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2019 - 20



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Cover: Double delight in one-day cricket with both the Marsh and Ruth Preddy Cups heading West in season 2019-20.

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.

Marcus Stoinis gets the break through against Victoria at the WACA Ground.



WACA CEO Christina Matthews and Chair Hon. Terry (Tuck) Waldron.



Executive Report

Christina Matthews, Hon. Tuck Waldron, Hon. Mick Murray MLA and Mitch Marsh announcing the State Government funding commitment at the WACA Ground.

Champions in both the men's and women's domestic 50-over competitions and a \$60 million funding commitment from the State and Federal Governments to redevelop the WACA Ground means there is much to celebrate from 2019-20, and a lot to look forward to in the years to come.

Before reflecting on the 2019-20 season, it would be remiss of us to not address the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the impact it has had at home and across the globe.

It has been a testing time for all West Australians as we come to terms with 'the new normal'. With an ongoing global pandemic, our immediate thoughts are with our WACA family – players, staff, affiliates, Members and supporters – and the impact the virus has had on their extended families.

As an organisation we are not immune to the financial tolls and some difficult decisions were made by our staff. Our team has worked incredibly hard to remodel our finances and restructure internally where necessary. Thankfully, strong governance and astute financial resourcing has the WACA well-placed to deal with forecasted falls in revenue across cricket in Australia.

In unique circumstances, we are prepared for the upcoming season and are well-positioned to bring domestic and international cricket to Optus Stadium and the WACA Ground, while continuing to grow the game in our own backyard.

The iconic WACA Ground has long been the heart and soul of cricket in WA and we're excited to announce it will continue to be so for the years to come.

We were thrilled to receive the news in August that the State Government had committed to funding \$30 million towards the WACA Ground Improvement Project, in addition to the \$30 million committed by the Federal Government in December 2019.

Our vision to transform the WACA Ground into a sustainable community and sporting hub with cricket at its heart will now become a reality, thanks to the funding investment from the Federal and State Government and a further \$4 million from Cricket Australia.

The Project will have a strong community focus in addition to providing modern high-performance facilities, a multi-sport indoor facility and a ground suitable for other sports to complement Optus Stadium and activate the East Perth precinct.

As plans for the Project progress, the WA Cricket Foundation has turned its attention to the commitment to raise \$10 million

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET STRATEGY 2020-2022 REFRESH

We will:

- Enhance Member and fan experiences by creating opportunities to connect through year-round engagement and memorable match-days.
- Work side-by-side with our volunteers to create quality cricket experiences to increase the number of juniors playing and staying in our game and support their transition into senior competitions and programs.
- Deliver the leading High Performance system in Australian Cricket.
- Deliver the WACA Ground Improvement Project with an ongoing sustainable business model.
- Lead Australian Cricket as the sport for women and girls and all diversity groups.
- Share the stories that inspire a broader community passion for cricket.
- Cement Murdoch University as the third tier of the WACA's elite three grounds framework to deliver a sustainable business model on and off the field.

for the Project. The Foundation has finalised its strategy to raise much-needed funds for the Project and looks forward to launching the campaigns in the very near future.

While the Ground continues to thrive as a multi-purpose venue, hosting the likes of the Qantas Wallabies and Manchester United this year, the secured funding will enable the Ground to become a community space with wide-ranging benefits for all.

It was a momentous year for international cricket in WA, opening with the State's first ever day-night Test and concluding with a record-breaking women's T20 International. Drop-in wickets have, for two years in a row, drawn admiration from icons of the Test arena.

During the day-night Test match against trans-Tasman rivals New Zealand at Optus Stadium, the quality and character of the wicket received significant praise, with WA cricket legend, Adam Gilchrist, saying "Put the Perth deck on a truck and take it on a national tour!".

The WACA Ground hosted its first women's T20 International and set a new attendance record for a women's cricket match at the venue. A bumper crowd of 5,280 flocked to the iconic sporting venue to witness Australia claim their first win of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup tournament and India defeat Bangladesh in a thriller.

Nine of the 10 teams competing in the World Cup played at the Ground over a three-day festival of cricket, attracting nearly 10,000 vibrant and passionate fans.

We are experiencing very healthy growth in social and club cricket numbers for women and girls, due largely to events like the World Cup that allow our future stars to see a strong pathway to the national level.

There was a significant shift for our teams as we retired the 'Warriors' and 'Fury' nicknames and returned to the WA Men's and Women's teams. This coincided with the return of the heritage emblem, a symbol of our pride to be Western Australia's team.

The WA Women's team claimed their first ever Women's National Cricket League title, with a historic win against the New South Wales Breakers. It was 33 years in the making, our first tournament win since the 1986-87 season under the previous Australian Women's Cricket Championship format. Congratulations to Nicole Bolton who was crowned Player of the Tournament and Player of the Final and skipper Chloe Piparo on her fantastic leadership.

The WA Men's team secured our second Marsh one-day domestic title in three seasons with a gripping four-wicket victory over Queensland. The triumph is WA's 14th in one-day domestic tournaments, the most of any state.

Shaun Marsh enjoyed a stellar season and was named Domestic Player of the Year and Player of the Match in the Marsh Cup Final. Remarkably, it was the first time in his 19-year career he's played every WA fixture in a season. It was also a breakout season with the bat for Cameron Green, he amassed three first-class centuries to show he is an exciting all-round prospect.

We again had a strong WA presence on the international stage, with 13 West Australians selected for Australia over the past 12 months in both men's and women's teams across all formats. Congratulations to Ashton Agar, Cameron Bancroft, Jason Behrendorff, Nicole Bolton, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Heather Graham, Mitch Marsh,

Shaun Marsh, Jhye Richardson, D'Arcy Short, Marcus Stoinis, Ashton Turner and Andrew Tye.

Their outstanding seasons are a true testament to the quality of our high-performance program, which is top ranked in the country.

A big change in personnel in our Perth Scorchers men's team saw fresh opportunity for emerging talent and allowed us to welcome in new faces. The team were disappointed to miss finals, but we have a strong core group of players and are confident of bouncing back next year.

Cricket for women and girls is thriving after the first standalone Women's Big Bash League tournament. The competition has generated great momentum and players like Nicole Bolton and Heather Graham are becoming household names within the Australian community.

Our WBBL side had an extremely strong campaign, which saw them make the semi-finals. At the end of the season we farewelled Meg Lanning, who has been immense for us as skipper over the past few years. We're already excited for our 2020 WBBL campaign, having signed Beth Mooney, the Player of the Tournament for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, and the WBBL|05 Player of the Tournament Sophie Devine, who has also been named captain.

Community Cricket recorded the highest ever number of people playing cricket in our State, with WA leading the country in registered participation growth. This growth was led largely by a 45% increase in girls and women playing

cricket, as well as entry-level participation through the Woolworths Cricket Blast program.

There's been a focus on growing diversity in cricket and engaging with new partners to further develop our ties with these communities. The growth this year has been exceptional and wouldn't be possible without the help of our partners in this space including the Autism Association of WA, Inclusion Solutions, Healthway and the Insurance Commission of WA.

WA was again very well represented at the Cricket Australia 2019-20 Community Cricket Awards, with Wembley Districts JCC and Bassendean JCC both being recognised for their outstanding work in their local communities. Congratulations to both clubs!

Sadly, the sudden end to the season due to the pandemic meant we were unable to host the Laurie Sawle Medal event, which is always a fantastic evening of celebration and thanks. We wish to thank the Association's staff, players and volunteers for their tireless enthusiasm and hard work, especially during unprecedented times.

In difficult times, the WACA Board has shown great leadership and understanding as we reassess and adjust as needed. We thank them for their ongoing support and guidance as we continue to build the future of WA Cricket.

Hon. Tuck Waldron | Chair

Christina Matthews | Chief Executive Officer



WACA CEO Christina Matthews speaking at a female scholarship evening.

Western Australian Cricket Association Limited

BOARD & MANAGEMENT

as at 30 June 2020

BOARD

Chair

Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC (until 25 Sep 2019)

Hon TK (Tuck) Waldron (from 25 Sep 2019)

Deputy Chair

Dr VA (Vanessa) Guthrie

Member Elected Directors

TF (Thomas) Percy QC, M (Michael) Veletta (re-elected 25 Sep 2019),

DJ (Darren) Wates, GM (Graeme) Wood (elected 25 Sep 2019),

ED (Eva) Skira AM and Hon TK (Tuck) Waldron.

Cricket Appointed Directors

CK Bauer (re-appointed 12 Aug 2019) and AJ (Avril) Fahey

Board Appointed Directors

DJ (David) Bailey and Dr VA (Vanessa) Guthrie (re-appointed 3 Sep 2019)

COMPANY SECRETARY

RI (Richard) Marshall

COMMITTEES

- Governance Committee
- Nominations and Remuneration Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- WACA Ground Improvement (Project Control Group)
- Statewide Game Development Committee

Register of WACA Board Members attendance at Board meetings (13 meetings held)

The Hon TK (Tuck) Waldron (Chair)	11
The Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC (Chair)	3/3
Dr VA (Vanessa) Guthrie (Deputy Chair)	13
TF (Thomas) Percy QC	12
MR (Michael) Veletta	11
DJ (Darren) Wates	13
GM (Graeme) Wood	10/10
ED (Eva) Skira AM	11
DJ (David) Bailey	12
AJ (Avril) Fahey	11
CK (Christian) Bauer	13

MANAGEMENT TEAM

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms C (Christina) Matthews

GENERAL MANAGERS

Finance & Business Services

JCK (Justin) Michael

Commercial, Marketing & Communications

SV (Shay) Nasta

Community Cricket

Ms J (Jo) Davies

High Performance

BC (Ben) Oliver (until 19 Jul 2019),

K (Kade) Harvey (from 19 Aug 2019)

People & Culture

Ms CL (Carla) Brayn

Membership & Museum

GJ (Grant) White (until 30 April 2020)

Operations & Facilities

Mrs JS (Joanna) Coubrough

Public Policy & Government

Relations Manager

Ms K (Kate) Mort

AFFILIATES

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

- Cricket West (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 Education Advisory Committee
- WA Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee

AUDITOR

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

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 2020

Chair



Hon Dr KC (Ken)
Michael AC
(until 25 Sep 2019)



Hon TK (Tuck)
Waldron
(from 25 Sep 2019)

Deputy Chair



Dr VA (Vanessa)
Guthrie

Member Elected Directors



TF (Thomas) Percy
QC



MRJ (Michael) Veletta
(re-elected 25 Sep
2019)



DJ (Darren) Wates



GM (Graeme) Wood
(elected 25 Sep 2019)



ED (Eva) Skira AM



Hon TK (Tuck)
Waldron

Cricket Appointed Directors



CK Bauer
(reappointed 12 Aug 2019)



AJ (Avril) Fahey

Board Appointed Directors



DJ (David) Bailey



Dr VA (Vanessa) Guthrie
(reappointed 3 Sep 2019)

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	WJ Farley	1963-64 - 1979-80	CR Bunning CBE		

CHAIRS OF WACA EXECUTIVE / BOARD

The Executive was so named from 1907. Prior to this a 'WACA Committee' was essentially the Executive, but in the period 1890 to 1907 the Trustees of the Association played the major role in ground management. The Chairman of the Executive was also Chairman of the International Committee from its inauguration in 1922 until February 1990. Mr LM Sawle became its first separate Chairman in 1990, with Mr PB Rakich continuing as Chairman of the Executive. From 2004 the Executive is 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 OAM
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	2016-19	Hon Dr KC Michael AC
1905-06	AG Russell	1938-39	AH Christian	1989-97	PB Rakich AM	2019	Hon TK Waldron

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

WACA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

1893	Miss S (Sylvia) Forrest*	1980	Mr RW (Roy) Abbott* MBE	1999	Mr TM (Terry) Alderman	2014	Ms ZJ (Zoë) Goss
1905	Mr WJ (William) Farley*	1982	Mr AR (Allan) Edwards* OAM	2001	Mr KH (Ken) Macleay	2015	Mr DR (Damien) Martyn
1912	Mr J (John) Rushton*	1983	Mr LM (Laurie) Sawle AM	2002	Mr WM (Bill) Bryant	2015	Dr KR (Karen) Read
1917	Mr RG (Reg) Heath*	1983	Mr W (Wally) Scott*	2002	Mr WJ (Wally) Edwards	2016	Mr WS (Wayne) Andrews
1918	Hon J (James) Gardiner* MLA	1985	Mr DK (Keith) Carmody*	2004	Mr TM (Tom) Moody	2017	Mrs O (Olive) Leslie*
1930	Mr H (Henry) Gregory* MHR	1985	Mr CW (Charlie) Puckett*	2004	Mr MRJ (Michael) Veletta	2017	Ms J (Jenepher) Morison*
1937	Mr L (Leo) Ryan*	1985	Mr CW (Wally) Langdon*	2004	Mr B (Bruce) Yardley*	2017	Ms P (Pauline) Drage*
1947	Mr F (Frank) Boan*	1985	Mr KD (Ken) Meuleman*	2005	Mr KL (Lyle) Jones	2017	Ms E (Elsie) Fairlie*
1948	Mr CH (Harry) Guy*	1985	Mr BK (Barry) Shepherd* OAM	2007	Mr BP (Brendon) Julian	2017	Ms I (Isabel) James*
1951	Hon GW (George) Miles*	1985	Mr GD (Graham) McKenzie	2007	Mr L (Len) Pavy	2017	Ms N (Norma) O'Connell*
1956	Mr RJ (Dick) Bryant* OAM	1985	Mr IJ (Ian) Brayshaw MBE	2007	Mr TJ (Tim) Zoehrer	2017	Ms M (Melva) Hamilton*
1956	Mr AC (Alf) Randell*	1985	Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE	2008	Mr J (Jo) Angel	2017	Ms H (Heather) Asquith*
1963	Sir C (Charles) Gairdner*	1985	Mr GAR (Tony) Lock*	2008	Mr CAC (Charles) Fear	2017	Ms J (Jean) True*
	KCMG, KCVO, KBE, CB	1985	Mr RW (Rod) Marsh MBE	2008	Ms C (Coralie) Towers	2017	Mrs LP (Lyn) Hollingsworth
1972	Mr CR (Charles) Bunning* CBE	1985	Mr DK (Dennis) Lillee AM MBE	2009	Mr R (Ross) Edwards	2017	Ms AM (Anne) Fuhrmann
1972	Mr FJ (Frank) Bryant* OAM	1985	Mr BF (Bernie) Prindiville*	2009	Mr G (Geoff) Havercroft	2017	Ms CC (Clare) Papasergio
1977	Hon Sir L (Lawrence) Jackson* KCMG		AO, CMG	2009	Mr AL (Tony) Mann*	2017	Ms LK (Leonie) Keenan
1977	Mr MJ (Mornie) MacGill*	1988	Mr JC (Jock) Irvine	2009	Mr BM (Bruce) Laird	2017	Mr MEK (Michael) Hussey
1977	Mr DC (Douglas) McKenzie*	1989	Mr HG (Hugh) Bevan*	2010	Mr WM (Wayne) Clark	2017	Mr MW (Murray) Goodwin
1977	Mr JEV (Jack) Murdoch*	1991	Mr PB (Brian) Rakich AM	2010	Mr PJ (Peter) McConnell	2017	Ms PK (Peta) Verco
1978	Mr AD (Bert) Drew*	1993	Mr DH (Daryl) Foster OAM	2010	Mr BA (Bruce) Reid	2018	Ms P (Penny) Mace
1978	Mr RC (Clair) Mattiske*	1995	TJ (Tom) Perrott* AM Cit WA	2010	Mr WP (Bill) Reynolds	2018	Ms A (Alice) Warren
1978	Mr HWH (Bert) Rigg*	1996	Mr FD (Frank) O'Driscoll	2011	Mr CD (Chris) Matthews	2018	Mr PC (Peter) Slinger
1979	Mr RE (Bob) Ballantine*	1996	Mr NL (Neil) Ballard	2012	Mr AC (Adam) Gilchrist AM	2018	Mr SM (Simon) Katich
1979	Mr EJ (Ted) Dowling*	1998	Mr GR (Geoff) Marsh	2012	Mr JL (Justin) Langer AM	2019	Mr JW (John) Rutherford
1979	Mr GH (Glen) Dunstan* OBE	1998	Mr KJ (Kim) Hughes	2013	Mr KN (Keith) Slater AM	2019	Mr MJ (Marcus) North
		1998	Mr GM (Graeme) Wood	2014	Mr RJ (Ric) Evans		

* Denotes - Deceased



WA Leads The Way

2019-20 WNCL Player of the Season,
Nicole Bolton.



New Teams, New Trophies

“This is the group that can break the drought and bring home the Ruth Preddy Cup, I just know it.” - Nicole Bolton, 2018.

It was back to the future for Western Australia in 2019-20, as a change of branding closer aligned with yesteryear produced history for both the men's and women's squads.

It was decided ahead of the season the WA State Cricket Teams would be referred to as the Western Australian Men's and Western Australian Women's teams, replacing the Western Warriors and the Western Fury 'nicknames'.

At the core of the change was representing all West Australians and getting back to the roots of our proud cricketing State by reinstating the heritage logo once synonymous with WA Cricket.

