



WACA

2017-18

# THE WESTERN CRICKETER





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Day three of the Third Ashes Series at the WACA Ground





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





# Executive Report

2017-18 was an incredible year for the Western Australian Cricket Association and its Members, as we closed the chapter on the end of an era.

The domestic season got off to a flying start with the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors claiming the JLT One-Day Cup in a thrilling win over Adelaide in Hobart. The JLT Sheffield Shield side finished fourth after a challenging season of injuries and Australian call-ups, and big congratulations to the Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury on their first WNCL Grand Final appearance in 18 years.

During the season, we celebrated the last Ashes Test Match and Big Bash League season to be played at the WACA Ground and paid homage to the long and proud history of the Ground and the impact it has had over the years across all formats of our great game.

History was made when the Australia v England Gillette One-Day International opened Perth's new world-class Optus Stadium, with 53,781 cricket fans witnessing the first major sporting event to be hosted at the venue. We sincerely thank the WA State Government, VenuesLive, Cricket Australia and our Members and fans for their support and for making the opening such a success.

The 2018-19 season will see a new era for cricket in WA, with a full season of international cricket and the Big Bash League played at Optus Stadium. The Association is now looking to the future, which will see a complementary relationship created between the State's most iconic sporting venues - the WACA Ground and Optus Stadium. The recent visit by Chelsea FC is an example of this relationship.

We are focused on securing a long and prosperous future for Western Australia's oldest and most famous sporting infrastructure - the WACA Ground - with planning underway to develop the State's Home of Cricket into a community destination and training facility for the Perth Scorchers and State's elite teams.

The end of the 2017-18 season saw us farewell Justin Langer as the Western Warriors and Perth Scorchers men's team Head Coach, following his appointment to the role as Australian men's team Head Coach. A highly respected leader within Australian Cricket, Justin has worked tirelessly to re-write the culture of WA's men's High Performance program and ensure its ongoing success, leaving it in a much better place. We thank him for his hard work and dedication and wish him all the best for the exciting challenges that lie ahead.

The departure of Justin saw us welcome the announcement of the State's and Scorchers men's team new Head Coach, former Western Australian captain Adam Voges. Adam played a huge role in helping to develop the culture that has delivered us considerable success over the past few years and has a playing group that believe in his brand of leadership, players who have followed him for many years and look up to him as a trusted mentor and friend. The WACA Board and Management have complete confidence in Adam and we look forward to watching him succeed in his new role.



# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET STRATEGY 2017-2022

## We will:

- Deliver what our Members and fans want, through a focus on innovation, customer service and engaging content
- Create the best participation experiences to grow junior cricket and ensure best practice model for senior community competitions
- Deliver the best High Performance system in Western Australian sport
- Be the leading sport for women and girls and all diversity groups
- Promote cricket to inspire a love of the game in WA
- Use technology to deliver great experiences for Members, fans, participants and volunteers
- Maximise long-term sustainable revenue to drive investment in WA cricket

Although we didn't secure a Big Bash title in 2017-18, we were delighted to see the Perth Scorchers women's team qualify for the Rebel Women's Big Bash League Final and the men's team qualify for the BBL Semi-Final. The consistency in our High Performance program has seen the Scorchers appear in all Finals series since the league's inception in 2011, something of which we can be extremely proud.

We congratulated the state's two captains, Mitchell Marsh and Elyse Villani, who took out the top honours at this year's Laurie Sawle Medal Night. Marsh was named the 2017-18 Laurie Sawle Medallist, with Villani awarded the Zöe Goss Medal.

Perth Scorchers fan favourite AJ Tye had a breakthrough international season, which saw him make his One-Day International debut against England. AJ was invaluable in the thrilling victory in Adelaide with his three-wicket haul, before tearing through England's middle-order at the brand-new Optus Stadium to finish with career-best figures of 5-46. He finished the year with an outstanding IPL season, where he finished as the tournament's lead wicket-taker.

Western Fury opener Nicole Bolton had another stellar international year. Nicole led the Governor General's XI in the Women's Ashes series in 2017, but it was her time in India in early 2018 where she impressed the most. Nicole hit an unbeaten century to help Australia claim an eight-wicket victory in its one-day series opener against India and went on to hit 84 from 88 balls the next match to clinch the three-match series.

Western Australia's Ashton Agar, Cameron Bancroft, Nicole Bolton, Hilton Cartwright, Mitch Marsh, Shaun Marsh, Jhye Richardson, D'Arcy Short, Marcus Stoinis, AJ Tye and Elyse Villani represented at the international level. The large number of State players selected for Australian representation is a credit to the high standard of the WACA's High Performance program and something of which we are extremely proud.

The end of the 2017-18 season saw veteran batsman Michael Klinger retire from first class cricket. He announced his retirement effective at the end of the Sheffield Shield season, following a decorated 19-year career. We look forward to continuing to watch Michael in the 2018-19 Big Bash League season.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors and Fury and Perth Scorchers coaches Justin Langer and Lisa Keightley. The state's elite squads have continued to perform at such a high standard, which can be attributed to their passion, dedication and strong leadership.

Cricket participation during 2017-18 went from strength-to-strength, with 201,882 participants registered across all formats - an 8% growth on the previous year. School participation increased by 13% to 137,148, with the state's diversity statistics also experiencing growth with female participation increasing 8% to 68,748. Diversity continues to grow across the State with an overall increase of 13% across female, disability, Aboriginal and multicultural cricketers.

We welcomed the announcement that Perth would host the ICC World T20 in 2020, with the WACA Ground to host the Women's World T20 and Optus Stadium the Men's World T20. The opportunity to host matches for an event of this calibre will allow Perth to not only showcase its world class facilities to Australia and the globe, but will also help inspire the next generation of young girls and boys in Western Australia to pick up a cricket bat or ball.

Following three years of consultation and engagement with Members and the WACA's affiliates, a new Constitution was voted in by WACA Members at a Members General Meeting in May 2018. An overwhelming 93 per cent of attending Members voted in favour of the new Constitution, which will ensure the WACA is well-placed to be governed in the most appropriate way to lead and develop cricket in



WA and enable the Association's vision to be leaders in Australian sport to be realised. We thank all those that were involved throughout the process and are confident the new Constitution will allow the WACA to continue to manage the game more effectively for the benefit of the whole WA community, including Members, grassroots to elite players, volunteers and fans.

In December 2017, the WACA launched the WA Cricket Foundation to support the Association's vision to develop all levels of cricket in WA and ensure a long and successful future for the WACA Ground. The Foundation has been tasked with raising \$12 million over five years to support the planned Stage 1 of the WACA Ground development, as well as raising funds to support the Northwest Cricket Program and Female Pathway Program. We'd like to thank the Foundation Board - Dr Bob Every AO (Chair), Dr Ken Michael AC, David Robb, John Gillam, Kate O'Hara and John Nolan - for their support and commitment to cricket in WA.

Together with Churchill Press and Holman Industries, the WACA launched The Doctor's In: Memorable Moments at the WACA Ground in December 2017. The coffee table book reflects on some of the world-famous venue's most historic and significant moments and celebrates the rich history of this iconic sporting ground. It was a wonderful way to pay homage to the State's oldest and most famous sporting infrastructure, as we celebrated the final Ashes series to be played at the WACA Ground.

During the year we also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1967-68 WA Sheffield Shield team, which defied the odds to secure the State's first full-season Sheffield Shield

title. The team was made up of some of WA's all-time greats, including Ron Bowe, Derek Chadwick, John Inverarity, Murray Vernon, Jock Irvine, Ross Edwards, Gordon Becker, Ian Brayshaw, Graham McKenzie, Tony Lock, Laurie Mayne, Tony Mann, Keith Slater, Jim Hubble, Bill Playle and Sam Gannon, who staged a remarkable comeback to cement their place in history.

These achievements would not have been possible without the remarkable efforts of the Association's staff and players, and we thank them for their passion and dedication. The Board, as always, is also extremely grateful for the support of the Leadership Team and look forward to continuing to work together to ensure a successful future for the WACA.

We also thank the WACA Board, who continued to show strong leadership and commitment towards shaping a successful future for cricket in WA and provided ongoing support and guidance for the Association.

We're looking forward to the season ahead and celebrating a new chapter in WA cricket history as we enjoy cricket content shared between two of the State's most iconic sporting venues - the WACA Ground and Optus Stadium.

**Hon Dr Ken Michael AC** | President and Chair

**Christina Matthews** | Chief Executive Officer



Sheffield Shield team of 1967-68 prior to boarding the plane to start its Eastern States tour in February 1968.



# Western Australian Cricket Association (Inc.)

## BOARD & MANAGEMENT

as at 30 June 2018

### BOARD

#### Chair & President

Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC

#### Vice President

The Hon TK (Terrence) Waldron (casual vacancy from 6 Jul 2017 & elected at AGM on 27 Sep 2017)

#### Deputy Chair

Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie

#### Members' Representatives

TF (Thomas) Percy QC, M (Michael) Veletta,  
DJ (Darren) Wates, ED (Eva) Skira (casual vacancy from 6 Jul 2017 & elected at AGM on 27 Sep 2017)

#### WA Premier Council (Inc.) Representatives

M (Mark) Calverley, B (Brendan) Reid (until 14 Aug 2017),  
C Bauer (from 14 Aug 2017)

#### Statewide Game Development

#### Committee Representatives

PC (Peter) Silinger, AJ (Avril) Fahey

#### Members appointed by the Board

DJ (David) Bailey, Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie (reappointed 1 Mar 2018)

### ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

Mr RI (Richard) Marshall

### COMMITTEES

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

### AUDITOR

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms C Matthews

#### GENERAL MANAGERS

##### Business Services

RI Marshall

##### Commercial, Marketing & Communication

SV Nasta

##### Game Development

Ms J Davies

##### High Performance

BC Oliver

##### Human Resources

Ms CL Brayn

##### Membership & Museum

GJ White

##### Operations & Facilities

Ms JS Coubrough

##### Public Policy and Government

##### Relations Manager

Ms K Mort

### AFFILIATES

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

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

### ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- WA Schools Cricket Council (Inc.)
- WA Aboriginal Cricket Council (Inc.)

#### Register of WACA Board Members attendance at Board meetings (14 meetings held)

The Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC	13/14	DJ (Darren) Wates	13/14	M (Mark) Calverley	10/14
Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie	12/14	ED (Eva) Skira	11/13	CK (Christian) Bauer	10/10
The Hon TK (Terrence) Waldron	13/13	DJ (David) Bailey	12/14	B (Brendan) Reid	3/3
TF (Thomas) Percy QC	11/14	AJ (Avril) Fahey	14/14		
M (Michael) Veletta	13/14	PC (Peter) Silinger	13/14		

## CRICKET AUSTRALIA

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





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as at 30 June 2018

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## Vice President



Hon TK (Terrence) Waldron  
(casual vacancy from 6 Jul 2017 &  
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## Deputy Chair



Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie

## Members' Representatives



TF (Thomas) Percy QC



M (Michael) Veletta



DJ (Darren) Wates



ED (Eva) Skira  
(casual vacancy from 6 Jul 2017 &  
elected at AGM on 27 Sep 2017)

## WA District Cricket Council (Inc.) Representatives



M (Mark) Calverley



B (Brendan) Reid  
(until 14 Aug 2017)



C Bauer  
(from 14 Aug 2017)

## Statewide Game Development Committee Representatives



PC (Peter) Silinger



AJ (Avril) Fahey

## Members appointed by the Board



DJ (David) Bailey



Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie  
(reappointed 1 Mar 2018)

## Association 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	Hon Dr KC Michael AC
1915-16 - 1916-17	WJ Farley	1963-64 - 1979-80	CR Bunning CBE		

## CHAIRS OF WACA EXECUTIVE / BOARD

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

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

## CHIEF EXECUTIVES / GENERAL MANAGERS

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

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

## SECRETARIES

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

## LIFE MEMBERS

1893	Miss Sylvia Forrest*, daughter of the then Mayor of Perth, Alexander Forrest MLA on the opening of the WACA Ground. Miss Forrest later became Mrs Sylvia Woods.*	1972	CR Bunning CBE*	1985	KD Meuleman*	2002	WJ Edwards	2014	Ms Z Goss
1905	WJ Farley*	1977	DC McKenzie*	1985	BK Shepherd OAM*	2004	TM Moody	2015	DR Martyn
1912	J Rushton*	1977	JEV Murdoch*	1985	GD McKenzie	2004	MRJ Veletta	2015	Dr K Read
1917	RG Heath*	1978	AD Drew*	1985	IJ Brayshaw MBE	2004	B Yardley	2016	W Andrews
1918	Hon J Gardiner, MLA*	1978	RC Mattiske*	1985	RJ Inverarity MBE	2005	KL Jones	2017	M Goodwin
1930	H Gregory, MHR*	1978	HWH Rigg*	1985	GAR Lock*	2007	BM Julian	2017	M Hussey
1937	L Ryan*	1979	RE Ballantine*	1985	RW Marsh MBE	2007	L Pavy	2017	Ms P Verco
1947	F Boan*	1979	EJ Dowling*	1985	DK Lillee AM MBE	2007	TJ Zoehrer	2017	Ms O Leslie*
1948	CH Guy*	1979	GH Dunstan OBE*	1985	BF Prindiville AO CMG*	2008	J Angel	2017	Ms J Morison*
1951	Hon GW Miles*	1979	RW Abbot MBE*	1985	JD Irvine*	2008	CAC Fear	2017	Ms P Drage*
1956	RJ Bryant OAM*	1980	AR Edwards OAM	1988	HG Bevan*	2008	Ms C Towers	2017	Ms E Fairlie
1956	AC Randell*	1982	LM Sawle AM	1989	PB Rakich AM	2009	R Edwards	2017	Ms H Asquith
1963	His Excellency Lt-General Sir Charles Gairdner	1983	W Scott*	1991	DH Foster OAM	2009	BM Laird	2017	Ms J True
		1983	DK Carmody*	1993	TJ Perrott AM Cit WA*	2009	AL Mann	2017	Ms L Hollingsworth
		1985	CW Puckett*	1995	FD O'Driscoll	2009	G Havercroft	2017	Ms A Fuhrmann
		1985	CW Langdon*	1996	NL Ballard	2010	WM Clark	2017	Ms C Papasergio
				1996	KJ Hughes	2010	PJ McConnell	2017	Ms L Keenan
				1998	GR Marsh	2010	BA Reid		
				1998	GM Wood	2010	WP Reynolds		
				1999	TM Alderman	2011	CD Matthews		
				2001	KH MacLeay	2012	AC Gilchrist AM		
				2002	WM Bryant	2012	JL Langer AM		
						2013	KN Slater		
						2014	R Evans		



# A Sport for all Western Australians



The final season of the KFC Big Bash at #TheFurnace





# A New Chapter

The 2017-18 season saw cricket in Western Australia pay homage to the end of an era, while also celebrating the beginning of an exciting new chapter in its history.

The WACA celebrated the last Ashes Test Match to be played at the WACA Ground in December 2017 - a moment which will forever be remembered. The moment was the culmination of 14 Tests between Australia and England at the venue since the first was held in 1970.

To commemorate the WACA Ground's final Ashes Test Match, several activities were run by the WACA to engage Members and fans and create a sense of nostalgia at the venue. One such feature was a unique pop-up museum, which celebrated the most memorable moments at the WACA Ground over the venue's history, with a focus on the sport's greatest rivalry - the Ashes. The museum exhibition was based on the 48 highlights covered by WA sports media doyen Ken Casellas in the book *The Doctor's In*, which was also launched ahead of the historic Test.

Other activities included a photo booth, in which patrons could immerse themselves in the history of the Ashes; powerful imagery was located around the venue displaying icons of past Ashes played at the Ground; a commemorative cartoon produced by The Sunday Times' artist Greg Smith; while a special range of Ashes merchandise was also created.

It wasn't long after the Ashes concluded, that cricket prepared to celebrate the last BBL match to be played at the WACA Ground, with the Perth Scorchers taking on the Adelaide Strikers on 25 January 2018 in what was another historic match for the state since the Leagues inception in 2011.

A series of activities were designed to mark the historic match alongside fans, with a free commemorative Smithy cartoon and mini cricket bats handed out at-match. The Scorchers took the opportunity to thank the club's most devoted Members for their ongoing dedication and passion, hosting an innings break parade in appreciation for their support. Fans took a moment to soak up the excitement of the last BBL match to be hosted at the Ground, with a post-match firework display culminating the celebrations.

The match was also commemorated through a return to the club's playing shirts from BBL|01, with the team donning the design of the inaugural year. Fans were provided with a unique opportunity to bid for the signed match-worn shirts, with the auction's proceeds going towards the WA Cricket Foundation.

