth.

"Ultimately, it is up to them to put in the work, but if they keep committing to the program and keep getting better that's going to put us in good stead."





Ask a West Australian to define the history of cricket in their State and they will more than likely say "Lillee, Marsh, Langer, Gilchrist and the WACA", in no particular order.

Standing proud at the eastern entrance to Perth city, the WACA Ground has been the home of Western Australian cricket for 130 years. It has grown from a patch of swampy land in the 1880's, to where it has now presented its world-class legacy to the new Optus Stadium.

The WACA Ground still has more to give cricket and even more to give Perth, it's the oldest and most famous sporting infrastructure in Western Australia. It has hosted international and domestic cricket matches during its long and rich history, providing a base for WA's high performance and community cricket as well as being the headquarters of the Western Australian Cricket Association.

As the governing body of cricket in WA, the Association oversees the development of cricket, the delivery of cricket programs and undertakes a diverse range of initiatives to drive participation to reach a community footprint of over 200,000 participants, 55 junior and senior cricket associations, 447 junior and senior cricket clubs, and over 4,000 volunteers across the State, from its headquarters at the WACA Ground.

The 2018-19 summer of cricket has been the first full season that has seen Men's International and BBL matches hosted

at Optus Stadium. This move has allowed the WACA Ground to play a key role in continuing to drive the rapid growth of the game for women and girls and has resulted in increased Ground access to community and pathway cricketers.

The WACA Ground will still be an option to host smaller Men's Test Matches in the future, and will continue to host Women's One-Day and T20 Internationals, including the Women's T20 World Cup next year, the rebel Women's Big Bash League, the Marsh One-Day Cup and Sheffield Shield, some games for the Toyota Futures League, state-wide T20 finals, Premier Cricket finals, school holiday clinics for junior cricketers, all-abilities training and matches, school training and finals, Aboriginal team training and matches and much more.

Further, the Ground will continue to be home of the Association, its players, coaches and employees and the training location for the Perth Scorchers and the Western Australian Men's and Women's state teams.

Between match days, training sessions for the men's and women's programs, and community cricket activities, the WACA Ground was used over 800 times during the 2018-19 season, and that is set to continue for years to come.

It's no secret that the WACA Ground has failed to keep pace with modern requirements and its aging infrastructure, needing ongoing maintenance and repair, now requires, by any reasonable estimation, major and urgent investment.

The current facilities not only limit the use of the Ground for patrons, other sporting groups and the very important local community, but the high-performance facilities no longer meet the standard of other major cricket and sporting venues in Australia. Continuing to deliver a successful high performance program in aging, sub-standard facilities will continue to become more and more difficult.

The WACA Ground Improvement Project addresses the current shortfalls of the WACA Ground and will provide the Association with the Ground it needs to be the leading sport for women and girls, deliver the best high performance system in WA sport and be the leaders in Australian sport. The Project also aligns with local, state and federal government strategies that are focused on connected and active communities.

The WACA Ground Improvement Project has been costed at approximately \$75 million and will deliver:

- An activated open public space that can be enjoyed by the community year-round;
- 10-lane indoor cricket facility, for use by elite, pathway players, the cricket community and the broader community;
- Resizing of the oval to accommodate Australian rules football matches and other sports;
- A reduced capacity Ground, with modern shade solutions;
- Dedicated high performance facilities for elite and pathway players, including gym, changerooms and recovery facilities;

- · A sports lighting upgrade;
- · A public fitness facility;
- Re-invigorated museum that honours the rich history of the Ground in the sport and entertainment industry and secures the WACA Ground's place as a must-see tourist destination;
- Retention of the WACA scoreboard;
- Provision of a new Program Delivery Centre for WACA employees;
- Lecture theatre and multi-purpose meeting rooms, that will be made available for community use;
- Provision of space to provide for medical and sports science services currently lacking in the East Perth precinct;
- Café; and
- A new pavilion, including food and beverage outlets and a multi-purpose function room.

Following the public announcement of the WACA Ground Improvement Project in March 2019, the Association has been working tirelessly to achieve its vision to create a community and sporting hub with cricket at its heart.

The Association is committed to raising \$10 million for the Project through the WA Cricket Foundation, Cricket Australia has committed \$4 million and the Association is continuing in its endeavour to secure a \$60 million funding commitment from State and Federal Government.

The Association extends its thanks to the support that the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Mick Murray MLA, and the Department of Local Government Sport & Cultural Industries provided during the preparation and development of the WACA Ground Improvement Project.





Western Australia enjoyed a milestone year at the 2019 National Cricket Inclusion Championships, fielding their first ever standalone blind cricket team

For years, Western Australia and South Australia were required to join forces to field a blind cricket team at the National Cricket Inclusion Championships. But with a recent boom in the sport's popularity, WA captain Brad Brider said they could finally send their own team.

"From when I started playing, there are only two others still playing today. We had to really build a whole new team, so it's been a long journey to get here," he said.

As the game's popularity has exploded in recent years and demand for more access has gone from just one match every four weeks, to weekly training sessions on the WACA Ground.

"With all those new facilities and access, and more people getting involved, more people will want to get involved. It's just a spiral and hopefully it just keeps going forward and forward," Brider said.

In addition to their first appearance as a standalone team at the NCIC, WA recorded its first ever win and they did it in style. Taking on Queensland, WA bowled first and despite a brilliant spell from Brider who claimed remarkable figures of 2-17, the Queenslanders eventually finished at 8-173 from their 20 overs. Brider and WA wicket-keeper Stefan Nero then put on a show, together chasing down the total with Nero (81*) and Brider (57*) securing an epic 10-wicket victory for Western Australia.

Nero, who's represented Australia at two World Cups, finished this year's NCIC in the top three players in the Blind and Vision Impaired division. Compiling 245 runs at an average of 122.50 with a top score of 114 not out.

WA also had standout performers in two other divisions at the NCIC; David Melling was recognised as the best player in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing division and Boyd Duffield was awarded Player of the Tournament in the Intellectually Disabled division.

Fresh from finishing as the leading run scorer at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing World Cup, David Melling finished as the leading run scorer at the NCIC too, scoring 275 runs at an average of 55 including the only two centuries of the tournament.

Boyd Duffield finished the NCIC carnival fourth in the batting aggregates with 164 runs at an average of 41 and was the sixth leading wicket taker with eight scalps.

WACA Inclusion and Diversity Specialist Brad Denham said it was well-deserved recognition for players who had great tournaments.

"We had great performances from so many of our players throughout the championships, but to have two guys recognised as the best in their division was a great reward for all the hard work they put in," said Denham.

"Our teams were tremendous and they all achieved so much, we had our first ever standalone Blind and Vision Impaired team victory, our Deaf and Hard of Hearing side played off in the Grand Final and our Intellectually Disabled team also qualified for the Semi-Finals.

"Getting to see the smiles on the players faces is what the NCIC is all about. The championships get better every year and we can't wait to return next year."



The 2018-19 season saw a giant leap forward for the WACA's Operations and Facilities department, who put into motion their new functions & events business plan to not only host but cater for countless functions and events at the Ground, which provided exceptional results.

The first major event was in July last year, when English Premier League giant Chelsea FC called the WACA Ground home for a week, in the lead up to their friendly against Perth Glory. The Turf Team transformed the ground into a rectangular pitch and thousands of fans flocked to watch the Blues train in an open training session at the Ground.

Hosting Chelsea proved so successful a second EPL powerhouse, Manchester United FC, came calling 12 months later and they too were hosted by the WACA Ground in the lead up to their pre-season matches against the Glory and Leeds United FC. Thousands of Red Devil die-hards turned out to watch their heroes train while the Operations Team catered for some of the world's highest paid athletes.

Nearly 40 thousand guests attended a function or event at the WACA Ground, which included 57 cricket matches. The WACA was honoured to host the funeral of WA cricket legend Allan Edwards and the wake of former WA cricketer John Parker and the team even hosted a wedding on the outfield.

The addition of the brand-new Sails Bar & Café proved a huge hit with sports fans during the cooler months, providing another pre-game venue for fans to enjoy. A-League soccer club Sydney FC hosted their pre-match function at the bar, with over 200 fans swarming to the venue before marching over the bridge for the A-League Grand Final earlier this year.

With more large-scale events planned at the venue, the revenue generated is filtered directly back into the Association to help grow the game at the elite and grassroots level.





Heather Graham and Shaun Marsh capped off a sensational season of cricket for Western Australia, claiming the Zöe Goss and Laurie Sawle medals respectively at the WACA's annual Laurie Sawle Medal Night.

More than 400 people attended WA cricket's night of nights at Crown Perth to recognise the State's most valuable performers of 2018-19, as well as recognising some legends of the game.

Shaun Marsh's strong batting form in the JLT Sheffield Shield saw him claim the Laurie Sawle Medal, along with the Western Warriors Domestic Four Day Player of the Year award.

The left-hander scored 443 Sheffield Shield runs, averaging 88.60 across his six innings, highlighted by an unbeaten 163 that helped steer WA to a gutsy five-wicket victory against South Australia.

Marsh also claimed his third consecutive media-voted Gold Cup trophy following a strong international season in which he averaged 38 across all formats, including two centuries and three half centuries.

Heather Graham was one of the most consistent performers over the season, compiling 455 runs and claiming 33 wickets throughout the Women's National Cricket League and rebel Women's Big Bash League to claim her second Zöe Goss medal.

The talented 23-year-old became the first player in WNCL history to score a century and take three wickets in a match,

during WA's memorable win over the star studded New South Wales, which also helped earn her the Western Fury WNCL Player of the Year award.

Graham was then crowned the Scorchers WBBL Player of the Year, finishing as equal top wicket taker for the season with 22 scalps, backed by best figures of 3-25.

The night also saw the first ever female inducted into the WACA Gallery of Greats - WA player, coach and administrator Olive Leslie.

Joining Leslie was towering fast-bowler Jo Angel who was the State's leading Sheffield Shield wicket-taker with 419 when he retired in 2004.

Ashton Turner was awarded the Simon Katich medal for his stellar performance for the Scorchers, banking 378 runs.

Nathan Coulter-Nile was named Warriors Domestic One Day Player of the Year with nine wickets and best figures of 3-46.

Rising Star awards were picked up by Western Fury batter Amy Edgar and Warrior Josh Philippe.

Current WA skipper Chloe Piparo took out the values-based Legacy award, while Mitch Marsh and Matt Kelly were named joint winners of the Excalibur award.













AWARD

WINNERS

Laurie Sawle Medal Shaun Marsh

Zöe Goss Medal Heather Graham

Gold Cup

Shaun Marsh

Simon Katich Medal Ashton Turner

Perth Scorchers WBBL|04 Player of the Year Heather Graham

Western Warriors Domestic Four Day Player of the Year Shaun Marsh

Western Warriors Domestic One Day Player of the Year Nathan Coulter-Nile

Western Fury WNCL Player of the Year Heather Graham

Legacy Award Chloe Piparo

Excalibur AwardMatthew Kelly
Mitchell Marsh

Female Rising Star Amy Edgar

Male Rising Star Josh Philippe

Gallery of Greats Inductees Jo Angel Olive Leslie





2018-19 WA Australian Representatives

BATTING		Mat	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50
ANDREW TYE	T20	13	6	37	12*	12.33	102.77	-	-
ASHTON AGAR	T20	7	4	42	19	14	97.67	-	-
ASHTON TURNER	ODI	3	3	125	84*	62.5	145.34	-	1
ASITION TORNER	T20	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
D'ARCY SHORT	ODI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
DARCI SHORI	T20	14	14	380	76	29.23	109.51	-	2
JASON BEHRENDORFF	ODI	11	5	19	11*	9.5	126.66	-	-
JASON BEHRENDORFF	T20	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TEST	2	1	1	1	1	14.28	-	-
JHYE RICHARDSON	ODI	8	4	47	29	15.66	94	-	-
	T20	7	2	13	7*	-	260	-	-
MARCUS STOINIS	ODI	23	20	408	63	24	80.31	-	2
MARCOS STOTINIS	T20	11	10	116	33*	19.33	127.47	-	-
MITCH MARSH	TEST	3	6	49	13	8.16	32.45	-	-
MITCH MAKSH	T20	2	2	42	21	21	89.36	-	-
NATHAN COULTER-NILE	ODI	11	7	166	92	27.66	122.05	-	1
NATHAN COOLIER-NILE	T20	9	7	98	34	19.6	130.66	-	-
NICOLE BOLTON	TEST	1	1	6	6	6	30	-	-
NICOLE BOLTON	ODI	6	6	47	22	7.83	41.96	-	-
SHAUN MARSH	TEST	6	11	197	60	17.9	40.78	-	1
SHAUN MAKSH	ODI	15	15	589	131	45.3	86.11	2	3
BOWLING		Mat	Inns	Wkts	Ave	Eco	ВВ	5Ws	
ANDREW TYE	T20	13	12	21	17.90	8.44	3/12	-	
ASHTON AGAR	T20	7	7	2	68.50	7.21	2/16	-	
D'ARCY SHORT	T20	14	8	3	44.00	7.33	1/13	-	
JASON BEHRENDORFF	ODI	11	11	16	32.31	5.24	5/44	1	
37.6611 52111.2115611.1	T20	5	4	3	30.33	8.27	1/16	-	
	TEST	2	4	6	20.50	2.41	3/26	-	
JHYE RICHARDSON	ODI	8	8	17	21.23	5.08	4/26	1	
	T20	7	7	7	32.14	8.03	2/32	-	
MARCUS STOINIS	ODI	23	23	23	34.17	6.14	3/16	-	
TIANCOS STORMS	T20	11	7	5	33.60	9.69	2/27	-	
MITCH MARSH	TEST	3	4	2	74.50	2.66	1/21	-	
- MITCH MAKSH	T20	2	2	2	5.50	5.50	2/6	-	
NATHAN COULTER-NILE	ODI	11	11	15	38.00	6.04	3/53	-	
NATHAN COULTER-NILE	T20	9	8	11	20.63	8.73	3/18	-	
NICOLE BOLTON	ODI	6	1	-	-	9.00		-	

*Statistics for period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019





On reflection the 2018-29 domestic men's season felt like one of near misses. There was a lot of promising performances and really solid results so we can learn a lot from the whole season.





