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WACA President The Hon Dr Ken Michael AC, CEO Christina Matthews and Chairman Dr Lachlan Henderson.



Nicole Bolton and Jenny Wallace celebrate a milestone for the Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury.

# EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) and its Members have set the scene for an exciting and bright future for cricket in Western Australia - one which will see cricket in WA grow exponentially over the coming years.

Following the Board's announcement in September 2015 on the preferred direction for the WACA, the Association has been progressing a number of projects, including the Perth Stadium, the WACA Ground development and Governance Review, to bring this vision to life.

An enormous undertaking by the Board, the decision has set the Association up for a period of great change and growth and paved the way for various opportunities that will allow the WACA to grow cricket as a sport for Members, participants and the cricket-loving public in WA.

Following the departure of WA cricket icon Dennis Lillee over 12 months ago, we this year farewelled past WACA Chairman Sam Gannon. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Sam, who stepped down from his role on the Board following two years as Chairman. Having served on the Board for over a decade, Sam was committed to ensuring the continued success of the WACA and was dedicated to growing cricket in WA.

The WACA's Governance Review has progressed, with a series of well-attended forums and engagement opportunities for Members and stakeholders to have their say on the Association's future. We appreciate the time Members put aside to understand the project's complexities and provide input, which influences and informs our decision-making.

We welcomed Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland to Perth in June, where he completed his first tour of the Perth Stadium. James, Christina and Deputy Chairman Kade Harvey met with the Premier to discuss holding the Ashes Test Match at the new stadium in 2017 and the outcome was extremely positive. The Premier publicly announced his intention to fast-track construction of the Perth Stadium to ensure it is finished ahead of schedule and shared his support for the Ashes to be played as the opening event. We are confident in the state government's support of the WACA and our strategy for the future and will continue to foster and enhance the close relationship that has been developed.

The Association continued to grow cricket's WA fan base, with the WACA reaching 7,992 Members and Perth Scorchers reaching 5,018 Members in 2015-16. The WACA increased engagement and improved communications with its Members during the year, which allowed for a greater understanding of our primary stakeholders' needs and expectations.

The WACA's Test and One-Day International matches saw strong attendances, with numbers exceeding expectations. Cricket participation also continued to increase, up 21 per cent to 167,582 in 2015-16 largely due to the exceptional work being undertaken by the WACA's Game and Market Development department.

# THE WACA'S KEY PILLARS

- 1 Grow cricket's WA fan base significantly
- 2 Produce the best teams, players, competitions, coaches and officials in Australia
- 3 Increase participation substantially and inspire WA's next generation of players, fans and volunteers
- 4 Provide world-class leadership and allocate resources to ensure the delivery of our strategy
- 5 Grow investment in WA cricket and allocate resources to ensure the delivery of our strategy
- 6 Develop facilities that meet the needs of WA fans, teams, grass-roots participants and staff

Another great achievement was the increased number of WA's male and female players selected for the Australian teams, including the international debuts of three home-grown players. The Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors and Western Fury were represented in the Australian team by Mitchell Johnson, Mitchell Marsh, Shaun Marsh, Adam Voges, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Andrew Tye, Ashton Agar, Joel Paris, Cameron Bancroft, Nicole Bolton and Elyse Villani.

It was fantastic to see Nicole Bolton's Test debut in the Women's Ashes, as well as Adam Voges and Shaun Marsh's record-breaking 449-run partnership during the year. Another highlight was when Adam's average exceeded Sir Donald Bradman's famous 99.94 mark during a streak of 614 runs without being dismissed. This was a new world record, which surpassed the great Sachin Tendulkar.

The High Performance program in WA has set the national benchmark for Cricket Australia and is an area that we will continue to progress to ensure we are at the forefront in Australia. General Manager High Performance, Ben Oliver, Justin Langer and his assistant coaches Adam Griffith and Geoff Marsh can be extremely proud of this outcome, which speaks volumes on the work they are doing to develop our WA players to an exceptionally high standard.

We were extremely proud to hear of Justin and Adam's call-up to coach the Australia team for the ODI tri-series in the Caribbean in June. Langer took over from Darren Lehmann for the series and coached the side to victory against South Africa and the West Indies. This was a fantastic opportunity for JL and Adam, and they will no doubt bring fresh ideas and techniques to the WA side this season.

Lisa Keightley took over as coach of the women's program shortly prior to the commencement of the WBBL, steering the side into the semi-finals with the assistance of Zöe Goss. It was great to have two figures with such experience and respect in charge of our elite women's program, which bodes well moving forward.

The Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors were unable to reach the heights of previous seasons, finishing fifth in both the Matador BBQs One-Day Cup and Sheffield Shield. The side only managed two wins at the Matador Cup in Sydney, with Shaun Marsh a shining light finishing as second top scorer with 390 runs at the tournament and being named in the One-Day All\*Stars.

Although the Warriors fell short of qualifying for a third straight Shield final, it is worth remembering the side were one win away from the top two. Arguably the Warriors were only one wicket

away, given the tight round nine loss to South Australia. The development of some of our younger players was a big positive, namely Joel Paris who only debuted in November but took 35 wickets by season's end and was selected in the Four-Day All\*Stars, and Laurie Sawle Medal winner Cameron Bancroft (732 runs at an average of 45.75). They were both later named in the Australia A squad, along with Ashton Agar and Sam Whiteman, in an endorsement of our program.

The Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury finished sixth with two wins under the helm of Mark Atkinson. While the team's final placing was below expectations, there were some fine individual performers with Nicole Bolton, Nicky Shaw and Elyse Villani all named in the WNCL All\*Star Team of the Year. Zöe Goss Medal winner Bolton finished second on the competition scorers' list with 383 runs, while Villani was sixth on the list with 284 runs. The retiring Shaw claimed 10 wickets at an average of 20.10. It was also great to see young duo Heather Graham and Megan Banting rewarded for breakthrough seasons with Shooting Stars selection.

Both of the Perth Scorchers' teams reached the semi-finals in 2015-16, and while they didn't bring home the title, they made the state extremely proud. We always knew it was going to be a huge challenge winning the BBL title for the third year in a row with many of the teams making it their mission to chase us down, and for the inaugural WBBL team to reach this level was incredible. Add to this the fact we had a number of players selected for international representation and Shaun Marsh, Andrew Tye and Charlotte Edwards were picked in the respective All\*Stars sides, and it really was another positive season for the Scorchers.

The Perth Scorchers were the first BBL team to achieve regular season sell-outs, showing just how popular this format of cricket has been for Perth fans. The introduction of the inaugural WBBL team proved to be extremely successful, engaging a new audience and assisting in increasing female participation in WA by 32 per cent in 2015-16. This was an innovative initiative that has seen many other sporting codes follow suit.

As can happen at the end of a season, we were sad to say goodbye to three of the games stalwarts, with Michael Hogan, Shaw and Jenny Wallace announcing their retirement. Each of these players has brought extensive experience, expertise and support to their teams and teammates and they will be greatly missed. We thank you for everything you have brought to the game and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

All of these achievements wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous efforts of the WACA's staff, so thank you for your dedication and passion. The Board, as always, is extremely grateful for the support of the Leadership Team and look forward to continuing to work together to achieve the objectives set out as part of Vision 2030.

As the Perth Stadium, WACA Ground development and Governance Review continue to progress, the WACA looks forward to continuing to engage and communicate with its Members to ensure a successful future for the Association.

We look forward to seeing you all at the WACA Ground for the 2016-17 season.

**The Hon Dr Ken Michael AC** | President  
**Dr Lachlan Henderson** | Chairman  
**Christina Matthews** | Chief Executive Officer

Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland, WACA CEO Christina Matthews and WACA Deputy Chairman Kade Harvey at the WACA Ground following a tour of the Perth Stadium.



# Western Australian Cricket Association (Inc.)

## BOARD & MANAGEMENT as at June 2016

### BOARD

#### Chairman

JB (Sam) Gannon (until 23 Sep 2015)

Dr LJ (Lachlan) Henderson (from 13 Oct 2015)

#### President

DK (Dennis) Lillee AM MBE (until 1 Sep 2015)

Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC (from 1 Nov 2015)

#### Vice President

JB (Sam) Gannon (until 23 Sep 2015)

Dr LJ (Lachlan) Henderson (from 23 Sep 2015)

#### Members' Representatives

K (Kade) Harvey, TF (Thomas) Percy QC, PJ (Paul) Collins (until 23 Sep 2015), M (Michael) Veletta (from 23 Sep 2015),

DJ (Darren) Wates (from 23 Sep 2015)

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

M (Mark) Calverley, B (Brendan) Reid

#### Statewide Game Development

#### Committee Representatives

PC (Peter) Silinger, AJ (Avril) Fahey

#### Members appointed by the Board

DJ (David) Bailey, SP (Stephen) Hauville (until 30 Nov 2015),

Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie (from 1 Mar 2016)

### ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

Ms M Tannock

### COMMITTEES

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

### AUDITOR

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms C Matthews

#### GENERAL MANAGERS

##### Business Services

RI Marshall

##### Commercial, Marketing & Communication

SV Nasta

##### Game Development

DJ Clear (until 27 May 2016)

##### High Performance

BC Oliver

##### Human Resources

Ms CL Brayn (until 27 Nov 2016 - maternity leave)

Ms NY King (from 9 Nov 2015)

##### Membership

GJ White

##### Operations & Facilities

Ms JS Coubrough

##### Public Policy & Government Relations Manager

MS Cutler

### AFFILIATES

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

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

#### Register of WACA Board Members attendance at Board meetings (15 meetings held)

Hon KC Michael AC	6/7	M Calverley	9	DJ Bailey	13	SP Hauville	6/9
LJ Henderson	13	B Reid	12	M Veletta	8/8	DK Lillee AM MBE	3/5
K Harvey	14	AJ Fahey	14	DJ Wates	8/8	JB Gannon	7/7
PC Silinger	12	TF Percy QC	14	V Guthrie	3/4	PJ Collins	7/7

## CRICKET AUSTRALIA



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



# WACA Board

as at 30 June 2016

## Chairman & Vice President



JB (Sam) Gannon  
(until 23 Sep 2015)



Dr LJ (Lachlan) Henderson  
(Vice President from  
23 Sep 2015 and Chairman  
from 13 Oct 2015)

## President



DK (Dennis) Liliee AM MBE  
(until 1 Sep 2015)



Hon Dr KC (Ken) Michael AC  
(from 1 Nov 2015)

## Deputy Chairman



Dr LJ (Lachlan) Henderson  
(until 23 Sep 2015)



KM (Kade) Harvey  
(from 13 Oct 2015)

## WA Premier Council (Inc.) Representatives



M (Mark) Calverley



B (Brendan) Reid

## Members' Representatives



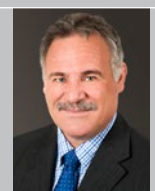
KM (Kade) Harvey



TF (Thomas) Percy QC



PJ (Paul) Collins  
(until 23 Sep 2015)



M (Michael) Veletta  
(from 23 Sep 2015)



DJ (Darren) Wates  
(from 23 Sep 2015)

## Statewide Game Development Committee Representatives



PC (Peter) Silinger



AJ (Avril) Fahey

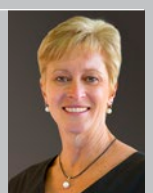
## Members appointed by the Board



DJ (David) Bailey  
(from 2 Jun 2015)



SP (Stephen) Hauville  
(until 30 Nov 2015)



Dr V (Vanessa) Guthrie  
(from 1 Mar 2016)

# Honour Board

## PRESIDENTS

1885-86 - 1896-97	JCH James	1915-16 - 1916-17	WJ Farley	1963-64 - 1979-80	CR Bunning CBE
1897-98 - 1898-99	J Gardiner	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

## CHAIRPERSONS 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	Dr LJ Henderson
1904-05	K Bolton	1931-38	SHD Rowe	1988-89	LM Sawle		
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	Ms M Tannock
		1928-29 to 1947-48	CH Guy		
		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	IJ Brayshaw MBE	2005	KL Jones
1905	WJ Farley*	1972	FJ Bryant OAM*	1985	RJ Inverarity MBE	2007	BM Julian
1912	J Rushton*	1977	Hon Sir Lawrence Jackson KCMG*	1985	GAR Lock*	2007	L Pavy
1917	RG Heath*	1977	MJL MacGill*	1985	RW Marsh MBE	2007	TJ Zoehrer
1918	Hon J Gardiner, MLA*	1977	DC McKenzie*	1985	DK Lillee AM MBE	2008	J Angel
1930	H Gregory, MHR*	1977	JEV Murdoch*	1985	BF Prindiville AO CMG*	2008	CAC Fear
1937	L Ryan*	1977	AD Drew*	1988	JT Irvine*	2008	Ms C Towers
1947	F Boan*	1978	RC Mattiske*	1989	HG Bevan*	2009	R Edwards
1948	CH Guy*	1978	HWH Rigg	1991	PB Rakich AM	2009	BM Laird
1951	Hon GW Miles*	1979	RE Ballantine*	1993	DH Foster OAM	2009	AL Mann
1956	RJ Bryant OAM*	1979	EJ Dowling*	1995	TJ Perrott AM Cit WA*	2009	G Havercroft
1956	AC Randell*	1979	GH Dunstan OBE*	1996	FD O'Driscoll	2010	WM Clark
1963	His Excellency Lt-General Sir Charles Gairdner KCMG KCVO KBE CB then Governor of Western Australia*	1980	RW Abbot MBE*	1996	NL Ballard	2010	PJ McConnell
		1982	AR Edwards OAM	1998	KJ Hughes	2010	BA Reid
		1983	LM Sawle AM	1998	GR Marsh	2010	WP Reynolds
		1983	W Scott*	1998	GM Wood	2011	CD Matthews
		1985	DK Carmody*	1999	TM Alderman	2012	AC Gilchrist AM
		1985	CW Puckett*	2001	KH MacLeay	2012	JL Langer AM
		1985	CW Langdon*	2002	WM Bryant	2013	KN Slater
		1985	KD Meuleman*	2002	WJ Edwards	2014	R Evans
		1985	BK Shepherd OAM*	2004	TM Moody	2014	Ms Z Goss
		1985	GD McKenzie	2004	MRJ Veletta	2015	DR Martyn
				2004	B Yardley	2015	Dr Karen Read

Creating a sustainable future...