The crest worn proudly on the blazers of legends such as Dennis Lillee, Kim Hughes and John Inverarity, is now emblazoned on the shirts of our future stars Cam Green, Aaron Hardie and Georgia Wyllie.

The WA Women claimed their first ever Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) title, defeating the New South Wales Breakers in the final held in February.

It was the first time the WA Women had won a trophy since the 1986-87 season, when the competition was played under a different format.

The campaign was highlighted by two wins against New South Wales, who have had a stranglehold on the Ruth Preddy Cup with 21 of the previous 24 titles, and another against the highly admired Queensland Fire.

Nicole Bolton, named WNCL Player of the Season, was also named the Player of the Final with a cool-headed 67 to go with 3-34 with the ball.

Sheer elation surrounded what was truly a team celebration thanks to the presence of all squad members and WA Women's high-performance staff, who travelled to Sydney for the WNCL Final.

Reflecting after the final, Bolton said the win had been a long time coming for WA and began with a change in culture and belief off the field.

“The investment from the WACA over the last five years has been pivotal to making this happen,” Bolton said.

“Lisa Keightley and Christina Matthews were central to the positive steps forward in WA Cricket and their hard work has given us the opportunity to earn and enjoy success.”

It was a double dose of one-day silverware thanks to the WA Men's efforts in the Marsh Cup.

Forty-nine years after Tony Lock led WA to its first one-day domestic title against Queensland, Ashton Turner's men captured a record-extending 14th trophy against the same old foe.

Shaun Marsh, who was named Player of the Final with a fine 101 not out, was WA's talisman with the blade over the course of the tournament but was well supported throughout.

Nathan Coulter-Nile led the competition with 17 wickets that included a Player of the Match performance in a virtual semi-final against South Australia.



Laurie Sawle Medal

Sensational seasons from Nicole Bolton and Shaun Marsh saw the pair capture the Zoë Goss and Laurie Sawle Medals.

Marsh claimed his second successive Laurie Sawle Medal after a superb year of domestic cricket highlighted by a match-winning ton in Western Australia's Marsh One-Day Cup Final against Queensland.

Allrounder Nicole Bolton picked up her third Zoë Goss Medal, following a record-breaking domestic season that saw her claim the Women's National Cricket League Player of the Year award.

WA spinner Ashton Agar was awarded his first ever media-voted Gold Cup trophy following a strong season on the International stage, which featured his maiden five-wicket haul during the series in South Africa, and Australia's first T20 hatrick in 13 years.

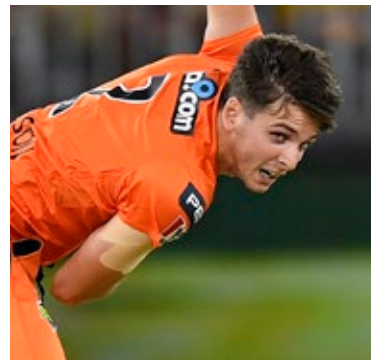
Perth Scorchers speedster Jhye Richardson and England superstar Nat Sciver each came away with the Simon Katich and Scorchers WBBL Player of the Year awards respectively.

Richardson claimed 15 wickets and Sciver made 342 runs at an average of 38.00 and claimed six scalps.

Former Australian cricketer Karen Read was inducted into the WA Cricket Gallery of Greats.

Rising Star awards went to 21-year-old allrounder Aaron Hardie and talented batter Ashley Day who both had impressive debut seasons for the State.

WA bowler Kath Hempenstall took out the values-based Legacy Award, while Joel Paris was named winner of the Excalibur award.



AWARD WINNERS

Laurie Sawle Medal

1. Shaun Marsh
2. Marcus Stoinis
3. Cameron Green

Zoë Goss Medal

1. Nicole Bolton
2. Natalie Sciver
3. Chloe Piparo

Gold Cup

Ashton Agar

Simon Katich Medal

Jhye Richardson

Perth Scorchers WBBL Player of the Year

Nat Sciver

WA Men's Domestic Four-Day Player of the Year

Shaun Marsh

WA Men's Domestic One-Day Player of the Year

Shaun Marsh

WA Women's WNCL

Player of the Year

Nicole Bolton

Legacy Award

Kath Hempenstall

Excalibur Award

Joel Paris

Female Rising Star

Ashley Day

Male Rising Star

Aaron Hardie

Shaun Strikes Again



When he's in full flight at the top of his game, there are very few better players to watch." - Adam Voges on Shaun Marsh

When Shaun Marsh plays at his irresistible best, there are few better batsmen on the domestic stage. It would seem his peers agree, voting him the Australian Domestic Player of the Year for 2019-20.

A second consecutive Laurie Sawle Medal, underpinned by both the Western Australian Domestic One-Day and Four-Day Player of the Year awards, ensured this season was once again the 'Summer of SOS'.

Nearly two decades on from his first-class debut, Marsh's domestic career is enjoying an Indian summer of its own and shows no signs of slowing.

The golden moment of a glistening 2019-20 season was undoubtedly his match-winning ton in WA's Marsh One-Day Cup Final against Queensland.

The elegant left-hander, who scored 389 runs at 55.57 across the competition, struck an unbeaten 101 to steer WA to a record 14th one-day domestic trophy. One could argue it was history repeating itself – some 30 years earlier his father Geoff piloted WA to its eighth one-day domestic trophy with an unbeaten 91 in a Player of the Match performance of his own.

Reflecting on the Marsh Cup win, a typically humble Marsh said his enjoyment of seeing team success outweighed the individual accolades that followed.

"It was nice to play well and win awards, but for me it's all about winning trophies as a team. To see everyone so happy after the final and to share that moment with your teammates, that's why you play cricket," he said.

"We had played great cricket right throughout the tournament, so to finish it off like that was very rewarding for the group."

At the time, coach Adam Voges described it as one of the best performances of Marsh's career, high praise from a man who has spent many a summer alongside the 37-year-old.

"An innings like that comes from someone who has played a lot of cricket and understands their game incredibly well," Voges said.

"Shaun essentially won us the Marsh Cup off his own bat, it was a magnificent century." - Adam Voges

The veteran also led WA's run scoring in the Marsh Sheffield Shield, amassing 724 runs at 48.26, including an equal career best 214 against Victoria.

Marsh admits that while there is some sadness in acknowledging his international career may be behind him, he revelled in the opportunity to play every WA Sheffield Shield match, the first time he's done so since the 2014-15 season.

"On one side it was sad knowing that I probably wasn't going to play cricket for Australia again, but on the flipside, it took away the extra expectation and allowed me to focus on playing well for WA," Marsh said.

For Voges, it meant having a man with over 10,000 first-class runs provide the bedrock for the WA innings at first drop, a luxury the coach relished.

"It certainly helps that we have an experienced and reliable performer who can walk out for us at number three in every game of the season and we know what we're going to get," Voges said.

Next year Marsh will embark on a record-setting 20th domestic season for WA and is set to surpass all but the legendary Justin Langer on the list of the State's greatest run-scorers across all formats.

Naturally, Marsh's reaction is less of the legacy he has built and more of how he can return the favour for the support he felt from senior teammates in his formative years.

"I feel very fortunate to be able to play cricket for as long as I have,

we're such a proud cricketing State and I feel privileged to represent Western Australia coming up on my 20th season," Marsh said.

"When I started playing, I had all these legends of the game around me in Tom Moody, Justin Langer, Simon Katich and Murray Goodwin. I know how it feels to have a senior figure in the team and that's where I'm at in my career now."

"If I can help these young guys come through and make them better first-class cricketers, then that's something which will give me a lot of enjoyment and pride." - Shaun Marsh

With the lure of breaking a 21-year Sheffield Shield drought driving the Men's program, Voges hopes Marsh's domestic dominance will continue for a while yet.

"Shaun has a real opportunity over the next couple of years to continue that passion and achieve great things for WA, and as long as he wants to do that, then we're lucky to have him," he said.

Words bound to bring a smile to the face of all WA cricket supporters.



Summer of SOS: 214 reasons to smile against Victoria at the WACA Ground.



Bolton Back Stronger Than Ever

Three Zoë Goss Medals and more runs plundered for WA than any other woman may be a childhood dream for most, but for Nicole Bolton cricket hasn't always been a fairy tale.

"It's been a bit of journey," a pensive Nicole Bolton muses as she gazes out over the WACA Ground she debuted on as a 16-year-old in 2005.

Thrust into the state team as a generational talent, Bolton was named WA captain at 23.

As a cricketer, she admits the captaincy probably came a little early.

As a person, she is adamant it was premature.

"My mentality at the time was that my talent was going to take me wherever I wanted to go," she said.

"More than that, I was a bit soft and my attitude was short of what was required, I didn't like authority or being told what to do."

A perfectionist with a desire to achieve on any given day, Bolton became consumed by her on-field performances and says a failure on the field would often spill into life away from cricket.

"For a long time, how I felt about myself correlated to how many runs I scored, and it was having a detrimental effect on my mental state," she said.

At the end of 2018 Bolton stepped away from cricket for a second time, re-inventing herself as a person and taking time to assess her future in the game.

"I was very open to retiring from cricket," she said.

"I took my time making a decision and realised that my passion was still very much cricket and I still had things I wanted to achieve in the game."

Bolton's return to playing cricket was careful. She declined an offer to join Australian teammates in Perth for the ODI series against New Zealand and instead chose to reintegrate through grade cricket with Subiaco-Floreat.

It turned to be a masterstroke decision, as a successful return to club cricket became Bolton's springboard into one of the most destructive Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) seasons in recent memory.

Through nine matches she struck a competition-high 436 runs at 48.44, 71 runs clear of next-best Chloe Piparo (365).

She was just as ruthless with the ball; her 16 scalps at 19.43 apiece trailed only New South Wales' Rene Farrell (21) and teammate Emma King (18).

Having spent her entire professional career opening the batting, Bolton's return to cricket coincided with a shift to number four on the team sheet to bring some stability to the middle order.

WA Women's Assistant Coach Michael Dighton says her openness to the batting move showed her willingness to have a team-first mentality.

"The way she embraced the role is something she did outstandingly well," he said.

"Her leadership, particularly in the WNCL Final, and the help she provided Chloe Piparo as a young captain throughout the season was exceptional."

It's those leadership qualities that Bolton has carefully crafted, aware of her standing in the team and the importance of nurturing future talent.

With the understanding that younger players may be intimidated stepping into the WA team, Bolton sees herself as perfectly placed to help guide new and emerging talent.

"I'm always trying to be a positive leader; I'm strongly motivated to have an impact on the next generation coming through," she said.

"I've been working hard to develop authentic personal relationships rather than just from a cricketing perspective.

"I don't feel I have to lead in an official capacity, as my actions around the group will help drive the culture."

After prophetically declaring in 2018 that this playing group was capable of breaking WA's 24-year WNCL title drought, Bolton says victory couldn't have tasted sweeter.

"We have worked so hard to develop a culture when we haven't necessarily had the results we wanted," she said.

"This year we had close games and different players performed at different times to get the team over the line, it shows great development as a group, we're not reliant on one or two players."

"It's great to know it doesn't matter who we're up against. We're an exceptional team and we'll be up for the fight." - Nicole Bolton

Ironically, one of the best natural talents WA has produced believes her magnificent season is a triumph of mental application and the power of positivity.

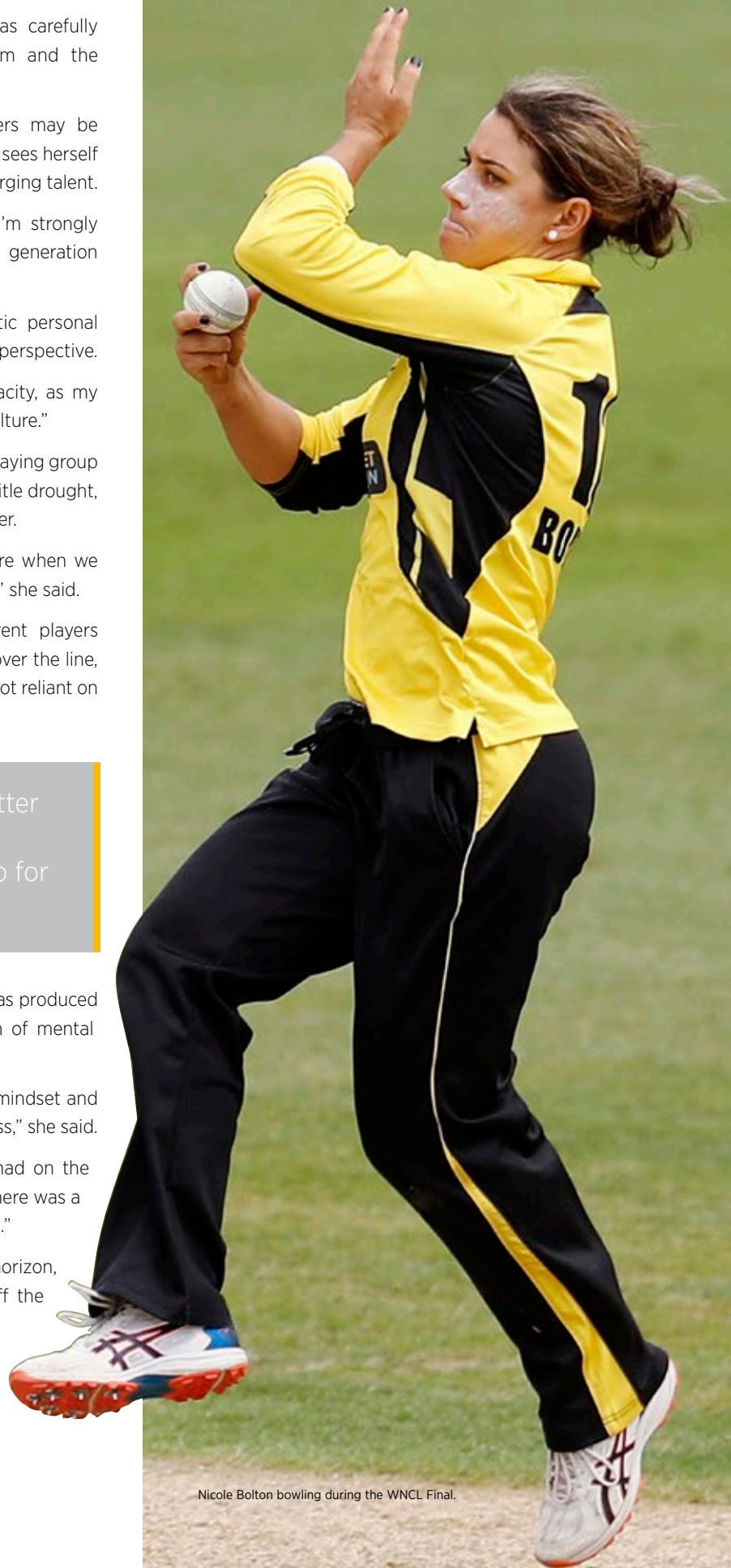
"As I've matured, I've learned about attitude, mindset and what it actually takes to have prolonged success," she said.

"How I trained was pivotal in the success I had on the field. The volume had always been there but there was a renewed focus on my application and patience."

With the ICC Women's World Cup on the horizon, Bolton will be hoping for a national recall off the back of her domestic form.

"One-day cricket is where I've had most of my success and I feel like I've shown flexibility this season, batting at number four has been very beneficial for me."

Beneficial for Bolton, history-making for WA.



Nicole Bolton bowling during the WNCL Final.



Big Future for Iconic WACA Ground

The WACA has a vision to create a sustainable community and sporting hub with cricket at its heart at the WACA Ground.

The WACA Ground Improvement Project will deliver:

- An activated piazza space that can be enjoyed by the community year-round. An opportunity to integrate an aquatic facility into this space is currently being explored.
- A 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 sports lighting upgrade.
- A reduced capacity Ground, with modern shade solutions.
- Dedicated high performance facilities for elite and pathway players including gym, changerooms and recovery facilities.
- 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 working facilities 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 new pavilion, including food and beverage outlets and a multi-purpose function room.

This vision closely aligns with the efforts the WACA is currently undertaking to build the profile of the WACA Ground as not only the home of cricket in WA, but a versatile venue with a strong community focus.

In December 2019, the WACA marked a major step forward in achieving this vision when it welcomed a \$30 million funding commitment from the Federal Government towards the WACA Ground Improvement Project.

The WACA's vision for the Ground is now set to become a reality with the State Government announcing that they would also commit \$30 million towards the Project in August this year.

The WACA remains committed to raising another \$10 million towards the Project through the WA Cricket Foundation, in addition to the \$4 million funding commitment from Cricket Australia that has been secured. Excitingly, the

WACA has been presented with an opportunity to partner with the City of Perth to explore the feasibility of an aquatic facility at the Ground.

The WACA is currently in the process of

determining if a 50-metre pool, a learn to swim pool and a leisure slide can be integrated into the facility's design. There are of course several complex matters that need to be determined, including management, an appropriate operating model and tenure before an informed decision can be made. However, the WACA is thrilled to be working closely with the City of Perth to enliven and improve the East Perth precinct.