A new chapter in Western Australia's cricket history began on Sunday 28 January 2018, when Australia took on England in the One-Day International at Optus Stadium. The highly anticipated opening saw 53,781 cricket fans witness history in the making, as cricket hosted the first major sporting event at the new world-class venue.

The opening was closely followed by the first Perth Scorchers fixture to be played at the stadium, which saw both the men's and women's teams take to the pitch for the Semi Final in front of a sell out crowd. It was a memorable moment, with Scorchers fans creating an electric atmosphere and formidable force in a sea of orange.



## A NEW ERA FOR THE WACA GROUND

“The WACA Ground; it's where I came to work every day, where I saw people from around the world come and do tours, where I came to train the Perth Scorchers, where I saw the crowds and the impact cricket has on the community, and where I saw the hard work that went into Western Australian cricket.”

Former Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors and Perth Scorchers Head Coach Justin Langer

The WACA Ground has a long and proud history as an iconic domestic and international cricket venue, having provided a stage for many historic sporting moments.

The excitement around Optus Stadium and the unique WACA Ground, steeped in history and culture, will work together in a complementary way to create new opportunities for events and facilities in enhancing the game of cricket across all levels, while visually respecting the history and heritage of the WACA Ground.

The WACA is resolute in its vision to secure a long and prosperous future for Western Australia's oldest and most famous sporting infrastructure and creating a space for the wider community to engage with and enjoy.

Planning is underway to create a sustainable community and sporting hub with cricket at its heart. Plans will ensure the WACA Ground continues to hold a special place within WA's sporting landscape, focusing on honouring and retaining the Ground's rich heritage and creating a community space which pays homage to the state's home of cricket. A developed WACA Ground will provide premier, community and country cricket clubs and school participants with greater access to the ground, to realise their dreams of playing on the iconic pitch and train in the same facilities as their heroes.

With its close proximity to Optus Stadium, a developed WACA Ground will revitalise East Perth and create a unique sporting and entertainment precinct.

## The Vision for the WACA Ground includes:

- building a contemporary high performance and administration centre;
- Re-ovalisation of the playing surface to allow for multi-sport and event use;
- reducing the capacity to 15,000 spectators through a combination of permanent and temporary seating, incorporating innovative shade solutions;
- provision for co-tenancy in the future; and
- integration with the East Perth precinct and access for community based activities.

As we focus on finalising plans for the WACA Ground and securing funding for the future of the venue, we will continue to hold true to its underlying 125-year history as a proud and valued community destination for Western Australia.







# Times are Changing

“There was a time when we didn’t even have a team song because we never won,” Nicole Bolton reflects on her time playing for the Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury.

The veteran Western Australian opener has lived through the struggles of an unstable and underperforming state cricket team for more than a decade.

After 12 seasons with the Fury, and the longest current team member, Bolton had not played in the Women’s National Cricket League final - until the 2017-18 season.

WA had not qualified for the final since 1999-2000, last winning the national championship in 1986-87 under the previous Australian Women’s Cricket Championship format.

The current squad went from not winning a single game in 2016-17, to making the final for the first time in 18 years in the 2017-18 season.

“I’ve been here since I was 16 and I’m now 29 and we’ve never made finals,” Bolton said.

“I’ve experienced a fair amount of drought playing for the Western Fury, to finally get there this year... It’s a surreal feeling.”

After claiming victories against Victoria and Queensland in the final rounds to finish second on the ladder of the domestic 50-over competition, the Fury eventually went down by 51 runs to an unbeaten New South Wales side featuring nine past and present Australian representatives.

The NSW Breakers claimed their 19th title in the 22-year history of the WNCL, a David and Goliath story that wouldn’t eventuate in a fairytale finish. But that didn’t seem to bother the underdogs from the west.

“It was quite hard to believe when we found out we’d made the final,” Bolton added.

“The group has worked extremely hard with head coach Lisa Keightley and assistant coach Michael Dighton over the past two years, and it was an incredible day when we finally got there.

“It’s been hard to find stability, we’ve had a lot of turnover in coaches and support staff over the years, and for us to get the consistency and quality of people like Lisa Keightley and Zöe Goss has made a massive difference.

“I look forward to the down time in the off-season, where I can sit back and reflect on what a long journey WA have been on to get to this point. I think it’s a massive achievement and I don’t think some of the girls probably understand how big of a shift this is.”



Bolton says the biggest change in the group has been their ability to keep cool and perform under pressure, a skill which was lacking for many years.

"We've got a really talented group of girls who are starting to become confident in their skills, decisions and ability to perform under pressure.

"The last game against Queensland was a tough one, it was really down to the final few overs and there was a lot of pressure on us. The girls just dug in and got the job done."

Another household name in the West Australian set-up, Megan Banting said her favourite moment of the season was another high-pressure game.

"The win against the ACT was probably the best game of cricket I've ever played in.

"It was late in the overs and we knew we still needed a couple of wickets or they were going to win pretty easily. It was the first time that we really stood up and won when times got tough - that really was the start of everything."

After making her debut with the Fury in 2014-15, Banting has become a strong presence around the team both with the bat and keeping gloves, and agrees the Fury will continue to build.

"We didn't know how to win under pressure. We believed in ourselves, but we didn't know what to do when times got tough.

"It felt like a different team this year, we've matured and learnt to handle ourselves in those big moments when our back is against the wall.

"The WNCL is the pinnacle. We play Big Bash which is great, but it's phenomenal to wear the yellow and black and to make the final... we were all incredibly proud of ourselves.

"It's the start of what's to come. We're a great group of friends and it really feels like we'll all be around for a while."

Bolton and her Fury teammates have tasted success for the first time in a long time, and now they can't get enough.

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



Western Fury squad and staff before WNCL Final





# West is Best

Marcus Stoinis

The tide has turned on the power base of Australian cricket over the past 12 months, and it's coming from the West. The Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors now have the largest representation on the sort-after national men's contract list for 2018-19, after 12 players were called-up to play for Australia during 2017-18 season.

WA bowlers Jhye Richardson and AJ Tye and all-rounder Marcus Stoinis became new faces on the contract list joining teammates Ashton Agar, Mitch Marsh and Shaun Marsh. While, former Warriors Head Coach Justin Langer's Australian appointment was attributed, in part, to the strong WA flavour on the international scene.

Western Australian Cricket Association CEO Christina Matthews said it's rewarding to see long term goals like this achieved.

"For WA to have the greatest number of players on the Australian Men's contract list is a fantastic testament to the program we've been running over the last four or five years," Ms Matthews said.

"It's always been an aim of Australian cricket that states are primarily producing Australian players, and for us to have leapt ahead of those bigger states is very exciting for our

program and is a testament to the investment we've put in to developing our top players."

All-rounder Hilton Cartwright joined the Australian team for the Test series in Bangladesh in September, while pacemen Jason Behrendorff and Nathan Coulter-Nile played in Australia's T20 Tour of India in October before succumbing to injuries that ruled them both out of the remainder of the summer.

The Ashes saw veteran batsman Shaun Marsh re-called to the Australian squad after a stunning JLT One-Day Cup series, Cameron Bancroft was handed his Baggy Green in Brisbane after a massive double century in Sheffield Shield early in the season and Mitch Marsh made home ground history when he joined the tour in Perth and claimed his maiden Test century.

Following another successful KFC Big Bash League from the Perth Scorchers over the summer, where they finished top of the table, it was no surprise when Australian selectors looked to WA to fill their ranks in the shorter forms and the scintillating skills of Andrew Tye, Ashton Agar, D'Arcy Short, Marcus Stoinis and Jhye Richardson were called upon.

The departure of these stars from the state side left room for a host of young players to step-up and claim their spot in the WA line-up. The Warriors JLT Sheffield Shield campaign saw a total of seven debutants take the field throughout the season.

Before his international call-up, Marcus Stoinis returned home from Victoria to receive his Baggy Black in an unfor-



gettable 301 run win over the Tasmanian Tigers at the WACA Ground in Round 1 of the Shield season. While golden boy Matthew Kelly claimed four wickets in his debut Shield game in the same match.

"It was an amazing feeling, I can't really explain it and I don't really remember it too much," recalls Kelly on his maiden Shield wicket.

"I've been watching the likes of Mitch and Shaun Marsh playing for Western Australia for years, and to be out there playing in a Shield match to finally get that same opportunity... it was incredible."

"Just to have everyone there cheering and the boys all getting around you and messing your hair up it was a great feeling." Back at the WACA Ground in Round 3, Subiaco-Floreat all-rounder Andrew Holder was called up for his maiden First Class game against the South Australian Redbacks. The 26-year-old swing bowler picked up four wickets for the match to validate his surprise selection.

Towering rookie Alex Bevilaqua put all 207 centimeters of powerful pace bowling to the test in the second half of the season when he made his debut against New South Wales at the WACA Ground in Round 6. He managed to claim a wicket in the first innings, but it was some surprise big-hitting at the tail end that saw Bevilaqua smash 36 off 23 deliveries including three huge sixes that helped WA claim victory against the Blues.

In Round 7 young guns Josh Philippe, Liam Guthrie and Clint Hinchcliffe got their call-ups in Tasmania. While the young side struggled against the Tigers there were still positives to take away. Guthrie had a blinder with the ball, claiming the scalps of Matthew Wade, Simon Milenko and Tim Rogers, then helped finish off Sam Rainbird taking a great catch off a Hinchcliffe delivery. In the second innings Philippe got the Warriors off to a better start making 74 runs that included 16 boundaries.

The significant number of changes in the squad throughout the season made it tough to reach the Shield final, but the future looks bright for WA cricket with a depth that now has experience at the top domestic level.

Mitch Marsh century at the WACA Ground during the Ashes





# Inspiring a Love of Cricket

Rikki Garlett

The WACA aims to inspire all Western Australian's to love cricket and ensure cricket is a sport for all.

At present, women, people from a multicultural background, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and people with a disability are underrepresented in community cricket in WA. It is imperative the cricket community are empowered to be reflective of the wider community and create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

Through its programs, the WACA provides capacity building and education assistance to clubs to increase their diversity and inclusion. The Association also runs programs which

are specifically targeted to these groups, which aim to not only expose them to cricket opportunities, but integrate them into existing systems and pathways.

The impact of the WACA's programs can be seen in the success being experienced by the Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club in the Integrated Cricket League (ICL) and the Ballardong Cricket Academy in developing the next generation of Aboriginal cricketers.

## KARDINYA LAKES CRICKET CLUB

### A CASE STUDY

The Integrated Cricket League (ICL) is a WACA-run club-based senior community cricket competition for people aged 16-years and over who primarily live with an intellectual disability.

The Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club has been involved in the ICL since its inception in 2016-17. The club has embraced the competition and been a leading force within community cricket, particularly with the integration of the club's 30 ICL players into the mainstream senior club.

The success experienced by the club has been heavily due to the dedication and passion of volunteer Heather Timms, who was arguably the most integral person in getting the club's ICL teams up and running.

Heather became involved with the program two years ago, when her sons Kyron and Damien, who both have autism, joined the Kardinya Lakes CC ICL team. Heather was actively involved in Integrated Football and transferred her knowledge to cricket, which saw an immediate effect both on the number of players signed up and the experience they received through the club.



Two years ago, Kyron had never played cricket, since joining Kardinya he's progressed to the level where he represented WA at the National Cricket Inclusion Carnival. Kyron has also made the transition from the ICL into mainstream 50 over cricket. The transition highlights how well Kardinya Lakes CC has embraced the integration of the ICL teams into the senior club and provided opportunities for athletes with a disability to progress their cricket throughout the grades.

In recognition of the contribution the club has made, Kardinya Lakes CC were named finalists in the 2017 RAC WA Sports Star Awards' RAC Insurance Beyond Sport category.



"What I love the most about the ICL program is that players of all abilities get the chance to participate in cricket," Mrs Timms said.

"Kyron's aim this season is to play more mainstream cricket and try out for the 2019 National Inclusion Cricket Carnival.

"My youngest son Damien (24) enjoys participating and attending weekly training sessions and learning how to improve his batting and bowling skills. On game days, Damien loves to participate to the best of his ability and be part of the Kardinya Lakes CC ICL team." - Heather Timms

## BALLARDONG CRICKET ACADEMY

### A CASE STUDY

Northam's Ballardong Cricket Academy, which opened in 2006, is led by local Aboriginal people who provide cricket programs for a mix of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal participants and volunteers across five male and female teams.

The Academy has been responsible for encouraging hundreds of Aboriginal boys and girls in regional WA to play community cricket. The program has also had an incredible impact on the wider community, with local police noticing a reduction in anti-social behaviour during the cricket season.

An example of the program's success was the identification of young talent Rikki Garlett. Rikki began her cricket journey

at the Academy as a junior, playing in mixed U13 and U16 teams before advancing through the cricket pathway.

Rikki's talent was quickly identified by the Academy's coaches and the WACA earmarked her as a player for the WA Women's Aboriginal Team. After training with the state squad aged 16 in 2016, Rikki was selected to represent WA at the 2017 National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) and again at the 2018 NICC. Rikki's performances at the local and state level led to her being awarded the WACA Female Aboriginal Scholarship in 2017-18.

The Ballardong Cricket Academy was recognised for their ongoing commitment and excellence to making cricket a sport for all Australians in Cricket Australia's 2017-18 A Sport for All Awards, where they were named Community Cricket Initiative of the Year.







# Laurie Sawle Medal Night

State captains Mitch Marsh and Elyse Villani were recognised at WA cricket's night of nights, leading the way to claim the Laurie Sawle and Zöe Goss Medals.

A crowd of almost 450 people were on-hand for the Laurie Sawle Medal Night in Optus Stadium's River View Room, helping to recognise WA's most outstanding performers of 2017-18.

A season of consistency across the one day and four day competitions had Mitch Marsh claim the Laurie Sawle Medal, with his four unbeaten knocks, a high score of 124 and 169 average steering WA to the JLT One Day Cup title in his first season as captain of the Warriors.

The younger Marsh brother continued his form into the JLT Sheffield Shield season, averaging 38.54 across his 12 innings and scoring an emphatic century against Queensland, his first at the WACA Ground, which laid the platform for his inclusion in Australia's Ashes squad ahead of Perth's Third Test.

Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury captain Elyse Villani was recognised for her drought-breaking leadership, having led the state to its first WNCL Final in 18 years, with her Zöe Goss Medal accompanied by the Western Fury WNCL Player of the Year Award.

An opening-game high score of 139 from Villani, the second best in the state's history books, set the tone for the Fury's WNCL campaign, as the skipper built an average of 51.71 with two half centuries to guide WA to its first 50-over decider since 1999-2000.

Villani's consistency crossed to the Twenty20 format, with an average of 46 and three half-centuries helping the Scorchers progress to the WBBL|03 Finals. The performances led the club to hosting the first women's sporting event at Optus Stadium with the Semi Final win over the Sydney Thunder, before progressing to the Championship game against eventual-winners the Sydney Sixers.

England import Katherine Brunt maintained her hold on the Scorchers WBBL Player of the Year Award, collecting the title for the third-consecutive season and remaining the only winner of the honour. Brunt dominated the competition to finish as WBBL|03's leading wicket-taker, with 23 from her 14 matches and her economy rate of 4.83 placing her second for the season from all bowlers.

A breakout season for free-wheeling, economical all-rounder Ashton Agar led him to the Simon Katich Medal as the Scorchers' BBL|07 Player of the Year, with the 24-year-old's fluid batting and tight left-arm spin also rewarded with a call-up to Australia's Twenty20 squad.

Agar averaged 49.66 with the bat and notched his high score of an unbeaten 33 against the Melbourne Stars on Boxing Day, helping put the Scorchers on the path to the top of the table. However, it was with the ball that Agar proved most effective in the BBL's seventh season, as he led the Scorchers and sat third on the list of bowlers in the league with his economy rate of 5.74.

Shaun Marsh's revitalised international career was punctuated with his second-consecutive Gold Cup trophy, tallying 47 votes from the 10 major media outlets that submitted their 5-4-3-2-1 scoring. Marsh received top votes from all but two of the outlets, following a season in which he averaged 42.57, with two centuries and four half-tens. The batsman's 15 innings produced 596 runs, with his high score of 156 against England in the Ashes Test at the SCG a memorable moment for more than the century-and-a-half stand.

Shaun Marsh backed up his Gold Cup win by also being named Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors One Day Player of the Year, while vice-captain Ashton Turner, who took the reins of the side for much of the year in Mitch Marsh's absence, was named the side's Four Day Player of the Year.

The older Marsh brother was brutal in his one-day domination, being named Player of the Series and helping propel his state to its second domestic one day title in three

years. Marsh signalled his intentions for the tournament with an unbeaten 132 in the side's opener against New South Wales at the WACA Ground, going on to record three half-centuries.