It started with an outstanding qualifying period through the JLT One-Day Cup where we won all five games to finish top of the table, only to bow out at the hands of eventual champions Victoria in a semi-final.

Going into the last day of the JLT Sheffield Shield season we sat in

second spot having won our last three games in a row, only to be denied when New South Wales beat Tasmania, demoting us to third on the ladder and out of the final.

While there were certainly some good signs throughout the season, we pride ourselves on competing in finals and winnings titles and we weren't able to achieve that this season.

The JLT Cup started with a bang, it was great to have three debutants in our first game with Cameron Green, Josh Inglis and Josh Philippe playing their first 50 over game for Western Australia. This was a game where skipper Ashton Turner, suffering from severe gastroenteritis, managed to get off his sick bed and lead our run chase with a terrific 70 not out.

There were several dominant performances throughout the group stage. Andrew Tye's six wickets against Queensland and Marcus Stoinis' brutal 93 off 49 balls in the gutsy win over Tasmania come to mind. However, the highlight had to be D'Arcy Short's record breaking 257 against Queensland. His 23 sixes were the most in any List A game in the world,

his performance was some of the cleanest striking I have seen. Despite not getting the ultimate result we were striving for, it was very pleasing to see many players stand up at different times to make match winning contributions.

Unfortunately, we saved our worst performance for our semi-final, going down to Victoria where chasing 333 proved too much at Junction Oval. It was a bitter pill to swallow, to play so well until that point only to have one bad day knock us out of the tournament. Certainly, an opportunity missed.

In most other Shield seasons, to win five games and draw two others would be enough to make a final. We finished the season playing some excellent cricket and for a small moment we thought we may have done enough. Unfortunately, when you must rely on others for results, you are often left disappointed. Looking back, I thought our two losses to New South Wales at home (Optus Stadium) and in Sydney proved crucial.

Again, there were some excellent performances and the future looks bright for WA cricket. Our attack was led by Matt Kelly who played all 10 games. Cameron Green's nine wickets against Tasmania at the WACA Ground was certainly a highlight. Liam O'Connor's five wicket haul on debut was special and Aaron Hardie's eight wickets against Queensland in our crucial final game of the season was a huge effort from a guy in his first season. It was also great to have Joel Paris back in the team after a tough run with injuries.

With the bat, Josh Philippe's maiden first-class hundred in our first game was a highlight. Mitch Marsh lead from the front and was one of only a handful of players to score more than one century for the season. Will Bosisto's knock of 167 away to Queensland was his highest first-class score, while Shaun Marsh's brilliant 163 not out in our run chase against South Australia in Adelaide was one of the best innings I have seen him play.

I must also make mention of Cameron Bancroft and his return to playing cricket for WA. As we know, it has been an incredibly tough 12 months for Cameron. He made a mistake, he has paid his dues and it was great to see him back out playing cricket for Western Australia. His 138 not out in enemy territory against New South Wales in his first game back, carrying his bat, was a great lesson in concentration and determination.

Without doubt the highlight of the season for me was Jhye Richardson's Test debut. Not since Brendan Julian's last Test match in 1995 has Western Australia had a home-grown fast bowler in the Test team. It was no surprise to see Jhye presented his Baggy Green after several strong performances this year. His 8-47 against NSW in our first ever Shield game at Optus stadium was outstanding and a record at the ground that will take a big effort to beat. The way he carried himself so admirably after missing out on a World Cup berth due to a shoulder injury was a testament to his character. I look forward to watching Jhye's international career continue.

While winning trophies is certainly what we are aiming for at the start of the season, having players represent Australia is a big part of our charter, so to see 10 of our players playing international cricket this season was really satisfying. We made a conscious decision for Nathan Coulter-Nile and Jason Behrendorff to only play white ball cricket this season. It has been a decision that has paid off with both guys selected to play in Australia's World Cup campaign along with Marcus Stoinis and Shaun Marsh. They were joined by Mitch Marsh, Ashton Turner, Andrew Tye, D'Arcy Short, Ashton Agar and Jhye Richardson in Australian colours throughout the year, with all 10 being involved in Australia's ODI and T20 tour against Pakistan in the UAE.

Personally, it has been a big year of learning in my first year as head coach. I have a great passion for Western Australian cricket and look forward to continuing to help our players become great cricketers and great people. If the back end of our Shield season is anything to go by, there is plenty of reason for optimism.

Adam Voges



JLT SHEFFIELD SHIELD RESULTS

WA v VIC - Western Australia 208 & 251 DEF BY Victoria 504. Victoria win by an innings and 45 runs. Philippe 104 Stoinis 80 & 4-73.

WA v TAS - Western Australia 243 & 3-195 DEF Tasmania 226 & 208. Western Australia win by 7 wickets. S Marsh 80 & 98 Green 6-30 & 3-12

QLD v WA - Western Australia 540 DRAW Queensland 9d-448 & 2-135. Match Drawn. Bosisto 167* M Marsh 151 Kelly 3-80.

SA v WA - Western Australia 207 & 5-313 DEF South Australia 251 & 268. Western Australia win by 5 wickets. S Marsh 163* Richardson 5-47 Kelly 5-61.

WA v NSW - Western Australia 198 & 212 DEF BY New South Wales 261 & 253. New South Wales win by 104 runs. S Marsh 81 Stoinis 81 Richardson 8-47 & 3-58.

VIC v WA - Western Australia 296 & 6-214 DRAW Victoria 9d-424 & 5d-208. Match Drawn. Turner 80 & 63* Stoinis 85 Kelly 3-65.

NSW v WA - Western Australia 279 & 147 DEF BY New South Wales 8d-477. New South Wales win by an innings and 51 runs. Bancroft 138* & 86 O'Connor 5-131.

WA v SA - Western Australia 157 & 4-243 DEF South Australia 159 & 240. Western Australia win by 6 wickets. Philippe 53* Bancroft 52 Guthrie 4-53 Kelly 6-67. **TAS v WA** - Western Australia 367 & 8d-283 DEF Tasmania 197 & 402. Western Australia win by 51 runs. Whiteman 93* & 55 M Marsh 3-21 & 3-76.

WA v QLD - Western Australia 138 & 348 DEF Queensland 175 & 175. Western Australia win by 136 runs. M Marsh 105 Hardie 4-29 & 4-33.

JLT ONE-DAY CUP RESULTS

WA v NSW - Western Australia 6-206 (32.2) DEF New South Wales 204 (43.4). WA win by 4 wickets. Turner 70* Tye 3-30 Green 3-44.

WA v SA - Western Australia 5-240 (45.1) DEF South Australia 9-237 (50.0). WA win by 5 wickets. Inglis 50 Coulter-Nile 3-46 Tye 3-49.

VIC v WA - Western Australia 4-202 (28.3) DEF Victoria 200 (45.4). WA win by 6 wickets. Philippe 65 Tve 3-47.

WA v QLD - Western Australia 387 (47.0) DEF Queensland 271 (42.3). WA win by 116 runs. Short 257 Tye 6-46.

TAS v WA - Western Australia 5-293 (40.3) DEF Tasmania 8-290 (50.0). WA win by 5 wickets. Stoinis 93* Short 63 Qadir 2-40.

Semi-Final | WA v VIC - Western Australia 269 (45.5) DEF BY Victoria 332 (49.5). Victoria win by 63 runs. Inglis 63 Coulter-Nile 3-50.





JLT SHEFFIELD SHIELD STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	D	Points
Victoria	10	6	1	3	57.98
New South Wales	10	5	2	3	46.72
Western Australia	10	5	3	2	43.9
Queensland	10	3	5	2	31.82
Tasmania	10	3	5	2	30.59
South Australia	10	-	6	4	16.51

Player Mat Inns											
	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
SE Marsh 3 6	1	443	163*	88.6	736	60.19	1	3	1	74	2
CT Bancroft 4 8	1	392	138*	56	948	41.35	1	3	-	40	3
MP Stoinis 4 7	-	298	85	42.57	451	66.07	-	3	-	31	9
SM Whiteman 4 8	-	340	93	42.5	797	42.65	-	3	-	40	1
MR Marsh 7 13	-	467	151	35.92	814	57.37	2	-	-	62	7
WG Bosisto 6 11	1	322	167*	32.2	946	34.03	1	1	1	31	1
JR Philippe 8 15	1	439	104	31.35	683	64.27	1	2	-	60	2
DJM Short 4 7	1	181	61*	30.16	257	70.42	-	1	-	25	2
JA Richardson 5 6	1	147	55	29.4	246	59.75	-	2	2	16	1
AJ Turner 6 11	2	262	80	29.11	624	41.98	-	2	1	25	-
HWR Cartwright 10 19	2	423	84*	24.88	857	49.35	-	2	1	57	-
JP Inglis 10 18	2	337	69	21.06	653	51.6	-	1	3	53	1
C Green 4 6	1	87	35*	17.4	200	43.5	-	-	-	8	2
AM Hardie 1 2	-	31	30	15.5	53	58.49	-	-	-	5	-
M Kelly 10 14	4	142	26*	14.2	325	43.69	-	-	1	15	2
AC Agar 1 2	-	27	24	13.5	63	42.85	-	-	-	3	-
Usman Qadir 2 3	1	27	27	13.5	38	71.05	-	-	1	2	3
L Guthrie 4 7	4	35	14	11.66	114	30.7	-	-	1	4	-
JS Paris 4 7	-	78	26	11.14	299	26.08	-	-	-	6	-
JW Wells 4 7	-	77	27	11	224	34.37	-	-	-	8	-
DJM Moody 7 8	3	33	12	6.6	94	35.1	-	-	1	2	-
BM Hope 1 2	-	13	8	6.5	58	22.41	-	-	-	1	-
SP Mackin 1 2	-	8	8	4	14	57.14	-	-	1	2	-
LN O'Connor 1 2	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	2	-	-

BOWLING															
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	ввм	Ave	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
AM Hardie	1	2	24.4	9	62	8	4/29	8/62	7.75	2.51	18.5	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	5	10	190.4	52	514	27	8/47	11/105	19.03	2.69	42.3	2	1	4	-
C Green	4	7	97.4	21	265	13	6/30	9/42	20.38	2.71	45	1	-	-	-
MP Stoinis	4	6	80	21	252	10	4/73	4/73	25.2	3.15	48	-	-	2	-
JS Paris	4	7	126.3	30	340	13	3/33	6/97	26.15	2.68	58.3	-	-	4	-
LN O'Connor	1	1	38	2	131	5	5/131	5/131	26.2	3.44	45.6	1	-	-	-
HWR Cartwright	10	6	28	2	114	4	2/3	4/31	28.5	4.07	42	-	-	8	-
M Kelly	10	17	313.1	87	856	30	6/67	6/102	28.53	2.73	62.6	2	-	1	-
DJM Moody	7	12	198.3	44	635	17	3/39	4/43	37.35	3.19	70	-	-	3	-
L Guthrie	4	7	96	20	346	9	4/53	4/89	38.44	3.6	64	-	-	3	-
MR Marsh	7	12	149.1	18	526	13	3/21	6/97	40.46	3.52	68.8	-	-	3	-
DJM Short	4	3	14.5	-	85	2	1/11	2/61	42.5	5.73	44.5	-	-	4	-
SP Mackin	1	1	22	-	138	3	3/138	3/138	46	6.27	44	-	-	-	-
Usman Qadir	2	3	45.5	1	237	4	2/77	2/77	59.25	5.17	68.7	-	-	-	-
AC Agar	1	2	15	-	69	1	1/40	1/69	69	4.6	90	-	-	-	-
WG Bosisto	6	9	64	6	193	2	1/24	1/33	96.5	3.01	192	-	-	5	-
BM Hope	1	1	6	-	21	-	-	-	-	3.5	-	-	-	1	-
AJ Turner	6	2	6	1	21	-	-	-	-	3.5	-	-	-	8	-
CT Bancroft	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
JP Inglis	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-
SE Marsh	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
JR Philippe	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
JW Wells	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SM Whiteman	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-