Despite the uncertainty the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has created, the WACA remains steadfast in its vision to create a sustainable community and sporting hub and has utilised this year to determine how this vision will be achieved.

The WACA is grateful to both the State and Federal Government for supporting the Project and for the budding partnership with the City of Perth. The WACA thanks the State Government, in particular, the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Mick Murray MLA and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries who provided ongoing support during the development of the Project.



The proposed north stand for the WACA Ground Improvement Project.





WA Cricket Foundation

Participants in the Deadly Cricket program playing at the Cue Carnival.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the WA Cricket Foundation continues to enrich, support and inspire the wider WA cricket community.



As the philanthropic arm of the Western Australian Cricket Association, the WA Cricket Foundation has a 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.

Under the leadership of Chair, Dr Bob Every AO, the WA Cricket Foundation has focused its efforts on ensuring that cricket truly is a 'Sport for All' by supporting nine cricket programs for women and girls, Aboriginal children and people with a disability.

These nine programs, funded in part through private donations made directly to the Foundation, are either new or an expansion of an existing program that support inclusion and participation and have wide reaching social, educational and health benefits.

The Foundation has raised over \$200,000 to support these community cricket programs over the next three years.

The Foundation has been overwhelmed by the generosity of donors. As a result of this generosity, the Foundation is well on its way to achieving its vision and will continue to connect with the WA community to secure donations for all programs.

The WACA is grateful to Dr Every OA, Dr Ken Michael AC, Meredith McClements, John Gardner, John Goodlad, John Nolan, Kate O'Hara and David Robb for their time and commitment that has led to the success of the Foundation.

Importantly, the WACA is grateful to each of the donors who truly enrich, support and inspire the WA cricket community. Their generosity has been above expectations.

As plans for the WACA Ground Improvement Project progress, the WA Cricket Foundation has turned its attention to the commitment to raise \$10 million for the Project. The Foundation has finalised its strategy to raise much-needed funds for the Project and looks forward to launching the campaigns in the very near future.

The Project will reinvigorate the WACA Ground and allow it to become a community destination in the heart of the East Perth precinct.

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WACA Ground Functions & Events

The move of men's international and Big Bash League matches to Optus Stadium in the 2018-2019 cricket season paved the way for the WACA Ground to get some runs on the board as Perth's most versatile event venue. Since this move, the venue has established its own catering service and now offers a diverse range of function rooms and outdoor spaces for events.

The WACA Ground will always be the home of cricket in WA and continues to host Marsh Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup matches, women's one-day and T20 Internationals, WBBL matches, WNCL matches, Futures League and Premier Cricket finals to name a few. However, the opportunity to diversify what the Ground can offer as an event space will increase revenue opportunities that will ultimately ensure a sustainable future for cricket in WA. Last year saw more than 14,000 people come through the gates to attend non-cricket events.

Last July the Ground transformed into a training venue for Premier League legends Manchester United as they prepared for their Optus Stadium matches against Perth Glory and Leeds United. The following month the hallowed turf was readied for the Qantas Wallabies training camp

and just one month later Crusty Demons, a group of daredevil freestyle motorcyclists, were displaying their skills in front of a strong crowd.

Earlier this year, the WACA Ground proudly hosted nine training sessions and five matches across three days as part of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Almost 5,000 fans attended to watch Australia beat Sri Lanka in a nail-biting match on 24 February 2020.

As part of the preparations for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup a new set of all-gender changerooms were installed into the Lillie-Marsh stand. Importantly, following these matches, the additional set of change rooms are now available for a range of community and sporting events.

The WACA is grateful to the WA Government as funding provided through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries CSRFF Small Grants Fund has allowed for the installation of these changerooms.

There is no doubt the WACA Ground is a much-loved and iconic WA venue. The WACA will continue to grow and diversify the offering at the Ground as it strives to become not only the home of cricket in WA, but a community destination with year-round events.





Individual Brilliance & Team Success

Mitchell Marsh and Adam Voges

2019-20 WA Australian Representatives

BATTING		Mat	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50
ASHTON AGAR	ODI	9	3	22	20*	22	110.63	-	-
	T20	4	3	45	25	22.5	97.82	-	-
CAMERON BANCROFT	TEST	2	4	44	16	11	27.16	-	-
JASON BEHRENDORFF	ODI	2	2	12	11*	9.5	120	-	-
NICOLE BOLTON	TEST	1	1	6	6	6	30	-	-
	ODI	3	3	7	4	2.33	20.58	-	-
HEATHER GRAHAM	ODI	1	1	4	4	-	80	-	-
MITCH MARSH	TEST	1	2	41	24	20.5	36.93	-	-
	ODI	4	4	111	36	27.75	79.85	-	-
	T20	3	3	44	19	14.66	115.78	-	-
JHYE RICHARDSON	ODI	1	1	24	24	-	120	-	-
D'ARCY SHORT	ODI	4	4	128	69	41	75.29	-	1
MARCUS STONIS	ODI	2	2	22	22	11	61.11	-	-
ASHTON TURNER	ODI	3	2	17	13	8.5	68	-	-
	T20	6	3	31	22*	-	100	-	-
BOWLING		Mat	Inns	Wkts	Ave	Eco	BB	5Ws	
ASHTON AGAR	ODI	4	4	2	102.5	5.54	1-38	-	
	T20	9	9	15	21.28	5.8	5-24	1	
JASON BEHRENDORFF	ODI	2	2	1	93	5.75	1-55	-	
HEATHER GRAHAM	ODI	1	1	1	29	3.62	1-29	-	
MITCH MARSH	TEST	1	2	7	12.28	2.93	5-46	1	
	ODI	4	4	3	45.33	6.04	3-29	-	
	T20	3	1	1	3	3	1-3	-	
JHYE RICHARDSON	ODI	1	1	-	-	5.8	-	-	
D'ARCY SHORT	ODI	4	2	-	-	6.87	-	-	
MARCUS STONIS	ODI	2	2	-	-	6.4	-	-	

*Statistics for period 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020

Howzat for passion!? Matt Kelly appeals
for a wicket against Tasmania.





A record-extending 14th domestic one-day title meant there was plenty to celebrate after the 2019-20 season for the WA Men's team.



Limited-overs cricket has always been a happy hunting ground for WA teams, so we were thrilled to add another trophy to the cabinet with victory in the Marsh Cup Final over Queensland.

A clear hunger was present amongst the group ahead of the tournament, largely due to a sense of unfinished business from the previous campaign where we exited in the semi-finals, having gone undefeated in the group stage.

We went with a more experienced team in the Marsh Cup and that was undoubtedly reflected in both the results and the even spread of contributors we had across the competition.

Of our five wins, three were by less than 10 runs and two of those wins were in rain-affected games. In those situations, you need experienced players who can stay in the moment and execute under pressure when the game is on the line.

It's no surprise that our best players in those moments were the guys who have performed at the highest level. Marcus Stoinis' (3-20) death-bowling against Victoria was exceptional, Shaun Marsh (82) helped us to a defendable total against New South Wales, and a perfectly executed Jhye Richardson yorker ripped the game from Callum Ferguson and sent us into the final.

A couple of crushing 100-plus run wins at home was the perfect way to start our campaign. Stoinis blitzed 101* off

just 58 balls and Cameron Bancroft made 78 as we sailed to 8-386 against Victoria. D'Arcy Short did similar against Tasmania with a commanding 129 and was backed up in the field by Richardson (3-23) and Andrew Tye (3-49).

Across the entire tournament Nathan Coulter-Nile and Richardson were excellent with the new ball and often struck early; this sets you up in one-day cricket. Stoinis was instrumental in pivotal moments and Bancroft showed his leadership and adaptability, playing a variety of batting roles.

Perhaps the most mature knock of the tournament came from a man playing in just his eighth List A match. Coming in with the score at 5-73 in a virtual semi-final against South Australia, Cameron Green's 86 from 78 balls grafted us to 252. It proved to be enough, as Coulter-Nile (5-48) led the attack that bowled us into the final against Queensland.

Shaun Marsh was reliable once again throughout the campaign, scoring 389 runs at 55.57. He saved his best innings for when it mattered most, scoring a brilliant hundred in the final to get us over the line. It capped a consistent tournament for Shaun, and he was aptly named 'Player of the Match'.

In a sense, our Sheffield Shield competition was a tale of two halves, split either side of the BBL break. In the first half of the season we played strong cricket with both talent and toughness. The second half was a different story and wasn't what we had planned or hoped for.

It was a great opportunity to play our first two fixtures at home, winning at the WACA Ground is something we certainly focus on. The goal is always to make our opposition feel like WA is a hard place to come and play.

While we would have liked a better result than a draw against Tasmania, two early home wins against Victoria and South Australia highlighted our ability to play positive cricket at home. To beat a strong Victorian side in such emphatic fashion was a great sign for our group.

Jhye Richardson bowled beautifully early in the season and was backed up by Matt Kelly who continues to become a reliable wicket taker. Shaun Marsh's first three games at the WACA Ground showed all his class and experience, he averaged 112.75 and scored a brilliant 214 in our nine-wicket win over Victoria.

We also showed the mental toughness required to bat under pressure and hold on for a draw when playing from a long way behind the game. In our second innings against Queensland at the Gabba we were 7-53, still 23 runs shy of the first innings deficit, but batted a further 64 overs to force a draw.

For many, that game will be remembered as the moment Cameron Green announced himself as a genuine all-round talent. He'd previously performed well with the ball and as much as we knew internally of his ability with the bat, he was yet to show it at first-class level. His 87 not out in the first innings was impressive, but his 121 not out batting at number nine in the second innings was sublime.

For a young player to stand up in a pressure situation and show that level of maturity was a terrific effort. It was the catalyst for a breakout season, as he went on to score a further two tons to finish the year with 699 runs at an average of 63.54.

Having beaten Victoria so convincingly at home, it was disappointing that the return fixture turned out to be the anomaly of the season. The match was called off after only 40 overs, with the MCG pitch deemed unsafe for batting. When top order players are continuously hit on the body and head two or three times an over from balls misbehaving off a good length you know things are not quite right.

Despite sharing the points for a nil result in Melbourne, we went into the BBL break second on the ladder and feeling positive about our performances. We'd played well, with only one loss coming against a full strength New South Wales in Sydney.

Unfortunately, the second half of the season wasn't as promising as the first. A dearth of senior players meant there was a steep learning curve for our younger players.

Mitch Marsh, Ashton Turner, Cameron Bancroft and Hilton Cartwright were all out of the side through either injury or performance. In an ideal world, senior players are fit and performing well, but we didn't get that this year. There is no doubt those boys will be hungry to atone next season.

Missing senior players naturally impacts your overall performance and while the collective results tapered, it was clear that there is plenty of talent emerging in our squad. Allrounder Aaron Hardie, who has only played three first-class games, scored a century in the final match against Queensland to back up his eight wickets on debut at the end of last season. Josh Inglis and Josh Phillipe showed good signs, while Jake Carder earned his opportunity at the top of the order.

With an abrupt end to the season due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, we finished fifth on the Sheffield Shield ladder, but for a lot of the season it certainly didn't feel like that.

Ultimately, to end the season with one of the two state-based trophies up for grabs, makes it a year with success, but not entirely fulfilled. To see 11 players selected for international cricket is again an endorsement of the strength of our WA program. It wouldn't be a surprise if a few more get their opportunity over the next 12 months.

We continue to be committed to developing adaptable and resilient cricketers and people to help take WA cricket forward. There is no doubt we have our sights firmly fixed on winning a 16th Sheffield Shield for our proud cricketing State.

Adam Voges OAM



Cameron Green bringing up his third century of the season against Tasmania.

MARSH SHEFFIELD SHIELD RESULTS

WA v TAS - Western Australia 337 & 9-383 DRAW Tasmania 397. Match Drawn. S Marsh 85 Agar 76* Richardson 3-58.

WA v VIC - Western Australia 9d-519 & 1-9 DEF Victoria 341 & 186. Western Australia win by 9 wickets. S Marsh 214 Philippe 65 Richardson 3-58 & 3-40.

QLD v WA - Western Australia 332 & 9-246 DRAW Queensland 411. Match Drawn. Green 121 & 87* S Marsh 77 Stoinis 3-50.

NSW v WA - Western Australia 191 & 128 DEF BY New South Wales 8d-444 & 0d-98. New South Wales win by 223 runs. Short 51 & 2-39 Stoinis 2-59.

WA v SA - Western Australia 8d-492 & 6d-205 DEF South Australia 353 & 308. Western Australia win by 36 runs. Green 126 S Marsh 102* Kelly 5-63.

VIC v WA - Western Australia 3-89 DRAW Victoria. Match Drawn - called off due to pitch concerns. Carder 44.

SA v WA - Western Australia 254 & 222 DEF BY South Australia 389 & 5d-196. South Australia win by 109 runs. S Marsh 63 Stoinis 60 Moody 4-86.

TAS v WA - Western Australia 371 & 253 DEF BY Tasmania 390 & 5-235. Tasmania win by 5 wickets. Green 158 Paris 93 & 5-90 Philippe 63 & 55.

WA v QLD - Western Australia 277 & 347 DRAW Queensland 496 & 5-54. Match Drawn. Whiteman 110 & 5 Hardie 100* Kelly 5-85 & 3-11.

WA v NSW - Western Australia v New South Wales. Match cancelled without a ball being bowled.

MARSH ONE-DAY CUP RESULTS

WA v VIC - Western Australia 8-386 (50.0) DEF Victoria 10-261 (39.2). WA win by 125 runs. Stoinis 101* Bancroft 78 Agar 3-54.

WA v TAS - Western Australia 10-312 (50.0) DEF Tasmania 10-210 (44.4). WA win by 102 runs. Short 129 Richardson 3-23 Tye 3-49.

NSW v WA - Western Australia 6-210 (35.0) DEF New South Wales 7-235 (35.0). WA win by 8 runs (D/L method). S Marsh 82 Coulter-Nile 3-47.

NSW v WA - Western Australia 271 (44.3) DEF BY New South Wales 6-348 (50.0). NSW win by 77 runs. Cartwright 74 Philippe 64 Tye 3-86.

WA v VIC - Western Australia 9-281 (42.0) DEF Victoria 8-165 (20.0). WA win by 9 runs (D/L method). Bancroft 76 Kelly 3-7 Stoinis 45 & 3-20.

QLD v WA - Western Australia 242 (48.1) DEF BY Queensland 268 (50.0). Queensland win by 26 runs. S Marsh 85 Bancroft 72 Stoinis 4-50.

WA v SA - Western Australia 252 (49.1) DEF South Australia 246 (49.0). WA win by 6 runs. Green 86 Coulter-Nile 5-48.

Final: QLD v WA - Western Australia 6-210 (48.0) DEF Queensland 10-205 (49.3). WA win by 4 wickets. S Marsh 101* Agar 3-46 Coulter-Nile 3-47.