Artist impression of Perth Stadium.



# VISION 2030

## A BLUEPRINT FOR OUR FUTURE

The WACA has set the stage for an exciting future for cricket in Western Australia. Through Vision 2030, the WACA will ensure cricket, the nation's number one participation sport, continues to grow.

Vision 2030 is the result of thorough and detailed investigations of WACA Ground development options carried out by a sub-committee of the WACA Board. The resulting Vision 2030 report outlined a blueprint for the game in WA that will see more cricket for spectators, more player and game development facilities, and more benefits for WACA Members.

The future WACA Ground, along with the new 60,000 seat Perth Stadium, will create an impressive world-class

sporting precinct that capitalises on the future growth of both cricket and other sports.

The Future Development Strategy Committee (FDSC) was formed in August 2014 to advise options for viable facilities to underpin cricket's future in Western Australia. Headed by independent Chairman Michael Smith, the committee completed its review in August 2015 and reported to the Board on development options for the WACA Ground prior to being disbanded in September 2015.

The 14-month process included detailed financial modelling completed by top-tier accounting firm EY, WACA Ground life of asset assessments and detailed architectural studies. The FDSC also completed in-depth market research and extensive consultation with the WACA's Members and Board, state and federal government, Cricket Australia, patrons and other sporting codes and stakeholders.

The final Vision 2030 report provided the Board with a number of options for consideration, of which 3B was selected as the most suitable future direction for the WACA. This option included developing the WACA Ground into a modern boutique stadium, which will remain the home of cricket in WA and share matches with Perth Stadium.

### VISION 2030 WILL SEE:

- The WACA Ground become a 15,000 permanent capacity boutique stadium
- Proposed new stands and significantly more shade among the range of upgrades to be provided to spectators
- New dedicated player facilities and high performance training facilities to play a fundamental role in the future development of cricket
- Test Matches shared between the WACA Ground and Perth Stadium
- Flexibility for co-location of the West Australian Football Commission at the WACA Ground
- Vision 2030 supported by Cricket Australia potentially resulting in more premium cricket content for Western Australia

### WACA GROUND DEVELOPMENT

The iconic WACA Ground will remain the home of cricket in WA, with plans for it to be developed into a world-class facility for Members and to support players and emerging talent.

As a 15,000 permanent capacity boutique stadium, the WACA Ground will preserve the traditions of cricket in WA, while catering for the modern expectations of spectators with improved facilities, new stands, seating and significant shade.

The high performance centre will build on Western Australia's reputation for elite development of the game of cricket, and be a complementary asset to the emerging sporting precinct at the eastern end of Perth's CBD. The development will include new elite sporting infrastructure for players and officials, which will work collaboratively with the high performance centre and its facilities.

Upgraded facilities for players include ICC standard player and official areas, a new state-of-the-art player's lounge and new dedicated team warm-up areas. New medical and physiotherapy areas will allow for improved match day experiences, and dedicated player facilities would see configurable changing rooms and private access for players and officials.

Potential sources of funding for the development include:

- WACA Philanthropy Fund
- Cricket Australia
- City of Perth
- Federal Government
- WA State Government
- proceeds from sale of surplus land (subject to WACA Member approval).

## ENRICHING WACA MEMBERSHIP

The WACA is committed to improving the Members' experience, and there will be significant benefits for Members with the WACA Ground development and opening of Perth Stadium.

WACA Members will have access to both venues and to more and better games of cricket more frequently. There will be no additional cost for standard Membership, apart from normal annual reviews, and Members will have the opportunity to select from tiered packages with more features and benefits if desired.

To ensure exceptional viewing, a Members area of seating will be located on the northern side of the Perth Stadium behind the wicket. A high standard of dining facilities, restaurants, bars and general amenities and facilities will also be available at both stadiums for WACA Members.

## DROP-IN WICKET TRIAL

A drop-in wicket prototype was developed to guide construction of the cricket pitches for Perth Stadium. Construction on the joint state government-WACA-Cricket Australia project began in September and was installed in the centre of Gloucester Park using the same wicket trays that will be used at Perth Stadium.

Teams comprised of WACA Academy and Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors players took part in five days of testing, each consisting of two 90-minute sessions and an overall bowling load of 90 overs a day, designed to capture the wicket's performance in conditions replicating those experienced in Test Match cricket.

Data was obtained and monitored through player feedback, the expertise of Hawk-Eye, and a Nuclear Bulk Density Gauge. The project also engaged the assistance of Adelaide Oval Head Curator Damian Hough to provide an independent assessment of the process to date, from construction to testing.

The results of the February trial were extremely positive and the WACA is confident that given time the drop-in pitch at Perth Stadium will provide a similar surface to that at the WACA Ground.

## GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The WACA Board undertook a review of the Association's governance framework and practices with a view to becoming fit-for-purpose for the future of the WACA and its Members. This resulted in the adoption of a new Governance charter in September 2015 and a broader review of the Constitution.

Key areas for consideration as part of the Governance Review include the WACA becoming a venue hirer and venue operator, having a greater focus on membership growth and stakeholder management, and restructuring to allow a successful transition.

To ensure the WACA's Members and other relevant stakeholders have an opportunity to provide input into the proposed changes, a number of engagement opportunities were held including a survey and open forums.

It is anticipated that WACA Members will vote on the final proposed Constitution in March 2017.

## POTENTIAL CO-LOCATION WITH WAFC

The WACA and West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) signed a memorandum of understanding to investigate the potential development of shared training and administration facilities at the WACA Ground in March.

The discussions, facilitated by independent chair Michael Smith, are focused on creating a true partnership between football and cricket at the WACA Ground. The discussions will cover key areas of interest to both codes, such as security of tenure and occupancy; access throughout the year; shared services; preservation and promotion of the history of both sports; and the ability to host major sporting events of each code.



Nicole Bolton in action on her Australia Test debut.

## WA'S PRODUCTION LINE **LEADING TO HIGHER HONOURS**

“On the surface it was a tough season for WA, but we’ve had nine West Australians who’ve played for Australia since June, which is an unbelievable effort, and we’ve got a couple of guys banging on the door,” Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors Coach Justin Langer said, reflecting on the 2015-16 season.

With three Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury players donning the green and gold during the season, including home-grown Test debutant Nicole Bolton, it’s clear to see that despite the lack of silverware on the domestic scene, having a dozen national representatives in one season is a fair achievement.

There were a number major milestones during the season, from Adam Voges and Shaun Marsh’s record-breaking 449-run partnership to Bolton’s Test debut in the Women’s Ashes, Mitchell Johnson’s retirement and the international debuts of three home-grown players.

Johnson memorably concluded his international career at the WACA Ground in front of family and friends in November, finishing with 311 Test wickets to be fourth on Australia’s all-time list.

Having played nine Tests before moving from Queensland to WA, Johnson finished as the state’s second most prolific bowler behind Dennis Lillee, taking 279 Test wickets during his time at the WACA.

Johnson, who also retired as WA’s most successful One-Day International bowler with 180 scalps, took two wickets on the final day of the Test against New Zealand to prompt hopes of a fairy tale finish, but it wouldn’t happen as the game ended a draw.

“It’s been an incredible ride,” Johnson said at the time. “But the ride has to come to an end at some point and to do so here at the WACA is very special.”

### **MOST TEST WICKETS BY A WA PLAYER**

1	Lillee DK	355
2	Johnson MG	279
3	McKenzie GD	246
4	Alderman TM	170
5	Yardley B	126

### **HIGHEST TEST SCORES BY A WA PLAYER**

1	Voges AC	269* v West Indies, Hobart 2015-16
2	Langer JL	250 v England, MCG 2002-03
3	Langer JL	223 v India, SCG 1999-00
4	Langer JL	215 v New Zealand, Adelaide Oval 2004-05
5	Hughes KJ	213 v India, Adelaide Oval 1980-81

Voges and Marsh went on to grab their own slice of history against the West Indies in Hobart, putting together the sixth biggest partnership in Test history, passing Sir Donald Bradman and Bill Ponsford’s mark for the record Australian fourth wicket partnership. When their stand ended on

449 runs, with Marsh dismissed for 182, it went down as the best-ever fourth wicket partnership in Test history. They ended three runs short of the biggest partnership in Australian Test history.

The records didn't stop there, with Voges ending up on 269\* to claim a new highest score by a WA player in Test cricket, surpassing his current state coach Justin Langer's mark of 250 during the 2002-03 Ashes at the MCG.

Voges' remarkable Test rise continued over the summer, to the point where his average exceeded Bradman's famous 99.94 mark during a run of 614 runs without being dismissed - a new world record surpassing Sachin Tendulkar. That unbeaten streak was ended when he was dismissed for 239 against New Zealand too, ushering in the in-jest nickname 'Sir Don'.

"The boys had a bit of fun taking the mickey out of me in the change rooms," Voges said. "It's been an amazing year. I still sit down at times and just reflect on what's happened. It's amazing what some hard work, runs, confidence and opportunity can do. Hopefully there's a bit more left."

Mitch Marsh was WA's most capped international player during the 2015-16 season, representing Australia 37 times across all three formats. His bowling was a highlight, taking 24 wickets in 11 Tests, but his emergence as a batsman in One-Day Internationals was a major boost for his confidence, marked by his maiden century for Australia against India at the SCG and his Player of the Match performance in the final in the West Indies Tri-Series.

Injuries curtailed Nathan Coulter-Nile's progress, coming close to a Test call-up before an untimely shoulder problem. He was ever-present during the 2016 ICC World Twenty20 in India though, where Australia failed to make the semi-finals.

If Coulter-Nile had have made his Test debut, it would have been fitting amid a year full of international breakthroughs for WA cricketers.

Joel Paris, Andrew Tye and Cameron Bancroft all made their full Australia debuts, while Ashton Agar made his ODI and T20I debuts and Fury skipper Bolton made her Test debut.

Paris, who has been earmarked as a player

of the future, memorably made his ODI debut against India in January at the WACA Ground and was presented with his cap by WA great Bruce Reid.

A few weeks later, Tye was left gobsmacked after receiving his maiden international call-up at the age of 29, making his T20I debut against India at the MCG before being part of the World T20 squad.

Bancroft made his international debut after being selected in Australia's Test squad for the tour of Bangladesh in October, which was postponed due to safety concerns. In late January, the 2015-16 Laurie Sawle Medallist debuted as a wicketkeeper-batsman in a T20I against India at the SCG.

The international highlight for WA's female players was Perth-born-and-bred batswoman Bolton's long-awaited Test debut in Canterbury in August last year, where she made 36 and 25 in the Women's Ashes.

Australia won the Test and the Women's Ashes for the first time on English soil since 2001, with Fury pair Elyse Villani and Jess Cameron playing their part.