JLT ONE-DAY CUP STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NRR	Points
Western Australia	5	5	-	1.945	23
Tasmania	5	3	2	-0.257	13
South Australia	5	2	3	-0.174	9
Victoria	5	2	3	-0.464	9
New South Wales	5	2	3	-0.484	9
Queensland	5	1	4	-0.322	5

BATTING													
Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
MP Stoinis	4	4	2	181	93*	90.5	110	164.54	-	1	-	14	14
DJM Short	5	5	-	404	257	80.8	292	138.35	1	1	-	34	27
JW Wells	2	2	1	56	43*	56	86	65.11	-	-	-	7	1
JR Philippe	6	6	-	236	65	39.33	196	120.4	-	3	-	29	8
AJ Turner	6	6	1	193	70*	38.6	216	89.35	-	1	-	20	3
C Green	5	4	2	64	27	32	80	80	-	-	-	3	1
JP Inglis	6	6	-	180	64	30	181	99.44	-	2	-	21	-
AC Agar	1	1	-	28	28	28	25	112	-	-	-	2	1
HWR Cartwright	6	6	1	100	44	20	135	74.07	-	-	1	10	-
NM Coulter-Nile	4	1	-	18	18	18	11	163.63	-	-	-	2	1
Usman Qadir	4	2	1	13	7*	13	12	108.33	-	-	-	1	-
M Kelly	1	1	-	12	12	12	21	57.14	-	-	-	1	-
AJ Tye	6	2	-	16	16	8	8	200	-	-	1	-	2
JP Behrendorff	2	1	-	1	1	1	9	11.11	-	-	-	-	-
SM Whiteman	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
JA Richardson	5	2	2	43	29*	-	53	81.13	-	-	-	3	-
JS Paris	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING														
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
JS Paris	2	2	15	2	56	2	2/26	28	3.73	45	-	-	-	-
MP Stoinis	4	1	4	-	15	1	1/15	15	3.75	24	-	-	3	-
AC Agar	1	1	10	-	44	-	-	-	4.4	-	-	-	-	-
NM Coulter-Nile	4	4	40	3	196	9	3/46	21.77	4.9	26.6	-	-	4	-
C Green	5	5	28.4	3	153	4	3/44	38.25	5.33	43	-	-	2	-
AJ Tye	6	6	54.3	-	291	18	6/46	16.16	5.33	18.1	-	1	-	-
JA Richardson	5	5	47.5	2	260	6	2/44	43.33	5.43	47.8	-	-	1	-
JP Behrendorff	2	2	18	-	100	5	3/40	20	5.55	21.6	-	-	-	-
Usman Qadir	4	4	37	1	206	6	3/50	34.33	5.56	37	-	-	2	-
DJM Short	5	4	18.4	-	120	3	2/21	40	6.42	37.3	-	-	3	-
M Kelly	1	1	7	-	47	1	1/47	47	6.71	42	-	-	-	-
HWR Cartwright	6	1	1	-	9	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	3	-
JP Inglis	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	1
JR Philippe	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
AJ Turner	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
JW Wells	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SM Whiteman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-





While we can try and highlight some of the positives, there is no denying that the 2018-19 Scorchers season was an incredibly disappointing one.





For our club, our team, our Members and our fans, who have experienced great success, finishing bottom of the ladder hurts. A lot. It is a pain that we will learn from and it will drive us forward to ensure that we aren't in this position again.

It was a season of transition. A new coach, new captains in Mitch Marsh and Ashton Turner and a new home ground at Optus Stadium. The expectations were high, as they should be, but ultimately, we didn't perform nearly well enough. Optus Stadium is an amazing place to play. Yes, it is different to the WACA Ground and we are still learning how best to play at our new home ground. It will take time, but I have no doubt that we can make it just as intimidating a place to play for our opposition and create a distinct home advantage.

It was a slow start to the season which isn't that uncharacteristic for a Scorchers team, so while first up losses to the Renegades and Sixers on the road were disappointing, there wasn't a sense of panic and a strong bowling performance against the Strikers on Boxing Day in our first home game had us on the board. From there we never managed to create momentum, barring consecutive wins against the Stars in Melbourne and the Sixers at home, we were unable to find consistency in our performances. Four

close losses in the final over of the game were defining, it is something that we have prided ourselves on in the past. The ability to hold our nerve in the close contests and finding a way to win is a huge part of the Scorchers fabric, so it was disappointing not to replicate that in BBL|08. Had we managed to win a couple of those games it may have been a different story. There are always a lot of what if's in a season like ours.

There were good performances along the way. Andrew Tye's 4-18 off 4 overs against the Stars set up a good win in Melbourne. Ashton Turner and Cameron Bancroft's brilliant 98 run partnership helped us chase down 178, with an over to spare, against the Sixers at Optus Stadium. Shaun Marsh's excellent 96 not out, unfortunately was trumped by a Callum Ferguson century in a close loss to the Thunder. Sam Whiteman's counter-attacking 68 off 44 balls against the Hurricanes when we found ourselves in early trouble, helped set a competitive total. The whole bowling performance led by Jhye Richardson's 3-7, to dismiss the Strikers for 88, set up our Boxing Day victory.

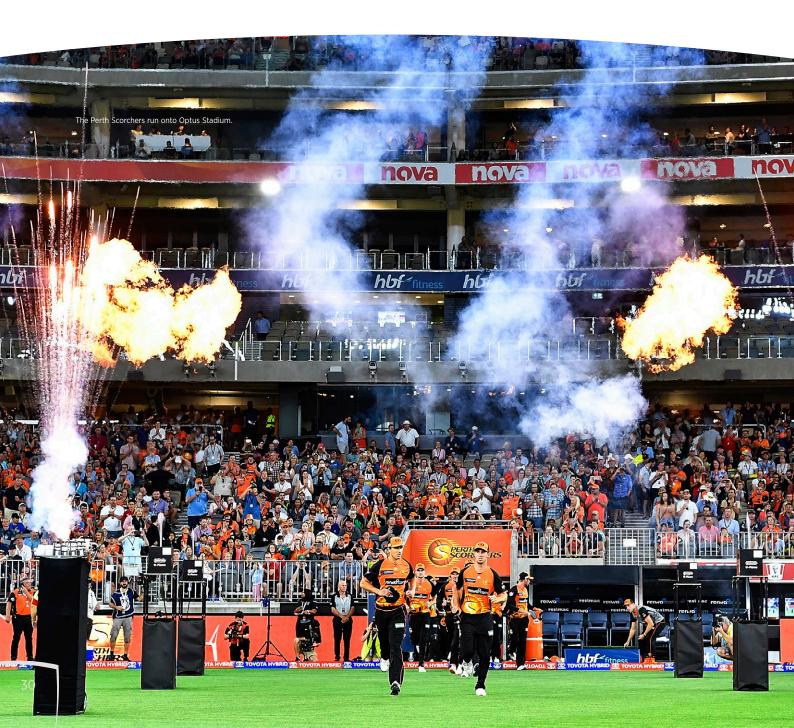
We also saw several local debutants this season with Aaron Hardie, Cameron Green, Nick Hobson, Clint Hinchliffe and Sean Terry all playing their first game for the Scorchers. It was good to see a few cameos from these players which will hopefully bode well for the future.

This season Michael Klinger announced that this would be his last for the Scorchers. 'Maxy' as he is more affectionately known, finishes as the highest run scorer in BBL history. His 1947 runs are more than anyone ever and while it is a record that will be surpassed in time, it is fitting that he bows out on top. Maxy has been a huge part of Scorchers success over the years, his hundred against the Renegades on Boxing Day in BBL|04 was all class, while who could forget him hitting Johan Botha back over his head to win the BBL|06 title against the Sixers in front of our adoring Members and fans at the WACA Ground. That was special.

Always the team man, Maxy was reluctant to the idea of a farewell game once he had announced his retirement. We had spoken about having one last hoorah in a café in Brisbane during an away trip, Maxy declined. However, as fate would have it, Shaun Marsh's misfortune with a hamstring injury that night meant that we needed an opening batsman for our home game against the Stars. It was brilliant to see 20,000 Scorchers fans send Maxy off with a standing ovation. In what was a very tough season, for the boys to win that game was a special way to finish. We wish Maxy, Cindy and the family all the very best in their next chapter.

Overall when I reflect, it's the years where things don't go to plan that you learn the most. We need to take the hard lessons we have learnt this season and apply them to make sure we get back to where we need to be. Good teams can have bad years, it's now about how we bounce back from those disappointments. I know everyone at the club will be working hard to turn things around. We have unbelievably loyal Members and fans and we look forward to seeing all of you in orange next season.

Adam Voges



KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE RESULTS

Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 103 (19.0) DEF BY Melbourne Renegades 6-107 (15.2). Renegades win by 4 wickets Klinger 28 Behrendorff 2-17.

Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 8-147 (20.0) DEF BY Sydney Sixers 4-164. Sixers win by 17 runs. Cartwright 53 Behrendorff 2-28.

Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Perth Scorchers 3-92 (18.0) DEF Adelaide Strikers 88 (17.2). Scorchers win by 7 wickets. Bosisto 36* Richardson 3-7 Tye 2-9.

Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 8-107 (20.0) DEF BY Hobart Hurricanes 4-110 (17.3). Hurricanes win by 6 wickets. Agar 32 & (2-19).

Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 5-141 (20.0) DEF BY Sydney Thunder 6-142 (20.0) . Thunder win by 1 run. Turner 60* Agar 2-27.

Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Perth Scorchers 6-135 (20.0) DEF BY Brisbane Heat 5-139 (18.2). Heat win by 5 wickets. Turner 47 Coulter-Nile 3-25.

Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 4-147 (17.4) DEF Melbourne Stars 6-146 (20.0). Scorchers win by 6 wickets. Bancroft 59 Tye 4-19.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Perth Scorchers 3-178 (18.5) DEF Sydney Sixers 5-177 (20.0). Scorchers win by 7 wickets. Bancroft 87* Turner 60 Kelly 2-32.

Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Perth Scorchers 9-177 (20.0) DEF BY Hobart Hurricanes 6-178 (19.3). Hurricanes win by 4 wickets. Whiteman 68 Hardie 2-25.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Perth Scorchers 4-181 (20.0) DEF BY Sydney Thunder 4-182 (19.2). Thunder win by 6 wickets. S. Marsh 96*.

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 79 (16.0) DEF BY Melbourne Renegades 5-157 (20.0). Renegades win by 78 runs. Hobson 19 Kelly 2-30.

Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

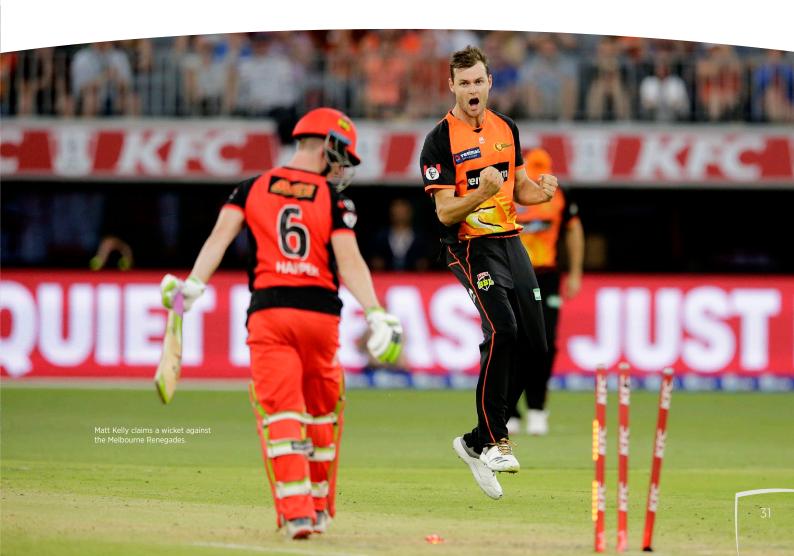
Perth Scorchers 9-128 (20.0) DEF BY Brisbane Heat 4-130 (17.3). Heat win by 6 wickets. Hobson 43 Kelly 2-27.