MARSH SHEFFIELD SHIELD STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	D	PTS
New South Wales	9	6	2	-	1	50.76
Victoria	9	3	3	-	3	38.53
Queensland	9	4	3	-	2	36.91
Tasmania	9	3	4	-	2	32.29
Western Australia	9	2	3	-	4	31.37
South Australia	9	2	5	-	2	28.54

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
SE Marsh	9	17	2	724	214	48.26	1530	47.32	2	3	3	99	1
C Green	8	15	4	699	158*	63.54	1304	53.6	3	1	2	92	5
MP Stoinis	8	14	1	398	79	30.61	826	48.18	-	5	2	54	1
JR Philippe	7	13	-	369	65	28.38	712	51.82	-	3	1	50	2
JP Inglis	8	13	-	323	91	24.84	687	47.01	-	2	1	33	3
SM Whiteman	5	10	-	274	110	27.4	699	39.19	1	2	2	44	2
AC Agar	5	7	2	262	76*	52.4	509	51.47	-	2	-	31	2
JS Paris	5	7	3	208	93	52	417	49.88	-	1	-	26	4
JM Carder	5	9	-	191	44	21.22	417	45.8	-	-	2	26	-
CT Bancroft	7	13	1	158	30	13.16	532	29.69	-	-	3	17	-
M Kelly	8	11	1	156	46	15.6	466	33.47	-	-	1	23	-
AM Hardie	2	4	1	146	100*	48.66	286	51.04	1	-	-	19	1
MR Marsh	1	2	-	94	53	47	133	70.67	-	1	-	15	-
HWR Cartwright	2	3	-	79	42	26.33	152	51.97	-	-	-	14	-
DJM Short	1	2	-	72	51	36	229	31.44	-	1	-	9	-
JA Richardson	3	5	-	71	39	14.2	158	44.93	-	-	2	9	-
DJM Moody	7	8	3	65	31*	13	187	34.75	-	-	-	4	-
J Nicholas	1	2	-	45	44	22.5	55	81.81	-	-	-	6	2
L Guthrie	2	4	1	35	19	11.66	109	32.11	-	-	1	4	-
SP Mackin	2	2	1	16	15*	16	76	21.05	-	-	-	3	-
AJ Turner	2	4	-	14	6	3.5	55	25.45	-	-	-	1	-
LN O'Connor	1	2	2	-	0*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
M Kelly	8	13	252.2	53	769	27	1-10	1-10	28.48	3.04	56	2	-	4	-
DJM Moody	7	11	197.5	26	794	22	3-61	3-68	36.09	4.01	53.9	-	-	2	-
JS Paris	5	7	137.4	30	450	14	3-40	6-68	32.14	3.26	59	1	-	1	-
MP Stoinis	8	10	161.2	35	483	14	2-39	2-52	34.5	2.99	69.1	-	-	1	-
JA Richardson	3	4	105.1	38	223	9	5-63	8-96	24.77	2.12	70.1	-	-	2	-
J Nicholas	1	2	39	8	136	4	2-60	2-60	34	3.48	58.5	-	-	-	-
HWR Cartwright	2	2	21	-	74	3	5-90	7-148	24.66	3.52	42	-	-	1	-
C Green	8	2	40	7	116	3	2-24	4-136	38.66	2.9	80	-	-	4	-
AM Hardie	2	3	51	12	163	3	3-33	3-50	54.33	3.19	102	-	-	2	-
AC Agar	5	7	129	23	408	3	4-86	6-156	136	3.16	258	-	-	1	-
DJM Short	1	2	13	-	52	2	2-77	2-77	26	4	39	-	-	-	-
MR Marsh	1	1	23	5	60	2	2-72	2-72	30	2.6	69	-	-	1	-
LN O'Connor	1	1	21	1	77	2	2-58	2-92	38.5	3.66	63	-	-	-	-
JM Carder	5	5	12	-	73	1	1-32	1-32	73	6.08	72	-	-	3	-
SP Mackin	2	2	26	2	91	1	1-27	1-91	91	3.5	156	-	-	-	-
CT Bancroft	7	1	3	-	10	1	1-8	2-56	10	3.33	18	-	-	3	-
L Guthrie	2	4	47	6	168	1	1-68	1-83	168	3.57	282	-	-	1	-
JP Inglis	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-
SE Marsh	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
JR Philippe	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
AJ Turner	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
SM Whiteman	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-



MARSH ONE-DAY CUP STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	NR	NRR	PTS
Queensland	7	5	2	-	-	0.757	22
Western Australia	7	5	2	-	-	0.482	22
South Australia	7	4	3	-	-	0.078	18
Tasmania	7	3	4	-	-	-0.034	12
Victoria	7	3	4	-	-	-0.784	12
New South Wales	7	1	6	-	-	-0.488	5

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
SE Marsh	8	8	1	389	101*	55.57	465	83.65	1	2	-	38	7
CT Bancroft	7	7	-	281	78	40.14	294	95.57	-	3	-	18	7
MP Stoinis	8	8	1	245	101*	35	247	99.19	1	-	-	15	13
DJM Short	8	8	-	241	129	30.12	257	93.77	1	-	-	26	5
JR Philippe	7	7	-	210	64	30	203	103.44	-	2	-	27	4
AJ Turner	5	5	-	135	52	27	150	90	-	1	-	10	3
AC Agar	7	7	2	133	30	26.6	150	88.66	-	-	-	7	5
HWR Cartwright	5	4	-	131	74	32.75	130	100.76	-	1	-	12	4
C Green	3	3	-	95	86	31.66	97	97.93	-	1	-	6	3
JA Richardson	7	5	1	47	27	11.75	66	71.21	-	-	-	3	-
MR Marsh	3	3	-	44	30	14.66	60	73.33	-	-	1	1	3
NM Coulter-Nile	7	5	-	31	17	6.2	38	81.57	-	-	1	-	3
M Kelly	5	3	2	18	10*	18	13	138.46	-	-	-	2	-
AJ Tye	5	4	2	18	9	9	21	85.71	-	-	-	2	-
AM Hardie	2	2	1	14	13*	14	15	93.33	-	-	-	1	-
LN O'Connor	1	1	1	-	0*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
NM Coulter-Nile	7	7	60.3	3	322	17	5-48	18.94	5.32	21.3	-	1	1	-
MP Stoinis	8	8	52	-	290	12	4-50	24.16	5.57	26	1	-	4	-
JA Richardson	7	7	54	3	315	11	3-23	28.63	5.83	29.4	-	-	9	-
AJ Tye	5	5	36	-	247	10	3-49	24.7	6.86	21.6	-	-	3	-
AC Agar	7	7	48	-	279	8	3-51	34.87	5.81	36	-	-	1	-
M Kelly	5	5	34	2	158	6	3-7	26.33	4.64	34	-	-	3	-
DJM Short	8	6	12	1	76	2	1-11	38	6.33	36	-	-	1	-
LN O'Connor	1	1	10	-	48	1	1-48	48	4.8	60	-	-	-	-
AM Hardie	2	2	4	-	37	1	1-30	37	9.25	24	-	-	-	-
MR Marsh	3	3	20	1	102	-	-	-	5.1	-	-	-	-	-
C Green	3	1	7	-	29	-	-	-	4.14	-	-	-	2	-
CT Bancroft	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
HWR Cartwright	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
SE Marsh	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
JR Philippe	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	2
AJ Turner	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-



Mitch Marsh mid-demolition on his way to 93* against the Brisbane Heat.

Fawad Ahmed celebrates a wicket with Scorchers teammates.

Perth Scorchers

For a club with a proud history of making and winning finals, to miss out for a second consecutive season was certainly disappointing.



Leading into the season, we had significant personnel changes with several of our veterans accepting opportunities to play elsewhere, while Maxy Klinger retired after a remarkable career.

We also welcomed two new overseas players, Englishmen Liam Livingstone and Chris Jordan, while Fawad Ahmed and Kurtis Patterson joined us from the Sydney Thunder.

With such a high amount of player turnover, you can look at it two ways. It was disappointing for us to lose some of our more experienced players, but at the same time it provided an opportunity for new talent to emerge.

A younger playing list and a slight change in our game style meant it took us a little while to adapt. The pleasing part was that our best cricket was certainly good enough to challenge any team on the day. The challenge for our group is to be able to do this more consistently.

Mitch Marsh led from the front and was a consistent performer for us. His 93 not out against the Brisbane Heat was some of the most destructive hitting seen at Optus Stadium.

Chris Jordan brought much-needed experience to our bowling attack and was a great help to Mitch on the field.

His leadership was just as valuable as the wickets he took, as he ended up our equal leading wicket-taker. He also displayed his athleticism in the field, his diving catch at long-on in our win against the Melbourne Renegades at home was one of the best in the tournament.

For Josh Inglis it was a breakout season. We gave him an extended run opening the batting, for him to make the most of the opportunity and establish himself there was pleasing to see. His partnership with Liam Livingstone at the top of the order proved to be a real positive. With three opening stands over 100 runs, we often got away to a flying start.

Fawad Ahmed too did a great job as a wicket-taker and controlling the middle overs with the ball, his work in unison with Ashton Agar was another positive for us.

Jhye Richardson improved with every game. Given the task of taking the new ball and leading our attack, he continues to impress for a young man who is still only 23 years old.

We were also able to get several games into some of our younger players such as Cameron Green. For these guys to experience the pressures of BBL cricket will no doubt continue their learning and development.

Frustratingly, there were some missed opportunities throughout the tournament.

The difference between our eventual sixth place in BBL|09 and a finals appearance came down to defending a rain-adjusted total as a storm rolled in during our Australia Day match in Western Sydney.

On a slow dry pitch and with no guarantee of the storm coming in, we chose to bat with the mindset that runs on the board would always be the right tactic. It came down to Sydney Thunder's Chris Morris hitting a six to get them home, but with such fine margins within the game, there could have been a very different finish.

The Adelaide Strikers game is another one we look back on and rue 'what could have been'. Chasing 199, we were 0-124 through 8.3 overs before losing both openers in consecutive balls. After such a great start we were unable to put another partnership together and came up short. To not get the job done there was very disappointing.

It's worth noting that Jason Behrendorff and Andrew Tye both missed the entire tournament with injury. Losing two

of your most experienced bowlers just before a tournament starts is never ideal. To have those guys back next season will be akin to having two new signings.

Reflecting over the whole campaign, there were moments we were at our best and showed we can challenge and compete with any other team. The overriding factor is we didn't do that enough.

Consistency starts with being hard to beat at home and that is something we haven't quite achieved yet at Optus Stadium, but are determined to do so. The incredible level of support we get from Members and fans at home is rarely matched across the league, so the challenge for us it to back it up on the field.

We're excited about the group we have, and we'll be looking to keep the majority together as we continue to build a Scorchers squad that WA can be proud of.

Adam Voges OAM



KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE RESULTS

Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 131 (20.0) DEF BY Sydney Sixers 2-137 (15.0). Sixers win by 8 wickets. Green 36 Jordan 2-13.

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 7-196 (20.0) DEF Melbourne Renegades 6-185 (20.0). Scorchers win by 11 runs. M Marsh 56* Bancroft 51 Ahmed 2-22.

Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 7-183 (18.0/18) DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 4-198 (18.0/18). Strikers win by 15 runs (D/L method). Livingstone 69 Inglis 50 Richardson 2-29.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Perth Scorchers 126 (18.1) DEF BY Sydney Sixers 7-174 (20.0). Sixers win by 48 runs. Jordan 3-29 Turner 28.

Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 6-149 (20.0) DEF Brisbane Heat 109 (18.4). Scorchers win by 40 runs. Bancroft 50 Ahmed 3-16.

Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Perth Scorchers 8-172 (20.0) DEF BY Hobart Hurricanes 2-180 (20.0). Hurricanes win by 8 runs. M Marsh 48 Richardson 33*.

Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 4-178 (19.0) DEF Melbourne Renegades 5-175 (20.0). Scorchers win by 6 wickets. Livingstone 59 Inglis 51 Richardson 3-22.

Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Perth Scorchers 3-213 (20.0) DEF Brisbane Heat 8-179 (20.0). Scorchers win by 34 runs. M Marsh 93* Bancroft 41* Paris 2-29.

Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 7-175 (20.0) DEF Hobart Hurricanes 98 (17.1). Scorchers win by 77 runs. Inglis 73 Marsh 40 Richardson 4-19.

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

Perth Scorchers 86 (13.5) DEF BY Melbourne Stars 2-89 (12.0). Stars win by 8 wickets. Inglis 37.

Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 9-131 (20.0) DEF BY Melbourne Stars 6-141 (20.0). Stars win by 10 runs. Bancroft 32 Kelly 3-27.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Perth Scorchers 2-154 (15.3) DEF Sydney Thunder 5-153 (20.0). Scorchers win by 8 wickets. Livingstone 78 Inglis 58 Jordan 3-28.

Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Perth Scorchers 7-165 (20.0) DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 5-181 (20.0). Strikers win by 16 runs. Livingstone 79 Kelly 2-26.

Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 4-99 (15.0/15) DEF BY Sydney Thunder 3-97 (11.4/12.0). Thunder win by 7 wickets (D/L method). Bancroft 35*.

Liam Livingstone and Josh Inglis formed a dangerous opening partnership.





KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	P	W	L	NR	NRR	PTS
Melbourne Stars	14	10	4	-	+0.526	20
Sydney Sixers	14	9	4	1	+0.269	19
Adelaide Strikers	14	8	5	1	+0.564	17
Hobart Hurricanes	14	6	7	1	-0.355	13
Sydney Thunder	14	6	7	1	-0.446	13
Perth Scorchers	14	6	8	-	-0.023	12
Brisbane Heat	14	6	8	-	-0.237	12
Melbourne Renegades	14	3	11	-	-0.348	6

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
LS Livingstone	14	14	-	425	79	30.35	298	142.61	-	4	1	26	27
JP Inglis	14	14	-	405	73	28.92	263	153.99	-	4	-	41	15
MR Marsh	14	14	3	382	93*	34.72	263	145.24	-	2	-	19	20
CT Bancroft	14	13	3	290	51	29	257	112.84	-	2	1	16	7
C Green	12	9	2	106	36	15.14	98	108.16	-	-	-	7	-
AJ Turner	7	7	-	86	36	12.28	82	104.87	-	-	-	6	2
JA Richardson	14	8	5	75	33*	25	46	163.04	-	-	-	2	6
TH David	8	6	1	73	18	14.6	52	140.38	-	-	-	4	3
AC Agar	9	8	2	49	14	8.16	60	81.66	-	-	-	1	1
CJ Jordan	13	10	2	45	11	5.62	48	93.75	-	-	1	3	1
KR Patterson	3	3	1	39	20	19.5	35	111.42	-	-	-	4	-
M Kelly	9	4	3	34	23*	34	25	136	-	-	-	2	2
Fawad Ahmed	14	4	1	27	19	9	18	150	-	-	-	1	3
SM Whiteman	2	2	-	12	8	6	13	92.3	-	-	-	1	-
J Morgan	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	33.33	-	-	-	-	-
JS Paris	5	1	1	1	1*	-	1	100	-	-	-	-	-
M Morkel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
Fawad Ahmed	14	14	54	-	373	15	3-16	24.86	6.9	21.6	-	-	2	-
JA Richardson	14	14	53	1	375	15	4-19	25	7.07	21.2	1	-	-	-
CJ Jordan	13	13	43	-	374	15	2-4	24.93	8.69	17.2	-	-	9	-
M Kelly	9	9	28.2	-	266	8	3-28	33.25	9.38	21.2	-	-	2	-
AC Agar	9	9	27	-	240	6	2-16	40	8.88	27	-	-	5	-
MR Marsh	14	10	21	-	193	5	2-10	38.6	9.19	25.2	-	-	3	-
LS Livingstone	14	5	8.1	-	64	4	3-27	16	7.83	12.2	-	-	5	-
JS Paris	5	5	15	-	149	3	2-29	49.66	9.93	30	-	-	2	-
TH David	8	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
AJ Turner	7	1	1	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	3	-
M Morkel	1	1	1	-	18	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-
CT Bancroft	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
C Green	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
JP Inglis	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	4
J Morgan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KR Patterson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SM Whiteman	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Jhye Richardson celebrates a wicket.



Emma King enjoyed a dominant WNCL with the ball in hand.



New branding, a new attitude and a new addition to the trophy cabinet made the 2019-20 Women's National Cricket League a resounding success for the Western Australian Women's cricket team.



To break a 24-year WNCL hoodoo and win our first ever title was an incredible achievement for everyone involved within the program. For context, it was the first time the WA women had won a tournament since 1986-87 under the previous Australian Women's Cricket Championship format.

What we were able to accomplish is something the players are particularly proud of, and with good reason. In recent times we have been working hard for not much success, so to have that reward for effort is satisfying.

Perhaps even more satisfying is the way it was earned, with two wins against the dominant New South Wales Breakers and another against the talented Queensland Fire.

The WNCL is played either side of the WBBL, so with the season broken into two parts there is an opportunity to set strong short-term goals and focusses, which is something we did particularly well this year.

It was a slightly different format this season as the competition stretched from six to eight games, with the top two teams at the end of the round-robin playing each other in the final. I think everyone was happy with the opportunity to play more cricket, but the extended fixture also lent itself to a truer table; one bad day didn't necessarily cruel your chances of a top-two finish as it had done in previous years.

At the start of every season, you always aim to play in the final regardless of your previous finish or the strength of the other teams and the goal was the same this year.

When I reflect on the season, the two-game block we had in Queensland to begin the season had a massive bearing on our approach upon returning from WBBL commitments. We went to Queensland with a few injury concerns but had a positive mindset and we managed two hard fought wins, which was the perfect start to the season.

In our first game against Queensland we chased 189, thanks largely to a 156-run partnership between Chloe Piparo (76) and Nicole Bolton (77). At 2-12 it looked a long chase but the composure and maturity they both batted with was impressive. Taneale Peschel (3-48) began strongly up front by bowling both Kirby Short and Grace Harris with two outstanding deliveries. It was a fantastic result and set the tone for the season, especially against a strong Queensland team that has a core group of players who double-up in the WBBL for Brisbane Heat and play a lot of cricket together.

A day later we defended 194 against Tasmania with Nicole Bolton again leading the charge with 63 and 2-26. Two Player of the Match performances in two days set the tone for her season as well, which thankfully continued all the way through to the final. A special mention to Sophie Devine who plucked a caught and bowled off her boot laces when it looked like Tasmania had the chase under control. That effort, combined with two brilliant run outs, ensured the victory.

From my perspective the matches in Queensland were a confirmation of confidence, we believed we could play to that level, but until you physically go out there and perform there is always an element of doubt, especially against the great teams.

From there we only dropped two games for the rest of the season. Pleasingly, there were contributions from everyone throughout the season. Highlights included a match-winning hundred from Sophie Devine against Victoria while Emma King bowled consistently well to lead our wicket taking with 18.

The undoubted star of the tournament was Nicole Bolton who shifted down the order to the position of number four, having previously opened the batting for most of her career. The quintessential Western Australian cricketer, Bolton is competitive in all three facets and was a deserved Player of the Tournament.

Oddly enough, we played New South Wales in our final two matches, once to get into the final and then a rematch 10 days later. Everyone knows how dominant NSW has been over the past 20 years, so there are some mental demons to overcome when you play against them.