Turner's elevation to acting captain and his positive stewardship of a young, emerging side for much of the season resulted in him capturing the Warriors Four Day Player of the Year Award. Turner topped his side for runs scored throughout the season, sitting inside the top 15 for the competition with 650 at an average of 36.11, one century and three half-tens.

Western Fury and Perth Scorchers bowler Taneale Peschel and Warriors counterpart Jhye Richardson were named the Female and Male Rising Stars respectively, while pace tyro Matt Kelly and batter Mathilda Carmichael were named winners of the values-based Excalibur and Legacy awards, respectively.



Mitch Marsh and Ken Michael



Elyse Villani and Zöe Goss



Ashton Agar



Adam Gilchrist



Jhye Richardson and Mathilda Carmichael

## AWARD WINNERS

### Laurie Sawle Medal

Mitch Marsh

### Zöe Goss Medal

Elyse Villani

### Gold Cup

Shaun Marsh

### Simon Katich Medal

Ashton Agar

### Perth Scorchers WBBL|03

Player of the Year

Katherine Brunt

### Western Warriors Domestic

Four Day Player of the Year

Ashton Turner

### Western Warriors Domestic

One Day Player of the Year

Shaun Marsh

### Western Fury WNCL

Player of the Year

Elyse Villani

### Legacy Award

Mathilda Carmichael

### Excalibur Award

Matthew Kelly

### Female Rising Star

Taneale Peschel

### Male Rising Star

Jhye Richardson

### Gallery of Greats Inductees

Adam Gilchrist & Damien Martyn





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# The West Dominating the World Scene

Shaun Marsh and Mitch Marsh celebrate after Australia regained the Ashes at the WACA Ground on 18 December 2017

# 2017-18 WA Australian Representatives

BATTING		Mat	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50
ASHTON AGAR	TEST	2	3	65	41*	32.5	44.82	-	-
	ODI	2	2	9	9*	9	128.57	-	-
	T20	5	1	2	2	2	40	-	-
CAMERON BANCROFT	TEST	8	14	402	82*	30.92	46.05	-	3
JASON BEHRENDORFF	T20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NICOLE BOLTON	ODI	14	14	676	107	56.33	80.19	2	5
	T20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HILTON CARTWRIGHT	ODI	2	2	2	1	1	8.69	-	-
NATHAN COULTER-NILE	ODI	5	3	10	8	3.33	38.46	-	-
	T20	2	1	1	1	1	50.00	-	-
MITCHELL MARSH	TEST	9	16	544	181	36.26	53.57	2	1
	ODI	7	7	190	55	27.14	80.50	-	2
SHAUN MARSH	TEST	13	23	743	156	33.7	36.85	2	4
	ODI	3	3	62	24	20.66	84.93	-	-
JHYE RICHARDSON	ODI	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T20	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
D'ARCY SHORT	T20	5	5	196	76	49	149.61	-	2
MARCUS STOINIS	ODI	13	13	584	146*	64.88	102.27	1	4
	T20	6	2	10	6	5	62.5	-	-
ASHTON TURNER	T20	3	3	26	18	8.66	123.80	-	-
ANDREW TYE	ODI	5	5	42	19	14	113.51	-	-
	T20	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELYSE VILLANI	TEST	3	5	72	33	14.4	50	-	-
	ODI	11	8	195	75	27.86	104.28	-	2
	T20	8	8	191	61	23.88	130.82	-	2
BOWLING		Mat	Inns	Wkts	Ave	Eco	BB	5Ws	
ASHTON AGAR	TEST	2	4	7	23.14	2.62	3/46	-	
	ODI	2	2	2	62.5	6.57	1/54	-	
	T20	5	5	7	16.42	6.38	3/27	-	
JASON BEHRENDORFF	T20	2	2	4	6.5	5.2	4/21	-	
NICOLE BOLTON	ODI	14	1	2	9.00	6.00	2/18	-	
HILTON CARTWRIGHT	ODI	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NATHAN COULTER-NILE	ODI	5	5	10	25.1	5.12	3/44	-	
	T20	2	2	2	21.5	7.16	1/20	-	
MITCHELL MARSH	TEST	9	13	4	76.75	3.88	2/26	-	
	ODI	7	7	4	35	4.66	2/24	-	
JHYE RICHARDSON	ODI	1	1	2	28.5	5.70	2/57	-	
	T20	2	2	2	31	10.33	1/24	-	
D'ARCY SHORT	T20	5	1	-	-	19	0/19	-	
MARCUS STOINIS	ODI	13	11	7	60	5.9	3/49	-	
	T20	6	6	3	43	6.78	1/16	-	
ASHTON TURNER	T20	3	3	3	14	7	2/12	-	
ANDREW TYE	ODI	5	5	10	21.1	4.53	5/46	-	
	T20	9	9	14	20.21	8.84	4/23	-	
ELYSE VILLANI	TEST	3	1	-	-	4	0/4	-	

\*Statistics for period 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018





Ashton Agar and teammates celebrate a wicket during the Sheffield Shield match between Victoria and WA





Western Warriors celebrate winning the JLT One-Day Cup

## Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors

There are only three titles up for grabs each domestic season, Shield, BBL and One-Day Cup so to claim one of them is a great achievement.



One of my proudest moments coaching at the WACA came when we were wrapping up the season at the Laurie Sawle Medal night. After what had happened in South Africa with the Test team I had an inkling it might be my last public appearance as the head coach for

Western Australia, and if I was to move into the Australian role before the next season I knew I was immensely proud of what I would be leaving behind.

When I arrived seven years ago it felt a bit like a dysfunctional family. Past players seem to hate the WACA, the WACA seemed to mistrust the media, Club cricket and the WACA seemed to be worlds apart and everyone seemed to be struggling to find unity. But, after the hard work and determination of our board, our leadership and our people, the overwhelming theme of the night became the 'WACA Family'. From our President Ken Michael to past players in Adam Gilchrist and all the current players and staff, everyone touched on the unique feeling that we had created a family, and a bloody good one at that. I was happy and comfortable that WA cricket was moving in the right direction.

This sentiment of our strong culture was reflected throughout the Western Warriors 2017-18 season. We faced many hurdles, long term injuries hit us hard, particularly with our fast bowlers and while it's something we are constantly working on it certainly does have an impact. To lose quality bowlers like Nathan Coulter-Nile and Jason Behrendorff and then up-and-comers like David Moody and Cameron Green to season ending injuries was a huge blow. Then we had an incredible run with Aussie selections, our senior players like Shaun and Mitch Marsh were re-called into the Ashes team, Cameron Bancroft earned his Baggy Green after an incredible beginning to the domestic season and young Jhye Richardson joined the ranks in the Australian squad. Then our shorter form favorites dominated in national selections, Ashton Agar, AJ Tye, Marcus Stoinis and D'Arcy Short. Early in the season Hilton Cartwright, Jason Behrendorff and Nathan Coulter-Nile all spent time away in the Australian side. Our charter at the start of each season is to win titles but it's also to get as many Aussie call-ups as possible so it was a successful season in that context.

These departures, although exciting, left gaps in our Warriors line-up and contributed partly to not winning the Sheffield Shield. Looking to the positives though, these



'gaps' made room for young Western Australian cricketers to step-up. It was great to see so many young WA lads get to wear the Black Cap, and it has put us in a great position moving forward to see the depth in WA cricket.

Despite the many challenges we can't forget that we won the JLT One-Day Cup at the start of the season. We had most of our players with us for the competition which shows that with our full-strength side we are one of the best teams in the country. Shaun was named player of the series with a tournament high 412 runs and an average of 82. Newly appointed captain Mitch was incredible in the final with an unbeaten 80 and scored a great century earlier in the tournament, while Maxy Klinger churned out another couple of hundreds to show that, even at 37, his run-scoring ways show little sign of slowing down. Jhye started his break-out season in the One-Day Cup claiming 13 wickets, the highest in the tournament. There are only three titles up for grabs each domestic season, Shield, BBL and One-Day Cup so to claim one of them is a great achievement.

Another huge part of the 2017-18 season was the retirement of Maxy Klinger from First Class cricket. I have said over and over again that I was pinching myself since the day he signed with us. Maxy is not only an incredibly skilled cricketer he is one of the best people I've ever met. He came to us four years ago and has been brilliant for the WACA, he's the consummate professional and has been a huge source of guidance and knowledge for the younger players. It has been a tough year for Maxy and his family and we wish him and his all the best for the future.

Personally, when I had to clear my office out on my last day at the WACA it was a really sad time for me. I sat at my desk and in front of me was the WA cricket values I wrote on the whiteboard when I started, the values I now observe in every member of the team. Behind me was the corkboard of old articles from The West Australian showing how far we have come. As challenging as this new role coaching Australia will be I'm excited, but I'm going to miss working with my WACA Family, more than any words can describe.

**Justin Langer**

Matt Kelly





## JLT SHEFFIELD SHIELD RESULTS

**WA v TAS** - WACA Ground - 26-29 Oct 2017

WA 323 (S. Marsh 63) & 9/272 dec (Coulter-Nile 71) def TAS 231 (Kelly 4/58) & 63 (Coulter-Nile 3/18), WA won by 301 runs

**NSW v WA** - Hurstville Oval - 4-7 Nov 2017

NSW 270 (Richardson 4/47) & 6/300 dec (Mackin 2/75) def WA 176 (Bancroft 76) & 223 (S. Marsh 91), NSW won by 171 runs

**WA v SA** - WACA Ground - 13-16 Nov 2017

WA 7/514 dec (Bancroft 228) & 9/173 dec (S. Marsh 52) def by SA 363 (Richardson 4/90) & 5/325 (Holder 3/45), SA won by 5 wkts

**WA v QLD** - WACA Ground - 24-27 Nov 2017

WA 414 (M. Marsh 141) & 8/306 dec (Turner 101) draw with QLD 9/424 dec (Mackin 3/106) & 7/290 (Kelly 5/60)

**VIC v WA** - MCG - 3-6 Dec 2017

WA 243 (Bosisto 57) & 3/281 (Wells 107) draw with VIC 450 (Agar 4/119)

**WA v NSW** - WACA Ground - 8-11 Feb 2018

NSW 204 (M. Marsh 4/50) & 179 (Mackin 6/43) def by WA 215 (Cartwright 78) & 172 (S. Marsh 39), WA won by 4 wkts

**TAS v WA** - Blundstone Arena - 16-19 Feb 2018

TAS 9/431 dec (Guthrie 3/104) def WA 67 (Turner 19) & 277 (Turner 81), Tas won by an innings & 87 runs

**WA v VIC** - WACA Ground - 24-27 Feb 2018

VIC 392 (Stoinis 3/63) & 8/378 dec (Stoinis 4/82) def WA 302 (Philippe 62) & 213 (Inglis 87), VIC won by 255 runs

**QLD v WA** - Gabba - 6-9 Mar 2018

QLD 263 (Mackin 3/61) & 2/252 dec (Stoinis 1/26) def WA 9/211 dec (Inglis 39\*) & 95 (Agar 20), QLD won by 211 runs

**SA v WA** - Gliderol Stadium - 14-17 Mar 2018

WA 355 (Inglis 86) & 7/370 dec (Cartwright 111) def SA 201 (Guthrie 4/ 59) & 283 (Agar 3/41), WA won by 241 runs

## JLT ONE-DAY CUP RESULTS

**WA v NSW** - WACA Ground - 29 Sep 2017

WA 9/269 (S. Marsh 132\*) def NSW 260 (Behrendorff 3/34), WA won by 9 runs

**WA v VIC** - WACA Ground - 1 Oct 2017

WA 4/283 (S. Marsh 88) def VIC 245 (Tye 3/37), WA won by 38 runs

**WA v TAS** - WACA Ground - 7 Oct 2017

TAS 207 (Moody 3/47) def by WA 2/208 (M. Marsh 67\*), WA won by 8 wickets

**QLD v WA** - Drummoyne Oval - 11 Oct 2017

WA 3/301 (Klinger 128) def QLD 9/292 (Kelly 4/25), WA won by 11 runs (DLS)

**SA v WA** - Drummoyne Oval - 15 Oct 2017

SA 7/330 (Richardson 3/60) def WA 6/325 (Klinger 143), SA won by 5 runs

**CXI v WA** - North Sydney Oval - 17 Oct 2017

CXI 179 (Mackin 5/33) def by WA 1/182 (Short 119\*), WA won by 9 wkts

**WA v SA** - Blundstone Arena - 21 Oct 2017

SA 9/248 (Tye 2/43) def by WA 4/250 (M. Marsh 80\*), WA won by 6 wkts







## JLT SHEFFIELD SHIELD STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	D	NR	BP	Points
Queensland	10	6	1	3	0	16	55
Tasmania	10	5	3	2	0	15.55	47.55
Victoria	10	3	2	5	0	16.91	39.91
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17.09</b>	<b>37.09</b>
New South Wales	10	3	5	2	0	14.37	34.37
South Australia	10	2	6	2	0	15.04	29.04

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
AJ Turner	10	19	1	650	101*	36.11	1112	58.45	1	3	1	87	-
HWR Cartwright	10	20	1	617	111*	32.47	1122	54.99	1	3	3	91	4
CT Bancroft	4	8	2	493	228*	82.16	919	53.64	1	2	-	54	5
JP Inglis	8	15	2	465	87	35.76	672	69.19	-	4	3	56	5
MR Marsh	6	12	1	424	141	38.54	591	71.74	1	1	1	67	4
WG Bosisto	6	12	-	337	98	28.08	894	37.69	-	3	2	47	-
SE Marsh	4	8	-	304	91	38	543	55.98	-	3	-	47	2
DJM Short	6	11	-	263	66	23.9	459	57.29	-	2	-	36	-
JW Wells	6	12	-	242	107	20.16	624	38.78	1	-	2	23	-
JR Philippe	4	8	-	180	74	22.5	243	74.07	-	2	1	32	-
MP Stoinis	6	11	1	173	33	17.3	313	55.27	-	-	1	23	1
AC Agar	4	7	-	171	86	24.42	341	50.14	-	1	1	21	-
JA Richardson	5	8	-	136	71	17	194	70.1	-	1	1	18	-
M Kelly	6	10	4	100	41	16.66	195	51.28	-	-	2	11	1
NM Coulter-Nile	1	2	-	94	52	47	155	60.64	-	1	-	10	-
JP Behrendorff	2	4	1	69	39*	23	157	43.94	-	-	1	8	-
AA Bevilaqua	2	4	1	57	36	19	42	135.71	-	-	-	5	3
AB Holder	3	6	3	48	20*	16	118	40.67	-	-	-	3	1
JS Paris	1	2	1	37	23	37	182	20.32	-	-	-	3	-
SP Mackin	9	12	7	36	12*	7.2	69	52.17	-	-	2	4	1
L Guthrie	3	5	-	32	16	6.4	45	71.11	-	-	2	6	-
AJ Tye	1	2	-	13	10	6.5	17	76.47	-	-	-	2	-
DJM Moody	2	3	-	10	10	3.33	22	45.45	-	-	2	1	-
CD Hinchliffe	1	2	-	1	1	0.5	9	11.11	-	-	1	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Avg	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
SP Mackin	9	17	279	50	990	28	6/43	7/85	35.35	3.54	59.7	1	-	7	-
M Kelly	6	11	178.1	51	530	24	5/60	7/151	22.08	2.97	44.5	1	-	4	-
JA Richardson	5	9	172.3	32	532	18	4/47	6/124	29.55	3.08	57.5	-	-	4	-
AC Agar	4	6	148	29	453	12	4/119	4/119	37.75	3.06	74.0	-	-	2	-
DJM Short	6	11	80.2	11	319	11	3/78	4/43	29.00	3.97	43.8	-	-	5	-
MP Stoinis	6	8	102	15	358	9	4/82	7/145	39.77	3.5	68.0	-	-	7	-
AB Holder	3	5	76.5	17	272	8	3/45	4/96	34.00	3.54	57.6	-	-	-	-
L Guthrie	3	5	77.4	12	316	8	4/59	4/109	39.50	4.06	58.2	-	-	3	-
MR Marsh	6	4	48	6	180	6	4/50	4/84	30.00	3.75	48.0	-	-	1	-
JS Paris	1	2	39	13	83	5	3/52	5/83	16.60	2.12	46.8	-	-	-	-
AJ Tye	1	2	37.2	5	181	5	3/90	5/181	36.20	4.84	44.8	-	-	-	-
DJM Moody	2	4	58	10	253	5	3/95	4/153	50.60	4.36	69.6	-	-	3	-
NM Coulter-Nile	1	2	15	4	41	4	3/18	4/41	10.25	2.73	22.5	-	-	1	-
JP Behrendorff	2	3	54	9	186	3	2/56	2/114	62.00	3.44	108.0	-	-	2	-
AA Bevilaqua	2	3	32	8	92	2	1/21	1/25	46.00	2.87	96.0	-	-	2	-
WG Bosisto	6	6	40	7	136	2	1/11	1/11	68.00	3.4	120.0	-	-	4	-
CD Hinchliffe	1	1	6	-	14	1	1/14	1/14	14.00	2.33	36.0	-	-	-	-
HWR Cartwright	10	8	39	4	172	1	1/20	1/20	172.00	4.41	234.0	-	-	4	-
CT Bancroft	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
JP Inglis	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	1
SE Marsh	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
JR Phillippe	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
AJ Turner	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
JW Wells	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-