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

Perth Scorchers 3-182 (20.0) DEF Melbourne Stars 9-155 (20.0). Scorchers win by 27 runs. Turner 69 Klinger 30 Coulter-Nile 3-30 Kelly 3-31.

Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 6-174 (20.0) DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 5-175 (19.2). Strikers win by 5 wickets. Inglis 55 M. Marsh 50* Coulter-Nile 2-28.





KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NR	NRR	Points	
Hobart Hurricanes	14	10	4	-	+0.603	20	
Melbourne Renegades	14	8	6	-	+0.173	16	
Sydney Sixers	14	8	6	-	+0.047	16	
Melbourne Stars	14	7	7	-	-0.062	14	
Brisbane Heat	14	6	7	1	+0.249	13	
Sydney Thunder	14	6	7	1		13	
Adelaide Strikers	14	6	8	-	-0.473	12	
Perth Scorchers	14	4	10	-	-0.502	8	

BATTING													
Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
SE Marsh	3	3	1	98	96*	49	64	153.12	-	1	1	5	5
CT Bancroft	11	11	2	298	87*	33.11	239	124.68	-	2	1	20	9
AJ Turner	14	14	2	378	69	31.5	285	132.63	-	3	1	28	12
NR Hobson	5	4	1	86	43	28.66	74	116.21	-	-	-	5	3
JP Inglis	4	4	-	112	55	28	85	131.76	-	1	-	12	4
SM Whiteman	4	4	-	98	68	24.5	71	138.02	-	1	1	10	4
MR Marsh	7	7	2	122	50*	24.4	119	102.52	-	1	-	12	2
WG Bosisto	7	7	4	65	36*	21.66	65	100	-	-	1	5	-
NM Coulter-Nile	13	7	2	102	31*	20.4	62	164.51	-	-	-	5	8
HWR Cartwright	11	11	2	163	53	18.11	159	102.51	-	1	1	11	3
M Klinger	10	10	-	145	30	14.5	169	85.79	-	-	1	14	-
CD Hinchliffe	3	2	1	12	9	12	17	70.58	-	-	-	-	-
M Kelly	7	3	1	20	18*	10	14	142.85	-	-	1	1	1
AC Agar	7	6	-	58	32	9.66	73	79.45	-	-	1	3	-
AJ Tye	14	5	1	36	25	9	27	133.33	-	-	1	3	2
Usman Qadir	7	4	3	9	5	9	19	47.36	-	-	-	-	-
AM Hardie	2	1	-	8	8	8	7	114.28	-	-	-	1	-
DJ Willey	7	4	-	29	12	7.25	44	65.9	-	-	-	2	-
SP Terry	1	1	-	4	4	4	5	80	-	-	-	-	-
JP Behrendorff	11	3	1	7	3*	3.5	12	58.33	-	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	5	2	2	20	15*	-	15	133.33	-	-	-	2	-
C Green	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING														
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AWG Bosisto	7	2	3	-	16	-	-	-	5.33	-	-	-	1	-
JP Behrendorff	11	11	40.2	1	252	9	2/16	28	6.24	26.8	-	-	5	-
JA Richardson	5	5	19	1	123	7	3/7	17.57	6.47	16.2	-	-	-	-
AC Agar	7	6	20	-	138	5	2/19	27.6	6.9	24	-	-	4	-
AJ Turner	14	1	1	-	7	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	4	-
NM Coulter-Nile	13	13	51	-	380	14	3/25	27.14	7.45	21.8	-	-	6	-
DJ Willey	7	6	13	-	99	2	1/21	49.5	7.61	39	-	-	2	-
M Kelly	7	7	27	-	209	11	3/31	19	7.74	14.7	-	-	2	-
CD Hinchliffe	3	3	8	-	62	1	1/21	62	7.75	48	-	-	-	-
Usman Qadir	7	7	24	-	203	6	1/25	33.83	8.45	24	-	-	1	-
AJ Tye	14	14	45.5	1	390	17	4/18	22.94	8.5	16.1	1	-	5	-
AM Hardie	2	2	4	-	38	2	2/25	19	9.5	12	-	-	-	-
C Green	1	1	2	-	21	-	-	-	10.5	-	-	-	1	-
MR Marsh	7	4	6	-	65	1	1/26	65	10.83	36	-	-	5	-
CT Bancroft	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
HWR Cartwright	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
NR Hobson	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
JP Inglis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
M Klinger	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
SE Marsh	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SP Terry	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SM Whiteman	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-







The Western Fury held high expectations for the 2018-19 season after reaching the Women's National Cricket League final the season prior.





Our campaign began with a leadership change, local product Chloe Piparo was named captain after Elyse Villani returned home to Victoria. Entering her sixth season Piparo managed the playing group very well and led from the front on and off the field.

After a long pre-season which consisted of weekly training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights, as well as individual one on one sessions, the squad was looking great. I was looking forward to the team implementing what they had been working hard on throughout the pre-season.

We had some exciting players making their Fury debuts; New Zealand international Sophie Devine provided some welcomed experience for our first couple of games, Amy Edgar and Kath Hempenstall also made their debut, two exciting players who contributed well throughout the season. English international Kate Cross was back for her second season in the yellow and black and bowled solidly throughout the season.

Our campaign began at home with games against Victoria and South Australia at Murdoch University. The opening match produced our first win, a brilliant performance against a star-studded Victorian side who boasted the likes of Meg Lanning and Villani. Batting first we posted a solid score of 270, with Sophie Devine (53), Heather Graham (60) and Mathilda Carmichael (50) all reaching half centuries. Taneale Peschel led the charge with the ball by picking up three wickets including the big wicket

of Lanning. Devine, Emma King and Graham all took two wickets each as we bowled Victoria out for 224.

Our confidence was high entering our second match. We sent South Australia into bat, which saw them post a very competitive 8-254. King picked up four wickets from her 10 overs, while Graham claimed another two wickets. Unfortunately, we fell 49 runs short despite Graham top scoring with 70 runs. What would be a familiar theme for the summer, we finished our first weekend of matches with one win and one loss.

We had to wait six weeks before our next two games, a grand final rematch against New South Wales before heading to the nation's capital to take on ACT. We took a young squad over east, with Nicole Bolton and Sophie Devine unavailable due to international duties.

We were looking for a bit of revenge against the highly fancied NSW after last season's final. Our depth was tested, and the challenge provided a great opportunity for our young squad. Batting first, skipper Piparo (64) led the charge before our talented all-rounder Heather Graham had an innings she'll never forget. Graham scored her first century for WA, and then etched her name in the record books by becoming the first player in WNCL history to score a century and take three wickets in a match. Graham's 3-14 from her 10 overs, which included five maidens, helped guide us to a very memorable 32 run victory over the reigning champions..

After a very quick celebration of a great win, we headed down to Canberra to play the ACT Meteors. With two wins

from three games we were nicely placed at the top end of the table. Manuka Oval was looking fantastic, the home side won the toss and elected to bat first, eventually scoring 253 off their 50 overs. Heather Graham backing up again with the ball by taking three wickets, while Kath Hempenstall produced brilliant figures of 3-15. We started well with the bat, Bhavi Devchand (57) and Heather Graham (52) made good contributions, but we couldn't develop a good partnership and lost key wickets at crucial times. We were bowled out in the 48th over for 220. A disappointing result following our great win over NSW.

Our final matches of the WNCL competition were upon us quickly after the conclusion of the WBBL. On the plane again, this time to Melbourne for two must-win games if we were going to compete in the final again this season.

With Bolton and Devine still missing, our young squad would be tested once again. Our first match against Tasmanian started well. Restricting the Roar to 242 from their 50 overs. Hempenstall again picked up three wickets while King and Cross chimed in with two wickets each. Unfortunately, we couldn't complete the job with the bat. Chloe Piparo (32) and Amy Edgar (67) were the only ones to trouble the Tasmanian bowlers, a consistent loss of wickets meant that we were bowled out for 164 runs in the 44th over. A disappointing result for the team and with that loss our finals hopes looked over. We were relying on other teams to win and results going our way, as well as nothing less than a victory in our final game against Queensland to sneak into the big dance.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, unfortunately, we didn't leave our best performance to last and we were bowled out for 100 runs. The bowlers were left with a hard task of defending a low total, but Queensland finished inevitable quickly, chasing down our total in the 16th over.

Although it was not the end to the WNCL campaign we were striving for, the Fury side showed promising signs at times. I thought we would win a few more games this season, we showed that we can beat quality teams by our wins against Victoria and New South Wales, but struggled to back up those performances which was frustrating.

Having said that, we had some good individual performances from Heather Graham who enjoyed a breakout season and was rewarded with Australian selection. Emma King once again proved to be a consistent performer with the ball. Our new captain Chloe Piparo did a fantastic job and continued to grow in confidence with each game, and I have no doubt she will continue to drive the team forward on and off the field

I am quite realistic about where this young group is at and it's going to take time to develop the consistency we need when our International players are away. We will take the good bits out of the season and continue to work hard on improving the areas we need to and hit the ground running for next season.

Thank you again to all the support staff for their hard work throughout the 2018-19 season, as well as the Board for their continued support of the Female program.

Lisa Keightley

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE RESULTS

WA v VIC - Western Fury 270 (49.0) DEF Victoria Women 224 (47.1). Western Fury win by 46 runs. Graham (60) Peschel 3-38.

WA v SA - Western Fury 205 (45.4) DEF BY South Australia Women 8-254 (50.0). SA Scorpions win by 49 runs. Graham (70) King 4-48.

NSW v WA - Western Fury 213 (46.2) DEF New South Wales Women 9-181 (50.0). Western Fury win by 32 Runs. Graham 101 & 3-14.

ACT v WA - Western Fury 220 (48.4) DEF BY ACT Women 253 (50.0) . ACT Meteors win by 33 runs. Devchand 57 Graham 52 & 3-42 Hempenstall 3-15.

TAS v WA - Western Fury 164 (44.1) DEF BY Tasmania Women 9-242 (50.0). Tasmania Tigers Women win by 78 runs. Edgar 67 Hempenstall 3-39.

QLD v WA - Western Fury 100 (37.5) DEF BY Queensland Women 2-101 (16.0). Queensland Fire win by 8 wickets. Devchand 33.





WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NRR	BP	Points
New South Wales	6	4	2	+1.455	6	22
Queensland	6	4	2	1.083	3	19
Tasmania	6	4	2	-0.139	2	18
ACT Meteors	6	3	3	-0.199	-	12
Victoria	6	2	4	-0.403	1	9
Western Australia	6	2	4	-0.811	-	8
South Australia	6	2	4	-1.005	-	7

BATTING													
Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
H Graham	6	6	-	294	101	49	389	75.57	1	3	-	32	1
SFM Devine	2	2	-	79	53	39.5	67	117.91	-	1	-	9	2
C Piparo	6	6	-	152	64	25.33	234	64.95	-	1	1	18	-
NE Bolton	2	2	-	45	39	22.5	59	76.27	-	-	-	6	-
BM Devchand	6	6	-	116	57	19.33	161	72.04	-	1	1	14	-
A Edgar	6	6	-	114	67	19	231	49.35	-	1	1	10	1
M Carmichael	6	6	-	85	50	14.16	114	74.56	-	1	1	8	-
KL Cross	4	4	-	56	46	14	61	91.8	-	-	-	10	-
EL King	6	6	2	41	27	10.25	55	74.54	-	-	1	5	-
P Cleary	6	6	2	32	19	8	77	41.55	-	-	1	2	-
KM Hempenstall	4	4	-	29	19	7.25	90	32.22	-	-	-	3	-
T Peschel	6	6	2	27	13	6.75	48	56.25	-	-	1	4	-
M Banting	6	6	-	19	6	3.16	51	37.25	-	-	1	3	-

BOWLING														
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
EL King	6	6	55	2	218	12	4/48	18.16	3.96	27.5	1	-	1	-
KL Cross	4	4	35	1	140	5	2/33	28	4	42	-	-	3	-
SFM Devine	2	2	17.1	1	72	2	2/34	36	4.19	51.5	-	-	1	-
H Graham	6	6	52	7	220	11	3/14	20	4.23	28.3	-	-	1	-
BM Devchand	6	3	15	-	69	1	1/33	69	4.6	90	-	-	1	-
KM Hempenstall	4	3	11	1	60	6	3/15	10	5.45	11	-	-	-	-
P Cleary	6	6	45	-	249	2	1/43	124.5	5.53	135	-	-	3	-
T Peschel	6	6	27	2	157	4	3/38	39.25	5.81	40.5	-	-	-	-
NE Bolton	2	2	6	2	38	-	-	-	6.33	-	-	-	2	-
M Banting	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
M Carmichael	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
A Edgar	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
C Piparo	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-





Our final two matches of WBBL|04 produced a thrilling finale for the remaining spot in the finals. The Scorchers, Strikers and Renegades all vying for fourth place on the ladder.