We won the first contest against them under considerable pressure, chasing 223 and getting into a bit of trouble during the run chase. Piparo (51) and Bolton (53) had put us in a great position, but at 4-132 and with both batters back in the pavilion, there was still a mountain of work to be done. The 74-run partnership between Megan Banting (57*) and Mathilda Carmichael (26) got us over the line and was instrumental in giving us the belief that we could beat them in the final.

It was far from a *fait accompli*, as we had to wait on the result between Queensland and South Australia to confirm our spot in the final. Fortunately for us, the match was washed out without a ball being bowled and we were into our second final in three seasons.

We started nervously having won the toss and decided to bat first and after three overs were in trouble at 2-8. As she had done all year, Bolton (67) dug us out of a hole and was strongly supported by Ashley Day (32) and some other strong middle order contributors to give us a competitive total of 231.

Our spinners, Bolton and Emma King, were outstanding with the ball and created enough opportunities for us to win the game. The celebrations went long into the night and were made even more memorable by the presence of all squad members and WACA Women's high performance staff, thanks to the generosity of WACA CEO Christina Matthews and High Performance Manager Kade Harvey.

To see the look of pride and satisfaction on the face of our assistant coach and WA cricket legend Zoë Goss during the night reinforced the fact that we had achieved something special.

The hallmark of this season was when we did get into trouble during a game, someone always stood up and dug us out of the hole. In all sports, if you absorb the pressure, win the critical moments and deal with adversity in games, most of the time you will come out on top. Chloe Piparo as a young captain and leader was inspirational.

It was fitting to see Bolton named Player of the Final following a sublime season. A composed, experienced and ultimately highly impactful allrounder, it truly was her tournament.

Personally, I would like to thank the WACA for its support over the season and to Lisa Keightley in particular, who had coached the team since 2015 before departing in December after the WBBL to take up a role as the head coach of the England Women's cricket team. Her dedication and hard work over the years enabled the players to achieve the ultimate success. I felt fortunate to be afforded the opportunity to coach for the remainder of the season in a caretaker capacity and am proud of the way the team transitioned and continued to perform despite the off-field changes.

Finally, to all the WA Women's high performance staff who supported me and the team throughout the campaign, I can't thank you enough. I hope that you will look back on season 2019-20 with great fondness and special memories.

Michael Dighton

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE RESULTS

QLD v WA - WA 5-191 (43.1) DEF QLD 189 (47.0). WA win by 5 wickets. Bolton 77 Piparo 76 Devine 3-35.

TAS v WA - WA 194 (49.0) DEF TAS 178 (44.0). WA win by 16 runs. Bolton 63 & 2-26 Peschel 2-29.

VIC v WA - WA 142 (40.5) DEF BY VIC 7-259 (50.). VIC win by 117 runs. Piparo 60 E King 3-46.

WA v VIC - WA 6-271 (50.0) DEF VIC 8-246 (50.0). WA win by 25 runs. Devine 109 Peschel 3-40.

WA v SA - WA 9-259 (50.0) DEF SA 157 (40.3). WA win by 102 runs. Bolton 94 & 3-26 Day 45.

WA v SA - WA 9-251 (50.0) DEF SA 238 (48.2). WA win by 13 runs. Piparo 76 E King 3-35.

ACT v WA - WA 7-240 (50.0) DEF BY ACT 8-242 (47.5). ACT win by 2 wickets. Carmichael 84* Graham 4-35.

NSW v WA - WA 6-227 (46.5) DEF NSW 6-223 (50.0). WA win by 4 wickets. Bolton 53 & 2-40 Banting 57* Cleary 3-52.

FINAL: NSW v WA - WA 231 (50.0) DEF NSW 189 (49.5). WA win by 42 runs. Bolton 67 & 3-34 E King 3-28.



WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	P	W	L	NR	BP	DP	NRR	PTS
New South Wales	8	6	2	-	6	-	0.441	26
Western Australia	8	6	2	-	3	-	0.198	25
Queensland	8	4	3	1	2	-	0.561	23
Victoria	8	6	4	-	-	-	0.17	17
ACT	8	6	4	-	1	-	-0.56	16
Tasmania	8	2	6	1	-	-	-0.299	9
South Australia	8	1	6	-	-	1	-0.561	5

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
NE Bolton	9	9	-	436	94	48.44	585	74.52	-	5	-	51	2
C Piparo	9	9	-	365	76	40.55	514	71.01	-	4	1	46	1
M Banting	8	8	3	223	57*	44.6	324	68.82	-	1	1	26	1
M Carmichael	7	7	1	177	84*	29.5	256	69.14	-	1	1	20	-
SFM Devine	4	4	-	162	109	40.5	178	91.01	1	-	1	11	6
A Day	8	8	1	143	45	20.42	252	56.74	-	-	1	19	-
AL Edgar	9	9	1	105	39	13.12	153	68.62	-	-	1	11	-
P Cleary	7	6	1	51	20	10.2	68	75	-	-	-	2	-
T Peschel	9	6	3	44	12*	14.66	69	63.76	-	-	-	3	-
H Graham	7	7	-	43	20	6.14	85	50.58	-	-	1	6	-
EL King	9	5	3	40	13	20	52	76.92	-	-	-	3	1
EJ Inglis	3	3	-	21	14	7	34	61.76	-	-	-	2	-
KM Hempenstall	6	3	1	8	6	4	7	114.28	-	-	-	1	-
MB Healy	1	1	-	6	6	6	10	60	-	-	-	1	-
A King	3	2	1	5	4*	5	10	50	-	-	-	1	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
EL King	9	9	79	7	326	18	3-26	18.11	4.12	26.3	-	-	3	-
NE Bolton	9	9	79	4	311	16	3-52	19.43	3.93	29.6	-	-	5	-
H Graham	7	7	68.2	2	282	11	3-28	25.63	4.12	37.2	1	-	3	-
T Peschel	9	9	74.5	4	358	11	4-35	32.54	4.78	40.8	-	-	2	-
P Cleary	7	7	57.2	5	235	9	3-35	26.11	4.09	38.2	-	-	1	-
SFM Devine	4	4	36	1	168	5	3-40	33.6	4.66	43.2	-	-	1	-
A King	3	3	13	-	78	2	1-28	39	6	39	-	-	2	-
KM Hempenstall	6	6	20	-	108	1	1-25	108	5.4	120	-	-	2	-
M Banting	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3
A Day	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
M Carmichael	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
AL Edgar	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
C Piparo	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
MB Healy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EJ Inglis	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1



Nat Sciver in full flight at the bowling crease.



A standalone rebel Women's Big Bash League was a nod to its growing popularity and support, as well as a fantastic opportunity for all players to showcase their skills.



As is now the case with the shortest format, there was a lot of player movement in the lead up to the season. We were thrilled to welcome back England international Nat Sciver as an overseas marquee, who returned having missed the previous season.

Alongside the contracted Amy Jones, Ireland's Kim Garth was our final overseas marquee signing, replacing Kate Cross from the previous campaign.

We also welcomed Georgia Redmayne and Jemma Barsby to the Scorchers, who moved across from Hobart Hurricanes and Brisbane Heat respectively.

Elyse Villani, an inaugural member and former captain of the Scorchers who had given us four years of fantastic service, moved back to her native Melbourne.

Having missed the finals for the first time in our history in WBBL|04, we were eager to bounce back quickly and re-establish ourselves as a proud team that performed to a high standard.

From a broader perspective, the season should be viewed as a success. During the home and away rounds we won nine of our 14 games, our most ever, and won ourselves the opportunity to play in finals after finishing third on the table.

Our season started with a tricky three-match road trip through Melbourne and Brisbane, taking on the Renegades, Heat and Adelaide Strikers – a tough draw no matter which way you spin it!

We lost our opener to the Renegades but bounced back to comfortably beat the Heat by nine wickets on their home deck. Chasing 146, overseas marquee Amy Jones produced a Player of the Match performance with an unbeaten 60 and was supported by skipper Meg Lanning's 56.

It would be a sign of things to come, with the opening partnership of Jones and Lanning becoming an imposing first-wicket partnership. Across the 12 matches the pair walked out to open the innings together, the average partnership was 53.6.

We were 3-3 through our first six matches, a strong start considering five of our six games were against eventual finalists and four were away from home.

More encouragingly, we had multiple players contributing and showing strong form. Jones and Lanning had passed 40 four times each, while Garth and Nat Sciver were having an impact as overseas marquee players.

We played out a nail-biter against the Strikers, setting the Melbourne Stars 135 thanks largely to Jones (80) and Lanning (64). With 11 required to win from the last over of the day, Heather Graham (0-35) held her nerve to get the team home by two runs.

The biggest disappointment to come from our opening phase of matches was Piepa Cleary, who was ruled out of the remainder of the tournament with a leg fracture in the 20-run loss at the WACA Ground against the Stars.

Consistent performances helped us win five of our next six matches to all but confirm a return to the WBBL Finals.

The run featured dominant wins with equally dominant performances, the highlight being a nine-wicket win over the Stars underscored by a franchise record 147-run opening stand from Jones and Lanning.

Sciver continued her strong form with the bat in wins over the Sydney Sixers and Thunder, while Heather Graham and Samantha Betts performed well with the ball.

The final two matches of the regular season saw us split wins in a double-header with the Hobart Hurricanes. Lanning scored our only century for the tournament with a superb 101 in a 35-run win. Taneale Peschel came into the side for the first time and performed well, taking 2-33 and 2-22 to lead the attack in both games.

It was disappointing to lose the semi-final, but the reality is we came up against a pretty red-hot Strikers team. Nat Sciver and Amy Jones were both recalled for international duty with England, which hurt our chances.

Unfortunately, that's how franchise cricket works. You want to bring in the best players you can, but sometimes you do so understanding that they may not be there for the business end.

We still had a very good team going into that semi-final, but we were a little light on runs and missed a couple of opportunities in the field.

In terms of individual performers, we had two clear stand outs. Meg Lanning had an outstanding season, she is one of the best batters in the world and often plays match-winning innings. Nat Sciver had an incredible season for us and was our Player of the Tournament.

The amount of support we received from our Members and fans throughout the year was immense. We loved the opportunity to play standalone matches and thank all who came along to support. We're excited to try and take it a game further next year!

Lisa Keightley

REBEL WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE

Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 5-132 (20.0) DEF BY Melbourne Renegades 6-133 (19.1). Renegades win by 4 wickets. Sciver 55* Barsby 2-22.

Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 1-147 (18.2) DEF Brisbane Heat 7-146 (20.0). Scorchers win by 9 wickets. Jones 60* Lanning 56 Barsby 2-19.

Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 9-115 (20.0) DEF BY Adelaide Striker 3-116 (14.4). Strikers win by 7 wickets. Bolton 41 Garth 2-25.

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 2-77 (7.0/7) DEF Melbourne Renegades 1-134 (15.0/15). Scorchers win by 8 wickets (D/L method). Lanning 74*.

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

Perth Scorchers 6-135 (20.0) DEF BY Melbourne Stars 3-155 (20.0). Stars win by 20 runs. Lanning 40 Penna 2-27.

Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 3-173 (20.0) DEF Adelaide Strikers 4-171 (20.0). Scorchers win by 2 runs. Jones 80 Lanning 64.

Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 5-151 (20.0) DEF Sydney Thunder 6-144 (20.0). Scorchers win by 7 runs. Sciver 37 Graham 3-22.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Perth Scorchers 6-166 (20.0) DEF Sydney Thunder 105 (19.4). Scorchers win by 11 runs. Graham 27 & 2-16 Garth 3-21.

Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 8-112 (20.0) DEF BY Brisbane Heat 2-113 (16.1). Heat win by 8 wickets. Sciver 26 & 1-17.

Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 1-151 (19.1) DEF Melbourne Stars 6-149 (20.0). Scorchers win by 9 wickets. Jones 68* Lanning 68 Betts 3-21.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Perth Scorchers 5-152 (20.0) DEF Sydney Sixers 9-100 (20.0). Scorchers win by 52 runs. Sciver 52 Garth 2-15.

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Perth Scorchers 2-165 (19.2) DEF Sydney Sixers 6-164 (19.2). Scorchers win by 8 wickets. Lanning 81 Jones 41 Betts 2-20.

Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Perth Scorchers 107 (20.0) DEF BY Hobart Hurricanes 4-113 (15.4). Hurricanes win by 6 wickets. Bolton 21 Peschel 2-33.

Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Perth Scorchers 4-167 (20.0) DEF Hobart Hurricanes 6-132 (20.0). Scorchers win by 35 runs. Lanning 101 Bolton 44 Peschel 2-22.

1st Semi-Final: Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 7-126 DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 2-130. Strikers win by 8 wickets. Redmayne 51.



REBEL WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	P	W	L	T	NR	NRR	PTS
Brisbane Heat	14	10	4	-	-	0.723	20
Adelaide Strikers	14	10	4	-	-	0.601	20
Perth Scorchers	14	9	5	-	-	0.026	18
Melbourne Renegades	14	8	6	-	-	0.117	16
Sydney Sixers	14	7	7	-	-	-0.076	14
Sydney Thunder	14	5	8	-	1	-0.487	11
Hobart Hurricanes	14	4	9	-	1	-0.197	9
Melbourne Stars	14	2	12	-	-	-0.734	4

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
MM Lanning	15	15	2	531	101	40.84	449	118.26	1	4	-	59	12
AE Jones	13	13	1	391	80	32.58	339	115.33	-	3	-	44	5
NR Sciver	13	13	4	342	55*	38	278	123.02	-	2	1	43	2
NE Bolton	14	13	3	180	44	18	198	90.9	-	-	-	15	1
G Redmayne	15	10	1	137	51	15.22	144	95.13	-	1	1	14	1
H Graham	15	10	3	136	33*	19.42	120	113.33	-	-	-	8	2
JL Barsby	15	6	2	85	31	21.25	88	96.59	-	-	-	7	-
C Piparo	15	8	3	54	19	10.8	57	94.73	-	-	-	5	-
KJ Garth	15	5	3	23	8*	11.5	22	104.54	-	-	-	1	-
T Peschel	13	3	2	13	10	13	11	118.18	-	-	-	1	-
P Cleary	5	1	-	1	1	1	1	100	-	-	-	-	-
SM Betts	9	1	1	1	1*	-	1	100	-	-	-	-	-
M Carmichael	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
KM Hempenstall	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EL King	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBi	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
H Graham	15	15	47.1	-	338	15	2-18	22.53	7.16	18.8	-	-	8	-
KJ Garth	15	15	50	-	339	14	2-20	24.21	6.78	21.4	-	-	1	-
T Peschel	13	13	41.4	1	282	9	3-21	31.33	6.76	27.7	-	-	-	-
SM Betts	9	7	18	-	136	9	1-15	15.11	7.55	12	-	-	-	-
NR Sciver	13	9	34.4	2	234	6	3-22	39	6.75	34.6	-	-	8	-
NE Bolton	14	14	42.5	1	300	6	3-21	50	7	42.8	-	-	4	-
JL Barsby	15	12	24.1	-	185	5	2-19	37	7.65	29	-	-	8	-
P Cleary	5	5	16	-	126	4	2-28	31.5	7.87	24	-	-	3	-
EL King	4	3	4	-	35	-	-	-	8.75	-	-	-	-	-
M Carmichael	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KM Hempenstall	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AE Jones	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
MM Lanning	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
C Piparo	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
G Redmayne	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1



Alcohol.Think Again

Premier Cricket

Fremantle Cricket Club celebrate winning the Alcohol.Think Again Premier T20 Final at the WACA Ground.

Claremont-Nedlands Cricket Club clinched its third-straight Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket First Grade Two-Day premiership, the Club's 21st overall First Grade flag.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
PREMIER CRICKET

The premierships of the 2019-20 Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket season were declared without a final after the remainder of the season was cancelled in response to the public health recommendations around the Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic.

As a result, Claremont-Nedlands Cricket Club was awarded the Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket First Grade Two-Day Premiership by the WADCC as the highest ranked finalist team. Bayswater-Morley Cricket Club (Second Grade), Subiaco-Floreat Cricket Club (Third Grade) and Joondalup Cricket Club (Fourth Grade) were also declared winners.

The decision marked a third straight First Grade triumph for the Tigers in the longer format and is the club's 21st overall First Grade flag.

It was a double celebration for the Tigers, with a comfortable win over Fremantle Cricket Club in the One-Day League gifting them an unprecedented fifth successive 50-over Premiership.

In the Alcohol.Think Again Premier T20 Final, Fremantle defeated University Cricket Club with five balls to spare in a thrilling spectacle under lights at the iconic WACA Ground.

The match set a record for attendance and viewership for a premier cricket match, with a crowd of more than 700 at the ground and more following via live-stream online.

Ashton Agar (65) and Viv Paver (51) helped University to a formidable total of 7-161 from their 20 overs. In response, Mitch Marsh (55*) steered the run chase, before a Brayden Sutton cameo (27*) took Fremantle to 5-164 off 19.1 overs and secured the Premiership.

Subiaco-Floreat defeated Claremont-Nedlands by eight wickets in the Colts T20 Grand Final.

A stellar season with the bat earned Brooke Guest the 2019-20 Olly Cooley Medal. The South Perth skipper amassed 802 runs at an impressive 66.83 and scored four centuries and four half-centuries with a best score of 134 not out.