## JLT ONE-DAY CUP STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NRR	BP	Points
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.886</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>
South Australia	6	4	2	-0.017	1	17
Victoria	6	3	3	0.556	3	15
New South Wales	6	3	3	0.412	2	14
Queensland	6	3	3	0.014	1	13
Tasmania	6	2	4	-0.427	2	10
Cricket Australia XI	6	1	5	-1.312	0	4

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
MR Marsh	7	6	4	338	124	169.00	303	111.55	1	2	-	29	9
AJ Turner	7	6	2	68	35	17	75	90.66	-	-	1	8	2
SE Marsh	7	6	1	412	132	82.40	471	87.47	1	3	-	51	1
M Klinger	7	6	-	337	143	56.16	392	85.96	2	-	1	24	8
CT Bancroft	7	6	1	265	76	53.00	255	103.92	-	3	1	27	4
DJM Short	7	3	1	132	119*	66.00	104	126.92	1	-	-	14	6
HWR Cartwright	5	3	2	54	34	54	93	58.06	-	-	-	4	-
JW Wells	2	2	1	91	57	91.00	100	91.00	-	1	-	12	-
JA Richardson	7	2	1	26	17	26	19	136.84	-	-	-	1	1
DJM Moody	5	1	1	1	1*	-	1	100	-	-	-	-	-
AJ Tye	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
JP Behrendorff	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
M Kelly	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SP Mackin	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NM Coulter-Nile	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AJ Turner	7	4	15.0	-	84	-	-	-	5.60	-	-	-	4	-
DJM Short	7	7	57.0	2	305	9	3/53	33.88	5.35	38.00	-	-	2	-
HWR Cartwright	5	4	12.0	-	75	1	1/13	75.00	6.25	72.00	-	-	2	-
M Kelly	4	4	36.4	4	158	8	4/25	19.75	4.30	27.50	1	-	2	-
JA Richardson	7	7	69.0	3	356	13	3/60	27.38	5.15	31.80	-	-	4	-
SP Mackin	4	4	37.0	2	193	9	5/33	21.44	5.21	24.60	-	1	-	-
DJM Moody	5	5	33.5	-	215	6	3/47	35.83	6.35	33.80	-	-	2	-
NM Coulter-Nile	1	1	10.0	1	54	2	2/54	27.00	5.40	30.00	-	-	-	-
AJ Tye	4	4	37.5	3	156	9	3/37	17.33	4.12	25.20	-	-	1	-
JP Behrendorff	3	3	27.2	2	126	5	3/34	25.20	4.60	32.80	-	-	1	-
JW Wells	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MR Marsh	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
SE Marsh	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
M Klinger	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
CT Bancroft	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	1



KFC Big Bash Semi Final match against the Hobart Hurricanes at Optus Stadium



Justin Langer and Adam Voges

# Perth Scorchers

Like all great teams and organizations we took on the challenges, banded together and showed our true collective strength.



The Scorchers 2017-18 season felt like a scene from Braveheart. We had one obstacle after another and there was a perception from day one that many people wanted to see us defeated. Like all great teams and organizations we took on the challenges, banded together and

showed our true collective strength.

A magical moment came in Alice Springs. We had two season ending injuries, were dealing with the toughest fixturing we'd had in our BBL history, people were questioning our integrity, and then our captain, Adam Voges, was ruled out of the Adelaide Strikers game because of a previous slow-over rate penalty. Touching down in the heat of the red center, just a few hours sleep under our belt, after a devastatingly narrow loss to the Sydney Thunder the night before, everyone in the team was weary but still focused on the task ahead.

Game day was hot and humid. Matt Kelly was forced from the field with heatstroke in the first innings, just moments after helping dismiss Alex Carey with a catch on the boundary, he stumbled into the changerooms white as a ghost. Despite the toughest of playing conditions, that first innings saw two of the greatest catches in Scorchers

history; Cameron Bancroft was at full stretch to complete the run out of Jono Wells, and Mitch Johnson took another stunning catch to end Jake Lehmann's innings. The heroics didn't end there, as two best mates, Hilton Cartwright and Ashton Agar, took on the Alice heat and charged home to victory. The pair combined for an unbeaten 71-run fifth-wicket stand after coming together at 4-43. We had come to fight, despite the odds and we had won.

Earlier in the season the critics started to pipe up. We were undefeated after the first three games and the success led to a small group of people questioning the integrity of our list management. We were accused of going over our salary cap because there were too many superstars in our team. At this point we had already debuted two WA locals in our first game, Will Bosisto and Josh Philippe, and opted not to get a second international player because we had faith in our local talent. Mitch Johnson wanted to stay based in WA with his family and loved playing with the Scorchers.

Create a culture where players want to win for their mates, their club, and not just themselves and success will follow.

We shouldn't have to justify our team list, but we have always prided ourselves on creating a culture where our players are invested in our team success and this, in my view, was a classic case of tall poppy syndrome. Throughout the rest of the season nearly every player was asked why they wanted to play for the Scorchers, the answer was, and still is, that they love the team. Simple as that. Create a culture where players want to win for their mates, their club, and not just themselves and success will follow.

Another highlight of the season was our game at #TheFurnace on 8 January when we took on the Melbourne Renegades. Brad Hogg, a great friend of the Scorchers, after five successful seasons with us, probably didn't have his best game at his beloved WACA Ground after he dropped Ashton Turner on 16. After AT went on to score the Scorchers' fastest ever half-century claiming victory on the second-last ball, Hoggy showed his class in his farewell post-match press conference by giving a glowing prediction that Ashton Turner could one day captain Australia. Let's hope his vision one day comes true.

The final game at #TheFurnace was particularly special. The WACA Ground with 22,000 screaming Scorchers fans was a force to be reckoned with and we know we are going to miss playing there. It was great to have a brand new world-class stadium to look forward to, but there was a definite sense of nostalgia that night. I could not think of a better way to say farewell to such an iconic ground than to have Adam Voges bring us home with his 56 not out, Player of the Match performance, that left us top of the table. It was yet to be announced, but Voges was retiring at

To have the final Big Bash match at the WACA Ground won by the outgoing skipper was the perfect way to finish.

the end of the season and to have the final Big Bash match at the WACA Ground won by the outgoing skipper was the perfect way to finish. The Scorchers wouldn't have had the success we had without Voges at the helm and I look forward to watching him take over as coach.

The semi-final at the new stadium was obviously a disappointing finish. Optus Stadium is a world class venue to play at and it will be a fantastic home for the Scorchers in seasons to come, but with the benefit of hindsight it might have been too much of an unknown for a big final. Who can tell but missing out on the Final after such a courageous effort from our team was disappointing.

Despite the final result I am incredibly proud of the boys and what they achieved. Sad as I am to leave the helm of the Scorchers I look forward to seeing what they do next as it is an extraordinary group of people who wear the orange uniform so proudly.

JL



Best mates Hilton Cartwright and Ashton Agar celebrate winning in Alice Springs



## KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE RESULTS

### Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

SCG - 23 Dec 2017

Sixers 132 (18.4) (Tye 4/21) def by Scorchers 4/136 (18.1) (Turner 52\*)

Scorchers won by 6 wkts

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

#TheFurnace - 26 Dec 2017

Scorchers 6/142 (Cartwright 58) def Stars 8/129 (Tye 5/23)  
Scorchers won by 13 runs

### Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Etihad Stadium - 29 Dec 2017

Renegades 9/130 (Johnson 3/13) def by Scorchers 7/133 (19.0) (Klinger 37)

Scorchers won by 3 wkts

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

#TheFurnace - 1 Jan 2018

Sixers 4/167 (Willey 2/30) def by Scorchers 4/170 (19.1) (Klinger 83)

Scorchers won by 6 wkts

### Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

Gabba - 5 Jan 2018

Heat 6/191 (Willey 2/40) def Scorchers 142 (19.0) (Agar 31)  
Heat won by 49 runs

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

#TheFurnace - 8 Jan 2018

Renegades 3/185 (Tye 2/36) def by Scorchers 5/186 (Turner 70)

Scorchers won by 5 wkts

### Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Spotless Stadium - 11 Jan 2018

Thunder 4/175 (Bresnan 2/38) def Scorchers 4/172 (Bancroft 75\*)

Thunder win by 3 runs

### Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Traeger Park - 13 Jan 2018

Strikers 112 (19.2) (Agar 3/19) def by Scorchers 4/114 (18.2) (Cartwright 47\*)

Scorchers won by 6 wkts

### Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

#TheFurnace - 20 Jan 2018

Hurricanes 5/167 (Agar 2/14) def by Scorchers 5/168 (19.2) (Bancroft 54)

Scorchers won by 5 wkts

### Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

#TheFurnace - 25 Jan 2018

Strikers 6/137 (Richardson 2/23) def by Scorchers 6/141 (19.3) (Voges 56\*)

Scorchers won by 4 wkts

### Semi-Final: Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Optus Stadium - 1 Feb 2018

Hurricanes 4/210 (Bresnan 2/40) def Scorchers 139 (19.2) (Bresnan 43)

Hurricanes won by 71 runs



A word from captain Adam Voges before Semi Final



## KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NR	NRR	Points
Perth Scorchers	10	8	2	-	0.154	16
Adelaide Strikers (W)	10	7	3	-	0.801	14
Melbourne Renegades	10	6	4	-	0.297	12
Hobart Hurricanes	10	5	5	-	-0.291	10
Sydney Sixers	10	4	6	-	0.331	8
Sydney Thunder	10	4	6	-	-0.039	8
Brisbane Heat	10	4	6	-	-0.437	8
Melbourne Stars	10	2	8	-	-0.926	4

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
AC Voges	10	10	3	169	56*	24.14	141	119.86	-	1	-	12	3
CT Bancroft	5	5	1	194	75*	48.50	151	128.48	-	2	-	16	6
WG Bosisto	4	4	-	37	21	9.25	40	92.50	-	-	-	6	-
TT Bresnan	5	2	1	50	43	50.00	29	172.41	-	-	-	4	2
HWR Cartwright	11	11	2	249	65	27.67	222	112.16	-	2	1	18	9
MG Johnson	10	1	1	4	4	4.00	6	66.67	-	-	-	-	-
M Kelly	5	1	-	7	7	7.00	7	100.00	-	-	-	1	-
M Klinger	10	10	-	194	83	19.40	178	108.97	-	1	1	20	4
MR Marsh	1	1	-	3	3	3.00	5	60.00	-	-	-	-	-
SE Marsh	1	1	-	30	30	30.00	18	166.67	-	-	-	6	-
JA Richardson	8	3	1	26	16	13.00	22	118.18	-	-	-	1	2
AJ Turner	11	11	3	252	70	31.50	155	162.58	-	3	2	12	16
AC Agar	9	7	4	149	33*	49.67	116	128.45	-	-	-	5	8
T David	4	3	2	36	17	36.00	28	128.57	-	-	-	2	2
SM Whiteman	2	2	-	9	8	4.50	8	112.5	-	-	-	2	-
J Philippe	1	1	-	7	7	7.00	10	70.00	-	-	-	-	-
JS Paris	4	1	-	1	1	1.00	2	50.00	-	-	-	-	-
DJ Willey	6	6	-	127	55	21.17	112	113.39	-	1	-	9	5
JP Inglis	6	3	1	11	7	5.50	13	84.62	-	-	-	1	-
AJ Tye	6	2	1	7	7	7.00	4	175.00	-	-	-	1	-
JM Muirhead	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AC Voges	10	1	2.0	-	23	-	-	-	11.50	-	-	-	3	-
WG Bosisto	4	2	3.0	-	28	1	1/9	28.00	9.33	18.0	-	-	2	-
TT Bresnan	5	5	17.2	-	170	8	2/14	21.25	9.80	13.0	-	-	-	-
HWR Cartwright	11	1	1.0	-	8	-	-	-	8.00	-	-	-	4	-
MG Johnson	10	10	40.0	1	254	7	3/13	36.28	6.35	34.2	-	-	6	-
M Kelly	5	5	19.0	-	133	8	2/13	16.62	7.00	14.2	-	-	2	-
MR Marsh	1	1	4.0	-	53	-	-	-	13.25	-	-	-	1	-
JM Muirhead	2	2	4.0	-	30	1	1/14	30.00	7.5	24.0	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	8	8	31.0	-	281	7	2/23	40.14	9.06	26.5	-	-	3	-
AC Agar	9	9	35.0	1	201	8	3/19	25.12	5.74	26.2	-	-	3	-
JS Paris	4	4	16.0	-	143	3	1/33	47.66	8.93	32.0	-	-	1	-
DJ Willey	6	6	22.0	-	181	7	2/30	25.85	8.22	18.8	-	-	2	-
AJ Tye	6	6	23.4	-	192	16	5/23	12.00	8.11	8.8	1	1	2	-
M Klinger	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
CT Bancroft	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
SE Marsh	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T David	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SM Whiteman	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
J Philippe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AJ Turner	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
JP Inglis	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1





Michael Klinger bats during the Big Bash League Semi Final match against the Hobart Hurricanes at Optus Stadium





Emma King





Fury celebrate Piepa Cleary taking a wicket

A mixture of nerves and excitement built throughout the 2017-18 Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury season, as it began to dawn on us that we could finally be a force to reckon with in the Women's National Cricket League (WNCL).



This season was one of the best in the history of the Western Fury. It had been 18 years since WA had made it to the final, fighting for the Ruth Preddey Cup, and to say making it there this season was a thrill is an understatement. We also saw Nicole Bolton and Elyse Villani selected for the national team and play in a winning Ashes campaign, Chloe Piparo smacking the Kookaburra ball to all parts of the country and Piepa Cleary's growth as a genuine match winner with the ball.

We signed two new additions into the Fury squad this season - teenaged batter Rebecca West and all-rounder Sheldyn Cooper. We also welcomed Kate Cross and Amy Jones, two England internationals who showed their class on a number of occasions throughout the season and whose combined experience gave the team a boost of confidence.

Pre-season consisted of weekly skills sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights and one-on-one sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays. Combined with strength and conditioning sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we saw some exciting developments in performance both individually and as a squad. We also added in six practice

matches in preparation for the competition which proved to be a valuable addition to the program, giving us the opportunity to play together and grow our depth while working on our game plan for the season.

It was a great start to the season in Round 1 and 2 in Adelaide where we recorded our first back-to-back wins against South Australia and Tasmania and gained a very valuable bonus point. Round 3 and 4 were played in Perth, at Murdoch University where we suffered a heavy loss to New South Wales but managed to bounce back with a nail-biting win against ACT.

We headed to Brisbane for the final two WNCL rounds and for the first time in many years the Fury were still in contention to make finals. We showed a few early nerves against Victoria but managed a convincing win. Queensland was a huge game where we fought hard and won in the final overs earning us a spot in the final against New South Wales.

We planned and prepared well for the WNCL Final in Sydney, and it was nice going into it as the underdogs with no pressure. The Breakers were going for a record breaking 19th WNCL title and boasted seven Australian players in their line-up. Our captain Elyse Villani put on a great show making

74 runs but, unfortunately New South Wales proved to be the better team on the day, deservedly taking the WNCL title. Although it was disappointing not to come away with the Ruth Preddey Cup, there was a sense of achievement in making the Final and the way we played throughout the season. Every member of the squad played their part and that was the highlight of the season - we didn't rely on just one or two players it was a true team effort. The confidence and belief in the group has grown throughout the season and we are excited for what lies ahead.

Elyse Villani's outstanding season was acknowledged with both the Zöe Goss Medal and the Alcohol. Think Again Western Fury's Player of the Year. Villani and Nicole Bolton were selected for the Australian Women's Cricket Team representing Australia throughout the season and Piepa Cleary and Heather Graham were selected for the Commonwealth Bank Shooting Stars team.

Our sincere thanks are offered to the following people who, by constantly challenging our players, helped to set the team's high standards: Michal Dighton (Assistant Coach), Zöe Goss (Players Mentor & Assistant Coach), Tim Macdonald, Bret Mulder & Michael Johnson (Specialist Coaches), Myles Murphy (Physiotherapist), Joey Rotundo (Strength and Conditioner), Matthew Burgin (Psychologist), Jen Anyalai (Administrator), Tarryn Dickerson (Player Development Manager), Jess Keily (Communications), Clare Wood (Sports Dietitian), and Andrew Dols (Performance Analyst).