The rebel Women's Big Bash League 2018-19 season saw three new signings for us, English Internationals Kate Cross and Amy Jones, returning to Perth after playing for the Western Fury a few seasons ago and Victorian fast bowler Hayleigh Brennan, a talented seamer who came from the Melbourne Stars.

The season didn't start the way fast bowler Piepa Cleary would have liked, fracturing and dislocating her thumb during a practice match two days before the season started.

We kicked off the campaign in Melbourne with Australian captain Meg Lanning lining up for her first game in orange, alongside fellow Aussie representatives Elyse Villani and Nicole Bolton. The trio were back playing again just days after they returned home from their WT20 triumph in the West Indies.

It was an exciting start to the competition, as Elyse Villani helped us to a six-wicket victory over the Hobart Hurricanes in our opening game of the season. Top-scoring with 58, Villani was the backbone of the innings, and was brilliantly backed up by experienced campaigner Lauren Ebsary (40 not out) and local product Chloe Piparo (26 not out) who secured the thrilling first up win.

Amy Jones was available for her first game against the Sydney Sixers at North Sydney Oval, the 26-year-old got her career in orange off to a flyer, smacking 57 runs as we

set the hosts 167 to win. A century to Sixers captain Elyse Perry proved unstoppable, with the home side handing us our first loss of the season. Game three followed the day after, with the Brisbane Heat proving far to clinical making sure we didn't gain any momentum. It wasn't the start to the season we had hoped for, one win and two losses.

Next up, Melbourne Stars and we produced a clinical win thanks to some great performances from the bowlers and top order bats Villani, Bolton and Heather Graham. A trend that became our Achilles heel for the season reared its head, a disappointing effort in our next game following a quick turnaround, meant we dropped a crucial game.

The final phase of a gruelling road trip, a journey to Hobart where we played out one of the most memorable games I have been a part of. A super over win, thanks to some late Heather Graham heroics helped us to a famous victory against the Hurricanes. The long trip home back to Perth was made a little easier after a great win, and we moved back into the top four.

Back at the WACA Ground we hosted the Melbourne Renegades, the visitors stunned us with a brilliant performance with the ball to win the first game. We bounced back the following day, skipper Meg Lanning led from the front and produced a devastating knock of 75 to see us claim our fourth win of the season. Heather Graham continued her great form with the ball, and in the win over the Renegades the talented all-rounder moved past veteran England international Katherine Brunt as the

all-time leading wicket taker for the Scorchers women. Despite being four and four, we moved to within one win of top spot at the half way mark of the season.

Then we had the double headers at Optus Stadium on Boxing Day, following the men's match. It was a great atmosphere, and the fans were treated to a brilliant contest against the Brisbane Heat. Unfortunately, the eventual champions showed their class and handed us our fifth loss of the season.

Heading towards the pointy end of the campaign, it was the perfect time for us to head to our beloved Lilac Hill and showcase our skills in front of nearly 6000 die hard supporters. Two amazing wins against the Sydney Thunder.

Lanning hit her third consecutive score in the 70's and Piepa Cleary's successful return from a thumb injury set up our first victory of the weekend. More heroics with the ball from Heather Graham snatched an unlikely win from the Thunder's grasp, to see us secure back-to-back wins for the first time in a long time.

After a week off, it was the star-studded Sydney Sixers up next at Lilac Hill. Despite a hamstring injury to Elyse Villani, Lanning stood up and produced another score in the 70's. But it wasn't enough as Elyse Perry's side chalked up another win.

Our final two matches of WBBL|04 produced a thrilling finale for the remaining spot in the finals. The Scorchers, Strikers and Renegades all vying for fourth place on the ladder.

We jetted off to the red centre, Alice Springs, and were greeted to sweltering 45-degree heat. Unfortunately, the Strikers proved too good in our first clash of the weekend and the loss meant we couldn't make finals for the first time. Our final match of the season quickly turned into a send-off match for one of the game's greatest servants, Lauren Ebsary, affectionately known as 'Beeper'. Meg Lanning and Amy Jones smashed 70 runs each to send her out a 10-wicket victor in her final game.

It was a frustrating season. We battled injuries, inconsistent form and fell agonisingly short in some matches we would normally win. The team hold high expectations as do the coaches. I'm confident we will bounce back this season. Having a standalone competition this year is a huge achievement for the sport and shows how far we have come in such a short space of time. I'm looking forward to helping this group get back to finals, and hopefully claim that illusive first title.

Lisa Keightley

REBEL WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE

Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Perth Scorchers 4-147 (19.3) DEF Hobart Hurricanes 7-143 (20.0). Scorchers win by 6 wickets. Villani 58 Graham (3-25).

Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 9-167 (20.0) DEF BY Sydney Sixers 4-171 (18.4). Sixers win by 6 wickets. Jones 57 Graham (2-33).

Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 8-103 (20.0) DEF BY Brisbane Heat 3-104 (12.5). Heat win by 7 wickets. Villani 45 Cross 2-26.

Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 2-125 (19.0) DEF Melbourne Stars 9-124 (20.0). Scorchers win by 8 wickets. Villani 52* Graham 39* & (2-26).

Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 7-90 (20.0) DEF BY Melbourne Stars 6-91 (15.3). Stars win by 4 wickets. Bolton 36 Jensen 2-16.

Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 6- 173 (20.0) & 0-16 (1.0) DEF Hobart Hurricanes 7-173 (20.0) & 2-10 (1.0). Scorchers win in super over. Graham 44* Bolton 3-20.

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 6-122 (20.0) DEF BY Melbourne Renegades 6-123 (17.1). Renegades win by 4 wickets. Graham 42 & 2-22 Bolton 3-28.

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 2-172 (20.0) DEF Melbourne Renegades 6-157 (20.0). Scorchers win by 15 runs. Lanning 75 Graham 2-32.

Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Perth Scorchers 5-136 (20.0) DEF BY Brisbane Heat 5-139 (19.2). Heat win by 5 wickets. Lanning 70 Bolton 2-12.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Perth Scorchers 4-180 (19.5) DEF Sydney Thunder 5-179 (20.0). Scorchers win by 6 wickets. Lanning 76 Villani 66* Cleary 2-28.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Perth Scorchers 7-127 (20.0) DEF Sydney Thunder 5-124 (20.0). Scorchers win by 3 runs. Bolton 50 & (2-26) Graham 2-8.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Perth Scorchers 151 (19.4) DEF BY Sydney Sixers 2-183 (20.0). Sixers win by 32 runs. Lanning 76.

Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 108 (18.3) DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 7-138 (20.0). Strikers win by 30 runs. Ebsary 38 Graham 2-25.

Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Perth Scorchers 0-144 (16.4) DEF Adelaide Strikers 6-140 (20.0). Scorchers win by 10 wickets. Lanning 70* Jones 70* King 2-19.



REBEL WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NR	NRR	Points	
Sydney Sixers	14	10	4	-	0.509	20	
Sydney Thunder	14	9	4	1	0.479	19	
Brisbane Heat	14	9	5	-	1.118	18	
Melbourne Renegades	14	7	6	1	-0.079	15	
Perth Scorchers	14	7	7	-	-0.476	14	
Adelaide Strikers	14	5	8	1	-0.336	11	
Melbourne Stars	14	5	8	1	-0.905	11	
Hobart Hurricanes	14	2	12	-	-0.364	4	

BATTING													
Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	-	4s	6s
MM Lanning	9	9	1	389	76	48.62	283	137.45	-	5	-	45	8
EJ Villani	11	11	2	403	66*	44.77	357	112.88	-	4	-	52	-
LK Ebsary	14	11	3	185	40*	23.12	170	108.82	-	-	1	14	4
AE Jones	13	13	2	240	70*	21.81	203	118.22	-	2	-	28	6
M Carmichael	3	2	1	20	19	20	18	111.11	-	-	-	1	-
NE Bolton	11	11	1	192	50	19.2	187	102.67	-	1	1	17	2
H Graham	14	12	2	161	44*	16.1	184	87.5	-	-	2	14	-
C Piparo	14	9	3	93	26*	15.5	91	102.19	-	-	-	11	1
HM Brennan	9	3	2	11	7*	11	11	100	-	-	-	1	-
KL Cross	14	9	2	70	20	10	64	109.37	-	-	-	5	1
HNK Jensen	6	4	1	30	12*	10	31	96.77	-	-	-	2	-
BM Devchand	4	3	1	17	8*	8.5	22	77.27	-	-	-	-	-
EL King	14	2	1	8	5	8	11	72.72	-	-	-	-	-
T Peschel	13	3	1	11	6	5.5	14	78.57	-	-	-	-	-
P Cleary	4	2	1	-	0*	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
EJ Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING														
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
NE Bolton	11	10	33	-	224	12	3/20	18.66	6.78	16.5	-	-	3	-
EL King	14	14	42.3	-	300	8	2/12	37.5	7.05	31.8	-	-	2	-
KL Cross	14	14	49.2	-	360	6	2/26	60	7.29	49.3	-	-	7	-
H Graham	14	14	50.4	1	373	22	3/25	16.95	7.36	13.8	-	-	6	-
T Peschel	13	13	33	-	251	9	2/19	27.88	7.6	22	-	-	1	-
HNK Jensen	6	6	23	-	183	8	2/16	22.87	7.95	17.2	-	-	1	-
HM Brennan	9	9	14	-	114	1	1/19	114	8.14	84	-	-	1	-
P Cleary	4	4	13	-	111	4	2/28	27.75	8.53	19.5	-	-	-	-
BM Devchand	4	4	5	-	48	1	1/15	48	9.6	30	-	-	1	-
M Carmichael	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
LK Ebsary	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
AE Jones	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
MM Lanning	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
C Piparo	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
EJ Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EJ Villani	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-



Claremont-Nedlands have once again dominated the Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket First Grade Competition, winning the One-Day and Two-Day premierships for the second year running.



The Tigers cruised to a seven wicket win over Willetton in the One-Day League final. Willetton were restricted to 176 thanks to some superb bowling from all-rounder Brad Hope with figures of 5-28. Claremont-Nedlands' batter Nick Hobson was the star with the willow, scoring 73 not out as the Tigers eased to victory with seven wickets to spare.

They then went back-to-back in the prestigious A-Grade competition, with another seven-wicket victory, this time over Rockingham-Mandurah. The Tigers quicks proved a class above with Matt Kelly taking 4-40 as they restricted the Mariners to 148. Claremont openers Jim Allenby (66) and Jacob Whiteaker (54*) combined for a 111-run opening stand to put the contest to bed and earning the Tigers their 20th First Grade flag.

Melville were crowned T20 Premiers, defeating Subiaco Floreat by eight wickets at the WACA Ground. Cameron Green piled on 66 runs which helped the Lions set the Storm a target of 142 for victory. But it wasn't enough as Melville easily chased it down with eight wickets in hand, thanks to 51 not out from Fraser Hay and 44 not out from Sean Terry.

Rockingham-Mandurah skipper Craig Simmons claimed his second Olly Cooley Medal with 16 votes. The big hitting left-arm orthodox spinner took 53 wickets at 14.30 as well as whacking three half centuries.

In Female Premier Cricket, Subiaco-Floreat were crowned A-Grade One Day Premiers, while Melville claimed back-to-back T20 flags.

A star studded Subiaco-Floreat side flexed their muscles as they restricted Midland-Guildford to 9-140 in the One Day final. Scorchers stars Heather Graham (3-21) and Emma King (2-20) doing the damage with the ball. Nicole Bolton led the Lions charge with the bat, whacking 84 not out as her side cruised to victory with seven wickets to spare.

The T20 final proved to be a classic between Melville and Subiaco-Floreat. Melville's Mathilda Carmichael's 72 helped guide her side to 6-110, despite some economical bowling from Subiaco-Floreat star Heather Graham (2-8). Melville's bowlers proved they could be just as efficient with the ball, Amy Edgar (2-8) and Melissa Bownes (2-9) put on a clinic to restrict the Lions to 7-75 and secure Melville's second straight T20 premiership.

Subiaco-Floreat's wicketkeeper-batter Megan Banting was crowned Karen Read medallist after a stellar season, the 23-year-old polled 22 votes.

In the lower grades Melville women won the B-Grade One Day and T20 premierships.

Perth claimed the Second and Third Grade flags, Joondalup crowned Fourth Grade premiers, and Subiaco Floreat took out the Colts final.