In the women's competition, the Alcohol.Think Again A Grade 50-over and B Grade 40-over competitions were both awarded to Melville Cricket Club without finals played.

South Perth Cricket Club claimed their first ever Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket T20 A Grade flag, beating Melville with three overs remaining.

Molly Healy (2-23) and Soniya Yadav (2-12) starred with the ball and helped restrict Melville to a total of 94 runs. South Perth cruised to victory thanks largely to Chloe Wain (24) and Ashley Day (24).

South Perth also claimed the B Grade premiership title, with a thrilling super over win against Subiaco-Floreat.

In the Youth League, Melville were crowned Premiers in both the T20 and 40-over competitions, beating South Perth on both occasions.

Melville opening batter Amy Edgar was rewarded for an outstanding individual season, she polled 19 votes to be named the 2019-20 Karen Read Medallist, three votes ahead of South Perth's Ashley Day (16).

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

OLLY COOLEY MEDAL VOTING

1. Brooke Guest (South Perth) - 16
2. Chris Sabburg (University) - 14
Darius D'Silva (South Perth) - 14
4. Tim Monteleone (Subiaco-Floreat) - 13
Blake Reed (Melville) - 13

WADCC TEAM OF THE YEAR (MEN)

Chris Sabburg (University), Brooke Guest (South Perth), Jake Carder (Fremantle), Kelvin Smith (Wanneroo), Blake Reed (Melville), Haydan Morton (Claremont-Nedlands), Joel Curtis (Perth - WK), Josh Nicholas (Perth), Chris Hansberry (Subiaco-Floreat - C), Daniel Turkich (Claremont-Nedlands), Ewan Neilson (Melville), Chris Prescott (Gosnells).

FULL LIST OF AWARDS

Batting Average: Sam Whiteman (Fremantle) 481 runs at 80.17
Batting Aggregate: Chris Sabburg (University) 1005 runs at 62.81
Bowling Average: Daniel Turkich (Claremont-Nedlands) 37 wickets at 12.30
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Male Spirit of Cricket Award: Fremantle
Kevin Sullivan Silver Cup: Claremont-Nedlands
Club Championship: Scarborough
Senior Coach of the Year: James Allenby (Claremont-Nedlands)
Allan Edwards Trophy: Lance Morris (Scarborough)
JP Robbins Medal: Callum Wiggers (Bayswater-Morley)
Albert Ritchings Medal: Christiaan Moir (Midland-Guildford), Andrew Brigden-Gurthrie (Bayswater-Morley), Ghaneey Patel (Bayswater-Morley)
Alan Mackley Medal: Brett McGlade (Joondalup)
Best 1st Grade Umpire: Trent Steenholdt
Best 2nd Grade Umpire: Jamie Thomas
Best 3rd Grade Umpire: Andrew Edwards
Best 4th Grade Umpire: Nick Middleton
Roy Abbott Best Pitch Award: James Oval (UWA)
Most Improved Pitch Award: Kingsway Sports Ground 2
Premier Club Administrator of the Year: Mark Beecroft (Fremantle)
One-Day League Premiers: Claremont-Nedlands
Premier T20 Premiers: Fremantle
2nd Grade Premiers: Bayswater-Morley
3rd Grade Premiers: Subiaco-Floreat
4th Grade Premiers: Joondalup
Colts Premiers: Subiaco-Floreat

KAREN READ MEDAL VOTING

1. Amy Edgar (Melville) - 19
2. Ashley Day (South Perth) - 16
3. Nicole Bolton (Subiaco-Floreat) - 14
Megan Banting (Subiaco-Floreat) - 14

WAFCC TEAM OF THE YEAR (WOMEN)

Amy Edgar (Melville - C), Ashley Day (South Perth), Jessica Row (Melville), Casey Soffe (Perth), Sinead Kirsten (South Perth), Kayla Van Spall (Rockingham-Mandurah), Megan Banting (Subiaco-Floreat - WK), Brooke de Oliveira (Rockingham-Mandurah), Cassie Stephens (South Perth), Natasha Wylie (Melville), Nicole Bolton (Subiaco-Floreat), Melissa Bownes (Melville - 12th).

FULL LIST OF AWARDS

A Grade 50 Over Batting Aggregate: Amy Edgar (Melville) 349 runs at 69.80
A Grade 50 Over Bowling Aggregate: Cassie Stephens (South Perth) 16 wickets at 12.69
A Grade 50 Over Champion Player: Nicole Bolton (Subiaco-Floreat)
A Grade T20 Batting Aggregate: Ashley Day (South Perth) 318 runs at 45.43
A Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate: Jessica Emery (Subiaco-Floreat) 16 wickets at 6.44
A Grade T20 Champion Player: Amy Edgar (Melville)
Female Champion Club: Melville
Female Coach of the Year: Paolo Franzoni (Melville)
Spirit of Cricket: Perth
Clare Papasergio Player of the Year: Jacqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat)
Jenny Owens Medal: Kayla Van Spall (Rockingham-Mandurah)
B Grade 40 Over Batting Aggregate: Jessica Rowe (Melville) 360 runs at 51.43
B Grade 40 Over Bowling Aggregate: Brooke de Oliveira (Rockingham-Mandurah) 23 wickets at 7.13
B Grade 40 Over Champion Player: Brooke de Oliveira (Rockingham-Mandurah)
B Grade T20 Batting Aggregate: Sinead Kirsten (South Perth) 312 runs at 62.40
B Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate: Lauren Shaw (Melville) 14 wickets at 4.43
B Grade T20 Champion Player: Kayla Van Spall (Rockingham-Mandurah)
A Grade One-Day Premiers: Melville
A Grade T20 Premiers: South Perth
B Grade One-Day Premiers: Melville
B Grade T20 Premiers: Melville



Players of the Future

The Victorious WA Under-17s squad.

Amid impressive individual performances, the season highlight was without doubt the final-ball thriller which saw WA secure the Cricket Australia Under-17 National Championships in Mackay.

MALE

It was a strong season for Western Australia in Cricket Australia's Toyota Second XI Competition with eight wins and a draw from 11 fixtures, to finish second on the overall table to Queensland.

Jake Carder led the competition in run-scoring with 581 at 48.42, thanks largely to a sublime 232 against Tasmania that propelled him to the top of the order in the Marsh Sheffield Shield. In the same innings, Hilton Cartwright belted 32 boundaries on his way to 235, reminding state selectors he is still a force to be reckoned with on the domestic stage. Liam Guthrie led the WA wicket-taking with 12 from four games, while Josh Nicholas picked up 10 wickets from two appearances.

Aaron Hardie and Liam O'Connor both made their List A debuts during WA's successful Marsh Cup campaign, while strong club form saw Jaron Morgan debut for the Perth Scorchers against the Melbourne Stars in the KFC Big Bash League in January.

West Australians Sam Fanning and Cooper Connolly were both selected to represent Australia at the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2020 held in South Africa. Fanning was prominent at the top of the Australian order and scored a team-high 236 runs at 59, with a best of 75 against India in Potchefstroom.

Connolly's World Cup selection capped a remarkable summer of cricket for the 16-year-old. From two opportunities at the tournament, he showed his talent with a quick-fire 64 from 53 deliveries against the West Indies.

The launchpad for his meteoric rise through the under-age ranks this season began at the Cricket Australia Under-17 National Championships in October, where he was named Player of the Tournament and Player of the Final in a victorious WA team.

The undefeated Under 17s snatched victory in a nail-biting finish against New South Wales Metro, ultimately winning by a single run. A dramatic final two overs from Nathan Bothma and Hayden Stumpers saw three NSW Metro wickets fall for five runs, handing WA victory by the narrowest of margins.

Sharad Jessani bowled well for his 12 wickets for the tournament, while Blair Walsh scored a fine 108 against Queensland. Wicket-keeper Riley Mattingley was the winner of the Fielding Award with six catches and four stumpings.

Leading the side, Connolly finished the tournament with 264 runs at 66 (third overall) and 14 wickets (second overall). That earned him selection into the CA XI team that played in the Cricket Australia Under-19 National Championships in Perth, where he scored 396 runs at 66 against the older opposition, as well as taking eight wickets with his spin bowling.

It was a disappointing tournament for WA who finished eighth overall. Captain Damien Burrage and Caiden Eaton led the attack for the State with eight wickets each, while Jayden Goodwin topped the run-scoring with 307 runs at 38.38. The standout innings for WA was by World Cup-bound Sam Fanning, who scored a century in the final match against Queensland.

At the Cricket Australia Under-15 National Championships in Ballarat, WA won three out of six matches to finish seventh on the ladder. Corey Wasley scored a century against Victoria Country and was in the top-five leading run-scorers for the tournament with 237 runs at 47.40. At the conclusion of the carnival Wasley and Benji Melville were both selected in the Cricket Australia Under-15 talent squad.

FEMALE

Tasmania hosted the Cricket Australia Under-18 National Championships in October. The Western Australian team again displayed progress from the previous year, with three victories in the T20 format and two in the 50-over fixtures. Jacqueline Naidoo was the leading wicket-taker for the tournament with 17 wickets at 12.53. She was ably supported by the economical Charis Bekker, who took 13 wickets at just over eight apiece.

Georgia Wyllie showed her batting talent with 222 runs at 24.67, while Molly Healy compiled 138 at 46 from four matches. Millie Monaghan was again an impressive all-round contributor, with four wickets and 92 runs to go alongside seven catches and a runout.

It was a tough tournament for WA at the Cricket Australia Under-15 Female National Championships in Canberra. Despite a disappointing campaign with only two wins from eight games, there were some encouraging individual performances.

Chloe Ainsworth compiled 190 runs at of 27.10 to finish in the top five run-scorers for the tournament. The budding allrounder was just as effective in the field, with nine wickets, five catches and a run out.

Shay Malonini showed great promise with the ball; she took nine wickets at 13.78, including a match winning 3-16 in the final match against Tasmania.

Both Chloe Ainsworth and Sienna Ryan were selected in the Cricket Australia Under-15 squad at the conclusion of the tournament.

Pleasingly, four WA bowlers took seven or more wickets across the tournament, the same number as eventual winners NSW Metro, with an even spread of contributors putting WA in good stead for future tournaments.

TOYOTA SECOND XI COMPETITION

	Points
1 Queensland	38.29
2 Western Australia	33.62
3 NSW Metro	29.68
4 South Australia	25.21
5 ACT/NSW Country	17.02
6 Victoria	11.86
7 Tasmania	10.22

U19 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(POOL B)

1 Victoria Metro	27
2 ACT/NSW Country	14
3 Northern Territory	8
4 Tasmania	5
4 Western Australia	4

U17 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(POOL B)

1 Western Australia	19
2 Victoria Metro	15
3 ACT/NSW Country	9
4 Tasmania	4
5 Northern Territory	0

U15 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(POOL A)

1 Victoria Country	15
2 Victoria Metro	14
3 NSW Magenta	10
4 Western Australia	9
5 Tasmania	9

U18 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(T20 - POOL A)

1 ACT/NSW Country	11
2 NSW Metro	7
3 Western Australia	6
4 Victoria Country	6
5 South Australia	3

U18 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(50 OVER - POOL A)

1 ACT/NSW Country	22
2 Victoria Metro	15
3 Western Australia	10
4 Victoria Country	8
5 South Australia	7

U15 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 NSW Metro	22
2 Queensland	15
3 South Australia	11
4 VIC Metro	11
5 VIC Country	10
6 ACT/NSW Country	8
7 Western Australia	2
8 Tasmania	0

Junior cricket participants after a mini match at the WACA Ground.



A Sport For All West Australians



Women and girls leading the way in participation growth.

Community Cricket

Western Australia is leading the country in registered cricket participation growth, with women and girls the fastest growing area, following the official release of the 2019-20 Australian Cricket Census.

It is an exciting time for WA Cricket as the State saw an increase of 12.6% in registered participation, exceeding the national average of 3.8%.

In its second year, the successful delivery of the 2019-20 Woolworths Cricket Blast program played a fundamental role in introducing a record 7,500 kids to cricket in WA, a 12.2% increase on the previous season.

It was great to see an increase in the number of female players in WA, with continued growth in junior girls' cricket along with booming success in the Perth Scorchers Women's League (PSWL).

In schools, almost 14.4% more students experienced cricket programs, which is an important first step to getting kids excited about moving to community cricket.

Senior community cricket also had a great year with growth for the first time in a number of years. Overall 8.6% more players registered to play senior community cricket across the State.

More clubs than ever before engaged and ran programs that were accessible to people with a disability. Aboriginal kids and adults and multicultural populations, with the diversity of WA Cricket growing by 16%. Wembley Districts JCC was an outstanding example of how clubs can provide

a welcoming and inclusive environment, especially for people living with a disability. The Club was awarded the 2020 Cricket Australia Community Cricket Club of the Year for its work in developing a complete pathway for players with a disability from the age of five through to the Belt up Senior Integrated League.

This growth has been underpinned by the innovative solutions and support the WACA has been able to offer clubs through its strong partnerships with Autism Association of WA, Inclusion Solutions, Healthway and the Insurance Commission of WA.

To help achieve these great results for WA Cricket, the WACA's community cricket team continued to prioritise support of and engagement with key stakeholders, schools, clubs and associations to strive to grow the game in a healthy and sustainable way. These thousands of volunteers, School Ambassadors and other stakeholders make up the fabric of community cricket in WA and their commitment and work is so important and appreciated.

FEMALE CRICKET

Female players increased to 5,800, up a remarkable 45% on last season due to an increase in junior girls of 8.5% and an explosion in senior women's cricket with an unprecedented

REDUCING **HEAD TRAUMA** ON AND OFF THE PITCH

Belt up.

The WACA and the Insurance Commission partnered this year to promote the Belt Up campaign, which encourages motorists to always wear a seatbelt to lessen the severity of injury.

Ninety-five (95) people were killed or seriously injured on WA roads last year while not wearing a seatbelt. Young men in regional areas remain overrepresented in vehicle crash and injury statistics.

Through the WACA's high participation rates in metro and regional areas, strong player networks and ties to the local community, the Belt Up message is communicated to raise public awareness at a grass-roots level.

Much like belting up, wearing a helmet out on the field significantly reduces the occurrence of head injuries during a game. In a bid to create safer environments for players, the Insurance Commission will provide over 2,000 Belt Up helmets to grass-roots community cricket clubs across WA. This supports the sport's objective to reduce head injuries on the field through the recent mandatory cricket helmet ruling that now applies to community cricket across the country.

The cost of injuries on the road was almost \$500 million to the Insurance Commission in 2019. Those costs are paid by the two million motorists insured by the Insurance Commission.

INTEGRATED CRICKET LEAGUE

The Insurance Commission is also focused on increasing the independence of people injured on the road and at work. Returning home post-accident and accessing the community are goals that the Insurance Commission supports its claimants to achieve.

People with disability may face barriers in certain environments that prevent their inclusion in an activity. The Integrated Cricket League is an inclusive competition that modifies the game format and environment to provide opportunities for people with disability. There are 16 teams with up to 150 players playing cricket in the community every week. The Insurance Commission supports the Integrated Cricket League as part of the Belt Up campaign to encourage participation for people with disability.

The Insurance Commission has provided the Integrated Cricket League with independence-enabling Belt Up kits including visual aids, helmets, and customised bats and balls to boost participation for the modified game format.

The inclusive sporting opportunities that are provided to people with disability through the Integrated Cricket League contribute to enabling independence and improving quality of life, which is a core focus for the Insurance Commission and its claimants.



**Insurance Commission
of Western Australia**

growth of 56%. The Perth Scorchers Womens League, a community club-based competition, has been a major catalyst for the growth in metropolitan Perth, as well as strong participation in new women's competitions in regional WA.

Leading this change is local cricket club Ascot Eagles who offer a female pathway from Cricket Blast through to the PSWL. The club has established close relationships with its local Premier Cricket club to maximise opportunities for every woman and girl who wants to play cricket in their community.

ABORIGINAL CRICKET

The National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) saw the Western Australian women's side make it through to the semi-finals and the men to the Elimination Final. However, both games were washed out, unfortunately resulting in the two teams not progressing.

The WA Women's team was awarded the Spirit of Cricket award for outstanding sportsmanship throughout the Championships.

Three WA players were named in the Black Cap national teams following their impressive performances. Regina Deleeuw and Kavita Pepper made the women's squad and Nick Taylor was selected for the men's side.

The Deadly Cricket program has been implemented in some key regional locations with plans for greater roll out in the coming season. Over 300 Aboriginal kids participated across eight locations, with approximately a third of the participants being female.

CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

A number of school programs were successfully delivered by the WACA throughout the State, with more than 158,000 participants equating to a 26.8% increase on the previous season. Unfortunately, the Graeme Wood Shield (34 teams) and Kim Hughes (10 teams) were unable to be completed due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The success of a girls' school pilot competition last season prompted a trial girls' school gala day this year. The gala day leveraged off the momentum of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, with a view to increasing uptake in the Perth Scorchers High School Girls Competition.

JUNIOR CRICKET PATHWAY

The Woolworths Cricket Blast entry-level program saw a growth in both Junior Blaster and Master Blaster numbers. Once again, school holiday programs were delivered over the summer, with a central WACA program very well received.