Finally, we are extremely grateful to Christina Matthews and the Western Australian Cricket Board, our Principal Partner Healthway and Western Fury's High Performance Program Manager, Morag Croser for their ongoing support of the Fury squad and staff to achieve our best.

**Lisa Keightley**

## WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE RESULTS

### Western Fury v SA Scorpions

Adelaide Oval No. 2 - 6 Oct 2017

Fury 4/323 (Villani 139, Bolton 125\*) def Scorpions 302 (Cleary 4/57) - Western Fury win by 21 runs

### Western Fury v Tasmanian Roar

Adelaide Oval No. 2 - 7 Oct 2017

Roar 222 (Graham 4/22, Cross 3/26) def by Fury 3/225 (38.5 overs) (Bolton 93\*, Piparo 56, Jones 48\*)  
Western Fury win by 7 wickets

### Western Fury v NSW Breakers

Murdoch University - 25 Nov 2017

Fury 239 (Jones 67, Banting 50) def by Breakers 3/241 (Cleary 1/34) (39.2 overs)  
NSW Breakers win by 7 wickets

### Western Fury v ACT Meteors

Murdoch University - 27 Nov 2017

Fury 237 (Carmichael 96, Piparo 88) def Meteors 214 (Cross 3/22, King 2/38) - Western Fury win by 23 runs

### Western Fury v Victoria Spirit

Allan Border Field - 17 Feb 2018

Spirit 109 (King 4/17, Graham 2/15) def by Fury 2/112 (30.3 overs) (Graham 43\*, Piparo 36\*)  
Western Fury win by 8 wickets

### Western Fury v Queensland Fire

Allan Border Field - 18 Feb 2018

Fury 222 (Villani 91) def Fire 191 (Graham 4/31, Cross 2/46, Peschel 2/29) - Western Fury win by 31 runs

### FINAL - Western Fury v NSW Breakers

Blacktown International Sportspark No. 2 - 24 Feb 2018

Breakers 6-302 (Cross 2/35) def Fury 251 (Villani 74, Jones 59) - NSW Breakers win by 51 runs

Mathilda Carmichael







## WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	T	NR	NRR	BP	Points
NSW Breakers	6	6	0	-	-	1.864	6	30
<b>Western Fury</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.622</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>
South Australian Scorpions	6	3	3	-	-	0.021	3	15
ACT Meteors	6	3	3	-	-	0.053	2	14
Queensland Fire	6	2	4	-	-	0.08	3	11
Victorian Spirit	6	2	4	-	-	-0.867	0	8
Tasmania Roar	6	0	6	-	-	-1.753	0	0

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
N Bolton	7	7	2	277	125*	55.40	330	83.9	1	1	1	31	-
C Piparo	7	7	1	221	88	43.67	236	83.9	-	2	-	25	2
E Villani	7	7	-	362	139	51.71	359	100.8	1	2	-	50	5
H Graham	7	7	1	84	43*	14.00	142	59.2	-	-	-	10	-
A Jones	6	5	1	204	67	51.00	208	98.1	-	3	-	34	-
M Carmichael	7	5	1	157	96	39.25	230	68.26	-	1	-	13	-
M Banting	7	4	1	82	50	27.33	93	88.2	-	1	-	8	-
K Cross	7	4	-	24	12	6.00	44	54.5	-	-	1	1	-
P Cleary	7	4	-	24	14	6.00	37	64.9	-	-	2	-	1
T Peschel	7	4	-	17	8	4.25	23	73.9	-	-	1	2	-
E King	7	4	2	7	4*	3.50	12	58.3	-	-	1	-	-
K Hartshorn	1	1	1	2	2*	-	4	50	-	-	-	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	RO	Ct	St
K Cross	7	7	63.2	14	246	13	3/22	18.92	3.88	29.23	-	1	4	-
P Cleary	7	7	54	1	297	9	4/57	33	5.5	36	1	-	3	-
E King	7	7	64	8	284	7	4/17	40.57	4.44	54.86	1	-	2	-
H Graham	7	7	62.1	1	296	14	4/31	21.14	4.76	26.64	1	2	2	-
T Peschel	7	7	43.1	1	239	7	2/28	31.14	5.54	37	-	-	2	-
N Bolton	7	7	30	-	152	4	1/12	38	5.07	38	-	2	8	-
E Villani	7	2	2	-	15	-	0/15	-	7.5	-	-	-	3	-
A Jones	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	1
M Carmichael	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
M Banting	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
C Piparo	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-
K Hartshorn	1	1	3	-	14	-	0/14	-	4.67	-	-	-	1	-



Lauren Ebsary celebrates her 50 with team mate Pieph Cleary during the match between the Melbourne Renegades and the Perth Scorchers at Camberwell Sports Ground





Scorchers win the WBBL Semi-Final

# Perth Scorchers

The Perth Scorchers came into the 2017-18 Women's Big Bash League determined to show the country we were the team to beat.



The Scorchers made three changes to the contracted list; in a huge win we lured the Australian captain Meg Lanning over from the Melbourne Stars, Mikayla Hinkley came from the Sydney Thunder, and England International Natalie Sciver all joined the Scorchers family. The trio gave us a great blend of world-class performers to add to our already exciting group of players who were led by skipper Elyse Villani.

We began our bid with a comfortable 18-run win over the Brisbane Heat at North Sydney Oval. Posting an impressive 6-188 from our 20 overs, mainly built around English all-rounder Sciver with 84 from 46 deliveries. In reply, Brisbane Heat managed 9-170 and Katherine Brunt stamped her presence on the competition by taking 3 for 23.

With our next match we made a statement of intent with a stunning nine-wicket win over current champions the Sydney Sixers in Wollongong. Opener Villani scored an unbeaten 74 from 61 balls, hitting a six to win the match. Unfortunately, our unbeaten streak came to an end in Brisbane as the Heat grinded out a six-wicket win.

Playing back-to-back matches against the Melbourne Stars at #TheFurnace, half-centuries from Villani and Bolton and Emma King claiming 2-24 helped us defeat the Stars by nine wickets in the Boxing Day blockbuster. The Stars then turned the tables on us the next game and we suffered a 12-run loss.

Our first match at Lilac Hill was in front of a record crowd of more than 5,000 supporters to face the Thunder. Piepa Cleary was the leading wicket taker with 3-19, Bolton bagged two and Taneale Peschel claimed her first WBBL wicket. Bolton also top scored with the bat smashing 71 off 57 balls.

After travelling to Alice Springs and losing both games against the Adelaide Strikers, we had to win the upcoming matches against the Hobart Hurricanes at #TheFurnace to keep our finals hopes alive. Brunt claimed the first two wickets in consecutive balls in the second over to set the pace. Cleary claimed wickets at the back end of the innings helping us restrict them to 4-122. The Scorchers responded with Villani's quickfire 70 that piloted us to an impressive victory with 24 balls remaining.

The team headed back to Lilac Hill for the second match against the Hurricanes, who posted their second-highest score of the WBBL|03, finishing their innings at 7-130. The game was on the line at stages but Bolton let loose with the bat late in the game to hand the Scorchers a six-wicket win.

We headed to Melbourne for the last two regular season matches against the Renegades. Lauren Ebsary's unbeaten 61 runs helped us to a defendable 7-124 in the first game. Then impressive performances from bowlers Emma King (2-14) and Heather Graham (2-14) kept us in a strong position until some big hitting from the Renegades in the final saw the hosts claim victory in the final over.

The final game was a must win for us, and Brunt and Cleary came out firing, picking up 3 wickets each. The English pair Sciver (39 not out) and Brunt (15 off 9) ensured the Scorchers chased down the total in 16.1 overs to finish on 6-113. The win resulted in the Perth Scorchers finishing third on the table.

It was a thrill being the first female sporting team at the new Optus Stadium in the semi-final clash against the Thunder. Both Bolton and Villani continued their form combining in a 65-run opening stand, Sciver finished the innings off to help post 148. With the ball Bolton struck a huge blow in the second over removing Rachael Haynes for 1. King was a standout and turned the game with just 17 runs coming from her 4 overs resulting in the pressure proving too much for the Thunder who finished 27 runs short.

Our last road trip for the WBBL|03 season took us to Adelaide for the Final against the Sydney Sixers for the second consecutive season. The Sixers successfully restricted both Villani and Bolton and once the first wickets fell the pressure never let up and we ended with only 99 runs on the board. With a lot to play for the bowlers went out needing early wickets, but despite their efforts we couldn't get the breakthrough and the Sixers passed our score with ease; 1-100 in the 15th over.

**Lisa Keightley**

## REBEL WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE

### Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

North Sydney Oval - 10 Dec 2017  
Scorchers 6/188 (Sciver 84) def Heat 9/170 (Brunt 3/23)  
Perth Scorchers win by 18 runs

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

North Dalton Park - 12 Dec 2017  
Sixers 8/122 (Brunt 2/19, King 2/19, Graham 2/20) def by Scorchers 1/123 (18.2 overs) (Villani 74\*, Bolton 42)  
Perth Scorchers win by 9 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Allan Border Field - 15 Dec 2017  
Scorchers 7/112 (Brunt 29) def by Heat 4/116 (18.5 overs) (Newton 2/15, Brunt 2/17)  
Brisbane Heat win by 6 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

WACA Ground - 26 Dec 2017  
Stars 4/163 (King 2/24) def by Scorchers 1/164 (18.3 overs) (Villani 84\*, Bolton 67)  
Scorchers win by 9 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

WACA Ground - 27 Dec 2017  
Stars 6/149 (Brunt 2/13) def Scorchers 4/137 (Villani 72)  
Stars win by 12 runs

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Lilac Hill - 30 Dec 2017  
Sixers 138 (Bolton 2/15, King 2/23) def by Scorchers 4/139 (18.5 overs) (Villani 63, Bolton 42)  
Scorchers win by 6 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Lilac Hill - 7 Jan 2018  
Thunder 6/145 (Cleary 3/19, Bolton 2/14) def Scorchers 6/144 (Bolton 71)  
Sydney Thunder win by 1 run

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

WACA Ground - 8 Jan 2018  
Thunder 4/134 (Brunt 1/13) def by Scorchers 2/136 (18.1 overs) (Sciver 61\*)  
Perth Scorchers win by 8 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Traeger Park - 13 Jan 2018  
Scorchers 9/87 (Graham 19) def by Strikers 4/88 (Brunt 2/17)  
Adelaide Strikers win by 6 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Traeger Park - 14 Jan 2018  
Strikers 7/107 (Brunt 2/15, Graham 2/23) def Scorchers 76 (Bolton 30)  
Adelaide Strikers win by 31 runs

### Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

WACA Ground - 20 Jan 2018  
Hurricanes 4/122 (Cleary 2/11, Brunt 2/22) def by Scorchers 1/126 (16 overs) (Villani 70\*)  
Perth Scorchers win by 9 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Lilac Hill - 21 Jan  
Hurricanes 7/130 (Newton 1/7, Sciver 1/17) def by Scorchers 4/134 (Bolton 60\*)  
Perth Scorchers win by 6 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Camberwell Sports Ground - 27 Jan  
Scorchers 7/124 (Ebsary 61\*) def by Renegades 6/125 (19.2 overs) (King 2/14, Graham 2/23)  
Renegades win by 4 wickets

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Camberwell Sports Ground - 28 Jan  
Renegades 9/112 (Brunt 3/11, Cleary 3/25) def by 6/113 (16.1 overs) (Sciver 39\*)  
Scorchers win by 4 wickets

### SEMI FINAL Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Optus Stadium - 1 Feb 2018  
Scorchers 2/148 (Sciver 38\*, Villani 38) def Thunder 8/121 (King 3/17)  
Perth Scorchers win by 27 runs

### FINAL Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Adelaide Oval - 4 Feb  
Scorchers 99 (Cleary 18\*) def by Sixers 1/100 (15 overs) (King 1/26)  
Sydney Sixers win by 9 wickets





## REBEL WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

	Mat	W	L	NRR	Points
Sydney Sixers	14	10	4	0.890	20
Sydney Thunder	14	10	4	0.684	20
<b>Perth Scorchers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.266</b>	<b>16</b>
Adelaide Strikers	14	8	6	0.250	16
Brisbane Heat	14	7	7	0.147	14
Melbourne Renegades	14	6	8	0.092	12
Melbourne Stars	14	5	9	-0.634	10
Hobart Hurricanes	14	2	12	-1.733	4

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
E Villani	16	16	3	535	84*	41.15	425	125.88	-	5	-	79	7
N Bolton	16	16	1	482	71	32.13	475	101.47	-	3	1	52	10
K Brunt	14	8	1	104	29	14.85	124	83.87	-	-	-	10	1
N Sciver	16	16	6	339	84	33.90	286	118.53	-	2	-	39	3
H Graham	15	12	2	136	27*	13.60	152	89.47	-	-	-	11	1
M Banting	6	4	-	11	6	2.75	23	47.82	-	-	2	1	-
M Carmichael	6	4	1	40	22	13.33	42	95.23	-	-	-	1	-
C Piparo	2	2	-	2	2	1.00	5	40.00	-	-	1	-	-
E Smith	16	3	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-
P Cleary	15	5	4	43	18*	43.00	44	97.72	-	-	-	3	-
M Hinkley	5	2	1	11	9	11.00	15	73.33	-	-	-	-	-
T Newton	14	8	4	50	16	12.50	52	96.15	-	-	1	3	1
E King	16	3	1	9	5	4.50	14	64.28	-	-	-	-	-
K Hartshorn	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L Ebsary	16	10	4	159	61*	26.50	137	116.05	-	1	-	15	3
T Peschel	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M Lanning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	Ct	St
K Brunt	14	14	54.0	1	261	23	3/11	11.34	4.83	14.00	-	4	-
N Bolton	16	14	36.0	-	228	8	2/14	28.50	6.33	27.00	-	4	-
H Graham	15	15	53.5	1	375	14	2/20	26.78	6.96	23.00	-	4	-
P Cleary	15	15	49.0	1	300	13	3/19	23.07	6.12	22.60	-	3	-
N Sciver	16	12	33.0	-	257	4	1/7	64.25	7.78	49.50	-	13	-
E King	16	16	56.5	1	341	15	3/17	22.73	6.00	22.70	-	2	-
T Peschel	2	2	5.0	-	46	1	1/19	46.00	9.20	30.00	-	-	-
T Newton	14	9	14.5	-	140	6	2/15	23.33	9.43	14.80	-	4	-
E Smith	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
K Hartshorn	1	1	4.0	-	39	-	0/39	-	9.75	-	-	-	-
M Hinkley	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
E Villani	16	1	2.2	-	14	-	0/14	-	6.00	-	-	9	-
M Banting	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M Carmichael	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
C Piparo	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L Ebsary	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
M Lanning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



# Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket

Claremont-Nedlands

Claremont-Nedlands dominated the Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket First Grade competition in 2017-18, claiming the One-Day and Two-Day flags with wins over Willetton and University respectively.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
PREMIER CRICKET

Tigers' all-rounder Haydan Morton spun his way into the One-Day Grand Final, taking 5-38 in a Player of the Match display, while Nicholas Hobson scored 83 not out as the Claremont-Nedlands defeated Willetton by seven wickets.

The club fought tooth and nail to claim its second Grand Final within four weeks. After finishing with the Kevin Sullivan Silver Cup as Minor Premiers, Claremont-Nedlands' Two-Day Grand Final clash was a tight and tough affair, eventually defeating University by six wickets in the final overs of the second day.

Jacob Whiteaker was dominant with the bat for the club, scoring 65 runs to win Player of the Match and help them to victory.

Although Wanneroo struggled in the longer formats of the game, the club's T20 form throughout the season was nothing short of brilliant, culminating in a fantastic 28-run victory over the ever-dangerous Claremont-Nedlands.

Christian Smith and Matthew Spoors were dynamic in the win for Wanneroo scoring 43 and 39 not out respectively, with the club's 6-164 turned out to be a mountain too tough to climb for Claremont-Nedlands.

Wanneroo's short-form proving the best in WA after claiming victory over Country XI at the WACA Ground for the Statewide T20 Premiership.

Rockingham-Mandurah all-rounder Dane Ugle took out the prestigious Olly Cooley Medal, becoming the first Aboriginal player to win the award. With 562 runs to his name and 12 wickets, Ugle's three centuries from his last four matches polled a two, and three lots of three votes to storm home and win the award.

In Female Premier Cricket, Melville were the stand-out performers of 2017-18, taking out the 50 Over and T20 premierships, with Midland-Guildford falling short in both matches.