Villani played all seven Women's Ashes matches, as well as all six of the Southern Stars' games at the 2016 Women's World T20, including scoring two half-centuries, where Australia finished as runners-up.

There was home-grown talent breaking through the Shooting Stars, with Heather Graham and Megan Banting part of a tour of Sri Lanka in March and April, suggesting they're not far off becoming WA's next international debutants.

It's clear the future is bright with WA's next crop of talent.

Mitch Marsh, Adam Voges and Shaun Marsh celebrate the Test series win over New Zealand.





Michael Hogan (centre, without cap) celebrates a wicket with his Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors team-mates.

## WA FAREWELLS **HISTORY- MAKING TRIO**

Western Australian great, Tom Moody, was the man who gave Michael Hogan his shot at Sheffield Shield cricket with the Warriors in 2009 out of the blue. As fate would have it, he was also the player the retiring Hogan overtook in his final game in the baggy black to become the state's eighth all-time leading wicket-taker in Shield cricket.

Hogan was one of the three long-serving stalwarts who bid farewell to WA cricket at the end of the 2015-16 season, alongside retiring female duo Jenny Wallace and Nicky Shaw.

There's plenty of symmetry among the trio, who were all born outside of Western Australia and moved to Perth in their twenties. They will all also go down in WA cricket's history books for their own achievements.

For Hogan, it seemed after years of toiling away in Newcastle with Merewether and one season in Sydney grade cricket with Northern District that he'd never get the chance at state cricket. But out of the blue on a Friday afternoon, shortly before a break in his native Newcastle, Hogan got a call from then-WA coach Moody inviting him west for a trial.

"I jumped on a plane the next day," Hogan recalls. "Within the space of four days I'd signed my first state contract. It happened so quick that I didn't really have time to get nervous."

He debuted for WA as a 28-year-old and quickly made his mark among the squad, both on and off the field, winning the Laurie Sawle Medal and Excalibur Award - for the player who best upholds the Warriors spirit - in just his second season.

Hogan became a loved member of the WA squad, with his relaxed style, free spirit and willingness to mentor the younger generation of Warriors. His value was obvious and resilience rare among fast bowlers, ensuring he "made more comebacks than John Farnham" as he puts it, amid talk of retirement and the lure of county cricket with Glamorgan.

Hogan finished his WA career eighth on the list for the most wickets in Sheffield Shield history, with 221 scalps in 60 games at an average of 27.35.

The tireless workhorse may have been a star with the ball, but he also fondly holds the Sheffield Shield record for most runs as a number 11 batsman with 604 runs. He also holds the WA record with Ashton Agar for the state's best-ever tenth wicket partnership, worth 94 runs against Queensland in the 2012-13 season.

### **MOST SHEFFIELD SHIELD WICKETS FOR WA**

1	Angel J	419
2	Alderman TM	384
3	Lillee DK	323
4	Lock GAE	302
5	Julian BP	292
6	McKenzie GD	232
7	Macleay KH	229
<b>8</b>	<b>Hogan MG</b>	<b>221</b>
9	Moody TM	220
10	Magoffin SJ	190

Wallace moved west when offered a dual role as the Alcohol. Think Again Western Fury's wicketkeeper-batswoman and within the WACA's Game Development department in 2007.

"Belinda Clark put my name forward for the role," Wallace recalls. "I got the job and decided to move here for two years and haven't left."

"It was about opportunity because I was behind Leonie Coleman, the Australian wicketkeeper, in New South Wales. It was a good career change."

Wallace, who claimed the Zöe Goss Medal in the same year Hogan won the Laurie Sawle Medal, went on to play 144 games for the Fury and Scorchers in the Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) and Women's Domestic T20 competition, sitting second behind Avril Fahey (156) in the state's record books.

The popular veteran says her best season was in 2012-13, when she won the WT20 Player of the Year award as the Fury reached their first finals series in 13 years, playing her part with 315 runs and an ever-enthusiastic presence behind the stumps.

"That year we made the WT20 Final, which was hosted at the WACA, and the build-up to that was brilliant," Wallace says. "We were sitting at the airport waiting on other results to find out if we'd make the final but we had to take off, so there was suspense on the flight. When we landed, we found out we were in and there were some big celebrations at the airport."

The wicketkeeper-batswoman hangs up the gloves with the state record for most runs in Women's Domestic T20, with 1523 runs, and also sits sixth on WA's all-time WNCL scoring list with 1425 runs.

## MOST WOMEN'S DOMESTIC APPEARANCES FOR WA

1	Fahey A	156
2	<b>Wallace J</b>	<b>144</b>
3	Chappell R	120
4	Bolton N	119
5	Gray A	110

After a decorated career with England, which included winning the Player of the Match award in the 2009 Women's World Cup final with long-time friend Wallace in the crowd that day at North Sydney Oval,

Right: Jenny Wallace  
Below: Nicky Shaw (centre, without cap) celebrates a wicket with her Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury team-mates.

Shaw opted to move to Australia in 2010. With the option of a few cities, Shaw was swayed by Perth's sunshine and lifestyle, plus some convincing words from Wallace.

"Nic and I go way back," Wallace recalls. "I lived with her when I played in England, so when she moved to Perth she stayed with me."

Shaw debuted for the Fury in 2011 and made a significant impact as a popular member of the squad, often the centre of attention, who brought international experience and mentorship. The former Women's World Cup winner also played her part in the ground-breaking 2012-13 campaign as the leader of the Fury attack.

The Englishwoman retires as WA's equal leading wicket-taker in Women's Domestic T20, with 43 dismissals for the Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury and Perth Scorchers in the new Rebel Women's Big Bash League.

The right-arm fast bowler made 91 appearances for the Fury and Scorchers, taking 76 wickets across both formats at an average of 28.82, and finishes sixth on WA's all-time WNCL wicket-takers' list with 33 dismissals.

"It was brilliant to play with a great mate," Wallace reflects. "To have a good friend, who you'd never thought you'd play alongside due to nationality, turn up and play you in your home state was awesome. We have a love-hate relationship on the field, we'd yell at each other but then laugh with each other afterwards."

## MOST WOMEN'S DOMESTIC T20 WICKETS FOR WA

1	<b>Shaw N</b>	<b>43</b>
1	Triscari G	43
2	Chappell R	39
3	Burns K	30
4	King E	28





# WBBL DRIVING GROWTH IN FEMALE CRICKET

The 2015-16 season was a watershed 12 months for women's cricket in Australia. The introduction of the Women's Big Bash League, bonanza TV ratings, a significant pay rise for elite and state female cricketers, plus growing female participation numbers, gave the game a significant boost.

The inaugural WBBL was a big driver behind the growth. The competition's appeal was on display as it out-rated the A-League on TV during the December-January window, with average national audiences of over 231,000 per game on Network Ten.

A total of 10 games were televised, with the semi-finals added to the broadcast list mid-season given the impressive ratings. Following the success, Ten will ramp up its WBBL coverage next season, opening the season with a Sydney-based weekend carnival live on TV with back-to-back double-headers.

Female interest in cricket was also evident among supporters at KFC Big Bash League games during the 2015-16 summer, particularly at #TheFurnace. Forty-five per cent of attendees at Scorchers home games were female in BBL|05, and there were more than four times as many female first-time elite cricket attendees compared to males.

The WBBL has provided young girls with relevant role models and has shown that cricket is becoming a gender neutral sport, with participation levels continuing to grow.

Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland said: "Girls and women are playing cricket in record numbers and participation growth last summer was fuelled by the incredibly successful launch of the Women's Big Bash League."

In Western Australia alone during the 2015-16 season, female participation in cricket grew by more than 20 per cent, with the numbers rising from 40,914 to 51,379.

Junior participation provides the vast majority of the growth numbers through school programs, such as the Extended Skills Programs (34,945 participants) and the popular MILO T20 Blast School Cup (11,826 participants), which bodes well for the future.

These numbers prove that the work being undertaken by the WACA's Market Development Manager Mark Sanders and his team is gaining traction.

"The appetite for cricket in schools has never been stronger, and our School Ambassadors recognise cricket offers a great format and opportunity for girls to commence their sporting journey," Mark said.

A great example came in December, when WA's John Forrest Secondary College won the Year 7/8 Girls' MILO T20 Blast School Cup at the MCG. Add to this a Year 5/6 girls side from Hocking Primary School that had the chance to participate on the hallowed turf, and you can see the opportunities are endless.

WACA CEO Christina Matthews, who played 20 Tests and 47 One-Day Internationals for Australia from 1984 to 1995, said opportunities had never been better for girls in cricket.

"The experience of a young girl coming through the system is vastly different to when I was rising through the ranks," Matthews said.

"In my youth I always played against boys and adult women, but nowadays there's dedicated competitions for girls to play against other girls which makes the experience much less intimidating.

"There's now the attraction of one day playing for your favourite club in the Women's Big Bash League on live television, and there's also the ever-improving financial incentives for elite female cricketers who are now the best paid of all women's team sports in our country."

One of the latest initiatives is Cricket Australia's new \$4 million investment in female cricket, including the Growing Cricket for Girls Fund. The fund will help make competitions targeted at girls aged 11 to 18, such as the Perth Scorchers Girls League, sustainable.

WACA Community Engagement Manager Roy McNamara-Smith said: "The funding is recognition of the work states are doing linking girls community cricket to the WBBL.

"We are leveraging the increased exposure and profile the women's game is getting through the WBBL. Girls are seeing their role models on primetime TV and this gives us something to promote to juniors. We want to align that pathway so young girls see a clear future in cricket."

Last season, there were 28 girls teams across the three Perth Scorchers Girls League divisions in the metropolitan area, including Under-13s, Under-15s and Under-18s. With the availability of the new fund, which clubs, secondary schools and associations can apply for, it is hoped that figure will grow.

"A year ago there were no Under-13 teams in Perth. In 2015-16 there were six teams, and we expect that to increase rapidly with the assistance of the Growing Cricket for Girls Fund," McNamara-Smith said.

The WACA is unique in the work being undertaken in the women's cricket sphere and it is the only state with two dedicated full-time positions working on female participation. The WACA has a Female Game Development Co-ordinator and a Female Competitions Officer who drive girls participation across the association's programs.

While it is only the beginning of a new era for women's cricket, the early signs are positive buoyed by the unprecedented success of the WBBL.



Jenny Wallace, Katie Hartshorn and Nicole Bolton embrace during the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League.



# LAURIE SAWLE **MEDAL NIGHT**

Opening batsman Cameron Bancroft and state captain Nicole Bolton were awarded WA cricket's most prestigious honours at the WACA's 2016 Laurie Sawle Medal Night.

About 400 people were on hand to pay tribute to the Laurie Sawle and Zöe Goss medallists at Crown Perth's Astral Ballroom. The awards reflect the outstanding seasons from both players, whose performances demanded the attention of national selectors.

Bancroft was ready to make his Test debut, having been selected for Australia's Tour of Bangladesh, before the campaign was postponed due to security concerns.

The 23-year-old finished the Matador BBQs One Day Cup in the competition's top five run scorers, including a punishing high score of 176 against South Australia. Bancroft then continued his coming-of-age in the senior ranks to lead WA's run makers in the Sheffield Shield, tallying 732 at an average of 45.75.

The collection of the Zöe Goss Medal by Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury opening counterpart, Nicole Bolton, came off the back of a dominating 50-over WNCL campaign and ground-breaking inaugural Rebel WBBL season.

The 27-year-old's sparkling one-day form also had her collect the Alcohol.Think Again WNCL Player of the Year, having climbed to second in the WNCL's top run scorers with 383 at an average of 63.83.

The captain chimed in with five wickets and six catches to bolster her case for higher honours, later representing Australia in six One Day Internationals.

In the media-voted Gold Cup count, which recognises the best performing WA cricket product across all levels and forms of the game, Warriors captain Adam Voges was named the unanimous winner.

Voges received a long-overdue Test debut in June against the West Indies and repaid selectors with 130 not out in his first outing. The 36-year-old went on to notch a remarkable 1337 runs across his 15 Tests at an imposing average of 95.50 and five centuries.

Yorkshire's David Willey collected the coveted Simon Katich Medal as the Scorchers' KFC Big Bash League Player of the Year. Willey proved another masterstroke signing by Perth, with the 26-year-old all-rounder sat just outside the competition's top ten wicket-takers with ten at an average of 25.50 and economy of 7.28, while proving invaluable in his ability to bludgeon quick runs.

Katherine Brunt claimed the club's inaugural WBBL Player of the Year award for an imposing competition debut.

The 30-year-old sat just outside the competition's top ten wicket-takers, with 16 from her 14 matches and heralded her arrival with 4-17 in the season opener against Brisbane Heat.