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. Craig Simmons (Rockingham-Mandurah) 16
- 2. Brad Hope (Claremont-Nedlands) 15
- 3. James Bracey (Rockingham-Mandurah) 14
- 4. Josh Nicholas (Perth) 13

WADCC TEAM OF THE YEAR

Jake Carder (Fremantle), Travis Birt (Wanneroo), Brad Hope (Claremont-Nedlands), James Bracey (Rockingham Mandurah), Christopher Sabburg (University), Craig Simmons (Rockingham-Mandurah - Captain), Andrew Bottega (Mount Lawley - WK), Josh Nicholas (Perth), Jack Cattrall (Wanneroo), Corey Rocchiccioli (University), Liam Stevens (Scarborough), Chris Prescott (Gosnells).

KAREN READ MEDAL VOTING

- 1. Megan Banting (Subiaco-Floreat) 22
- 2. Bhavish Devchand (Midland-Guildford) 15
- 3. Mathilda Carmichael (Melville) 13
- 4. Amy Edgar (Melville), Rebecca West (Melville), Emma King (Subiaco-Floreat) 11

FEMALE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Megan Banting (Subiaco-Floreat), Emily Johnston (Subiaco-Floreat), Mathilda Carmichael (Melville - Captain), Molly Heally (South Perth), Jess Row (Melville), Kayla Van Spall (Rockingham-Mandurah), Annelies Gevers (Midland-Guildford - WK), Bhavisha Devchand (Midland-Guildford), Heather Graham (Subiaco-Floreat), Evelyn Brock (Subiaco-Floreat), Melissa Bownes (Melville), Sue Gray (Midland-Guildford).

Full list of awards

Batting Average: Brad Hope (Claremont-Nedlands)

808 runs at 73.45

Batting Aggregate: Brad Hope (Claremont-Nedlands)

808 runs at 73.45

Bowling Average: Jack Cattrall (Wanneroo) 36 wickets

at 11.78

Bowling Aggregate: Craig Simmons

(Rockingham-Mandurah) 53 wickets at 14.30 **Male Spirit of Cricket Award:** Fremantle

Club Championship: Perth

Senior Coach of the Year: Jason Thompson (Perth)
Allan Edwards Trophy: Aaron Hardie (Willetton)
JP Robbins Medal: Ryan Done (Rockingham-Mandurah)
Albert Ritchings Medal: Dayne Ferry (Bayswater-Morley)

Alan Mackley Medal: Brett McGlade (Joondalup)

Best 1st Grade Umpire: Matthew Halls Best 2nd Grade Umpire: Mervyn Rudrum Best 3rd Grade Umpire: Graham Zemunik Best 4th Grade Umpire: Nathan Gilders

Media Guild Award - Rising Star Award: Brad Hope

(Claremont-Nedlands)

Media Guild Award - Under 19 Player of the Year:

Connor Smith (Perth)

Media Guild Award - Under 17 Player of the Year:

Jayden Goodwin

Roy Abbott Best Pitch Award: Floreat Park Oval Most Improved Pitch Award: Iluka Sports Complex 1 Premier Club Administrator of the Year: Stuart McKenzie

(Subiaco-Floreat)

One Day League Premiers: Claremont-Nedlands

Premier T20 Premiers: Melville 2nd Grade Premiers: Perth 3rd Grade Premiers: Perth 4th Grade Premiers: Joondalup Colts Premiers: Subiaco-Floreat

Full list of awards

A Grade 50 Over Batting Aggregate:

Megan Banting (Subiaco-Floreat)

A Grade 50 Over Bowling Aggregate:

Bhavisha Devchand (Midland-Guildford)

A Grade 50 Over Champion Player: Bhavisha Devchand (Midland-Guildford)

A Grade T20 Batting Aggregate:

Megan Banting (Subiaco-Floreat)

A Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate:

Melissa Bownes (Melville) & Beth Wimbush (University) **A Grade T20 Champion Player:** Beth Wimbush (University)

Female Champion Club: Melville Female Coach of the Year: James Sansalone (Subiaco-Floreat)

B Grade 40 Over Batting Aggregate: Emily Johnston (Subiaco-Floreat)

B Grade 40 Over Bowling Aggregate:

Sue Gray (Midland-Guildford)

B Grade 40 Over Champion Player:

Sue Gray (Midland-Guildford)

B Grade T20 Batting Aggregate: Sinead Kirsten (University)
B Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate: Alana Jones (Melville)
B Grade T20 Champion Player: Sinead Kirsten (University)

A Grade T20 Premiers: Melville

A Grade One Day Premiers: Subiaco-Floreat

B Grade T20 Premiers: Melville B Grade One Day Premiers: Melville



The depth of cricket talent in Western Australia was on show once again in season 2018-19, as three rising stars made their debuts in the states JLT Sheffield Shield side.

MALE

It was a mixed season for the Toyota Futures League side. Western Australia went undefeated in the T20 competition but struggled for consistency in the four-day competition, producing one win from five games.

Brad Hope and Jonathon Wells led the way with the bat, scoring 372 and 371 runs respectively. Lance Morris and Josh Nicholas did the damage with the ball as they both returned 21 wickets each from their campaign.

Aaron Hardie, who scored a century, Hope and O'Connor were rewarded for their strong performances with debuts for the Warriors in their Sheffield Shield campaign.

Sean Terry and Nick Hobson were the next to earn debuts, the pair donning the Scorchers colours for the first time in the second half of the BBL season.

The under 19's finished seventh overall at the National Championships in Adelaide. Eric Botha (11 wickets) and James Pike (10 wickets) led the attack for WA.

Connor Smith finished as the competition's fourth highest run scorer with 360 runs, while Damien Burrage, Ewan Neilson and Pike were named in the Australian under 19 squad following their strong performances.

The under 17s enjoyed a great tournament, reaching the semi-finals to finish fourth overall. Young gun Jayden Goodwin was the star of the tournament with the bat, scoring a competition high 476 runs, which included a

century and four half centuries. He was backed up by Brodee Foster with the ball who took 11 wickets at an average of 24.2.

Despite winning four matches and losing just two, the under 15's ended their tournament on the Sunshine Coast seventh. Teague Wylie was in the top five leading run scorers with 235 runs, while leg spinner Luke Holt was in the top five wicket takers with 10. Wylie and Holt were rewarded for their efforts with selection in the Cricket Australia under 16 squad.

FEMALE

The Under 18's Female National Championships were played in extremely hot conditions in the country Victorian towns of Bendigo and Ballarat.

The Western Australian team showed some encouraging improvement from the previous year, with victories in two T20 matches, as well as falling agonisingly short of a third win, a one run loss on the last ball of the match against South Australia.

Georgia Platten was WA's leading run scorer for the tournament, amassing 140 runs and Ashlee King was just as good scoring 134 runs.

King was just as emphatic with the ball, claiming 13 wickets. Newcomer Charlotte Cooke proved she will be one to watch in years to come taking 12 wickets.



WA Women's team youngster Molly Healy was selected to play in the Cricket Australia XI during the tournament. Healy contributed 101 runs, two wickets and took nine catches for her side.

Impressively, Millie Monaghan, Georgie Ireland and Molly Healy were the top three ranked fielders for the entire tournament.

This year's under 15's Female National Championships were held in Canberra.

Lauren Thompson, in her last year in the under 15's, once again proved she is a player to watch. Her 192 runs placed her in the top 10 batters for the tournament.

Not far behind were Poppy Stockwell with 189 runs (ranked 11th) and Chloe Ainsworth with 171 runs (12th ranked).

Having three WA players in the top 12 batters is a very encouraging sign for the future.

Bowling wise, WA's best was Tyler Jones claiming an impressive 11 wickets at an average of 13.18. This put her in the top four bowlers from all states.

WA's improvement from the previous year was noticeable, this time with two victories, one of these being a 112-run win against Tasmania. Like the under 18's, our under 15's also had a thrilling last ball loss, but against Victoria Metro.

Poppy Stockwell and Chloe Ainsworth caught the attention of the national selectors, with both being rewarded with selection to the under 15's Talent Camp to be held in October 2019.

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U17	MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS	
2 3 4 4	ACT/NSW Country Western Australia South Australia Victoria Country Northern Territory	29 18 10 13
	FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS - POOL B)	
2 3 3 4 0	NSW Metro Victoria Country South Australia Cricket Australia XI Western Australia	12 8 8 6
U18	FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS	
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Cricket in Western Australia is continuing to become a sport for all, with participation rates on the rise once again in 2019-20.

The biggest area of growth in numbers came from women and girls as well as those with a disability. An increased focus on growing cricket for women and girls by clubs and associations helped produce a 29% increase in junior girls' teams across the State, with more than a third of all WA participation being female.

Participation in schools also saw sustained growth, with 60% of WA schools delivering cricket programs to nearly 140,000 students.

The WACA again worked closely with clubs and associations to offer new and exciting Woolworths Cricket Blast programs, which resulted in more than 6,500 kids participating in more than 250 programs across WA.

WA's community cricket volunteers cleaned up at the Cricket Australia A Sport For All Awards, taking out five honours at the awards night held in Melbourne, highlighted by Quinns Rock Junior Cricket Club being crowned Community Club of the Year.

FEMALE CRICKET

The numbers of women and girls playing cricket over the summer was encouraging, showing the female cricket pathway plan is on track to provide playing opportunities to every age group of females.

The Perth Scorchers Girl's Leagues competitions expanded across all age groups, while the Perth Scorchers Women's League completed its first full season with nearly 100 women representing five different clubs.

ABORIGINAL CRICKET

The WA Aboriginal Women's Team produced their best National Indigenous Cricket Championships result this season. Kavita Pepper was the standout performer, earning her fourth Black Caps selection as one of the tournaments finest players.

The WACA helped develop and implement a leadership program in schools for Aboriginal youth, which helps develop leadership, public speaking, goal setting and resilience skills. Deadly Cricket, a program which is fast, accessible and easily modified for different environments produced another successful year.

CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

The Perth Scorchers School Ambassadors Program cracked a big milestone, for the first time ever there were more than a thousand ambassadors delivering cricket programs to schools across Western Australia.



A total of 1,219 ambassadors delivered four-week cricket programs to more than 108,273 students throughout the State. Kent Street Senior High School (Kim Hughes Shield - 50 overs top tier) and SEDA WA (Graeme Wood Shield - T20 second tier) claimed the secondary school cricket competitions.

JUNIOR CRICKET PATHWAY

Australian cricket's highly anticipated Woolworths Cricket Blast replaced the long standing MILO in2Cricket and MILO T20 Blast programs in clubs this season. The remodeled program saw more than 6,500 participants registered across the 255 programs. In addition to the club programs, a school holiday program offering was also delivered over summer, which proved to be a big hit.

COUNTRY CRICKET

The Alcohol.Think Again Senior Country Week Carnival celebrated its 100th anniversary, while WA brought home several trophies from the Toyota Australian Country Cricket Championships.

Rob Marshall, Shane Tobin and Dave Hutchison were inducted as Country Week 'Legends' at the Senior Country Cricket Week, an honour that's only been awarded on six previous occasions.

The men's Country XI put on a clinic at the Country Cricket National Championships held in Victoria, convincingly claiming the One-Day title and were crowned overall Carnival Champions. The women's Country XI also performed extremely well, finishing third overall.

The re-established Country Cup Competition saw four teams participate from the Albany CA, Bunbury and

Districts CA, Busselton CA as well as a WA invitation team. The standard of play during the competition was very high, which flowed onto the Country XI men's team's performance at the TACCC.

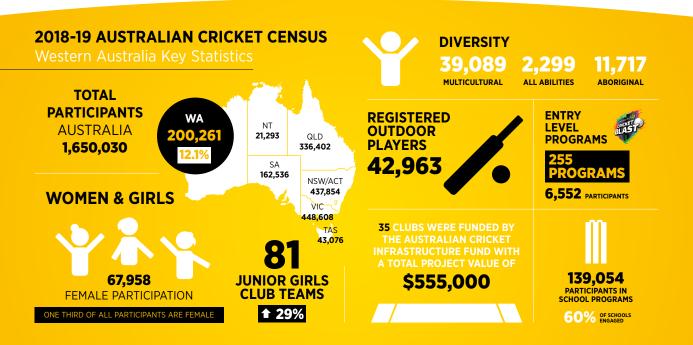
MULTICULTURAL CRICKET

WA continued to show what a diverse sport cricket is with over 30% of registered players identifying as being culturally and linguistically diverse. This representation is consistent across entry-level programs, junior cricket and senior cricket, as well as school programs.

Winter cricket competitions are also growing, with more competitions and teams running than ever before, highlighted by the Perth Scorchers Culture Cup. In its third season, the PSCC culminated with the final being played under lights at the WACA Ground. The Panthers were crowned champions and presented with their championship medals at a Perth Scorchers game at Optus Stadium.