Amy Edgar led the way for Melville with the bat scoring 41 before Mathilda Carmichael took a stunning 4-3, with Melville winning the 50 Over Grand Final by 114 runs. It was a similar story for Melville in the T20 Grand Final, with Edgar this time making an impact with the ball, taking 3-0 as Melville enjoyed an eight-wicket win.

The wins for the Melville Cricket Club didn't stop there, with Mathilda Carmichael taking out the Karen Read Medal.

Although Carmichael only played four one-day matches during the home-and-away season due to her state commitments with the Western Fury and Perth Scorchers, she averaged an impressive 60 with the bat and claimed six wickets.

In the lower grades Melville won the Female B-Grade 40 Over Premiership, while Subiaco-Floreat took out the Female B-Grade T20 Premiership.

In the male lower and under-age grades Bayswater-Morley took out the Second Grade Premiership, Melville proved the best in Third Grade, while South Perth claimed victory in Fourth Grade and took home the Colts flag.

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

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



## OLLY COOLEY MEDAL VOTING

1. Dane Ugle (Rockingham- Mandurah) - 16
2. Luke Jury (Perth) - 13
3. Darius D'Silva (South Perth) - 12
4. Ed Pollock (Rockingham-Mandurah) - 11, Andrew Holder (Subiaco-Floreat) - 11, Luke Towers (Melville) - 11, Callum How (Subiaco-Floreat) - 11, Matthew Hanna (Willetton) - 11

## WADCC TEAM OF THE YEAR

Luke Jury (Perth), Jacob Whiteaker (Claremont-Nedlands), Garrick Morgan (Joondalup), Luke Towers (C) (Melville), Nicholas Maiolo (Scarborough), Darius D'Silva (South Perth), Brooke Guest WK (South Perth), Chris Hansberry (Subiaco Floreat), Chris Chellew (South Perth), Mark Turner (Melville), Matthew Hanna (Willetton), Josh Dallimore (University)

## KAREN READ MEDAL VOTING

1. Mathilda Carmichael (Melville) - 21
2. Melissa Cameron (South Perth) - 16
3. Bhavisha Devchand (Midland-Guildford) - 15
4. Megan Banting (Subiaco-Floreat) - 15

## WAFCC TEAM OF THE YEAR

Melissa Cameron (South Perth), Chloe Piparo (Midland-Guildford), Megan Banting (Subiaco Floreat), Mathilda Carmichael (Melville), Annelies Gevers (Midland-Guildford), Rhiannon Vinkovich (Midland-Guildford), Meg Thompson WK (Melville), Renee Chappell (C) (Melville), Siobhan Spargo (Midland-Guildford), Sue Gray (Midland-Guildford), Cassie Stephens (University), Angela McSwain (Midland-Guildford)

### Full list of awards

**Batting Average:** James Allenby (Claremont-Nedlands)  
298 runs at 99.33

**Batting Aggregate:** Nicholas Maiolo (Scarborough)  
901 runs at 53

**Bowling Average:** Liam Guthrie (Perth)  
25 wickets at 11.67

**Bowling Aggregate:** Matthew Hanna (Willetton)  
52 wickets at 15

**Male Spirit of Cricket Award:** Claremont-Nedlands

**Club Championship:** Willetton

**Senior Coach of the Year:** James Allenby  
(Claremont Nedlands)

**Allan Edwards Trophy:** Sean Stuart (University)

**JP Robbins Medal:** Steven Russell (Melville)

**Albert Ritchings Medal:** David Aldridge (University)

**Alan Mackley Medal:** Garrick Yandle (Mount Lawley)

**Best 1st Grade Umpire:** Trent Steenholdt

**Best 2nd Grade Umpire:** Daniel Smith

**Best 3rd Grade Umpire:** Ahmad Khan

**Best 4th Grade Umpire:** Garth McCrorie

**Media Guild Award - Rising Star Award:** Josh Philippe

**Media Guild Award - Under 19 Player of the Year:**

Aaron Hardie

**Media Guild Award - Under 17 Player of the Year:**

Jayden Goodwin

**Roy Abbott Best Pitch Award:** Floreat Park Oval

**Most Improved Pitch Award:** Hillcrest Lower

**Premier Club Administrator of the Year:**

Steve Barry (South Perth)

### Full list of awards

**A Grade 50 Over Batting Aggregate:**

Melissa Cameron (South Perth)

**A Grade 50 Over Bowling Aggregate:**

Renee Chappell (Melville)

**A Grade 50 Over Champion Player:** Melissa Cameron  
(South Perth)

**A Grade T20 Batting Aggregate:** Mathilda Carmichael  
(Melville)

**A Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate:** Renee Chappell  
(Melville)

**A Grade T20 Champion Player:** Mathilda Carmichael  
(Melville)

**Female Champion Club:** Midland-Guildford

**Female Coach of the Year:** Jenny Wallace (Melville)

**B Grade 40 Over Batting Aggregate:** Annelies Gevers  
(Midland-Guildford)

**B Grade 40 Over Bowling Aggregate:**

Rhiannon Vinovich (Midland-Guildford)

**B Grade 40 Over Champion Player:**

Rhiannon Vinovich (Midland-Guildford)

**B Grade T20 Batting Aggregate:** Emily Bowden  
(University)

**B Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate:** Emma West  
(South Perth)

**B Grade T20 Champion Player:** Emily Bowden  
(University)

**Clare Papasergio U18's Player of the Year:**

Ashlee King (Melville)

**U15's Club Competition Champion Player (Spring):**

Molly Healy (South Perth)

**U15's Club Competition Champion Player (Summer):**

Phoebe Wardell-Johnston (Bateman)

**Female Spirit of Cricket Award:**

Rockingham Mandurah Cricket Club

**Competitions Umpire of the Year:** Andrew Micenko



# Players of the Future

Molly Healy

The future of cricket in Western Australia is looking bright after five up-and-coming players debuted in the state's JLT Sheffield Shield side during the 2017-18 season.

## MALE

WA finished fourth in the Toyota Futures League after three wins and three losses. Despite ending the campaign in fourth place after three consecutive years of top three finishes, there was plenty of individual highlights which saw five players earn Sheffield Shield call-ups.

Josh Philippe showed why he's a star of the future, scoring five 50's on his way to 462 tournament runs, the third highest run scorer in the competition.

Perth Scorchers batters Tim David and Will Bosisto proved why they're two of WA's brightest prospects. Bosisto managed to notch up more than 400 runs from just three games, including a double century against ACT/NSW Country. David whacked two centuries of his own, highlighted by a stellar 126 run knock against Queensland.

WACA rookie-listed batter Clint Hinchliffe also chimed in on the century action against ACT/NSW Country, scoring 121 of his own.

It wasn't just the batters proving their worth, Kyle Gardiner was the leading wicket taker for WA with 16 at an average 31.31. Matt Hanna and Brad Hope both nabbed five wicket hauls. Hanna claimed remarkable figures of 5-25 on debut against South Australia, while Hope took 5-54 against Queensland in Round 6.

Liam Guthrie, Andrew Holder, Alex Bevilaqua, Philippe and Hinchliffe were all rewarded with Sheffield Shield debuts for their good form.

The Under-19's squad were in Tasmania trying to backup last season's drought breaking title, however, proved unsuccessful finishing third.

Captain Aaron Hardie starred with both bat and ball, and in doing so, earned himself a national Under-19 call-up. Hardie scored 283 runs at an average of 47.2, as well as claiming 12 wickets at 17.1.

Matthew Spoor was the other stand out with the bat, scoring 283 runs. Brad Hope the other pick of the bowlers claiming nine wickets.

Cameron Green, Hardie and Spoor were rewarded for their outstanding performances, with the trio being selected in the KFC Big Bash League curtain raiser match at the GABBA.

The Under-17's squad showed plenty of promise, despite finishing their national championships in South-East Queensland in fifth place.

Jayden Goodwin and Damien Burrage both scored more than 300 runs each for the tournament. Goodwin (347) was the second highest run scorer overall, while Burrage (310) was the sixth highest and he went on to represent the Cricket Australia XI in the Under-19 national championships as a result of his good form.

James Pike lead the way with the ball, claiming 11 wickets at an average of 21.5. Burrage, Ethan Carrington and Deon Billington took eight each.



The Under-15's school sport side managed a sixth-place finish at their tournament, also in South-East Queensland.

Cooper Connolly dominated, he was the leading runs scorer and wicket taker for his side, with 150 runs and six wickets.

WA ended a fantastic National Indigenous Championship with an impressive third place finish, with four wins from their seven games.

Bevan Bennel was rewarded for his outstanding efforts, named in the team of the championship.

## FEMALE

The Under-18's female side unfortunately didn't have the tournament they would have liked, only recording one win.

Despite the results not falling their way, a youthful side showed the future is bright, highlighted by Melville's Ashlee King and Rebecca West being selected in the WBBL Under-18s exhibition match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

King's form also saw her earn a rookie spot with the Perth Scorchers, as well as being on the radar of national selectors for the Under-19's side.

South Perth's Chloe Wain had a great tournament with the bat, finishing with 209 runs, which included a brilliant unbeaten 69.

Hot conditions in the city of churches greeted the Under-15's side, who also fielded a young side with many players eligible for next season.

Gorgia Platten and Molly Healy had great tournaments in their third and final campaign in the Under-15's side.

Healy's form with both bat and ball earned her selection in the Cricket Australia Under-15 Development Squad.

Lauren Thompson also had a fantastic tournament, and showed why she'll be a player to watch for years to come.

The team only managed one win, but coach Orazio Santalucia said the experience was invaluable for his young side.



Andrew Holder cap presentation

TOYOTA FUTURES LEAGUE		Pts	NRR
1	South Australia	32.16	
2	Victoria	29.30	
3	Queensland	28.43	
4	Western Australia	28.04	
5	NSW Metro	27.20	
6	ACT/NSW Country	21.50	
7	Tasmania	20.36	

## U19 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS (POOL A)

1	Queensland	16	1.2289
2	NSW Metro	15	0.2174
3	Northern Territory	9	-0.5736
4	Western Australia	7	-0.0783
5	Victoria Country	5	-0.4735

QF: ACT/NSW Country def by WA

SF: WA def by NSW Metro

3rd Place Final: SA def by WA

## U17 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS (POOL A)

1	NSW Metropolitan	23	0.8660
2	Queensland	14	0.5815
3	Western Australia	10	0.2770
4	Victoria Country	9	-0.3680
5	Northern Territory	0	-1.8237

QF: SA tied WA (SA progress, as higher in pool)

Plate SF: WA def Tasmania

5th Place Final: ACT/NSW Country def by WA

## U18 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS (T20)

1	ACT/NSW Country	11	1.406
2	NSW Metro	11	1.299
3	Victoria	11	0.511
4	Queensland	7	0.594
5	Cricket Australia XI	7	0.227
6	South Australia	5	-0.641
7	Western Australia	3	-0.714
8	Tasmania	1	-2.857

7th place Final: WA defeated by Tasmania

## U18 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS (50 OVER)

1	ACT/NSW Country	8	3.9853
2	NSW Metro	8	3.7452
3	Victoria	8	3.5162
4	Cricket Australia XI	7	2.8628
5	Tasmania	5	-0.6746
6	Queensland	2	-3.7568
7	South Australia	2	-3.9800
8	Western Australia	1	-1.3802

7th place Final: South Australia def WA

## U15 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1	ACT/NSW Country	15	2.409
2	South Australia	12	1.824
3	NSW Metro	11	1.091
4	Queensland	9	0.937
5	Victoria Metro	9	0.859
6	Western Australia	3	-2.609
7	Victoria Country	2	-1.745
8	Tasmania	0	-2.730

5th place Final: Victoria Metropolitan def WA



A young girl with curly hair, wearing a black short-sleeved shirt and a grey skirt with large black polka dots, stands on a green grassy field. She is holding a yellow cricket bat with a green handle. The bat has a logo that says "in2 CRICKET" and "MILO". In the background, there are several people, including a man in a dark shirt and cap, and a woman in a green and white jacket. An orange tent is visible behind them, with the text "chess.com.au" partially visible on its side.

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and volunteers

PlayCricket Week launch in Bunbury





# Game & Market Development

Holman Discover Cricket for Girls

Participation in cricket across Western Australia continued to grow during 2017-18, with school participation and a continued focus on diversity underpinning the record growth.

Overall participation in WA grew 9 per cent, with the state holding 13 per cent of the total participation in Australia and exceeding the percentage of total population.

Female interest in cricket continued to soar, with over 68,000 females playing across Western Australia in 2017-18. The Perth Scorchers Girls League saw a significant increase in teams across the state, from 64 in 2016-17 to 110 in 2017-18.

While school participation continued to see growth, work is still required to build sustainable participation in club and community cricket. Changes to junior formats and entry level programs, as well as an increased focus on T20 and social cricket offerings, provide an exciting opportunity for club and community cricket.

## FEMALE CRICKET

The WACA developed the Female Cricket Development Plan to further enhance female cricket and ensure the Association achieves its strategic objective to be the leading sport for women and girls. The plan will ensure the WACA has a holistic and integrated pathway for women and girls at the grassroots, community and elite levels.

A range of initiatives aimed at addressing current gaps in the pathway for women and girls were implemented in 2017-18. This included the pilot Perth Scorchers Women's

League, which was identified to address the gap in the playing pathway between community junior competitions and Premier Cricket. The competition saw four teams playing over a five-week period.

The continued success of the Perth Scorchers Girls League community competition saw the number of participating teams in the metropolitan and regional areas increase 78 per cent, with ten new clubs and two new Associations investing in female cricket competitions.

The Perth Scorchers Girls School Competition ran for six weeks in Term 4, with six schools - Helena College, All Saints, Shenton College, Perth Modern, Kent Street and John Forrest - participating in the pilot program.

Four teams participated in the four-week Premier Cricket Youth Division pilot competition, which was designed to better support the transition from the junior girls' competition to the women's Premier Cricket Competition. Participating clubs included Melville, South Perth, Subiaco Floreat and Joondalup-Wanneroo.

The WACA introduced the Under 13, Under 15 and Under 18 Talent Carnivals, which were held in late 2017-18. The carnivals provided the Association's High Performance coaches with an opportunity to watch some of the state's best community players to identify new and upcoming talent.

## ABORIGINAL CRICKET

The development and growth of Aboriginal cricket participation and engagement continued to be a significant focus for the WACA, with Aboriginal participation increasing to 12,060 in 2017-18.

During 2017-18, the WA Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Cricket Committee (WAACAC) were focused on identifying and developing partnerships to help connect Aboriginal participants to the cricket pathway and grow the reach of the WACA in regional areas to expose more communities and people to the game. Under the guidance of the WAACAC, the WACA is creating an Aboriginal Cricket Development Plan to shape the strategic direction for Aboriginal cricket across WA. The plan will be developed through a detailed consultation and engagement process with various stakeholder groups.

WA again had a strong showing at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs, with both men's and women's Aboriginal XI's finishing third. The result was the best for the WA women's side at these championships. Samara Williams and Bevan Bennell were selected in the 2018 NICC Black Caps men's and women's squads respectively.

WA's Dane Ugle, D'Arcy Short, Rex Strickland and Haylee Hoffmeister were selected to join the men's and women's Aboriginal XI squads on a commemorative tour of England in June 2018, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the 1868 Aboriginal team that toured the UK. The tour involved nine matches played at some of the grounds which hosted the original team of Aboriginal pioneers.

## CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

Over 106,500 students took part in four-week cricket programs delivered in schools across the state by more than 950 ambassadors through the Perth Scorchers School

Ambassador Program and with support from WACA staff. The School Ambassador Program continued to go from strength to strength, with the number of Ambassadors increasing 25 per cent.

More than 20,300 children took part in the MILO T20 Blast School Cup one-day carnivals, aimed at inspiring them to take up cricket. John Forrest Secondary College (Kim Hughes Shield - top tier) and St Mark's Anglican Community School (Graeme Wood Shield - second tier) claimed the secondary school cricket competitions.