Retiring workhorse Michael Hogan was rewarded for another Sheffield Shield season of consistency with the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors Domestic Four Day Player of the Year award. Hogan ended his seventh First Class season third on the wicket-takers list, with 37 from his nine matches.

Shaun Marsh collected the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors Domestic One Day Player of the Year for his compelling showing at the Matador BBQs One Day Cup. Marsh amassed 390 runs across his six innings, including two centuries, to finish as the competition's second-highest run scorer.

The final player awards went to Joel Paris and Katie Hartshorn, who were named this year's Male and Female Rising Star winners.

The night also featured the induction of Geoff Marsh and Graeme Wood to the Gallery of Greats, in recognition of their contributions to WA cricket. The Gallery of Greats is considered the highest honour that the WACA can bestow on any individual, with 26 past and present contributors to WA cricket having now been inducted since the initiative's inception in 2005.

The inaugural Ken Casellas Award, which recognises outstanding performance in the WA cricket media, was awarded to *The West Australian's* current Chief Cricket Writer and Casellas' successor, John Townsend. The award was named in recognition of Casellas' contribution to WA cricket over a period of almost three decades as the Chief Cricket Writer for *The West Australian*.

## AWARD WINNERS

### **Laurie Sawle Medal**

Cameron Bancroft

### **Zöe Goss Medal**

Nicole Bolton

### **Gold Cup**

Adam Voges

### **Simon Katich Medal**

David Willey

### **WBBL Scorchers**

### **Player of the Year**

Katherine Brunt

### **Alcohol.Think Again Western**

### **Warriors Domestic One Day**

### **Player of the Year**

Shaun Marsh

### **Alcohol.Think Again Western**

### **Warriors Domestic Four Day**

### **Player of the Year**

Michael Hogan

### **Alcohol.Think Again Western**

### **Fury WNCL Player of the Year**

Nicole Bolton

### **Male Rising Star**

Joel Paris

### **Female Rising Star**

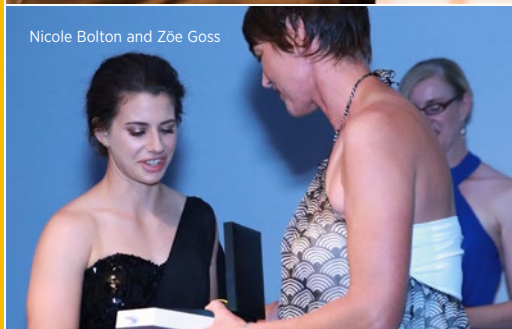
Katie Hartshorn

### **Gallery of Greats Inductees**

Graeme Wood & Geoff Marsh



Laurie Sawle and Cameron Bancroft



Nicole Bolton and Zöe Goss



Adam Voges and Christina Matthews



Geoff Marsh and Graeme Wood

# Cricket - A sport for all Western Australians



Shaun Marsh and Adam Voges embrace during their record 449-run Test partnership against the West Indies.

# 2015-16 WA Australian Representatives

ASHTON AGAR	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	ODI	2	1	-	5	5	5.00	33.33	-	-	2
	T20	2	1	-	9	9	9.00	112.50	-	-	3
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	
	ODI	11	-	57	2	1/12	28.50	5.18	33.00	-	
CAMERON BANCROFT	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	T20	1	1	1	0	0*	-	-	-	-	1
	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	1	2	-	61	36	30.50	35.26	-	-	-
	ODI	8	8	-	216	77	27.00	62.79	-	1	1
JESS CAMERON	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	ODI	1	1	-	23	23	23.00	104.55	-	-	-
	T20	6	5	3	79	21*	39.50	100.00	-	-	-
	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	ODI	6	4	2	16	15	8.00	88.89	-	-	2
NATHAN COULTER-NILE	T20	7	3	-	10	9	3.33	83.33	-	-	5
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	
	ODI	48.2	4	253	11	3/13	23.00	5.25	26.29	-	
	T20	28	-	221	7	3/29	31.57	7.89	24.00	-	
	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
MITCHELL JOHNSON	Test	7	10	-	172	77	17.20	59.72	-	1	3
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	
	Test	214.1	42	864	22	3/21	39.27	4.04	58.39	-	
	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	11	15	3	175	27*	14.58	48.61	-	-	4
MITCHELL MARSH	ODI	20	18	5	573	102*	44.08	96.95	1	3	11
	T20	6	6	2	84	35	21.00	121.74	-	-	-
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	
	Test	183.1	36	699	24	4/61	29.13	3.82	45.78	1	
	ODI	124	3	688	22	4/27	31.27	5.55	33.82	1	
SHAUN MARSH	T20	7	-	66	2	1/17	33.00	9.43	21.00	-	
	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	3	5	-	235	182	47.00	58.02	1	-	-
	ODI	4	4	-	145	71	36.25	81.01	-	2	2
	T20	2	2	-	32	23	16.00	91.43	-	-	-
JOEL PARIS	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	ODI	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	
	ODI	16	-	93	1	1/40	93.00	5.81	96.00	-	
	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
ANDREW TYE	T20	3	2	1	4	4	4.00	100.00	-	-	-
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	
	T20	11.2	-	119	2	1/28	59.50	10.63	33.60	-	
	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	1	2	-	33	33	16.50	47.83	-	-	-
ELYSE VILLANI	ODI	3	3	-	67	35	22.33	60.91	-	-	-
	T20	15	15	-	333	80	22.20	111.74	-	3	8
	Batting	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50	Ct
	Test	13	19	6	1170	269*	90.00	82.74	3	3	10
	Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg	Econ	SR	4	
ADAM VOGES	Test	1	-	3	-	-	-	3.00	-	-	

\* Statistics for period 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016



David Moody and Michael Klinger  
celebrate a wicket.



Will Bosisto and Cameron Bancroft walk on to the WACA Ground for the Sheffield Shield.



## ALCOHOL.THINK AGAIN **WESTERN WARRIORS**

It has been a long time since Western Australia won a Sheffield Shield. And whilst we have come close over the last three years, the truth is we haven't rejoiced in the spoils of this ultimate prize for nearly two decades.



This fact burns us and acts as a major motivator for everyone at the WACA.

At the Laurie Sawle Medal Night, Western Australian cricket legend Geoff Marsh spoke eloquently about the greatest memories of his esteemed career. His main highlights revolved around winning Sheffield Shields for Western Australia and he articulated beautifully what those milestones meant to him, his team mates, their families and the supporters. The way he delivered his message during an emotional speech helped fuel the fire for our future focus going forward.

Reflecting on last season, we have been issued a major challenge over the next few years.

We are in an interesting phase of our development and we are going to have to be greedy, selfless and determined if we are going to achieve our aims of being the leader in Australian cricket and developing great cricketers and great people.

In a sense, we are now searching for the next evolution for our high performance program. On the surface our goals might seem obvious, but from my vantage point, the way

we mesh our desired outcomes into one is going to be tricky and exciting.

Before this season we had enjoyed the spoils of consistent performance. Western Australian cricket had won a couple of limited overs (50-over and T20) trophies and we had played in the last two Sheffield Shield finals.

This season we fell short in both of our major Warriors tournaments, but as a result of our past success we had the outstanding accolade of having nine Western Australian players selected for Australia.

It is here that our challenge evolves.

Being greedy, we must not settle on one goal or the other, which is high player representation or trophies in the cabinet, rather we must aspire to achieve both. Imagine a season where we have our favourite sons playing in Australian colours, while we still lift trophies that we can display proudly in our WACA cabinets.

It is dreams like this that get me out of bed in the morning, and I know this motivation is held by the players and support staff who work tirelessly to attain these lofty ambitions.

With increased numbers of our players moving up the ranks, we must diligently manage our squads while keeping an eye on our future by running a strong academy and under-age programs. To enjoy sustained and full success, our depth is going to be crucial and I am hopeful our strategy of backing in our home-grown Western Australian talent, particularly our young local bowlers, is going to pay dividends into the future.

Distinguishing between what gives me the most satisfaction as the coach is difficult. Much as I have loved winning trophies, nothing gave me more pleasure this year than Adam Voges' selection and incredible run of form. Our brilliant Warriors captain is not only a fantastic player, as has been witnessed globally this year, but also an extremely sincere person. Voges' story is an inspirational one in terms of perseverance and determination, and we are all so proud of his achievements.

The development of Mitchell Marsh has been heartening as he rises to become a permanent member of all Australian teams, and Shaun's consistent, and at times mind-blowing, performances for Australia and Western Australia are a credit to his resilience and talent.

Mitchell Johnson's retirement after a stellar international career must be mentioned. A magnificent athlete and all-round good guy, Mitch will be missed in Australian and occasional black and gold colours. We wish him well in the future and know he won't be a stranger around the WACA.

Following in Mitch's footsteps, and working hard to make their way in international cricket, are Cameron Bancroft, Ashton Agar, Joel Paris and AJ Tye. Having made their respective debuts this season, they all deserve the spoils because of their work ethics and various talents. We look forward to watching them blossom for many years to come.

Sometimes losing your star players can affect your overall performances, and this is true in any sport. Through injury, or in our case international selection, we will be stretched when our best players are absent. That said, we must embrace this and work out strategies and methods to ensure we can enjoy the double whammy of success.

Ultimately, we are judged by how many trophies we win and how many players we have in the Australian teams. The upside for me is that our squad boasts a group of players who all have the ability to help us achieve both. Players like Michael Klinger, Jason Behrendorff, Simon Mackin, Sam Whiteman, Hilton Cartwright, Ashton Turner, Will Bosisto, David Moody and Nathan Rimmington are all present and future stars. Add to this our rookie list and we have an exciting squad moving forward.

As the Head Coach, I am well aware of the extraordinary support we have from our CEO Christina Matthews, and our newly formed Board, and we are determined to repay their backing with a double dose of success.

Not one for predicting the future, I can re-iterate my promise that everyone at the WACA is working hard and thinking strategically and creatively to deliver entertaining and successful cricket. As a team we fell a little short last season, but we are still buoyed by the positive stories and memories that were created through the summer.

We have room for improvement, of that there is no doubt, but I am confident we have the people in place to light up the WACA Ground next season.

See you then.

JL



Mitchell Johnson (centre, without cap) and the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors celebrate a wicket during the Matador Cup.

## SHEFFIELD SHIELD RESULTS

**TAS v WA** - Blundstone Arena - 28 - 31 Oct 2015 (D/N)  
WA 8/432 dec (Klinger 202\*) & 4/136 dec (Klinger 50\*) def Tas 189 (Mackin 3/30) & 217 (M. Marsh 3/30)

**SA v WA** - Adelaide Oval - 6 - 9 Nov 2015  
WA 211 (Whiteman 45) & 295 (Bancroft 111) def by SA 191 (Behrendorff 4/55) & 9/317 (Hogan 3/58)

**VIC v WA** - MCG - 14 - 17 Nov 2015  
Vic 7/423 dec (Moody 4/106) & 7/238 dec (Tye 3/58) drew with WA 272 (Klinger 70) & 8/282 (Bosisto 108)

**WA v VIC** - WACA Ground - 27 - 30 Nov 2015  
Vic 322 (Paris 4/68) & 7/322 dec (Paris 2/52) def WA 186 (Bosisto 33) & 102 (Bancroft 16)

**WA v TAS** - WACA Ground - 6 - 9 Dec 2015  
Tas 261 (Hogan 4/48) & 205 (Paris 6/23) def by WA 415 (Agar 106) & 1/52 (Bancroft 32\*)

**NSW v WA** - Bert Sutcliffe Oval - 3 - 6 Feb 2016  
NSW 402 (Moody 3/91) & 5/155 (Paris 4/37) drew with WA 491 (Voges 149)

**WA v NSW** - WACA Ground - 14 - 17 Feb 2016 (D/N)  
NSW 316 (Paris 4/61) & 5/303 (Cartwright 1/16) drew with WA 8/511 dec (Bancroft 144)

**WA v QLD** - WACA Ground - 25 - 28 Feb 2016  
WA 6/436 dec (Bancroft 171) & 5/291 dec (S. Marsh 109) def Qld 8/446 dec (Hogan 3/56) & 257 (Paris 4/78)

**WA v SA** - WACA Ground - 5 - 8 Mar 2016  
WA 311 (Cartwright 139) & 192 (Voges 89) def by SA 230 (Hogan 4/49) & 9/275 (Paris 5/87)

**QLD v WA** - Gabba - 15 - 18 Mar 2016  
Qld 147 (Hogan 4/29) & 227 (Hogan 4/58) def by WA 380 (Cartwright 92)

## MATADOR BBQS ONE-DAY CUP RESULTS

**WA v SA** - Hurstville Oval - 5 Oct 2015  
WA 4/350 (Bancroft 176) def by SA 4/354 (46.3) (Paris 3/63)

**NSW v WA** - Blacktown International Sportspark - 10 Oct 2015  
NSW 5/264 (M. Marsh 3/36) def WA 189 (Klinger 51)

**WA v VIC** - Blacktown International Sportspark - 12 Oct 2015  
Vic 8/225 (M. Marsh 2/33, Agar 2/33) def WA 189 (Bancroft 64)

**WA v CA XI** - North Sydney Oval - 15 Oct 2015  
WA 5/347 (S. Marsh 186) def CA XI 101 (Tye 4/35)

**WA v TAS** - Drummoyne Oval - 17 Oct 2015  
Tas 9/222 (Paris 3/24) def WA 8/207 (S. Marsh 68)

**WA v QLD** - Drummoyne Oval - 21 Oct 2015  
WA 9/240 (Voges 81) def Qld 201 (Johnson 5/31)



Jason Behrendorff (without cap) and Marcus Harris (helmet) embrace as the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors celebrate a wicket during the Sheffield Shield.