The 2020 ICC Women's T20 World Cup gave additional opportunities for our Woolworths Cricket Blast participants to experience Good for Cricket Clinics with international players, as well as on-ground experiences on match days across all international, WBBL and BBL matches.

COUNTRY CRICKET

This year saw another outstanding performance from the Men's Country XI team at the Toyota Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC) in Toowoomba with the side making the final. Beven Bennell broke the championship run-scoring record, compiling 574 runs at an impressive 63.78 that included a top score of 110.



Woolworths Cricket Blasters.

New Cricket Blast centres were established for the first time in several remote towns including Mount Magnet, Mullewa and Useless Loop.

Female competitions continue to flourish in the South West and Pilbara and a new five-team club competition started in Geraldton for the first time. Establishing a junior girls' competition in each country region remains the biggest opportunity moving into next season.

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. This season also saw the introduction of the Culture Cup Representative team joining the Statewide T20 Cup. The best players and most exciting talent from multicultural competitions were picked to undergo training and development, before making their debut in the Statewide T20 Cup, played at the WACA Ground.

DISABILITY CRICKET

The WACA showcased its commitment to inclusion through its award-winning partnership with Inclusion Solutions, an organisation that supports community clubs and organisations to be better connected to, and more inclusive of, their community. Through the partnership, Inclusion Solutions has offered mentoring to clubs and associations and provided formal training and ongoing support to WACA staff and clubs. The success of the partnership has resulted in Cricket Australia replicating this agreement across all Australian Cricket.

This year the Autism Association of WA (AAWA) partnered with the WACA to create a series of resources to help

clubs be more inclusive of people with autism. Training workshops and education packages, as well as the website autismincricket.com.au, were created to house material available to clubs, coaches and parents. The AAWA provided crucial ongoing support to the families, staff and clubs to ensure all had a positive experience. This partnership was recognised by the Disability Support Awards, where it won the Excellence in Innovation Award.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Through its partnership with Healthway and Alcohol. Think Again, the WACA engaged the Alcohol and Drug Foundation to onboard country, Cricket West and Premier Cricket clubs in their Good Sports program.

The Good Sports program is designed to drive behavioural change within clubs by putting in place alcohol management practices leading to policy implementation across the three-level Good Sports program.

Healthway, through this partnership, continues to offer incentives to all clubs who successfully complete Level 1 of the Good Sports program. All clubs who have completed at least Level 1 of the program may apply for cash and prize awards under the Alcohol.Think Again Senior Club Program.

Ongoing support was again provided to clubs, particularly in relation to safeguarding kids in cricket.

INDOOR CRICKET

Indoor Cricket continues to be an important format of cricket that has provided new opportunities to play cricket all year round. New cricket programs played in Indoor Cricket centres across the State include the adoption of more centres delivering the Woolworths Cricket Blast program, integrating the Australian Cricket



THE NUMBER ONE BALL IN CRICKET

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Junior Formats into junior competitions which has seen an increase in participation and an impressive increase in senior women's competitions.

VETERANS CRICKET

This year was very exciting for WA Veterans Cricket with teams from WA participating successfully in the Over-60s and Over-70s National Championships held in Adelaide and Albury NSW respectively. In addition, an outstanding Over-50s National Championship event was held in WA in November, with 26 state teams participating at venues across the metropolitan area. A dinner for over 400 people was held at Optus Stadium, while a WACA reception and opening event was also held. The Division 1 final was a great game played at the WACA Ground and a very narrow loss saw the Victorians get home over WA by six runs. The Local Organising Committee and a large number of volunteers contributed to the outstanding success of these Championships.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

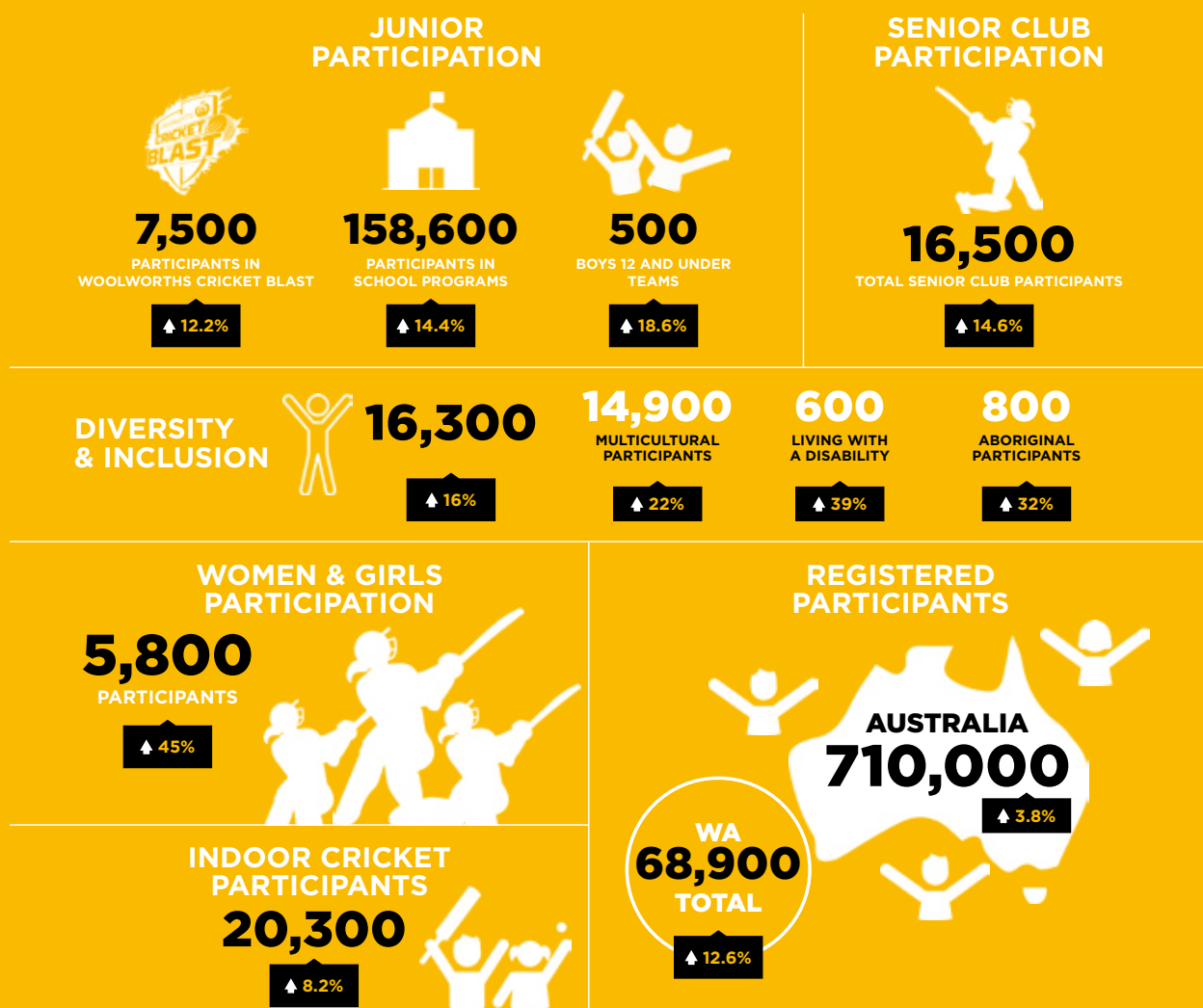
Various recognition events and activities were held throughout the season as part of the WACA's Volunteer Recognition Program. Key events held this season include:

- First-time volunteers' afternoon tea at the T20 International between Australia and Pakistan
- Test Match breakfast workshops and exclusive on-ground match experiences at the Australia v New Zealand Test Match
- WBBL morning tea event to recognise volunteers involved with female cricket
- Various volunteer events at BBL matches at Optus Stadium
- Volunteer of the Month Awards presented by WACA Cricket Managers in their respective regions

COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARDS

The inaugural WA Community Cricket Awards incorporated several awards previously presented by the WACA and our community cricket affiliates into a single

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awards event. The awards encompass the achievements of volunteers in community clubs across the State, as well as important school partnerships and club initiatives. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the gala awards night was not able to be held so award winners were recognised through online platforms.

The WACA received more than 240 nominations across 14 award categories and the winners of the 2019-20 WA Community Cricket Awards were as follows:

Volunteer of the Year – Male

Leon Ottobrine - Swan View Cricket Club

Volunteer of the Year – Female

Margie Oldfield - Wembley Districts Junior Cricket Club

Country Volunteer of the Year – Male

Gerard Marquis - Towns Cricket Club

Country Volunteer of the Year – Female

Christy Reed - West Pilbara Junior Cricket Association

Young Volunteer of the Year

Rosie Manning - Bassendean Junior Cricket Club

Junior Community Cricket Coach of the Year

Brad Foote - Bedford Junior Cricket Club

Woolworths Cricket Blast Coordinator of the Year

Giselle Dunlop - Whitfords Junior Cricket Club

School Ambassador of the Year

Graham Jones - Hocking Primary School

Inclusion and Diversity Initiative of the Year

Wembley Districts Junior Cricket Club

Growing Cricket for Women or Girls Award

Doubleview Carine Junior Cricket Club

Community Initiative or Partnership of the Year

Bassendean Junior Cricket Club

Junior Community Cricket Club of the Year

Wembley Districts Junior Cricket Club

Senior Community Cricket Club of the Year

Leederville Cricket Club

Country Cricket Club of the Year

Dunsborough Cricket Club

CRICKET AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARDS

Two Western Australian community cricket clubs were recognised for their outstanding achievements in their local communities, after being announced as winners at Cricket Australia's 2020 National Community Cricket Awards in May.

Congratulations to Wembley Districts Junior Cricket Club, named the Community Cricket Club of the Year and Bassendean Junior Cricket Club for winning the Partnership of the Year award.

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 have again, worked tirelessly to ensure community cricket across our State continues to grow in a healthy, inclusive and sustainable way.



Adam Gilchrist pictured during filming for an Autism WA commercial.



Members & Fans

MEMBER EVENTS

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

New WACA Members were invited to start the season at a sundowner barbeque during a Marsh One-Day Cup match at the WACA Ground. Players Mitch Marsh and Simon Mackin were in attendance and shared behind the scenes insights with Members.

The ever-popular Brunch with the Curator began with a tour of the wicket at Optus Stadium on Day 3 of the Perth Test, where curator Brett Siphthorpe shared insights as to the work and preparation required to deliver a world-class wicket. Afterwards, Members were treated to brunch at the Goodwood Restaurant, where Jason Behrendorff provided an entertaining Q&A session alongside MC Russell Woolf.

The newly launched Boxing Day Dining experience was a success, involving an all-inclusive food and beverage service in a function room, with VIP seating during the traditional Boxing Day Perth Scorchers match at Optus Stadium.

Champions Club Members participated in an inner-sanctum experience ahead of a Perth Scorchers home match at Optus Stadium. Members and guests talked tactics with WACA General Manager – High Performance, Kade Harvey, and Perth Scorchers strike bowler Matt Kelly before they headed out to the pitch for a close-up look at the wicket with curator Brett Siphthorpe.

SUPER SUPPORT FOR SCORCHERS

The incredible Perth Scorchers fans led the KFC Big Bash League attendance figures in 2019-20, with over 186,000 people piling through the gates across seven home matches.

A new 'Saturday Night Disco' concept was met with great success on the January 11 match against the Brisbane Heat. Fans, young and old, danced the night away to their top disco tracks from yesteryear, including a crowd-favourite rendition of the YMCA.

Perth Scorchers' Indigenous themed round against the Sydney Thunder on January 20 was a special occasion at Optus Stadium. The match featured a Welcome to Country, a live performance by musical duo Gina and Guy and players from both sides, alongside officials, coming together to form a barefoot circle pre-match.

The WBBL Festival Weekend at the WACA Ground was a resounding success, as junior cricketers were able to sit on the outskirts of the playing field and meet their heroes, while the ever-popular Bounce family activities ran on the eastern grass bank.

The WBBL match day experience also returned to Lilac Hill over two weekends, with the event receiving the highest experience score across the WBBL highlighting the popularity of the carnival type atmosphere.



Appreciation

The Western Australia Cricket Association and Cricket Australia remain focused on investing into community cricket facilities.

CRICKET INFRASTRUCTURE IN WA

Local Government plays a vitally important role in supporting cricket in WA. The majority of community cricket facilities across WA are owned, managed and financially supported by Local Governments.

The WACA is grateful to Local Governments in WA for their continued investment in community sporting facilities and the support they provide to facilitate cricket participation.

The WACA extend its gratitude to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for the support they provide through the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF). The CSRFF continues to provide financial assistance to community clubs and Local Governments to develop sporting infrastructure that benefits the WA cricket community.

The outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic unfortunately resulted in the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) being frozen before Round 2 of the 2019-20 season could be finalised.










Despite this setback, the WACA and Cricket Australia remain committed to investing in community cricket facilities through the ACIF in 2020-21.

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.

Details regarding the next round of ACIF are currently being finalised. The WACA thanks the WA Cricket community for their patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

2019-20 Commercial Partners

WACA	
Platinum	 
Gold	      
Media Partners	 
Suppliers	    
Charity Partners	 

PERTH SCORCHERS			
Principal Partner (BBL)		Principal Partner (WBBL)	
Major Partner (BBL) Official Partner (WBBL)		Major Partner (WBBL)	
Official Partners	 		
Media Partners	 		
Charity Partner			

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



Life Members

John Rutherford

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

JOHN RUTHERFORD

John Rutherford, Western Australia's first player to be capped as an Australian Test player while playing for his home state, is every bit a sporting hero. The right-handed opening batsman played only one Test against India in Bombay (now known as Mumbai), but that was a remarkable achievement in those days when WA played only half as many matches as the eastern states.

The long-time Merredin resident got his Australian call-up when he was one of the least affected by the gastro infliction infamously known as Delhi belly. He was chosen for the 1956 tour to England, India and Pakistan after he scored 113 in a testimonial match in Sydney. He scored 30 runs in the one Test he played.

Rutherford's selection came in the year WA was granted full participation in the Sheffield Shield competition. He scored

more than three thousand runs at an average of 31.76 from 66 first-class matches, his high score of 167 was one of six centuries he scored for WA.

In 1960 he captained WA to victory against the famous 1960-61 West Indies team. He continued to rack up the runs for WA, but then came his stroke. He returned to the country town of Merredin and taught math and science at the local senior high school and played some local cricket with success.

After a playing career that spanned nearly a decade, Rutherford spent many years coaching juniors in the local Merredin competition, as well as the Country Week cricket team. His influence was profound as he was also an outstanding contributor to the local community, resurrecting the almost defunct Merredin Historical Society and converting the old railway station into a town museum.



Marcus North in action as the inaugural captain of the Perth Scorchers.

MARCUS NORTH

Marcus North has been one of Western Australia's greatest servants. The left-handed batsman has consistently led from the front with his batting and leadership, as well as his at times cheeky off-spin.

He scored a century in his Ashes Test debut, going on to play 21 international matches and notch up five centuries, which included a high score of 128. As a Test bowler, he took 14 wickets for 591 runs, at an average of 42.21, with a best bowling performance of 6-55.

North played for WA from 1998 to 2014, and made nearly 14,000 runs, including a high score of 239 which was one of 21 centuries he scored for the State. He also captained the side in 40 first-class matches over. With Chris Rogers, North holds the first-class and Sheffield Shield partnership records for the third and fourth wickets of 459 and 369 respectively.

Over his impressive domestic career North took a total of 158 wickets, including three five-wicket hauls.

The dual Laurie Sawle medallist was the inaugural Perth Scorchers skipper. He captained the Scorchers in their first ever Big Bash League campaign in season 2011-12, playing a total of 18 matches for the side.

North is now the Director of Cricket at Durham County in the UK, overseeing all cricket activities, recruitment, contracts, players, scouting and developments, which all contribute towards creating a high-performance culture at Durham in the future.



Gallery of Greats

With only 29 inductees across a rich 135-year history, induction into the Gallery of Greats is the highest honour the WACA can bestow upon a person.

DR KAREN READ

1959 | Player, Captain, Coach, Selector and Administrator

The name of Karen Read is etched indelibly in the history of women's cricket in Western Australia. In a distinguished career, Read's gifted and selfless leadership made a significant contribution to the growth and success of the game in WA.

An elegant right-hand bat, penetrating medium pace bowler and athletic fielder, Read led WA to its first-ever Australian Open Age Championship in 1987 and guided WA to two Under 21 championship titles.

Read represented Australia at Test and ODI level, twice captaining Australia's Under 23 and Under 25 teams, and was a member of the victorious Australian team in the 1982

Women's Cricket World Cup. Read was the first woman from WA to captain any Australian cricket team.

Read was co-founder and is a Life Member of the Melville Women's Cricket Club and held the record for most appearances and runs in Western Australian Women's Cricket Association (WAWCA) history, winning numerous batting awards. In 20 years of service Read was a club delegate, committee member and President of the WAWCA. She became a Life Member of the WAWCA in 1996 and the WACA in 2015.

Karen Read became a Life Member of the WAWCA in 1996 and the WACA in 2015.