DISABILITY CRICKET

2018-19 saw great progress in the community for disability cricket. More clubs than ever were engaged in running programs that were accessible and targeted at people with a disability. At the core of these programs' success was their commitment to inclusion within the club community. Albany Junior Cricket Association, Quinns Rocks Junior Cricket Club and Joondalup Kinross Cricket Club offered Integrated Woolworths Cricket Blast programs for primary school aged children to develop their skills. QRJCC and JKCC also offered a Youth Integrated Cricket League program for high school aged children with disability, which would enable those players to play and train at the club.



The Integrated Cricket League strengthened again in its third season. Kingsway Sportsman's Club entered the competition this year and found immediate success winning the Grand Final at the WACA Ground.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

This season saw the introduction of the Century Clubs Framework, designed to give clubs assistance on how to be a well-run, inclusive club which is reflective of its community and a club of choice for people to join. Through the WACA's relationships with affiliates, associations and clubs we have seen a strong commitment across all levels of cricket to provide safe places for children and young people to play and enjoy cricket including the adoption of Australian Cricket's Child Safety Framework.

The WACA showcased its commitment to inclusion through its award-winning partnership with Inclusion Solutions, an organisation that supports community clubs and associations to be better connected to and more inclusive of their community. The partnership was recognised for its outcomes and ground-breaking nature by winning the WA Sport & Recreation Innovation in Sport Award and the Cricket Australia Sport For All - Partner Organisation of the Year Award.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The WA Cricket Volunteer of the Year Awards were held at Optus Stadium in January 2019. The following award winners were presented at the event.

Volunteer of the Year - Female

Julie Boyd - Peel Junior Cricket Association and South Mandurah Junior Cricket Club

Volunteer of the Year - Male

Toby Morrell - Quinns Rocks Junior Cricket Club

Toyota Country Volunteer of the Year - Female

Amanda Thompson - Albany Junior Cricket Association

Toyota Country Volunteer of the Year - Male

Chris Ams - Port Hedland Cricket Association and Pilbara Regional Cricket Board

True Sport Young Volunteer of the Year

Marty Davis - Joondalup Kinross Cricket Club

50 Years' Service to Cricket

Colin Radali - Cricket West

INDOOR CRICKET

The affiliation and partnership with Indoor Sports Western Australia and Indoor Cricket continues to flourish and has provided new opportunities to play cricket all year round.

The National Indoor Cricket Open and Junior Championships took place in July when WA sent nearly a dozen teams to the tournament, including the first under 14 girls' team. The Open Men's, Men's 21 and under, Lords Taverners, under 13 boys and under 15 boys all qualified for finals, with seven West Aussie players selected for international honours and all-star selection.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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







MEMBER EVENTS

The WACA membership team hosted a range of exclusive events throughout the season, which again received overwhelming support from WACA Members and their guests.

The season's highlight was the inaugural Scorchers Golf Day hosted at Royal Fremantle. WACA Members were paired with players from the Perth Scorchers teams, the two Head Coaches, High Performance staff, WACA Board Members and senior executives. Plans are well and truly underway for the 2019-20 Members Golf Day, which looks to be even bigger than last season.

WACA Members were also treated to several brand-new inner sanctum experiences last season. The high performance staff, including Head Coach Adam Voges, led exclusive events throughout the summer, highlighted by a special training session for Victory Lounge Members who gained an insight into what it's like to be an elite athlete.

The Bradman Room once again hosted several dining experiences throughout the domestic season. With our new WACA Functions & Events team delivering the catering, Members were treated to a more diverse range of culinary delights. During the Women's One-Day International between Australia and New Zealand, Members were treated to a first-class á la carte experience. The ever-popular 'Breakfast with the Curator' hosted on Day 3 of the Test match, saw over 125 Members take to the pitch at Optus Stadium to hear

from Brett Sipthorpe. Brett spoke about the preparation of the newly constructed drop-in wickets and the processes required to get them ready for their first full season of cricket. Members were then hosted in the Riverview Room by Perth personality and TV host Mark Readings, who was on hand to interview Australia's Men's Head Coach Justin Langer, Scorchers Player Cameron Bancroft and a very entertaining cameo from Australian spin bowling consultant Sridharan Sririam, who entertained Members with a behind-the-scenes look and insight into the team.

MEMBER FACILITIES

After the success of the first two games at Optus Stadium in the 2018-19 season, the membership team continue to build on the theming in key spaces throughout the Members Reserve.

The Riverview Room proved to be the most popular destination for Members throughout the BBL and International seasons. The Riverview room offered an escape from the elements and provided a relaxed, airconditioned space with six large vision screens broadcasting the on-field action live, ensuring Members did not miss a minute of the action.

Following feedback from the first full season, which was overwhelmingly positive, planning is underway to ensure we build on the usage of the stadium's facilities and continue to build on the successes of the 2018-19 season.

AWESOME OPTUS STADIUM

The 2018-19 season was the first full campaign at Optus Stadium and it went off with a bang with 210,928 Scorchers fans coming through the gates. Perth led the league with attendance as spectators were treated to a state-of-the-art light show at each innings break. A brand-new 'Fan of the Match' concept was initiated, which celebrated some lucky Scorchers die-hards.

One of the feel-good moments of the season came in the last home game when Scorchers fans farewelled a club legend in Michael 'Maxy' Klinger. The night, which was perfect, saw a spectacular video on the big screen pay tribute to one of the game's greatest batters, as well as one last victory for the season as the Scorchers smashed the Stars.

The record-breaking season in Perth continued at the international cricket matches. The highest ever Test Match crowd in WA was broken during the match between Australia and India.

WONDERFUL WBBL

The rebel Women's Big Bash League continued to grow from strength to strength thanks to the hard-working events team which provided fans with new and exciting experiences.

Fans were able to watch their heroes on the WACA Ground, with a sectioned off area of the outfield enabling fans to get closer to the action than ever before. The famous east bank, under the old scoreboard, was transformed to bring the beach to the WACA Ground, before a touch of Christmas was added to celebrate the festive season with Santa Clause himself attending.

The Boxing Day Big Bash double header was a huge success at Optus Stadium, with the Scorchers Women's side hosting the Brisbane Heat following the Men's fixture. Fans were treated to two games for the price of one, which meant double autographs and photos as well as an innings break spectacle from WA's own Sam Perry for those who stayed for the WBBL match.

The family friendly, fan favourite, Lilac Hill Ground saw nearly 10 thousand fans enjoy three epic games. Inflatables, rides, on ground cricket activities and food trucks provided a wonderful atmosphere and took the event to another level.





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CRICKET INFRASTRUCTURE IN WA

The Western Australian Cricket Association and Cricket Australia are investing more than ever into community cricket facilities. The Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) was launched in 2018 by Cricket Australia in partnership with State and Territory Cricket Associations.

The ACIF is open to all clubs, associations, schools, councils and cricket facility managers and provides funding for community cricket facility projects, with a focus on growing participation and promoting accessibility and inclusivity.

The 2018-19 cricket season saw the ACIF receive an injection of \$1 million in additional funding towards playing fields and practice facility projects across the country from the Grassroots Cricket Fund, a partnership between the Australian Cricketers Association and Cricket Australia.

The two rounds of ACIF for the 2018-19 cricket season in WA resulted in \$550,000 of funding awarded to 35 projects, across metropolitan and regional areas, that have a total project cost of over \$3 million.

To complement and strengthen the ACIF, the WACA has been working hard to develop the WA Cricket Infrastructure Strategy 2019-2029 (WACIS). A key outcome of the WACIS

is to align cricket and government strategic planning, promote collaboration between all layers of the cricket community and government and to highlight the key drivers of facility planning and investment. The WACIS identifies key facility priorities in each of the 14 WA cricket regions and will guide the development of cricket infrastructure in WA for the next 10 years.

The WACA wishes to acknowledge the support provided by Cricket Australia, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and InsideEdge during the development of the WACIS.

Importantly, Local Governments own, manage and sponsor the majority of community cricket facilities in Western Australia.

The WACA greatly appreciates the support and investment that Local Governments provide community sporting facilities, particularly cricket facilities, across our great state. It is with this support that we can facilitate participation, deliver positive social and health benefits for the community and be a sport for all.

ACIF grants for the 2019-20 cricket season will open in October 2019.

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



As the philanthropic arm of the Western Australian Cricket Association, the WA Cricket Foundation was established to support the future of cricket in WA.

Since its inception in late 2017, the WA Cricket Foundation has continued to strive to achieve its vision to be an active and engaged leader in Australian sport, who seeks to enrich, support and inspire our state to be a better, healthier and more inclusive community.

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The WACA remains steadfast in raising \$10million through the Foundation to support the WACA Ground Improvement Project and create a community and sporting hub with cricket at its heart.

In addition to its commitment to the WACA Ground Improvement Project, the Foundation is focused on ensuring that cricket truly is a Sport for All by supporting cricket programs for women and girls, Aboriginal children and people with a disability.

Chaired by Dr Bob Every AO, the Foundation boasts a Board of capable and determined people who are committed to providing girls and boys, men and women of all backgrounds, cultures and abilities with the opportunity to achieve and realise their potential through cricket.

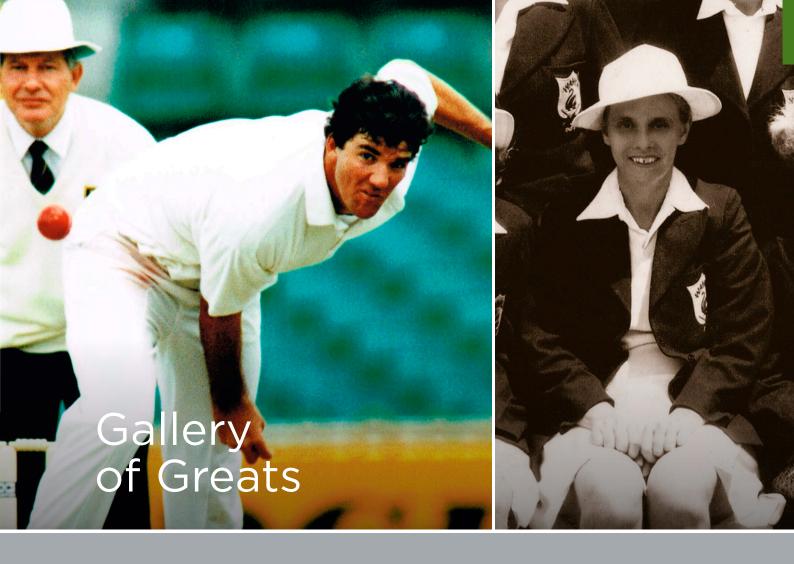
We thank Dr Every, Dr Ken Michael AC, John Nolan, Kate O'Hara, David Robb, Meredith McClements, John Gardner and John Goodlad for their time and commitment to the WA Cricket Foundation and look forward to strengthening the positive social impact and health benefits that cricket brings to the community.











JO ANGEL

1968 | Player

A genuine giant of West Australian cricket who stood 200cm and was the State's leading Sheffield Shield wicket-taker with 419 when he retired in 2004, the selfless and wholehearted Jo Angel was WA's first-picked player for more than a decade.

A short career of just four Tests and 10 wickets did not do justice to Angel's impact as a paceman who evolved from a youthful tearaway into the most reliable into-the-wind bowler of his generation.

Angel started alongside 1980s stars Terry Alderman and Bruce Reid and led the WA attack for more than a decade during a career that saw him win shield titles in his first season in 1991-92 and then 1997-98 and 1998-99.

He was equally effective in one-day cricket, claiming 94 wickets in 74 outings and winning two of the six finals in which he played during WA's golden run in the limited-overs format.

OLIVE LESLIE

1912-1997 | Player, Coach, Administrator

The mother of West Australian women's cricket, Olive Leslie had an impact and influence unsurpassed in the game's history in this State, becoming the first female member of the WACA's Gallery of Greats.

Widely regarded as the best cricketer in the State either side of World War II, the steady all-rounder captained WA in every match from 1936 to 1952.

Her greatest impact came in 1930 when she helped form the inaugural WA Women's Cricket Association and then revitalised the organisation after the war.

WA coach for 12 years after her retirement as a player, Leslie was a State selector for a quarter of a century and national selector for five years.



Recognised for their contribution and service to cricket, receiving Honorary Life Membership to the Western Australian Cricket Association.

SIMON KATICH

Simon Katich was renowned for his impressive on field performances and the way he carried himself on and off the pitch. Katich was highly respected by his teammates and opponents and was regarded as a passionate Western Australian, which made him an important figure for the young playing group as he helped guide several tyros to achieve their potential. It was his leadership in the Scorchers' formative years that led the WACA to name the award for the Scorchers Player of the Year – the Simon Katich Medal.