## SHEFFIELD SHIELD STATISTICS



	Mat	W	L	D	NR	BP	Points
South Australia	10	5	5	-	-	19.63	49.63
Victoria (W)	10	5	3	2	-	17.13	49.13
New South Wales	10	5	2	3	-	14.57	47.57
Queensland	10	5	5	-	-	16.66	46.66
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>44.00</b>
Tasmania	10	2	8	-	-	17.19	27.19

## BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
CT Bancroft	10	17	1	732	171	45.75	1732	42.26	3	-	-	94	3
M Klinger	10	16	3	617	202*	47.46	1114	55.38	2	3	1	75	8
SE Marsh	6	11	-	516	109	46.90	953	54.14	1	4	1	60	6
HWR Cartwright	6	9	3	409	139	68.16	685	59.70	1	2	-	58	4
AC Voges	4	6	-	397	149	66.16	887	44.75	1	3	-	46	-
SM Whiteman	9	12	2	377	93	37.70	655	57.55	-	2	-	54	1
AC Agar	7	10	-	361	106	36.10	663	54.44	2	1	1	49	4
MS Harris	6	10	-	274	120	27.40	534	51.31	1	1	1	43	-
AJ Turner	5	7	-	228	96	32.57	386	59.06	-	1	-	35	-
WG Bosisto	6	10	-	214	108	21.40	612	34.96	1	-	2	20	-
J Nicholas	2	3	1	120	68*	60.00	187	64.17	-	1	-	14	3
MG Hogan	9	12	8	99	21	24.75	107	92.52	-	-	1	13	3
JS Paris	6	7	1	98	31	16.33	271	36.16	-	-	1	11	-
NJ Rimmington	3	4	-	89	48	22.25	188	47.34	-	-	-	12	-
MR Marsh	1	2	1	51	50*	51.00	72	70.83	-	1	-	5	2
JW Wells	2	4	1	51	18*	17.00	98	52.04	-	-	-	8	-
DJM Moody	6	6	-	46	22	7.66	184	25.00	-	-	-	3	-
TM Beaton	3	6	-	45	14	7.50	113	39.82	-	-	-	4	1
JA Richardson	1	1	-	22	22	22.00	34	64.70	-	-	-	3	-
SP Mackin	3	3	1	15	11*	7.50	37	40.54	-	-	-	2	-
MG Johnson	1	1	-	14	14	14.00	14	100.00	-	-	-	1	-
JP Behrendorff	2	2	-	14	13	7.00	100	14.00	-	-	-	1	-
AJ Tye	2	3	-	9	8	3.00	31	29.03	-	-	1	1	-

## BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Avg	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
MG Hogan	9	18	342.5	112	912	37	4/29	8/87	24.64	2.66	55.50	-	-	6	-
JS Paris	6	11	212.3	50	685	35	6/23	8/116	19.57	3.22	36.40	2	-	4	-
DJM Moody	6	12	209	31	836	18	4/104	5/182	46.44	4.00	69.60	-	-	2	-
SP Mackin	3	6	96.4	34	197	11	3/30	4/46	17.90	2.03	52.70	-	-	2	-
JP Behrendorff	2	4	79	23	200	9	4/55	5/139	22.22	2.53	52.60	-	-	-	-
AC Agar	7	14	220	49	692	9	2/63	2/100	76.88	3.14	146.60	-	-	2	-
HWR Cartwright	6	11	71.5	12	222	8	3/61	4/93	27.75	3.09	53.80	-	-	-	-
AJ Tye	2	4	69.5	10	289	8	3/58	6/159	36.12	4.13	52.30	-	-	-	-
J Nicholas	2	4	27.3	4	140	6	2/17	4/57	23.33	5.09	27.50	-	-	2	-
MR Marsh	1	2	33	15	61	5	3/30	5/61	12.20	1.84	39.60	-	-	-	-
MG Johnson	1	2	40	11	100	5	3/68	5/100	20.00	2.50	48.00	-	-	-	-
WG Bosisto	6	12	89	18	260	5	1/15	2/52	52.00	2.92	106.80	-	-	3	-
NJ Rimmington	3	6	77	18	284	5	3/53	3/88	56.80	3.68	92.40	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	1	2	27	6	93	4	3/25	4/93	23.25	3.44	40.50	-	-	1	-
AJ Turner	5	7	48.3	13	132	3	2/23	2/30	44.00	2.72	97.00	-	-	5	-
AC Voges	4	6	22	8	49	2	1/9	1/11	24.50	2.22	66.00	-	-	5	-
NM Coulter-Nile	1	1	23	9	68	1	1/68	1/68	68.00	2.95	138.00	-	-	-	-
CT Bancroft	10	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	18	1
SE Marsh	6	1	3	-	17	-	-	-	-	5.66	-	-	-	9	-
TM Beaton	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
MS Harris	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
M Klinger	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
JW Wells	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SM Whiteman	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-

## MATADOR ONE-DAY CUP STATISTICS



	Mat	W	L	T	NR	NRR	BP	Points
New South Wales (W)	6	5	1	-	-	2.249	6	26
Victoria	6	4	2	-	-	0.827	2	18
South Australia	6	4	2	-	-	-0.431	1	17
Tasmania	6	3	3	-	-	0.381	2	14
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.463</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>
Queensland	6	2	4	-	-	-0.676	0	8
Cricket Australia XI	6	1	5	-	-	-2.896	0	4

## BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
SE Marsh	6	6	-	390	186	65.00	444	87.83	2	1	-	47	10
CT Bancroft	6	6	-	335	176	55.83	414	80.91	1	1	1	27	9
M Klinger	6	6	-	214	64	35.66	289	74.04	-	2	-	19	3
AC Voges	6	6	1	131	81	26.20	184	71.19	-	1	-	6	1
MR Marsh	6	6	1	119	46	23.80	130	91.53	-	-	1	6	4
AC Agar	6	5	1	102	33	25.50	80	127.50	-	-	-	3	8
SM Whiteman	6	5	1	62	45	15.50	80	77.50	-	-	1	3	1
JS Paris	6	3	2	35	16*	35.00	52	67.30	-	-	-	3	-
NM Coulter-Nile	3	3	1	21	11*	10.50	13	161.53	-	-	1	3	1
AJ Turner	1	1	-	14	14	14.00	16	87.50	-	-	-	-	1
AJ Tye	6	4	1	12	8*	4.00	17	70.58	-	-	1	-	-
JP Behrendorff	4	2	1	11	11*	11.00	13	84.61	-	-	1	2	-
MG Johnson	2	2	1	10	8*	10.00	16	62.50	-	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	1	1	-	4	4	4.00	4	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
SP Mackin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AJ Tye	6	6	51	2	274	11	4/35	24.90	5.37	27.80	1	-	2	-
JS Paris	6	6	46	6	224	10	3/24	22.40	4.86	27.60	-	-	1	-
MG Johnson	2	2	18	2	72	7	5/31	10.28	4.00	15.40	-	1	-	-
AC Agar	6	6	51	1	270	6	3/8	45.00	5.29	51.00	-	-	4	-
MR Marsh	6	5	29	-	144	5	3/36	28.80	4.96	34.80	-	-	-	-
AC Voges	6	2	13	1	36	4	3/20	9.00	2.76	19.50	-	-	6	-
NM Coulter-Nile	3	3	23	-	98	1	1/20	98.00	4.26	138.00	-	-	1	-
JP Behrendorff	4	4	24	4	121	1	1/19	121.00	5.04	144.00	-	-	-	-
AJ Turner	1	1	5	-	24	-	-	-	4.80	-	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	1	1	6	-	34	-	-	-	5.66	-	-	-	1	-
SP Mackin	1	1	5	-	43	-	-	-	8.60	-	-	-	-	-
CT Bancroft	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
M Klinger	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SE Marsh	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
SM Whiteman	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1



Adam Voges plays a shot through the off-side at #TheFurnace



Andrew Tye (without cap) high fives Perth Scorchers team-mates after a wicket.



# PERTH SCORCHERS

BBL|05

The sight of Adam Gilchrist making a speech on the stage of this year's TV Week Logie Awards tells a tale of just how far the KFC Big Bash League has progressed since its inception five years ago.



Gilly is not only a legend, but he is also the proud number one ticket holder of the Perth Scorchers, making his presence on the Logie's stage even more memorable.

Who would have thought back in season one that the BBL would now boast an incredible national per game average of 1.1 million viewers for the summer? Putting this in context, the BBL trumped the major football codes in terms of viewership and also enjoyed a 6,000 person increase in terms of match-by-match attendances around the country. Overall, these numbers provide evidence to the growing phenomena which is the BBL.

From the Scorchers point of view, it is no wonder everyone seems to love what we have going on. We were the first BBL club to have a sell-out regular season, selling out all four home matches. We achieved a club record home crowd at #TheFurnace of 20,870 against the Melbourne Stars and reached a club season record of 81,092 attendees, with 20,273 on average per game. We have over 350,000 Facebook followers, great sponsor support, with particular mention of our Principal Partners Homeloans and REIWA.com, and in BBL|05 we reached more than 5,000 Scorchers

Members. As the Head Coach I am proud of these figures, as are all of the stakeholders here at the Western Australian Cricket Association.

A cricket purist myself, I love T20 cricket and I specifically enjoy the BBL competition. Not only is it an intensely competitive series to work within, but it is a cricket lover's dream having the opportunity to watch a game of cricket on free-to-air TV every day of summer, barring Christmas Day of course.

Among the glitz and glamour of it all lays an incredibly tough tournament, which tests the skills and nerve of everyone involved. Looking back, it is an extraordinary achievement by the Perth Scorchers to have played in the first four BBL finals. To then win the last two consecutively is an even more inspiring result. T20 cricket is unpredictable enough in itself, a game where the result can be won or lost in one big over, and yet the Perth Scorchers have been able to overcome the challenges of the game and still find a method of winning the big games consistently.

In many ways this season wasn't much different. Our consistency was good, but we fell at the final two hurdles. Leading into the last game of the season we were on top of the table and looking to host the BBL semi-final at #TheFurnace.

Unfortunately a disaster (in cricket terms of the word) occurred and we were outplayed by the Melbourne Stars at home. Pinpointing what went wrong in that game isn't easy, but I do know it made our quest for a Hawthorn-style three-peat a lot harder than it could have been.

Did we take the game a little too easy? If that was the case, we made a big mistake in T20 cricket against a talented Stars team. Did we try too hard and put ourselves under too much pressure to secure the home final? Again, if that was the case then we need to learn from that for next time. Maybe we were just beaten by a better team, not once but twice at the business end of the season.

This last theory I don't necessarily abide by, but I do like the fact that there are plenty of lessons to be learnt from missing out. Just as we have taken ingredients from our recipe of success over the previous four campaigns, we will learn from this less successful season to ensure the Scorchers continue to be a dominant team into the future.

Throughout this campaign we enjoyed many magical moments. The stunning partnerships between Michael Klinger and Shaun Marsh against the Renegades, and the equally inspiring effort by Cameron Bancroft and Ashton Agar in Sydney against the eventual champions the Thunder, were match-winning and brilliant to watch.

AJ Tye once again held his nerves in the 'death' overs, and his reputation under pressure earned him a debut in the Australian T20 team for the ICC World T20. His story is inspirational and a great example to all our aspiring cricket stars.