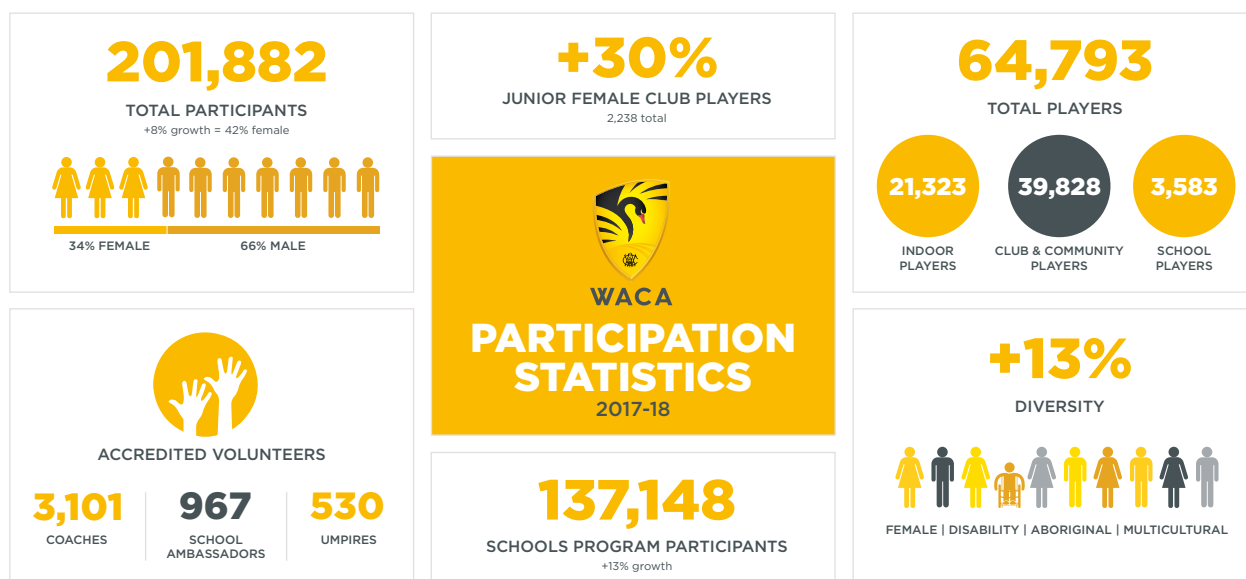
Six Perth secondary schools entered teams in a Year 7-8 Perth Scorchers Girls School Cricket League pilot competition, with Perth Modern School taking out the title.

## JUNIOR CRICKET PATHWAY

The MILO in2CRICKET and MILO T20 Blast entry level programs provided the platform for young boys and girls to start their cricket journey. More than 6,000 participants joined 110 MILO in2CRICKET and 80 MILO T20 Blast centres, with more than 750 of participants also involved with on-field experiences at the Magellan Ashes Test match and W/BBL fixtures. Participation across both programs regressed in 2017-18, leading to a new Cricket Blast program set to launch in 2018-19.

During the season, cricket in WA saw the successful adoption of the new playing formats for junior cricketers. Each of the six junior metropolitan cricket associations, the Perth Scorchers Girls League and selected country cricket associations participated in the first season of the modified junior formats for WA.

The formats delivered outstanding results and provided a far better playing and learning experience for junior players early





in their cricket journey. Players faced more balls, the number of wides and no balls decreased, they played more shots in more areas, got more wickets and fielded far more than a traditional 11-a-side, full-length pitch match would allow.

## COUNTRY CRICKET

The Toyota Australian Country Cricket Championships were hosted by Western Australia in Geraldton from 5 to 13 January 2018. The Championships were successfully delivered through a partnership between the WACA, Cricket Australia, the City of Greater Geraldton (CGG) and the Local Organising Committee on behalf of the Geraldton Regional Cricket Board.

The Mid West Sport Federation commissioned a report into the economic impact of the Championships. Over 900 visitors were estimated to have visited Geraldton with an economic impact of \$1.07 million Gross Regional Product.

In its sixth year, the Country Masters were held in WA's south-west from 6 to 8 April 2018. Twelve teams participated in the over 40s division, with four new teams participating in the over 50s division which was run for the first time.

The re-introduction of the Country XI and Colts into the WACA T20 Premier League Competition and the addition of the Country XI team to the Statewide T20 Cup proved extremely successful. The Statewide T20 tournament also provided a rare opportunity for elite country players to qualify to represent the Country XI in the final at the WACA Ground.

Ten teams from the south-west, mid-west, Goldfields, Albany, Mt Barker and Wheatbelt participated in the 2017-18 Girls Country Cricket Carnival, which was held from 20 to 22 January. The standard of play improved on last season, which is a credit to the volunteers involved in girls' cricket in regional WA.

## MULTICULTURAL CRICKET

Multicultural cricket participation increased to 39,813 during the season - a growth of 18 per cent from 2016-17.

The Perth Scorchers Culture Cup competition grew to 16 teams during the year, providing further opportunity to celebrate cricket players and teams from various multicultural backgrounds. The Perth Knight Riders were crowned 2017 Culture Cup Champions and were recognised at the Scorchers v Hurricanes W/BBL double-header match at #TheFurnace in January 2018.

The WACA contributed to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Multicultural Female Uniform Guidelines. The Australian-first guidelines will make it easier for women and girls to participate in sport and assist in creating more inclusive places for women to enjoy the game of cricket.

## DISABILITY CRICKET

The Integrated Cricket League (ICL) entered its second season, with one team added to the competition which is primarily aimed at adult participants with an intellectual disability. The league has provided better integration with the state's mainstream club, with many players also participating in grade cricket.

The National Cricket Inclusion Championships were held in January 2018, providing a pathway for cricket players with a disability. Western Australia had representative teams in the Deaf and Intellectual Disability divisions, with four players competing for other states in the Blind division.

Two of the state's players, Bradley Brider and Steffan Nero, were selected for the Australian team competing in the Blind Cricket World Cup in Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates in January.



Boyd Duffield and Anthony Kalimeris presented the Australian Intellectual Disability team caps by Justin Langer

## CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Engagement with WA's cricket clubs, associations and volunteers continued, with the ongoing improvement of the WACA's Club Development and Volunteer Management and Recognition Programs a priority for the Association.

The WACA continued to provide club and volunteer capacity and capability building through a series of workshops and forums. A resource was developed to assist clubs and associations navigate the changes required as part of updates to the Association Incorporation Act 2015, with six workshops provided to metropolitan and country clubs to further discuss.

Over 40 clubs and 100 volunteers attended two A Sport for All workshops, run in partnership with Inclusion Solutions, which focussed on how best to approach club culture, inclusion and diversity.

The Safe Clubs for Kids partnership with the WA Sports Federation continued, with clubs attending workshops run by the WACA and various local governments. The WACA continued its involvement in the evolution of the Top Club and Top Plan tools, which are used by clubs and associations to develop strategic and operational plans.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The 2017-18 WA Cricket Volunteer of the Year Awards were held at the Australia v England Gillette One-Day International at Optus Stadium in January. This year's award winners were:

- **Tom Palmiero** - Bicton Junior Cricket Club - Young Volunteer of the Year - Male
- **Georgia Wyllie** - Mandurah Junior Cricket Club - Young Volunteer of the Year - Female
- **Mark (Shadow) Davis** - Ballardong Cricket Academy - Toyota Country Volunteer of the Year - Male
- **Kristy Turner** - Bakers Hill Cricket Club - Toyota Country Volunteer of the Year - Female
- **Justin Shaw** - Indoor Sports WA - Volunteer of the Year - Male
- **Juliana Barrington** - Eastern Hills Junior Cricket Club/ Midland Guildford Junior Cricket Association - Volunteer of the Year - Female

The WACA hosted its inaugural WA Cricket Leaders Dinner during the year, with key affiliates, association and club leaders invited to network and share information and experiences. During the Ashes Test Match, the WACA hosted a breakfast workshop with 20 selected volunteers, which provided valuable insight into the challenges and successes of our clubs and volunteers.



Piepa Cleary, Richard Walley and Michael Klingner





Perth Scorchers Culture Cup launch

## INDOOR CRICKET

Indoor cricket participation increased in 2017-18 to 21,382 on the back of strong junior indoor cricket programs and senior players looking for a format available mid-week during the winter months.

The National Indoor Cricket League continued in 2018, with four Super League Centres participating in WA. The League, developed by Cricket Australia, aimed to reenergise the existing state Super League competitions and attract new participants to play indoor cricket.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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



2017-18 WACA Volunteer of the Year Award winners





# Members & Fans

AJ Tye with Perth Scorchers fans

## MEMBER EVENTS

The WACA hosted a range of exclusive events throughout the season, which received overwhelming support from WACA Members.

The Test Match Preview Dinner was the WACA's marquee off-season function in 2017-18. Attendees heard from Justin Langer, Geoff Marsh, Brad Haddin and Mitchell Johnson on their Ashes experiences, successes and the challenges they faced during their time representing Australia against England.

Members were invited to join coaches and players of the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors and Western Fury and Perth Scorchers teams for a Season Launch breakfast on the WACA Ground. Guests heard about the off-season training regime and the players to watch in 2017-18.

At the Test Match Breakfast with the Curator, Members took to the pitch and heard from Matthew Page one last time on the preparation which was undertaken to get the wickets ready for the season. Perth personality and 882 6PR radio host Steve Mills was on hand to interview Australia's Men's Head Coach Darren Lehman, who entertained Members with a behind-the-scenes look and insight into the team.

The ever-popular Langer's Loft was the place to be during the season, proving the most popular destination in the Members Enclosure. The all-inclusive dining experience, which saw Members enjoy a view of the pitch from elevated

seating, sold out across the summer. A range of dining events were also hosted at various matches throughout the season, providing Members with a first-class hospitality offering in the Bradman Room.

## MEMBER FACILITIES

Additional breakout areas and service points were created throughout the Members Enclosure during the season, to ensure the WACA Ground was adequately prepared for the large demand expected during the Ashes.

A double-decker marquee was erected behind the Players Pavilion, which housed several pop-up food and beverage options and a big screen TV for those looking to escape the heat. The freestanding marquee installed near Gate 7 provided Members with a unique space to get out of the sun and lounge in the serene surrounds of the rose garden and turf nursery.

Western Warrior Cameron Bancroft was added to the Test Player Walk, celebrating his representation in Australian Test cricket.

WACA Members experienced Perth's new world-class stadium at the Gillette One-Day International and W/BBL Semi Finals. The feedback has been extremely positive and planning is in progress to ensure the best use of the stadium's facilities, including exclusive use of the Riverview Room for WACA Members.



## SCORCHERS FAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM

This season saw the launch of the Perth Scorchers Fan Recognition Program. Fans spotted wearing Scorchers' team merchandise when out and about could find themselves receiving a small thank you gift, with WACA staff armed with loyalty cards.

The unique initiative was introduced to recognise devoted Scorchers fans for displaying their loyalty to the club beyond the W/BBL season and empower staff to engage with the club's most passionate supporters.

## FURNACE FESTIVITIES

The Perth Scorchers celebrated the end of an era on Thursday 25 January 2018, with the last BBL match to be played at the iconic WACA Ground. A free commemorative Smithy cartoon depicting fan-favourite players from the past seven seasons was handed out to fans on arrival, while signed mini bats were given out post-match. All fans received an orange bandana to don at-match and Instabanner booths were set up around the venue for fans to capture a lasting memory at the WACA Ground.

The Scorchers acknowledged the club's most devoted Members for their ongoing dedication, with a unique on-ground innings break parade. The match was also commemorated with a return of the club's BBL|01 playing shirts, with all Scorchers players wearing the inaugural Perth Scorchers design. Fans were provided with a unique opportunity to bid online for the signed match worn shirts, with all funds raised going to the WA Cricket Foundation.

The historic match ended with a bang, as fans soaked up the excitement with a post-match firework display and video piece which highlighted some of the top Scorchers moments from the past seven seasons at the WACA Ground.

## SCORCHERS SEMI-FINAL AT OPTUS STADIUM

The Perth Scorchers men's and women's teams qualified for a home Semi Final at Optus Stadium, with the double-header clash the first Big Bash fixture at the new venue. Several exciting initiatives were implemented to celebrate the momentous occasion in true Scorchers style, including boundary tours and drop-in wicket viewing sessions which offered a select number of lucky fans a unique insight into the on-field experience at the stadium. A spectacular lighting show featured post-match, taking advantage of the venue's state-of-the art lighting system and impressive vision screens.

## WBBL FAMILY FUN DAYS

The Lilac Hill WBBL Family Fun Day match series kicked off on Saturday 30 December 2017, creating a family-friendly carnival-like atmosphere in Perth's eastern region. There were a host of activities on offer for the three matches held at Lilac Hill, including a kiddy coaster, sky flyer, giant water slide, cricket activities, urban street food vans and a live band. A Girls Only MILO T20 Blast cricket clinic was also run post-match, where 80 young fans were given the opportunity to play on the ground following in the footsteps of their WBBL heroes.

The series was a joint initiative of the Perth Scorchers and City of Swan, with support from the Midland Guildford Cricket Club, which aimed to build tradition and drive increased attendance to regional cricket matches.

The Family Fun Days proved extremely successful, exceeding attendance expectations with 5,054 attendees at the 30 December match - a 76 per cent increase on total attendance compared to the previous season. For the second season running, the Perth Scorchers won the Big Bash League Howzat! Award for Best WBBL Initiative in recognition of the series' continued success.





# Appreciation

Mike McKenna, Christina Matthews, Hon Dr Ken Michael AC,  
James Sutherland, Mitchell Johnson and Minister Mick Murray

The Western Australian Cricket Association is proud of the strong relationship we maintain with the State Government and we continue to build and foster relationships with local governments across the state.

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The past year has seen some exciting changes to cricket in WA. The opening of Optus Stadium and the movement of International and KFC Big Bash League cricket to the new venue, being one of them. This has resulted in the desire to revitalize and recalibrate the WACA Ground Development to ensure that the 'Home of cricket in WA' continues to meet the needs of cricket into the future. This change has also freed up the opportunity for the WACA Ground to expand beyond cricket and create a community destination.

The WACA is cognizant of the important role we play in the East Perth precinct, our proximity to Optus Stadium and the exciting Waterbank project. We have the opportunity to create a unique precinct that not only appeals to sport and cricket lovers, but enhances our connection to the wider community.

To that end, we are building a relationship with the City of Perth to better understand the community needs of the area, the current gaps in community facilities and how the WACA Ground can improve on its community affiliation and better service East Perth community needs.

Any development of the WACA Ground will require support from the State Government. As we progress the Ground development in the coming months, we will continue to keep the State Government abreast of the progress.

We will also continue to build on our relationships with Members of State Parliament through the WA Parliamentary Friends of Cricket. WA Parliamentary Friends of Cricket, is an informal group of Members of Parliament who have a keen interest in cricket. Events aimed at raising awareness

of cricket in the community are currently being planned to coincide with the upcoming cricket season.

We continue to maintain our partnership with the City of Swan, who have hosted the Perth Scorchers Women's Big Bash League Family Fun Day and matches at Lilac Hill for the past two seasons.

The WACA appreciates the vital role that local governments play in cricket, as the primary providers of community cricket facilities. Without these facilities we cannot continue to grow cricket participation and foster the next generation of cricketers. Our continued WBBL partnership with the City of Swan is testament to the important role local governments play in bringing cricket to the community.

To increase our engagement with local governments and improve community cricket facilities, a State Infrastructure Strategy is currently being developed.













Funding support for the Strategy has been provided by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Cricket Australia. The Strategy will guide the development of cricket infrastructure across the state, inform local governments of the current usage of facilities, future investment opportunities and enable the WACA to identify priority local governments in a more coordinated and constructive way that generates mutually beneficial outcomes. We are hopeful that the Strategy will be completed by the end of 2018.

We are grateful for the support of State and Local Government have afforded the WACA and cricket in WA and we look forward to working with them both to develop and promote our great game into the future.



# 2017-18 Commercial Partners

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



# WACA Philanthropy

Christina Matthews and  
Dr Bob Every AO

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

In December 2017, the WACA launched the WA Cricket Foundation which aims to support the WACA's vision to develop all levels of cricket in WA and ensure a long and successful future for the WACA Ground. The Foundation's Board includes Dr Bob Every AO (Chair), Hon Dr Ken Michael AC, David Robb, John Gillam, John Nolan and Kate O'Hara.

The Foundation has been tasked with raising \$12 million over five years to support the planned Stage 1 WACA Ground development, with funding also being sought from Cricket Australia, WA State Government and Federal Government.

The Foundation will also raise funds for the WACA's Northwest Cricket and Female Pathway programs. The Northwest Cricket Program will see children in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions given the opportunity to play cricket through the provision of year-round resources, support systems and infrastructure, while the Female Pathway Program will support and accelerate the development of WA cricket's female pathways and provide opportunities for all girls and women to participate in the game.

The WACA's Female Scholarship Program consists of four \$5,000 grants kindly donated by long-time supporter of the WACA, Kay Leverington. The grants provide female cricketers with access to additional resources, including education, travel allowances and equipment. The successful recipients for 2018 Molly Healy, Georgie Ireland, Georgia Wyllie and Chloe Wain.

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

We'd like to thank all our donors for their ongoing contributions to support the growth of WA cricket.