WA Gallery of Greats Inductees



Dennis Lillee AM MBE | 2006



Graham McKenzie | 2006



Rod Marsh MBE | 2006



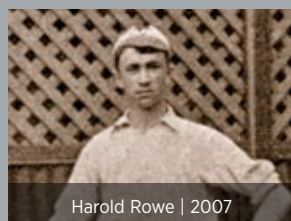
John Inverarity MBE | 2006



Barry Shepherd OAM | 2006



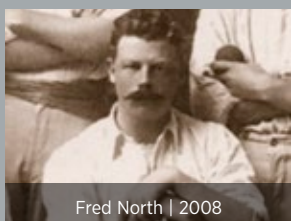
Kim Hughes | 2007



Harold Rowe | 2007



Ken Meuleman | 2008



Fred North | 2008



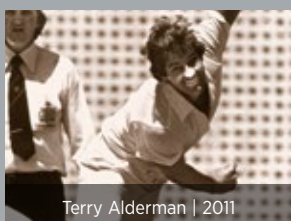
Allan Edwards OAM | 2009



Laurie Sawle AM | 2009



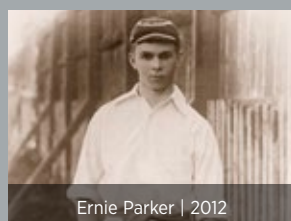
Frank Bryant OAM | 2010



Terry Alderman | 2011



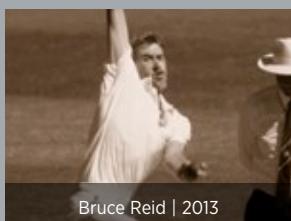
Bert Rigg | 2011



Ernie Parker | 2012



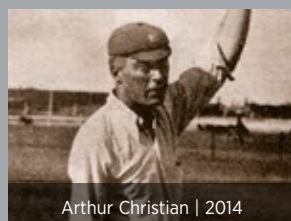
Bruce Yardley | 2012



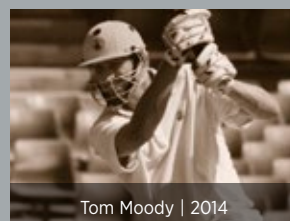
Bruce Reid | 2013



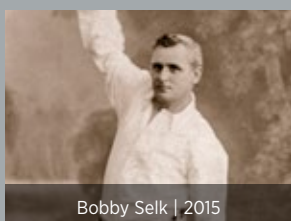
Roy Abbott MBE | 2013



Arthur Christian | 2014



Tom Moody | 2014



Bobby Selk | 2015



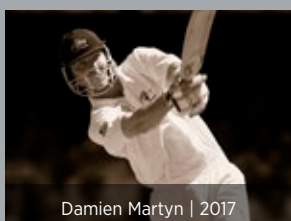
Justin Langer AM | 2015



Geoff Marsh | 2016



Graeme Wood | 2016



Damien Martyn | 2017



Adam Gilchrist AM | 2018

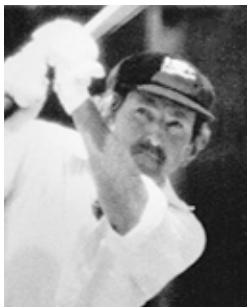


Jo Angel | 2019



Olive Leslie | 2019

Obituaries



ANTHONY LONGFORD MANN

A leg-spinning allrounder and brilliant fielder, Tony "Rocket" Mann played 76 matches for Western Australia, featuring in seven WA Sheffield Shield winning teams and five domestic One-Day trophies in

a playing career which spanned two decades.

The hard-hitting lower-order bat played four Test matches for Australia against India in 1977-78 and is best known for scoring a Test century that summer as a nightwatchman at the WACA Ground. His fluent 105 set the home side on course to a two-wicket victory.

Mann sits 11th on the list of leading WA first-class wicket-takers with 196 at an average of 33.63, with best figures of 6-94.

Mann also served three premier cricket clubs in Midland-Guildford, University and Mount Lawley, with distinction for almost 30 years, including stints as captain-coach at both the Swans and Hawks.

In 1976-77 Mann won the inaugural Olly Cooley Medal as the best player in the club cricket competition.

He was also involved with the WACA as cricket manager throughout the WA teams' successful era in the 1990s.

An outstanding servant of cricket in WA, Tony was awarded WACA Life Membership in 2009 for his work both on and off the field.

He played a big part in the careers of many WA players, including the likes of Adam Gilchrist and Brad Hogg and was never shy to drive everyone to be better.

Tony passed away in November after a short illness. He leaves his wife, Lyn, two sons Rob and Geoff, and daughter Emma.



ROY CLARENCE WILLIAM WATSON

A gifted dual sportsman who represented the State in cricket and baseball, Roy Watson played seven first-class matches for Western Australia over two seasons from 1957 to 1959.

Remarkably, he began wicket-keeping in the 1956-57 season when an injury to Fremantle's first choice gloveman presented an opportunity.

He was a natural and when the state selectors looked to bolster the middle-order batting in the Sheffield Shield, Roy was handed his first-class debut.

Roy moved to Newcastle for employment following the 1959-60 season, where he remained until his passing in April 2020.

He leaves two sons, Christopher and Peter, and a daughter, Julie.



GRAEME DONALD WATSON

A former right-handed middle-order batter and medium-paced bowler, Graeme Watson played five Tests and two One-Day Internationals for Australia during his 13-year career in topflight cricket.

The allrounder was a trailblazer in Australian cricket and is in the elite group of Aussie sporting legends to have balanced first-class football and cricket careers at the same time.

Western Australia had a ready-made cricketer of quality when Watson arrived in 1971, he came with the experience of five Sheffield Shield seasons with Victoria and had toured internationally with the Australian team.

Disaster nearly came in January 1972 when he was chosen for Australia against the World XI. In the second innings, a 'beamer' from Tony Greig struck him in a nasty blow to the face and he could have died due to the amount of blood he lost.

He is remembered as the first cricketer to represent three states in the Sheffield Shield, playing with Victoria, WA and NSW.

For WA, he averaged 36.05 with the bat across his 25 matches and amassed 1,298 runs to go alongside 59 wickets.

He passed away aged 76 at Burradoo, just south of Bowral.

RHONA GOLDING (NEE CONNAUGHTON)

Rhona Golding was the 38th woman selected to represent Western Australia.

In 1950, 'Roma' was selected for the WA Women's team to play at the Australian Women's Cricket Championships in Adelaide.

At the Championships, Roma took 2-59 for WA against Victoria at Weigall Oval on 24-25 March.

She passed away at Gwelup in May 2020.

GEOFF NORMAN FERNIE

An integral part of the University Cricket Club as wicket-keeper in their dominant years of the 1950s, Geoff compiled 193 dismissals across an eight-season club career.

He was the leading keeper in the competition in 1957-58 and 1958-59 and took part in three premierships while at the club.

He passed away at Albany, aged 85.

ALAN JOHN DOUGAN

A hard working behind-the scenes president of the Fremantle Cricket Club from 1987-88 to 1989-90, Alan passed away in July 2020.

During his tenure, Fremantle won a Sunday League title and were regular contenders near the top of the table for other honours.

JOHN ROBERT BRABY

A former district cricket umpire, John spent 10 seasons in the competition and stood in 114 matches.

For two seasons he was president of the Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association (WACUA) and was in the chair during their Centenary celebrations.

He also spent a short time in country cricket administration at the WACA.

In Memoriam

The Western Australian Cricket Association extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the following Members for whom we have advice of their untimely passing during 2019-20.

Any omission in failing to acknowledge the passing of a valued Member is sincerely regretted.

John Armstrong
Britt Bailey
Max Bailey
Allan Carr
Christopher Chadd
Richard Cook
Joe Di Camillo
David Dick
John Forster
Robert Gray

Norman Haywood
Kingsley Hebiton
Clarence Moulton
Alan Neill
Frank Placanica
Kevin Pow
Reg Pratt
William Souness
Alexander Williams



Fans watching the first Day-Night Test at Perth Stadium from the Boundary Beach Club.



Financial Summary

Western Australian Cricket Association Limited

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the year ended 30 June 2020

The WACA was in a fortunate position to complete all cricket games bar the last Sheffield Shield game of the season resulting in revenue not being materially impacted by the COVID-19 global health pandemic which commenced in March 2020. To combat COVID-19 and protect cash reserves into the future the WACA developed a business continuity plan to protect cash reserves, the assets of the WACA and all forms of cricket (grassroots, community cricket, diversity and inclusion programs and elite performance across the State). With strong cash reserves held by the WACA, a strategic, timed and people first approach was taken to reset the business and set up for the challenges that lay ahead with the potential impact of reduced cricket content, the inability to have mass gatherings, the various quarantine laws to enter each state on top of poor global economic conditions.

To protect cash reserves in the last quarter of the financial year the WACA reduced expenditure and ceased cricket programs, while ensuring all employees had security of employment during this period to enable the WACA to grow reserves and battle the pandemic in 2020-21 and beyond.

After a thorough review of the business to combat COVID-19, the WACA made the difficult decision to reduce its cost base by 31% in June 2020. This was needed to protect the WACA and combat the challenges that lay ahead with the unknown impact to revenue streams in the 2020-21 financial year and beyond.

The potential impact to revenue due to COVID-19 in 2020-21 are:

- Reduced Cricket Australia funding by up to 25%;
- The potential changing cricket fixtures (for both International matches and the Big Bash League) due to COVID-19 Government restrictions;

- Estimated lower (with the potential of no) crowd attendance;
- Potential reduction in membership and sponsorship revenue if cricket content is compromised;

Even with the impact of COVID-19 in the 2019-20 financial year, the WACA produced a revenue figure of \$38,567,364. This revenue was up \$990,183 (or 2.6%) on last year and was derived from several different sources, including:

- The WACA Members area at Optus Stadium and the WACA Ground resulted in membership revenue of \$6,118,128 in 2020 (compared to \$6,995,079 in 2019);
- The Big Bash League which generated ticketing, marketing, membership and catering revenue;
- The success of the WACA Ground function and events business growing sales from \$575,936 in FY19 to \$1,316,582 in FY20;

The revenue noted above supported 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 modern venue. The seven home Big Bash League games had an average attendance of 26,935 (compared to 30,133 in 2019 and 21,493 in 2018 - the 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 available. The membership and guest card numbers this year were 14,597 down on 15,975 last year.

These Members and guests enjoyed the WACA Members Reserve area at Optus Stadium and the WACA Ground with excellent viewing with Member only bars and facilities.

The second Test Match at Optus Stadium was played against New Zealand in extreme heat in December 2019 in front of 64,978 fans. This was a record crowd in Western Australia against New Zealand with only 46,800 attending the Test Match played at the WACA Ground in 1985.

The WACA has its own catering, function and events business to use the WACA Ground to generate revenue for our broader business. This year the WACA Ground generated record sales of \$1,316,582 (up \$740,646 or 129% on last year). This was an outstanding result considering the impact of COVID-19 and the WACA Ground being closed for the last quarter of the financial year and generating no sales in that period.

With the continued investment of cricket in WA, the result was an operating surplus of \$660,590 before depreciation and interest expense and \$250,588 operating surplus after interest and depreciation. This surplus has helped protect cash reserves with a closing cash balance of \$15,465,113 and helps the WACA to combat all the COVID-19 challenges that lay ahead.

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 Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cash flow statement

The full set of financial statements are presented in the 2019-20 Western Australian Cricket Association Limited Financial Statements - Annual Report.

Financial Summary

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020 (\$000's)	2019 (\$000's)
REVENUE	38,348	37,186
Other Income	219	391
Employee benefit expenses	(20,011)	(19,135)
Match & event expenses	(6,527)	(6,914)
Equipments & maintenance expense	(2,310)	(2,262)
Travel & entertainment expense	(2,038)	(2,257)
Contractors & consultants expense	(2,017)	(1,838)
Administration expense	(1,384)	(1,497)
Promotion & advertising expense	(989)	(967)
Other expenses	(1,323)	(1,525)
Grants to affiliate bodies	(1,308)	(1,222)
Interest expense	(12)	-
Depreciation	(398)	(308)
Profit for the period	251	(347)
Other Comprehensive Income / (Expenses)	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income / (Deficit)	251	(347)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2020

	2020 (\$000's)	2019 (\$000's)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	15,465	15,812
Trade and other receivables	230	1,426
Inventories	22	12
Other current assets	-	70
Total current assets	15,717	17,321
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	1,807	1,135
Total non-current assets	1,807	1,135
Total Assets	17,524	18,456
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	4,577	6,131
Lease liabilities	63	-
Provisions	1,280	1,231
Deferred income	226	283
Total current liabilities	6,146	7,645
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities	409	-
Provisions	201	294
Total non-current liabilities	610	294
Total liabilities	6,756	7,938
NET ASSETS	10,768	10,518
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Accumulated Surplus	10,768	10,518
Total Accumulated funds	10,768	10,518

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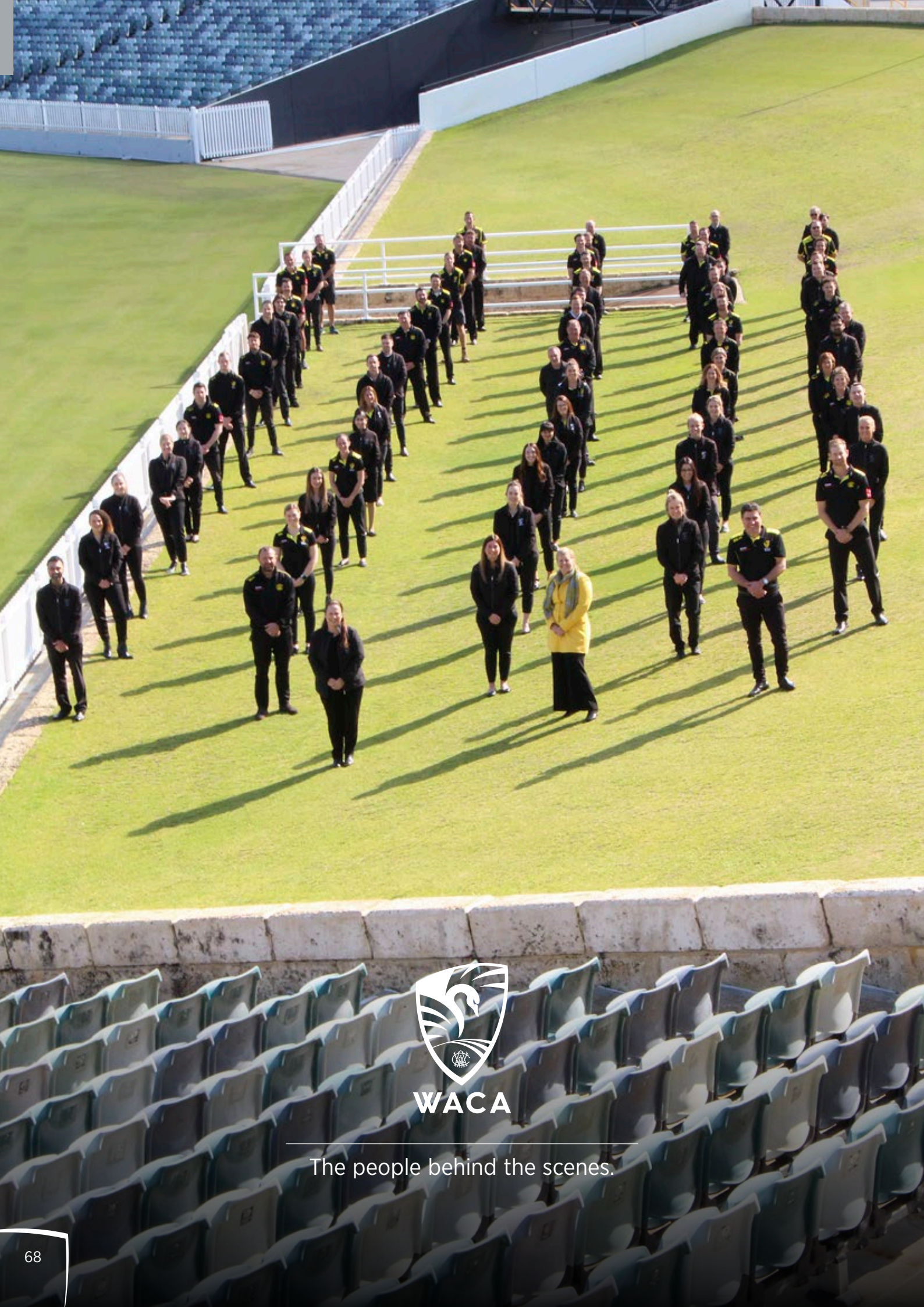
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020 (\$000's)	2019 (\$000's)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	39,488	36,102
Cash payments in the course of operations	(39,443)	(34,449)
Interest received	219	381
Net cash provided by operating activities	264	2,034
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	11
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(546)	(268)
Net cash used in investing activities	(546)	(257)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Lease liability repayment	(65)	-
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(65)	-
Net increase in cash held	(347)	1,777
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	15,812	14,035
Cash at the end of the financial year	15,465	15,812

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