The emergence of David Willey as our newly signed overseas player was extremely positive, to the point where he was awarded the Simon Katich Medal for the most outstanding Scorchers player of the summer. We loved David's competitive spirit and he fit in to the group tremendously well both on and off the field. We look forward to welcoming him back next summer along with another English import, Ian Bell.

Speaking of English imports, Michael Carberry is voted as one of the best people I have met in my time in cricket. While he didn't have a huge impact on the field this summer, he certainly left a mark on the group. We have been blessed with the overseas players we have had over the years and it is no surprise that we have taken into consideration their character and the impact they will have on the team. This philosophy won't change while I am at the helm of the Scorchers.

Evergreen and iconic Scorchers, Bradley George Hogg, was again at his lovable best. The impact he had on the Scorchers, with or without the cricket ball in his hand, was simply awesome and was a great way to end his time with us. We wish him all the best for his future.

This spirit was also exemplified by Jason Behrendorff who played against the odds this summer. Battling a back injury, Jason showed steely resolve to get us into a semi-final and for this he earned respect amongst his peers. Fully fit, he is another one of our boys who will be knocking on the door for international selection.

If I was to pinpoint one reason why we didn't win BBL|05 I would say that this season, unlike the last couple, we weren't able to access our most senior players during the time of the finals. Nathan Coulter-Nile, Sam Whiteman and Mitchell Marsh were absent due to international selection and injury, and at the end of the day these omissions have an influence.

Throughout the series we played strong and consistent cricket, but this year we fell over just before the finish line. Hopefully we made our Members and supporters proud and provided enough entertainment to bring them back next year, which won't be a problem when you look at the trends.

We are already looking forward to the first game at #TheFurnace next season.

JL



Brad Hogg (centre, without cap) leads the celebrations after a Scorchers wicket in BBL|05

## KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE RESULTS

### Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

#TheFurnace - 21 Dec 2015

PS 6/151 (S. Marsh 47) def by AS 6/152 (19.1) (Willey 2/24)

### Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

#TheFurnace - 26 Dec 2015

BH 7/117 (Tye 3/23) def by PS 1/118 (15.1) (Klinger 53\*)

### Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Etihad Stadium - 30 Dec 2015

MR 4/170 (Behrendorff 2/14) def by PS 0/171 (18.4) (Klinger 90\*)

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

#TheFurnace - 2 Jan 2016

SS 8/112 (Willey 3/22) def by PS 1/114 (14.3) (S. Marsh 63\*)

### Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Adelaide Oval - 5 Jan 2016

AS 2/174 (Agar 1/12) def PS 138 (Willey 31)

### Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Spotless Stadium - 7 Jan 2016

PS 5/175 (Bancroft 72) def ST 9/145 (Tye 3/22)

### Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

Blundstone Arena - 10 Jan 2016

PS 5/173 (Carberry 62) def HH 6/172 (Agar 2/38)

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

#TheFurnace - 16 Jan 2016

MS 9/146 (Dixon 3/32) def PS 94 (Voges 46\*)

### Semi-Final: Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

MCG - 22 Jan 2016

PS 7/139 (Voges 52) def by MS 3/140 (18.1) (Hogg 1/20)



Joel Paris, Ashton Agar and Michael Carberry embrace after Agar's amazing catch against the Adelaide Strikers.

Ashton Agar

## KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS



	Mat	W	L	NR	Points	NRR
Adelaide Strikers	8	7	1	0	14	0.544
Melbourne Stars	8	5	3	0	10	0.366
<b>Perth Scorchers</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.181</b>
Sydney Thunder (W)	8	4	4	0	8	0.375
Melbourne Renegades	8	3	5	0	6	-0.04
Brisbane Heat	8	3	5	0	6	-0.204
Hobart Hurricanes	8	3	5	0	6	-0.955
Sydney Sixers	8	2	6	0	4	-0.33

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
M Klinger	9	9	2	285	90*	40.71	233	122.31	-	2	2	26	6
SE Marsh	5	5	2	218	76*	72.66	170	128.23	-	2	-	18	10
AC Voges	4	4	2	145	52	72.50	126	115.07	-	1	-	12	1
CT Bancroft	9	6	2	137	72	34.25	107	128.03	-	1	-	6	4
AC Agar	8	6	1	124	68	24.80	97	127.83	-	1	1	10	5
MA Carberry	5	4	-	87	62	21.75	68	127.94	-	1	-	12	1
MS Harris	7	6	1	69	36	13.80	60	115.00	-	-	-	9	2
DJ Willey	9	6	2	62	31	15.50	39	158.97	-	-	1	3	4
AJ Turner	7	3	1	31	19	15.50	24	129.16	-	-	-	2	1
NM Coulter-Nile	1	1	1	18	18*	-	8	225.00	-	-	-	-	2
JS Paris	7	2	1	14	13	14.00	17	82.35	-	-	-	1	-
AJ Tye	9	3	-	10	10	3.33	17	58.82	-	-	2	-	1
JA Richardson	1	1	-	5	5	5.00	9	55.55	-	-	-	-	-
MW Dixon	1	1	-	4	4	4.00	6	66.66	-	-	-	1	-
GB Hogg	9	2	-	3	3	1.50	7	42.85	-	-	1	-	-
MR Marsh	1	1	-	1	1	1.00	2	50.00	-	-	-	-	-
JP Behrendorff	7	1	1	1	1*	-	1	100.00	-	-	-	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AJ Tye	9	9	33.1	-	234	13	3/22	18.00	7.05	15.30	-	-	1	-
JP Behrendorff	7	7	28	-	196	10	3/26	19.60	7.00	16.80	-	-	2	-
DJ Willey	9	9	35	1	255	10	3/22	25.50	7.28	21.00	-	-	3	-
GB Hogg	9	9	34	-	239	6	2/25	39.83	7.02	34.00	-	-	-	-
JS Paris	7	7	25.1	-	209	5	2/39	41.80	8.30	30.20	-	-	5	-
AC Agar	8	4	9	-	69	3	2/38	23.00	7.66	18.00	-	-	6	-
MW Dixon	1	1	4	-	32	3	3/32	10.66	8.00	8.00	-	-	-	-
AJ Turner	7	2	2	-	7	1	1/2	7.00	3.50	12.00	-	-	1	-
NM Coulter-Nile	1	1	3	-	18	1	1/18	18.00	6.00	18.00	-	-	-	-
MR Marsh	1	1	2	-	16	-	-	-	8.00	-	-	-	1	-
JA Richardson	1	1	2	-	22	-	-	-	11.00	-	-	-	2	-
CT Bancroft	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2
MA Carberry	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
MS Harris	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
M Klinger	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
SE Marsh	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
AC Voges	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-



Jason Behrendorff



Gemma Triscari, Megan Banting, Nicole Bolton, Emma King and Katie Hartshorn celebrate a wicket for the Alcohol Think Again Western Fury.



Nicole Bolton (centre, without cap) leads the celebrations with Emma King in the WNCL.



## ALCOHOL.THINK AGAIN **WESTERN FURY**

Following an off-season recruitment spree of three Australian internationals, expectations were high for the Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury in the twentieth season of the Women's National Cricket League.

Former Tasmania wicketkeeper, Mark Atkinson, took over as coach of the side and the team welcomed back Southern Stars batswoman, Nicole Bolton, to resume her role as captain.

Heading west with Bolton were VicSpirit batting duo Jess Cameron and Elyse Villani, making the side one of the Fury's strongest in its history.

International recruits Suzie Bates and Charlotte Edwards weren't available for 2015-16, with the format changed upon the introduction of the inaugural Women's Big Bash League. The new format meant each of the states would play three rounds of fixtures, with three sides getting together in a city to play each other twice. The new format condensed the 50-over season to become a two-month tournament, which presented the side with new challenges.

The Fury's campaign began with a serious test at home against last season's two grand finalists, New South Wales Breakers and the South Australia Scorpions.

It was an almost perfect start for Atkinson, with the Fury coming heartbreakingly close to ending a seven-year drought against NSW with the Breakers scoring the winning runs off the penultimate ball.

Bolton scored a century on her return, while veteran Nicky Shaw claimed four wickets in a Player of the Match display.

It came down to the wire, with NSW needing four runs off the final two balls with one wicket in hand, but Breakers tail-ender Lauren Smith found the boundary to deny the Fury.

Two days later, the Scorpions - who would go on to win the WNCL - set the Fury a target of 247 to win, but the hosts battled in reply to lose by 90 runs, with Bolton a lone hand with 71.

A fortnight later, the Fury suffered a tight two-wicket defeat to the ACT Meteors in Melbourne, which all but ended the side's finals hopes. The highlight of the game was blossoming all-rounder Heather Graham's display with three wickets, a run out and 42 with the bat.

Coming up against their former state, Bolton and Villani put on the second-best partnership in WNCL history to lead the Fury to a 16-run win over the VicSpirit at Junction Oval.

Bolton (128) and Villani (142) fell just four runs short of a record stand during their 267-run opening partnership, which set up the triumph. Graham also took three wickets, with some ice-cool bowling at the death signalling her arrival.

The Fury went into the final round of fixtures needing two wins, bonus points and results elsewhere to go their way to make the final.

The side defeated the Tasmanian Roar by seven runs at Adelaide's Park 10, with Jess Cameron (51) top scoring and Bhavisha Devchand taking three wickets, but the result wasn't enough to keep their final hopes alive.

Playing for pride, the Fury fell to an 18-run loss to the Queensland Fire in the final game despite good efforts from Bolton (3/40), Villani (79) and Graham (52no).

The Fury ended the season in a disappointing sixth spot. There were positives to come from the season, with Bolton and Villani later selected in Australian squads and the emergence of young spinner Katie Hartshorn and bright point Graham.

Sadly, stalwarts Jenny Wallace and Shaw announced their retirements at the conclusion of the season after years of service to the Fury.

Wicketkeeper-batswoman Wallace holds the record of most dismissals for WA in the WNCL, with 80 (53 catches and 27 stumpings) and sits fifth on WA's all-time WNCL scoring list with 1425 runs.

Fast bowler Shaw finished sixth on WA's all-time wicket-takers list for the WNCL with 33 dismissals.

With the Fury's new Head Coach Lisa Keightly now on board, 2016-17 is set to be another exciting season.

## WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE RESULTS

### Western Fury v NSW Breakers

WACA Ground - 9 Oct 2015

Fury 5/219 (Bolton 104) def by Breakers 9/220 (49.5) (Shaw 4/29)

### Western Fury v SA Scorpions

WACA Ground - 11 Oct 2015

Scorpions 246 (Triscari 3/36) def Fury 156 (Bolton 71)

### Western Fury v ACT Meteors

Camberwell Sports Ground - 31 Oct 2015

Fury 161 (Bolton 44) def by Meteors 8/166 (44.2) (Graham 3/28)

### VicSpirit v Western Fury

Junction Oval - 1 Nov 2015

Fury 2/301 (Villani 142) def Spirit 7/285 (Graham 3/41)

### Western Fury v Tasmanian Roar

Park 10 - 21 Nov 2015

Fury 9/192 (J. Cameron 51) def Roar 185 (Devchand 3/56)

### Queensland Fire v Western Fury

Park 10 - 22 Nov 2015

Fire 9/242 (Bolton 3/40) def Fury 9/224 (Villani 79)



Megan Banting, Bhavi Devchand, Nicole Bolton and Chloe Piparo celebrate a wicket for the Alcohol.Think Again Western Fury.