Fundraising Partner





A photograph of Damien Martyn in a white Australian cricket uniform, wearing a green helmet and batting gloves, captured in the middle of a batting stroke with a wooden bat.

# Gallery of Greats

## DAMIEN MARTYN

21 October 1971

**Player, Captain**

Damien Martyn was the most stylish batsman of his generation and had a gift of timing that was unequalled in world cricket in the early part of the 21st century, but he was also able to harness his exquisite stroke-making with a mostly-unrecognised work ethic and capacity to improvise.

Martyn overcame a series of hurdles to forge a formidable international career well into his 30s, rising to become one of few Australian batsmen to dominate multiple series in the sub-continent.

His 4406 runs at 46.38 in 67 Tests helped Australia dominate the world stage for much of his career, while he played critical roles in Australia's World Cup successes in 1999 and 2003.

The only 23-year-old appointed WA captain, Martyn flourished as a player once he was relieved of the formal post - with a century of matches and three Sheffield Shield wins for his state bringing 7329 runs at 43.89 - but he also became an astute and candid mentor and advisor to national and State leaders.

Martyn did not relish the limelight, eventually departing the game in singular fashion, but his legacy inspires lingering memories of the most brilliant strokes and innings.

## ADAM GILCHRIST

14 November 1971

**Player, Captain, Coach**

Adam Gilchrist changed the way cricket was played and viewed.

A promising wicketkeeper-batsman when he moved from Sydney in his early 20s in the search for more State opportunities, Gilchrist's star rose to such an extent that he was universally recognised as one of the game's most towering characters by the end of his remarkable career.

A highly-competent gloveman, who was equal to the task of keeping to spin great Shane Warne for most of his career, Gilchrist's most essential features were his brutal game-changing onslaughts with the bat and refreshing sportsmanship.

Often scoring at a run a ball, no matter the format nor ball colour, the left-hander hammered 16 Test centuries from 96 consecutive matches - the most thrilling a 57-ball Ashes blitzkrieg at the WACA Ground in 2006-07 - while another 16 tons flowed in 287 one-day internationals.

Gilchrist made vital contributions to three Ashes series wins, three consecutive World Cup triumphs - including scoring 149 in the 2007 final - and two Sheffield Shield victories, while his 416 Test dismissals and 472 ODI scalps were world records.

He also dragged sportsmanship into the spotlight by walking after being given not out in a World Cup match in 2002-03. It was highly controversial at the time, but also served as a reminder that cricket's greatest figures transcend the mere battle between bat and ball.





# Life Members

Michael Hussey

Murray Goodwin, Michael Hussey and Peta Verco have been recognised for their contribution and service to cricket, receiving Honorary Life Membership to the Western Australian Cricket Association.

## MURRAY GOODWIN

Murray Goodwin represented Western Australia from 1994 to 2005, playing 62 First Class matches and scoring 4,406 runs at an average of 43. He played 50 interstate One Day matches, scoring 1,465 runs at an average of 38, and reached a high score of 167 in 2001 which, at the time, was an Australian domestic record.

With Australian cricket at one of its strongest eras in the 1990s and early 2000s, Murray returned to Zimbabwe where he established himself as a world-class player in a team that was low in the world Test rankings.

Murray had a highly successful County career in England and holds the Sussex record for the highest individual innings, with 344\* against Somerset in 2009, beating his own record of 335\* set in 2003. He is also the only Sussex batsman to have twice made a double century and a century in the same match.

During his Premier Cricket career, Murray scored 5591 runs in 127 matches for Subiaco Floreat of which he was also club captain.

Murray was part of the Bunbury & Districts Cricket Association's Jack Birkenshaw Program and was regularly selected in Bunbury Association representative teams

and was selected in the State U17 and U19 teams. Murray has continued to play and coach in Bunbury following his retirement from First Class and Premier Cricket and was selected in the WA Country Team of the Century in 2007.

## MICHAEL HUSSEY

Michael Hussey's performances and attitude to the game have displayed all the best features of cricket and captured the adulation of the public over the past two decades, earning him the name of 'Mr Cricket'.

With a Test record of 79 matches, 137 innings, 16 not out, 6,235 runs, highest score 195, average 51.52, 19 centuries and 29 fifties, Michael's Test batting average of 51.52 and aggregate of 6,235 Test runs is the second highest by a WA player.

Michael represented Australia in 235 One-Day Internationals, reaching 157 innings, 44 not out, 5,442 runs, highest score 109 not out, average 48.15, 3 centuries and 39 fifties. His ODI batting average of 48.15 is the highest by a WA player, while his tally of three ODI centuries is the equal fourth-highest by a WA player.

His record for Australia in T20 Internationals was 38 matches, 30 innings, 11 not out, 721 runs, highest score 60 not out, average 37.94 and four fifties.





Murray Goodwin

Peta Verco

Michael played for Western Australia from 1994 to 2013 and had combined WA and XI figures of 122 matches, 225 innings, 14 not out, highest score 233 not out, 8,745 runs, average 41.44, 17 centuries and 45 fifties. He captained the state 16 times, with five wins, five draws and six losses, and scored 8,007 Sheffield Shield runs for WA. Michael scored 2,720 runs in the Domestic One-Day competition, the fourth highest by a WA player.

Michael won seven Test Man of the Match Awards, three ODI Player of the Series Awards and took out the 2004-05 Laurie Sawle Medal.

Michael played 17 seasons of Premier Cricket and 15 seasons of Sunday League Cricket for Wanneroo. His batting average of 53.21 makes him one of only three players to have a Premier Cricket batting average more than 50.

## PETA VERCO

Peta Verco has made an outstanding contribution to cricket, both on and off the field. She has a distinguished playing record for Australia and Western Australia and for over four decades has been involved as a cricket player, coach, administrator, delegate, development officer and teacher.

Peta represented WA from 1974-84 and represented Australia from 1977 to 1985, scoring 765 runs at 40.26 and

21 wickets at 23.42 across 13 Tests to become WA's best-performing female Test player and most capped female WA Test player. She was involved in 20 One-Day International matches scoring 300 at 20 and 9 at 36.55 and was a member of two winning World Cup series in 1978 and 1982.

In her first Test Peta was selected as a medium pace bowler and batted at number nine, however following an outstanding performance she thereafter opened the batting order.

Peta has been responsible for establishing and re-establishing several local cricket clubs in WA and was an inaugural member of the Junior Development Board at the WACA. She is a specialist spin coach for Midland-Guildford's men's teams, President of the Midland-Guildford Junior Cricket Council and Member and President of the North East Cricket Board. Peta has been a cricket teacher for the past 15 years at the John Forrest Cricket Academy.

Peta was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club for her long and distinguished service to the game of cricket - a very rare and special honour. In recognition of her contribution to cricket in Western Australia, the annual Secondary Schools Girls Competition was named the Peta Verco Shield.

# Obituaries



## ALEXANDER DICK

The Dick family came to Perth in the late 1920s to expand their wholesale/retail butchering business. They had three boys, David, Alex and Ian, who were talented sports people so they attended Wesley College where they excelled scholastically

and on the sporting field. The middle brother, Alex, passed away in January this year, aged 95.

Alex was destined to follow his father into the meat trade where they had established lucrative connections into the American market. However, at the outbreak of World War II he enlisted in the army and spent some time in New Guinea. When he returned home he resumed his civilian and sporting career. He had played a few matches of first grade cricket prior to enlisting, and one match while on leave. But it was not until the 1945-46 season that he began in earnest. A right hand batsman and medium paced bowler he was an integral part of the powerful South Perth team in the 1940s and 1950s.

Although overshadowed somewhat as a batsman by his brother, Ian, he performed well in both disciplines. In 1947-48 he scored his first century and reached 500 runs for the first time. He was selected in the WA team after Christmas in 1949 to replace an injured Tommy O'Dwyer for the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria in February. He did not do himself justice with scores of 0 and 8 and only delivered 4 overs. The following season work commitments prevented him paying fuller attention to state cricket.

He continued to serve South Perth well, and was part of the four premierships the club annexed in that period. In 1949-50 he took his highest wicket tally of 37 at only 11.65 apiece. In the 1952-53 premiership season he made his highest tally of runs, 700, at an average of 50.

At the end of the 1958-59 season he decided to retire from first grade cricket and concentrate on his business. In that period he had played 169 matches; scored 4680 runs at an average of 26.90 with 4 centuries; taken 222 wickets at an average of 19.36 and held 77 catches.

A top class hockey player he also represented the state, and in his latter years enjoyed plenty of rounds of golf with his cricketing mates at Royal Perth. He devoted some of his later years to charitable organizations, namely Meals-on-Wheels. On his passing he left his wife, Gwen, three sons and a daughter.



## FRANK ALLEN

A 190 game veteran with East Perth, 12 state games and a Sandover Medal was Frank Allen's reward as a footballer. He also played 53 first grade matches of cricket for Mt Lawley. He passed away in February, aged 91.

At one time he spent four years as an Administration Officer at the WACA. On retirement he continued his cricket connection by volunteering as a tour guide for the cricket Museum. Frank often mentored primary school children as a service to the community.



## MALCOLM PARR

An off spinner with the University Cricket Club, Malcolm Parr, a long standing cricket administrator passed away in January, aged 71.

Malcolm spent many years with the Claremont-Cottesloe/Claremont

Nedlands club in the lower grades mentoring the young players. He represented the club at cricket council for 16 years where his wise council was in evidence. He often volunteered to assist the Country Week carnival in season.



## DEXTER DAVIES

From a successful farming family at Yorkrakine/Wyalkatchem Dexter Davies was an all-round sportsman. He played league football for East Fremantle and first grade cricket for Claremont-Cottesloe, as well as the Country XI. He passed away in March, aged 66.

On leaving the farm he had a successful career in agro-politics. His daughter, Mia, followed suite. She is the National Party leader in the WA Parliament.

Dexter was called upon to assist an ailing administration at the Claremont-Nedlands cricket club. He took the reins and turned the fortunes of club around so they are now one of the powerhouses in the competition. For 10 years he represented the club at Cricket Council as their president.

Mr Davies represented the Western Australian District Cricket Council on the WACA Board from 2007 to 2011 and was a strong ambassador for club cricket and its value to the cricket pathway system.



## TOM HANSELL

Former Surrey batsman, Tom Hansell, migrated to Perth in the late 1970s. He played 36 first grade matches for three clubs but he left his mark at the Willetton Cricket Club, where he was content to play lower grades and mentor the young brigade.

He oversaw the development of the promising juniors in the district. The club has honoured him by naming the practice centre in his name. He died in November, aged 63.



## FLO (FLORENCE) IRELAND

Flo Ireland made a significant contribution to Western Australian women's cricket in the post-war era and was a State representative from 1948 to 1952.

Ireland, while playing for Willows Cricket Club, was vice-captain in the first Western Australian team that competed in the All-Australian Women's Cricket Carnival held in Melbourne in January 1948.

The 21-year-old wicket-keeper was then chosen as the only Western Australian representative in the Australian women's cricket team to tour New Zealand.

A reliable all-rounder, Ireland was selected to play for WA and a Combined Australia XI against the touring England women's cricket team at the WACA Ground in November 1948.

In 1950, Ireland represented WA in Adelaide and in 1952 was vice-captain of the WA team in the first women's cricket interstate carnival to be played in Perth.

In 1953 Flo Ireland began an illustrious career in softball as a player and administrator, representing Western Australia many times and Australia in 1960 and 1962.

## BRIAN GOYNICH

Former first grade umpire, Brian Goynich, passed away recently in June, aged 84. A social cricketer he joined the district cricket ranks in 1975-76 and quickly rose through the ranks.

He stood in 112 matches with 62 in first grade and 23 in Sunday League. A draftsman by trade he later joined the Umpires Appointment Board, a position he held for four years.

# 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 2017-18. Any omission in failing to acknowledge the passing of a valued Member is sincerely regretted.

Mr Joseph Arrigo  
Mr Mike Black  
Mr Alan Blanckensee  
Mr William Brown  
Mr Gordon Cooper  
Mr Peter De Masson  
Mr Lou Giglia  
Mr Noel Hickman  
Mr Peter Kirk  
Mrs Jan Macander  
Mrs Elsie McKenzie  
Mr Robert Moppett  
Mr Luke Morrison  
Mr Malcolm Parr  
Mr Kevin Prendiville  
Mr Kerry Sinclair  
Mr Maxwell Sloss  
Mr Kevin Stewart



The Scorchers celebrate winning the Women's Big Bash League semi final match between the Sydney Thunder and the Perth Scorchers at Optus Stadium on 1 February 2018





# Financial Summary

# Western Australian Cricket Association (Inc.)

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the year ended 30 June 2018

The WACA again produced a record turnover figure, increasing revenue from \$30.7m in 2017 to \$36.8m in 2018. This increased revenue was derived from several different sources, including:

- The Big Bash League expanded from eight to ten matches (plus finals) which generated additional ticketing, marketing, membership and catering revenue;
- The Ashes Test Match was extremely well supported and boosted catering and marketing revenue;
- Cricket Australia (CA) provided additional grant funding, including a significant increase in player-payment grants;
- Contracting income was earned from the development and maintenance of the drop-in wickets and practise wickets at Optus Stadium;
- Grants relating to the media centre built in 2015, previously classified as deferred income.

Player-payments, funded by CA, increased by \$2.4m, including an adjustment of \$1.2m relating to the previous player contract period (2013-2017).

Additional resources have been employed in preparation for a planned uplift in revenues related to the major matches moving to Optus Stadium. The move is an important long-term opportunity to increase the profile of cricket and enable more fans to watch cricket at a bigger and brand new venue.

Following the signing of the Stadium Hire Agreement with Optus Stadium, the first event at the Stadium was the One-Day international between Australia and England in January 2018. The match attracted a crowd of 53,781 a record for a cricket match in Western Australia. A few days later the Big Bash League semi-finals were held at Optus Stadium as a double-header, with both Perth Scorchers men's and women's teams involved and a crowd of 52,960. Whilst both these events at Optus Stadium were "Cricket Australia events" and hence limited impact on WACA finances, they were a tremendous opportunity for Western Australia to experience cricket at the new Stadium ahead of the first full season of major matches there.

An accelerated depreciation adjustment to the carrying value of non-current assets has had and will have no effect on the operations.

The operating surplus before depreciation and accelerated depreciation of \$2.6m has helped to generate a cash-flow surplus for the year, with the cash balance increasing from \$12.8m to \$14.0m.

The increased operating surplus before depreciation and accelerated depreciation from \$1.9m in the prior year to \$2.6m is due largely to the release of deferred income, relating to a State Government grant received during 2015 to assist with construction of the new media facilities in the Lillie-Marsh Stand.

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

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

Please find attached summaries:

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

The full set of financial statements are presented in the 2017-18 Western Australian Cricket Association (Inc.) Financial Statements | Annual Report.



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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018 (\$'000's)	2017 (\$'000's)
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>From Operating Activities</b>		
Catering	1,752	1,302
Cricket Operations	21,838	19,880
Match Ticketing	2,553	2,006
Marketing	4,444	3,608
Membership	4,118	3,535
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,705</b>	<b>30,331</b>
Other income	2,054	337
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>36,759</b>	<b>30,668</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>On Operating Activities</b>		
Ground	7,798	6,362
Cricket Operations	18,954	15,650
Marketing	2,757	2,172
Membership	1,259	1,002
Administration and Finance	2,443	2,018
Future Development	977	1,586
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>34,188</b>	<b>28,790</b>
Operating surplus before finance costs, depreciation and accelerated depreciation	2,571	1,878
Finance costs	-	2
<b>Operating surplus before depreciation and accelerated depreciation</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>1,876</b>
Depreciation	1,801	1,840
Accelerated depreciation	15,031	-
<b>Operating (Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>(14,261)</b>	<b>36</b>

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2018

	2018 (\$'000's)	2017 (\$'000's)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	14,035	12,832
Trade and other receivables	455	265
Inventories	12	11
Other current assets	1	74
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>14,503</b>	<b>13,182</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	1,176	17,473
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>15,679</b>	<b>30,655</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	3,112	2,035
Provisions	983	1,251
Deferred income	395	778
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>4,064</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provisions	324	279
Deferred income	-	1,186
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>1,465</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,814</b>	<b>5,529</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>10,865</b>	<b>25,126</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Accumulated Surplus	10,865	25,126
<b>Total Accumulated funds</b>	<b>10,865</b>	<b>25,126</b>

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018 (\$000's)	2017 (\$000's)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	34,580	29,725
Cash payments in the course of operations	(33,262)	(28,815)
Interest received	305	314
Finance costs paid	-	(2)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,222</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	146	79
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(566)	(713)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(420)</b>	<b>(634)</b>
Net increase in cash held	1,203	588
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	12,832	12,244
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>14,035</b>	<b>12,832</b>

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