Simon played one Test for Australia before being enticed to New South Wales, where he went on to play 56 Test Matches. Scoring more than four thousand runs at an average of 45.03 from 56 matches, his highest score of 157 was one of 10 centuries he scored in the Baggy Green.

Katich played for WA from 1996 to 2001, for the Perth Scorchers from BBL|01 to BBL|03 and captained the Scorchers to their inaugural title in the third edition of the competition. He captained WA 12 times, scored nearly four thousand runs which included 12 centuries and 17 half centuries. He eventually went on to score nearly 21 thousand first class runs with an incredible highest score of 306 not out.

PETER SILINGER

Peter Silinger has been an outstanding contributor to cricket for more than 60 years in numerous playing, coaching, administrative and leadership roles. He has been described as one of the most influential individuals in country cricket and more recently cricket for women



and girls. Peter played cricket for nearly 30 years, including school, Community, Darlot Cup, Junior and Senior Country week as well as representing the Country XI.

His influence was profound as Peter coached country juniors, helped establish modified formats, organised and coached at carnivals and selected representative teams from the Bunbury region. In addition, Peter still found the time to help establish the Jack Birkenshaw Bunbury Cricket Program in 1980 as well as the subsequent Regional Junior Cricket Program, an achievement he is most proud of.

Peter's administrative career started during his playing days, which extended over several clubs and associations. In 2001 Peter became a member of the WA Country Cricket Board Executive and was Chairman from 2004 until 2016, during a period of growth and success.

In 2007 he became a WACA Board Member, a role he held for over a decade. An inaugural member of the Statewide Game Development Committee, Peter still represents Country cricket on the SGD committee to this day.

He then turned his focus and skills to female cricket, assuming the chair of the Female Cricket Council in 2012. Peter established several initiatives in the female cricket space including The Karren Read Medal for best female Premier Cricketer, the first female team in the Australian Country Cricket Championships and the expansion of the Female Development Pathway.

MS PENNY MACE & MS ALICE WARREN

Last year 14 Life Members of the WA Women's Cricket Association were transferred to WACA Life Members at the Annual General Meeting. Following this process, it was discovered there had been some omissions due to the incomplete nature of the records of women's cricket at that time. Accordingly, this was corrected by transferring WA Women's Cricket Association Life Members Ms Penny Mace and Ms Alice Warren to WACA Life Members.



Obituaries

BILL ANDERTON

Bill captained Fremantle Cricket Club in 1961-62 and 1962-63. He made 2,115 runs, with a top score of 75 and took 77 wickets.

He passed away in December 2018, aged 85.

BRUCE LEONARD BUGGINS

Cricket Stalwart Bruce Buggins, one of the longest serving Members of the WACA, passed away in December 2018 at the age of 83.

He was a valued member of the WA cricket fraternity of 66 years, and also has a highly decorated cricket career for WA between 1954/55 and 1962/66.

The wicketkeeper debuted for WA in 1954. He collected 143 catches and 19 stumpings in his 63 matches for WA. He had a highest score of 60 not out and best bowling figures of one-one.

JIM D'ARCY-EVANS

Jim D'Arcy-Evans made his Test umpiring debut in 1977 in a Women's Test match between Australia and India at Hale School, Perth.

His career also featured 14 First-Class matches, four One-Day Internationals and was made a WACUA Life Member in 1980.

Jim assisted cricket by being a member of the Umpires Appointment Board for five years.

Jim passed away in September 2018, aged 83.

ALLAN ROBERT EDWARDS

Allan Edwards, Australia's oldest first-class cricketer, passed away in May 2019 at the age of 97.

The solid opening batsman played 45 first-class matches for WA between 1946 and 1957, and was vital part of WA's first Sheffield Shield side.

When WA was admitted to the Shield in 1947-48 he scored 105 in the second match against Victoria, and then became the first batsman to score a century in each innings of a match for WA, against Queensland in 1950-51.

In his 45 matches he scored 2,370 runs at an average of 32.47, including three centuries.

Allan served on WA's selection panel from 1960 to 1988.

During their tenure WA teams won 10 Sheffield Shields and six Australian One-Day titles.

He was made an honorary WACA Life Member in 1982. In 1991 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, and nine years later was awarded the Australian Sports Medal.

He was inducted into the WACA Gallery of Greats in 2009.

ROBIN FARMER

Robin Farmer was the President of the Claremont-Cottesloe Cricket Club in 1977-78 and 1978-79.

He passed away in April 2018, aged 94.

WARWICK FEAR

Warwick Fear was President of the Midland-Guildford Cricket Club from 1978-79 to 1984-85.

He oversaw the club's transition from Midland Oval to the cricket facility at Lilac Hill Park.

He passed away in December 2018, aged 90.

COLIN ERNEST JOHN GUEST

Colin was an Australian cricketer who played in the Third Test at Sydney in the 1962-63 Ashes series.

The fast-medium bowler played 28 first-class matches for Victoria before moving to Perth in 1965.

Colin produced 328 runs, and 16 wickets across his seven matches for WA.

He passed away at the age of 81 in Melbourne in December 2018.

SARAH MAHER

Sarah, as England-born wicketkeeper arrived in Australia in 1993.

She was part of the inaugural Western Fury team in season 1996-97 through to 1997-98 and played a total of 18 matches for the side.

She passed away in July 2018, aged 50.

AMANDA MARLENE MARSH

Amanda played in the Western Australia State Under 21 team for three consecutive seasons from 1987 to 1990.

The right-hand opening bat made her WA State senior debut in 1988 and went on to play a further two seasons for the side.

She passed away in June 2019, aged 50.

JOHN FRANCIS PARKER

John started his career playing for South Perth, before making his debut for WA against Victoria in 1961, where he scored a half century.

The right-handed batsman played 30 matches for WA and scored 1,480 runs at an average of 30.20.

John featured for WA in several tour games, playing against Australian XI, New Zealand and MCC teams throughout his State career.

He passed away in October 2018 at the age of 82.

WILLIAM RODGER PLAYLE

Former New Zealand Test batsman William arrived in Perth in 1965 and made his debut for WA that year.

Used primarily as an opening batsman, he produced two centuries in his 642 runs in his first season.

Mr Playle was WA's 235th First-Class cricketer and played 17 matches between 1965-1967, scoring a total of 802 runs, including two centuries and one 50.

The right-handed batsman's first century for WA was against Victoria in December 1965 at the MCG. He faced 319 balls in 308 minutes scoring 116, including a six and eleven fours.

Mr Playle's career best score was against Queensland at the WACA Ground in January 1965 when he made 122 in the first innings, in a match WA won by four wickets.

William passed away in Coffs Harbour in December 2018, aged 80.

BRUCE YARDLEY

The right-arm swing bowler made his first-class debut for WA in 1966-67. He assisted WA to Sheffield Shield wins in 1976-77 and 1977-78.

He played 33 Tests for Australia and claimed 126 wickets at an average of 31.63. He was named International Cricketer of the Year in 1981-82.

He scored four Test half-centuries with a top score of 74 and held the record for Australia's quickest half-century for 38 years after reaching the milestone from 29 balls against the West Indies in 1978.

Bruce was selected in Western Australia's Centenary XI in 1985 and later in WA's Team of the Century.

Bruce was awarded WACA Life Membership in 2004, and was inducted into WA Cricket's Gallery of Greats in 2012.

He passed away in Kununurra in March 2018, aged 72.

In Memoriam

the following Members for whom we have advice of their untimely passing during 2018-19. Any omission in failing to acknowledge the passing of a valued Member is sincerely regretted.

David Campbell
Turab Chakera
Gordon Cooper
Allan R. Edwards
Robert Gray
Timothy Holmes
Murray O'Leary
Michael Parry
John Paterson
Audrey Shepherd
Glenis Stephenson
Donald Valentino
Patricia Watts
Bruce Yardley

Bruce Buggins



Financial Summary



Western Australian Cricket Association Limited FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the year ended 30 June 2019

The WACA again produced a record turnover figure, increasing revenue from \$36.8m in 2018 to \$38m in 2019. This increased revenue was derived from several different sources, including:

- The Big Bash League expanded from ten to fourteen matches (plus finals) which generated additional ticketing, marketing, membership and catering revenue;
- The increased WACA Members area at the new Optus Stadium resulted in membership revenue growing from \$4.1m in 2018 to \$5.5m in 2019, representing a 33% increase;
- Cricket Australia (CA) provided additional grant funding.

The increased revenue noted above supported large increases in investment in several areas, most notably cricket operations, which incorporates the promotion of cricket at all levels.

The move of cricket to Optus Stadium is an important long-term opportunity to increase the profile of cricket and enable more fans to watch cricket at a bigger and brand-new venue. The seven home Big Bash League games had an average attendance of 30,133 up from 21,493 last year at the WACA Ground.

With the move of major matches to Optus Stadium more cricket fans have the opportunity to become a WACA Member. Several different tiers of membership, with different seating options and premium products are now available. This increased capacity at the new stadium has helped grow membership and guest card numbers from 13,674 in 2018 to 15,975 in 2019. These Members and guests enjoyed the WACA Members Reserve area at Optus Stadium with excellent viewing with Member only bars and facilities.

The first Test Match at Optus Stadium against India in December 2018 saw a dramatic increase in attendance for a non-Ashes Test. The India Test attracted 81,104 people compared to non-Ashes Tests Series in the past which attracted 45,648 (vs South Africa in 2016), 40,277 (vs New Zealand in 2015) and 49,502 (vs India in January 2012). By comparison, the Ashes Test in December 2017, which was the last Ashes Test to be held at the WACA Ground, attracted 91,955 fans.

Prior to this year the WACA Ground outsourced all its catering to a multinational company. With the move of International and Big Bash League matches to Optus Stadium the WACA brought the catering in house and introduced its own catering, functions and events business to use the WACA Ground to generate revenue for our broader business.

With the continued investment of cricket in WA, the result was an operating deficit of \$347k after depreciation. Although a deficit, this has not eaten into the WACA's cash reserves with a closing cash balance of \$15.8m.

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 2019

	2019	2018
	(\$000°s)	(\$000's)
REVENUE		
From Operating Activities		
Catering	1,477	1,752
Cricket Operations	21,074	21,838
Match Ticketing	4,633	2,553
Marketing	4,212	4,444
Membership	5,460	4,118
Sub-total	36,856	34,705
Other income	721	2,054
Total Revenue	37,577	36,759
EXPENDITURE		
On Operating Activities		
Ground	(9,234)	(7,798)
Cricket Operations	(18,916)	(18,954)
Marketing	(3,463)	(2,757)
Membership	(2,963)	(1,259)
Administration and Finance	(3,041)	(2,443)
Future Development	-	(977)
Total Expenditure	(37,616)	(34,188)
Operating surplus before depreciation and		
accelerated depreciation	(39)	2,571
Depreciation	(308)	(1,800)
Accelerated depreciation	-	(15,031)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(347)	(14,261)

Financial Summary STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2019

	2019 (\$000's)	2018 (\$000's)
CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Inventories Other current assets	15,812 1,426 12 70	14,035 455 12 1
Total current assets	17,321	14,503
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, plant and equipment Total non-current assets	1,135	1,176 1,176
Total Hon-current assets	1,135	1,176
Total Assets	18,456	15,679
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade and other payables Provisions Deferred income Total current liabilities	6,131 1,231 283 7,645	3,112 983 395 4,490
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	·	<u>·</u>
Provisions	294	324
Total non-current liabilities	294	324
Total liabilities	7,938	4,814
NET ASSETS	10,518	10,865
ACCUMULATED FUNDS Accumulated surplus	10,518	10,865
Total accumulated funds	10,518	10,865

Financial Summary STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019 (\$000's)	2018 (\$000's)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts in the course of operations Cash payments in the course of operations Interest received	36,102 (34,449) 381	34,580 (33,262) 305
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,034	1,623
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	11	146
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(268)	(566)
Net cash used in investing activities	(257)	(420)
Net increase in cash held Cash at the beginning of the financial year	1,777 14,035	1,203 12,832
Cash at the end of the financial year	15,812	14,035





Strong partnerships are important in cricket. Ours is helping cricketers hit peak performance.

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Since 2011, Murdoch University's partnership with the WACA has actively improved performance in our much loved sport. Today, Murdoch's exercise science staff and students are improving cricketers' performance through the use of innovative technology and training methods that help elite batters to better predict bowler behaviour, read body language and plan shots. And through a collaborative, free thinking approach to exercise science, Murdoch is bolstering further opportunities for research, scholarships, and student development with work-integrated learning placements.

Which means it won't be long before we see even more Western Australians stepping up to the crease wearing the baggy green.







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