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## WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE STATISTICS



	Mat	W	L	NR	NRR	Pts
NSW Breakers	6	5	1	-	1.437	24
SA Scorpions (W)	6	5	1	-	0.499	21
Queensland Fire	6	3	3	-	-0.018	14
ACT Meteors	6	3	3	-	-0.169	13
VicSpirit	6	3	3	-	-0.17	13
<b>Western Fury</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0.423</b>	<b>8</b>
Tasmanian Roar	6	-	6	-	-1.085	0

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
NE Bolton	6	6	-	383	128	63.83	484	79.13	2	1	-	40	-
EJ Villani	6	6	-	284	142	47.33	367	77.38	1	1	1	28	-
H Graham	4	3	1	127	52*	63.50	155	81.93	-	1	-	11	-
JE Cameron	6	6	1	118	51	23.60	168	70.23	-	1	-	11	-
C Piparo	6	6	1	88	32	17.60	154	57.14	-	-	-	11	-
M Banting	6	5	1	45	20	11.25	117	38.46	-	-	-	3	-
NJ Shaw	6	4	-	32	15	8.00	60	53.33	-	-	1	3	-
EL King	6	5	2	30	10*	10.00	41	73.17	-	-	1	2	-
E Biss	4	2	-	28	27	14.00	42	66.66	-	-	-	4	1
P Cleary	1	1	-	17	17	17.00	20	85.00	-	-	-	2	-
JCL Wallace	4	3	-	14	13	4.66	40	35.00	-	-	1	1	-
GL Triscari	4	2	1	10	6	10.00	22	45.45	-	-	-	-	-
BM Devchand	3	3	-	3	2	1.00	6	50.00	-	-	1	-	-
KJ Hartshorn	6	3	3	3	2*	-	26	11.53	-	-	-	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
NJ Shaw	6	6	51	5	201	10	4/29	20.10	3.94	30.60	1	-	6	-
H Graham	4	4	36	-	145	9	3/28	16.11	4.02	24.00	-	-	4	-
EL King	6	6	56	4	252	7	2/33	36.00	4.50	48.00	-	-	-	-
KJ Hartshorn	6	5	42	3	193	6	2/24	32.16	4.59	42.00	-	-	-	-
NE Bolton	6	4	16.2	-	95	5	3/40	19.00	5.81	19.60	-	-	6	-
GL Triscari	4	4	29.1	3	123	4	3/36	30.75	4.21	43.70	-	-	-	-
BM Devchand	3	2	16	-	91	3	3/56	30.33	5.68	32.00	-	-	-	-
E Biss	4	4	33.5	2	144	2	2/40	72.00	4.25	101.50	-	-	1	-
EJ Villani	6	2	6	-	32	1	1/24	32.00	5.33	36.00	-	-	6	-
P Cleary	1	1	4	-	35	-	-	-	8.75	-	-	-	-	-
M Banting	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
JE Cameron	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
C Piparo	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
JCL Wallace	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-



Katherine Brunt (without cap) and Nicky Shaw hug following a wicket in the Scorchers' inaugural WBBL game.



Katie Hartshorn, Chloe Piparo, Deandra Dottin, Nicky Shaw and Nicole Bolton run on to the Adelaide Oval in the WBBL.

**PERTH  
SCORCHERS**

# PERTH SCORCHERS

WBBL|01

WBBL|01 had moments of brilliance, as well as a few lows, but overall everyone involved felt very privileged to be part of the inaugural competition.



The 2015-16 season was a very exciting time with the introduction of the inaugural Rebel Women's Big Bash League, which put female cricket on the domestic platform alongside men's cricket. We would all agree that it showcased what fantastic players we have here in Perth, throughout Australia and abroad.

WBBL|01 had moments of brilliance, as well as a few lows, but overall everyone involved felt very privileged to be part of the inaugural competition.

The Perth Scorchers line up had a few changes from the Women's National Cricket League squad, with the inclusion of three overseas players. Suzie Bates (New Zealand) and Charlotte Edwards (England) returned for another season, and we gained Katherine Brunt, the fiery English opening bowler, to lead the attack.

Taking a blend of experienced international performers and an exciting group of Western Australian players, we went into the WBBL|01 with excitement. Every player made valuable contributions through the first two rounds, and we were sitting with four wins from six games. Highlights

were Katie Hartshorn's 4/23 against the Hurricanes, Nicole Bolton taking the first hat-trick of the WBBL, and Nicky Shaw pulling off one of the catches of the competition.

Going into the next stage of the competition, we said goodbye to Suzie during the Christmas and New Year period to play in her domestic competition in New Zealand, and welcomed the talented Deandra Dottin (West Indies) as her replacement.

The next stage of the competition was grueling, with five games in seven days, a flight to Adelaide, and playing every game in 40 degree heat. Throughout this time Edwards showed her class and managed 265 runs, but unfortunately we came away with only one win and a playing group that was frustrated due to playing some inconsistent cricket.

As a result, we needed to win our last two games and hoped the results would go our way. The positive was that we now had two weeks to recover from the gruelling schedule.

After a short break and time to reflect on the competition, we worked hard on refining our game plans and continued working on executing our skills. After that, we felt we were ready to play our must-win games against the Melbourne Renegades.

With the players knowing what was required, the bowling group restricted the Renegades score. Elyse Villani played a crucial innings when the team needed it and had a great partnership with Bates, and the Scorchers got the runs with four overs to spare.

With one round to go, we spent the morning on the edge of our seats watching the two games very closely. We needed Sydney Thunder or Melbourne Stars to drop a game for us to have something to play for in the afternoon against the Renegades. Thunder won their game and Stars lost in the final over, which meant a win would put us through to the semi-finals.

Brunt and Shaw stepped up with early wickets, Hartshorn and Heather Graham continued to apply pressure and picked up wickets throughout the innings, and we restricted them to 108. Villani and Edwards had a perfect start with an opening partnership of 98 and once again we got the runs in 15 overs.

Come semi-finals time, we headed to Adelaide to play Sydney Thunder. This was exciting, as it gave our squad the opportunity to play under pressure and provided invaluable experience to the number of younger players who were in unfamiliar waters.

The pleasing thing to watch was how the bowling unit continued on from the last few games and executed bowling plans. Brunt, Shaw and Bates again showed their experience, and it was then time to see if Graham and Hartshorn could continue to apply pressure that the international bowlers had created. The pair thrived and bowled their best spells of the competition, and the Scorchers walked off the field needing 119 runs with the bat.

We all knew that the power play was important and Villani started brilliantly with 23 runs off 10 balls. But we all know T20 can change quickly.

A great piece of fielding changed the momentum of the game and Villani was run out. Then another two wickets fell in short succession and the Thunder managed to dry-up the runs and build the pressure. Our run rate climbed quickly, however we unfortunately lost consistent wickets and ended up eight runs short.

Our success is not only celebrated by our Members, fans and players, but also our partners. I would like to acknowledge the support of our Principal Partner Healthway and Major Partner Holman.

It was a privilege to work with this group of players and staff during 2015-16 and I have no doubt we will continue to improve. Using the experiences we gained from WBBL|01, we will strive to make the finals in WBBL|02.

**Lisa Keightley**

## **REBEL WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE**

### **Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat**

Aquinas College - 11 Dec 2015

PS 9/106 (Bolton 19) def BH 104 (Brunt 4/17)

### **Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers**

Aquinas College - 12 Dec 2015

SS 81 (Graham 3/19) def by PS 1/82 (13.1) (Edwards 39\*)

### **Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat**

#TheFurnace - 13 Dec 2015

PS 8/119 (Bates 47) def by BH 5/122 (Bates 2/24)

### **Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers**

Blacktown International Sportspark - 19 Dec 2015

HH 6/133 (Bolton 3/24) def PS 7/132 (Bolton 45)

### **Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes**

Blacktown International Sportspark - 19 Dec 2015

HH 8/109 (Hartshorn 4/34) def by PS 6/110 (19) (Bates 42\*)

### **Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers**

SCG - 20 Dec 2015

PS 8/107 (Bates 51) def by SS 5/108 (18.5) (Hartshorn 1/9)

### **Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars**

#TheFurnace - 26 Dec 2015

MS 6/102 (Brunt 2/11) def by PS 4/103 (19.2) (Edwards 61)

### **Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars**

#TheFurnace - 27 Dec 2015

MS 6/127 (Shaw 2/26) def by PS 2/130 (17.1) (Edwards 61)

### **Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder**

#TheFurnace - 27 Dec 2015

ST 3/139 (Brunt 2/20) def PS 117 (Dottin 25)

### **Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder**

#TheFurnace - 28 Dec 2015

PS 3/152 (Edwards 88) def by ST 2/156 (Dottin 1/25)

### **Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers**

Adelaide Oval - 31 Dec 2015

AS 6/135 (Hartshorn 2/20) def PS 100 (Wallace 29)

### **Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers**

Adelaide Oval - 1 Jan 2016

PS 6/136 (Edwards 41\*) def by AS 4/139 (18.3) (Bolton 2/24)

### **Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades**

Adelaide Oval No.2 - 16 Jan 2016

MR 6/130 (Brunt 2/12) def by PS 1/133 (16) (Villani 72)

### **Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers**

Adelaide Oval No.2 - 17 Jan 2016

MR 8/108 (Shaw 3/28) def by PS 1/111 (15.2) (Edwards 63)

### **Semi-Final: Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers**

Adelaide Oval - 21 Jan 2016

ST 6/118 (Graham 2/15) def PS 9/110 (Villani 23)

## WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS



	Mat	W	L	NR	Points	NRR
Sydney Thunder (W)	14	9	5	-	18	0.358
Hobart Hurricanes	14	8	6	-	16	0.19
Sydney Sixers	14	8	6	-	16	-0.074
<b>Perth Scorchers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.166</b>
Melbourne Stars	14	7	7	-	14	0.03
Brisbane Heat	14	7	7	-	14	-0.094
Adelaide Strikers	14	6	8	-	12	-0.131
Melbourne Renegades	14	4	10	-	8	-0.459

## BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
CM Edwards	15	15	4	462	88*	42.00	446	103.58	-	4	-	62	1
EJ Villani	15	15	2	326	72*	25.07	290	112.41	-	2	3	48	2
SW Bates	9	8	3	220	51	44.00	210	104.76	-	1	-	21	1
NE Bolton	15	13	3	182	45	18.20	218	83.48	-	-	-	25	-
KH Brunt	14	11	1	127	41	12.70	145	87.58	-	-	3	13	-
DJS Dottin	6	6	1	75	28	15.00	64	117.18	-	-	1	10	1
C Piparo	15	8	1	72	19	10.28	82	87.80	-	-	2	5	1
H Graham	13	9	1	54	17	6.75	64	84.37	-	-	-	5	-
JCL Wallace	11	6	-	53	29	8.83	61	86.88	-	-	1	6	-
E Biss	12	6	3	40	18	13.33	41	97.56	-	-	-	2	1
M Banting	4	3	2	15	9	15.00	18	83.33	-	-	-	2	-
P Cleary	3	2	-	12	10	6.00	22	54.54	-	-	-	1	-
KJ Hartshorn	14	2	2	5	4*	-	8	62.50	-	-	-	-	-
NJ Shaw	15	4	-	2	2	0.50	9	22.22	-	-	3	-	-
EL King	4	1	1	-	0*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
KH Brunt	14	14	54.3	3	274	16	4/17	17.12	5.02	20.40	1	-	1	-
NJ Shaw	15	15	57	1	320	16	3/28	20.00	5.61	21.30	-	-	4	-
KJ Hartshorn	14	14	46	-	265	13	4/23	20.38	5.76	21.20	1	-	2	-
H Graham	13	11	33.4	-	210	11	3/19	19.09	6.23	18.30	-	-	3	-
SW Bates	9	9	34	1	199	8	3/25	24.87	5.85	25.50	-	-	3	-
NE Bolton	15	7	20	-	137	5	3/24	27.40	6.85	24.00	-	-	2	-
DJS Dottin	6	6	19	-	131	5	2/17	26.20	6.89	22.80	-	-	2	-
E Biss	12	7	17.4	-	121	4	2/14	30.25	6.84	26.50	-	-	1	-
EL King	4	4	8	-	67	1	1/17	67.00	8.37	48.00	-	-	1	-
P Cleary	3	3	5	-	39	-	-	-	7.80	-	-	-	1	-
M Banting	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
CM Edwards	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C Piparo	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
EJ Villani	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
JCL Wallace	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3



Rockingham-Mandurah players and coaches celebrate the side's Premier Cricket Grand Final triumph.

## ALCOHOL.THINK AGAIN **PREMIER** CRICKET

Rockingham-Mandurah won their maiden Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket First Grade Premiership, with victory over Fremantle in the grand final at the WACA Ground.

Sam Whiteman scored an unbeaten century to win the Player of the Match in the rain-affected decider, where the Mariners triumphed by eight wickets.

The Port boys couldn't find the wickets they needed, with Whiteman leading the charge alongside Craig Simmons (53) in a decisive 115-run partnership.

The Mariners also claimed the Kevin Sullivan Silver Cup as minor premiers for the first time, but missed out on the One Day League flag.

Claremont-Nedlands triumphed in the One Day League Grand Final, defeating the Mariners by seven wickets at Fletcher Park.

Big-hitting veteran batsman Travis Birt was outstanding with a knock of 102 from 95 balls, combining with Jacob Whiteaker for a 174-run opening stand.

Joondalup won the Statewide T20 Grand Final over Claremont-Nedlands with a comfortable 32-run victory at the WACA Ground. Opener Garrick Morgan scored a crucial unbeaten 63, while English recruit Anesh Kapel was vital with the ball taking 3/22.

The honours were shared around Premier Cricket, with Willetton narrowly edging out Perth for the Club Championship.

Midland-Guildford's Stewart Walters, who topped the Batting Averages, was the joint winner of the Olly Cooley Medal alongside Rockingham-Mandurah all-rounder Brendon Diamanti.

Willetton added to their Club Championship scoop, with the Second Grade flag, as well as the Under-14's McKenzie Shield and Under-13's Inverarity Shield.

Joondalup claimed the Third Grade flag and Under-17's WADCC Shield, Claremont-Nedlands won Fourth Grade, Rockingham-Mandurah added to a successful season with the Under-15's Watkins Shield and Melville won the Colts League flag.

Midland-Guildford ended Melville's four-year domination of the Female A Grade 50-over competition, winning the grand final at the WACA Ground led by Chloe Piparo's 115\*.

Melville reversed that result in the Female A Grade T20 Grand Final, triumphing over the Swans by 25 runs with Emma Biss' 3/17 proving vital, taking Elyse Villani's wicket with the first ball.

Midland-Guildford batswoman Villani was the winner of the Karen Read Medal after scoring 691 runs across both formats.

The Swans also won the B Grade 40-over flag, with University winning the B Grade T20 title. South City Storm and South Perth won the Under-18 and Under-15 Female competitions respectively.

It was another strong season for the WACA's umpires, led by Todd Rann who won the First Grade Umpire of the Year and Hennie Botes who claimed the Peter McConnell Award.

The Community Newspaper Group provided outstanding media coverage in the 2015-16 season. SportFM 91.3 continued their extensive Saturday coverage led by David Clear and Colin Minson, as well as numerous shows during the week. There was also good support from print and online media, including Sam Pepe's Sunday Times reports and The West Australian.

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

## OLLY COOLEY MEDAL VOTING

1. Stewart Walters (Midland-Guildford), Brendon Diamanti (Rockingham-Mandurah) - 15
2. Thomas Abell (Fremantle), Mark Turner (Melville) - 14
3. Ryan Duffield (Perth), Matthew Johnston (Willetton), Robert Richards (Wanneroo) - 12
4. Dominic Sibley (Midland-Guildford) - 11

## WADCC TEAM OF THE YEAR

James Newnham (Mount Lawley), Tom Abell (Fremantle), Stewart Walters (c) (Midland-Guildford), Luke Towers (Melville), Tim Armstrong (Midland-Guildford), Matt Johnston (Willetton), Calum How (wk) (Subiaco Floreat), Brendon Diamanti (Rockingham-Mandurah), Chris Hansberry (Subiaco Floreat), Ryan Duffield (Perth), Mark Turner (Melville), Alex Penter (University)

### Full list of awards

**Batting Average:** Stewart Walters (Midland-Guildford)  
827 runs at 103.38

**Batting Aggregate:** Jacob Whiteaker  
(Claremont-Nedlands) 861 runs at 53.61

**Bowling Average & Aggregate:** Mark Turner (Melville)  
44 wickets at 12.39

**Male Spirit of Cricket Award:** Bayswater-Morley & Rockingham-Mandurah

**Senior Coach of the Year:** Jason Thompson (Perth)

**Allan Edwards Trophy:** Jake Carder (Fremantle)

**Allan Mackley Award:** Greg Ottiaviano (Midland-Guildford), Tom Smith (Melville), Josh Cameron (Wanneroo)

**Albert Ritchings Medal:** Tony Coulson  
(Rockingham-Mandurah)

**JP Robbins Medal:** Jed Standring (Joondalup), Sam Birchall (South Perth)

**Best 4th Grade Umpire:** James Bell

**Best 3rd Grade Umpire:** Nick Walters

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

**Best 1st Grade Umpire:** Todd Rann

**Peter McConnell Award:** Hennie Botes

**Media Guild Award - Under 17 Player of the Year:**  
Matt Spoors (Wanneroo)

**Media Guild Award - Under 19 Player of the Year:**  
Clint Hinchliffe (Joondalup)

**Media Guild Award - Rising Star Award:**  
Mark Turner (Melville)

**Best Pitch Award:** Stevens Reserve West (Fremantle - Pepi Camponovo)

**Most Improved Pitch Award:** Hillcrest Lower  
(Bayswater-Morley - Graeme Wicks)

**Premier Club Administrator of the Year:**  
Allan McDougall (Perth)

**Danae Corser Player of the Year:**  
Inverarity Shield - Cooper Connolly (Scarborough)  
McKenzie Shield - Stuart Smith (Willetton)  
Watkins Shield - Lochie Hardy (Mount Lawley)  
WADCC Shield - Kiale O'Brien (Melville)

## KAREN READ MEDAL VOTING

1. Elyse Villani (Midland-Guildford) - 18
2. Jenny Wallace (Melville),  
Nicole Bolton (Subiaco Floreat) - 16
3. Alex Rogers (South Perth) - 14

## FEMALE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Elyse Villani (Midland-Guildford), Nicole Bolton (Subiaco Floreat), Chloe Piparo (Midland-Guildford), Caitlin Crocetta (Rockingham-Mandurah), Dayna Kelly (South Perth), Emma Biss (Melville), Meg Thompson (wk) (Melville), Renee Chappell (Melville), Sarah Clear (University), Sheldyn Cooper (Midland-Guildford), Mel Holmes (Midland-Guildford), Cassie Stephens (University)

### Full list of awards

**Female Champion Club:** Melville Cricket Club

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

**A Grade 50 Over Batting Aggregate & Champion**

**Player:** Elyse Villani (Midland-Guildford)

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

**A Grade T20 Batting Aggregate:** Nicole Bolton  
(Subiaco Floreat)

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

**B Grade 40 Over Batting Aggregate:** Caitlin Crocetta  
(Rockingham-Mandurah)

**B Grade 40 Over Bowling Aggregate & Champion**  
**Player:** Sarah Clear (University)

**B Grade T20 Batting Aggregate & Champion Player:**  
Kavita Pepper (University)

**B Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate:** Amanda Ballucci  
(Midland-Guildford)

**U15s Player of the Year:** Kailey Wheatcroft (Melville)

**U18s Player of the Year:** Meg Thompson (Melville)

**U15s Club Competition Champion Player:**  
Molly Healy (South Perth)

**U18s Club Competition Champion Player:**  
Alisha Kozma (Midland-Guildford)

**Female Spirit of Cricket Award:** South Perth Cricket Club  
**Competition Umpire of the Year:** Ashlee Kovalevs





Jhye Richardson and Heather Graham.

# PLAYERS OF THE FUTURE

While Western Australia failed to reach any major finals at under-age National Championships during the 2015-16 season, there was plenty of talent-earning representative honours in a promising sign for the WACA talent development pathway.

Four Western Australians - Kyle Gardiner, Jhye Richardson, Brooke Guest and Clint Hinchliffe - were selected for the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup in Bangladesh, where Australia ultimately decided not to compete due to safety and security concerns.

Joondalup all-rounder Hinchliffe showed his potential when he won the Player of the Series at the Under-19 Nationals in Adelaide, scoring 446 runs at an average of 55.75 and taking 10 wickets with his left-arm wrist spin.

Female duo Megan Banting and Heather Graham were part of the 13-player Shooting Stars squad, which toured Sri Lanka in March for a series of matches against Sri Lankan and English development teams.

## MALE

For the second straight season, WA finished third in the Toyota Futures League with two wins, two draws and two losses.

Plenty of young talent was exposed to a higher level, including left-handed Fremantle opening batsman Jake Carder, who scored the fourth most runs in the Futures League with 440, including a brilliant 182 against Victoria in the opening round.

Carder earned a full Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors contract on the back of his performances, along with

Richardson, who made senior debuts across all three formats in 2015-16, and Bayswater-Morley leg-spinner Liam O'Connor, who were upgraded from rookie contracts for 2016-17.

O'Connor topped the Futures League wickets charts with 28 dismissals in six games, including nine against Queensland in November to press his case for a state debut.

Joondalup wicketkeeper-batsman Josh Inglis also impressed with 329 runs in six games. He's been joined on the Warriors rookie list for 2016-17 by Hinchliffe, Alex Bevilacqua, Cameron Green and Matt Kelly.

At the Under-19s in Adelaide, WA claimed three wins in the group stage, but couldn't get past New South Wales Metropolitan in the quarter-finals, leaving them to fight it out for the minor placings.

Gardiner, Richardson, Guest and Hinchliffe all earned World Cup selection in light of their efforts at the tournament. Memorably, Gardiner claimed a hat-trick against Victoria Metropolitan.

At the Under-17s in Brisbane, WA also won three pool matches, before going down to NSW Metropolitan in the quarters.

Wanneroo batsman Matthew Spoors (327 runs, including two centuries) and Claremont-Nedlands fast bowler Bradley Hope (nine wickets at an average of 20), were named in the Team of the Championships and both competed with the Cricket Australia XI at the Under-19s.

At the National 15 and Under SchoolSport Championships in Brisbane and on the Sunshine Coast, WA enjoyed some success finishing third.

WA skipper and Rockingham-Mandurah all-rounder Damien Burrage, South West product Connor Smith, and Great Southern bowler Jordan Clark, were named in the Team of the Championships.

## FEMALE

At the Under-18 National Championships in Canberra, a youthful WA side endured a tough initiation after finishing in bottom spot and without a win.

There were positives, with WA pushing the strong NSW Metropolitan side early in the tournament, while Meg Thompson (83 runs and seven wickets) and Jessica Emery (nine wickets at an average of 15.11) both impressed.

At the Under-15 National Championships in Hobart, WA finished sixth with two wins.

Mount Barker bowler Georgie Middleton was named in the Team of the Championships after taking seven wickets in eight matches at 15.71, while Melville's Georgie Ireland won the award for most dismissals by a fielder with 12 dismissals.

Canning Vale's Kailey Wheatcroft scored an Under-15 carnival state record total of 185 runs at an average of 26.43 across the tournament in a major positive. The side as a unit also scored an Under-15 carnival state record total of 9-211 from 40 overs in the victory over Tasmania.

## ABORIGINAL

WA's bid for an historic third straight title at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (formerly the Imparja Cup) fell short, with the men finishing third in Alice Springs.

While the state's women's side ended up in fifth, five WA players were named in the National Indigenous 'Black Caps' representative teams on the back of strong displays.

Samara Williams, Kavita Pepper and Emily Bowden were named in the women's Black Caps team, while Bevan Bennell and Josh Bailey were both named in the men's team.

## TOYOTA FUTURES LEAGUE Pts Quotient

1	New South Wales (W)	47.48	2.1138
2	Queensland	34.17	1.2936
3	Western Australia	28.58	1.1144
4	South Australia	27.50	0.8913
5	Tasmania	22.87	0.737
6	Victoria	20.51	0.9706
7	ACT	15.60	0.5351

## U19 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS (POOL B)

1	Victoria Metropolitan	14	0.3344
2	Cricket Australia XI	13	-0.0513
3	Western Australia	12	0.0966
4	Queensland	8	0.253
5	Tasmania	0	-1.2771

QF: NSW Metropolitan def WA

SF: WA def Victoria Metropolitan

Minor Final: WA def Tasmania

## U17 MALE CHAMPIONSHIPS (POOL B)

1	Queensland	16	0.2147
2	Victoria Metropolitan	15	0.9686
3	Cricket Australia XI	15	0.7453
4	Western Australia	13	-0.2999
5	Tasmania	0	-2.1838

QF: NSW Metropolitan def WA

SF: WA def Victoria Country

Minor Final: WA def NT

## U18 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1	Victoria (W)	38	1.8894
2	NSW Metropolitan	34	1.2952
3	ACT/NSW Country	19	1.047
4	South Australia	18	-0.9741
5	Tasmania	15	0.1155
6	Queensland	10	-0.9428
7	Cricket Australia XI	9	-0.5422
8	Western Australia	0	-1.4267

7th place Final: CA XI def WA

## U15 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1	Queensland	40	1.76
2	ACT/NSW Country (W)	39	2.57
3	Victoria	38	1.52
4	NSW Metropolitan	34	1.51
5	South Australia	24	0.97
6	Western Australia	21	0.7
7	Cricket Australia XI	15	0.58
8	Tasmania	11	0.29

5th place Final: SA def WA



WA's National Indigenous Black Caps representatives: Josh Bailey, Em Bowden, Samara Williams, Kavita Pepper and Bevan Bennell.

# Inspiring WA's next generation of players, fans and volunteers





David Willey presents a young T20 Blast player with a Scorchers cap prior to a BBL game at #TheFurnace.

## GAME & MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Cricket has continued to grow in Western Australia, with a more unified approach and better alignment of strategies across the state.

Participation in WA grew 21 per cent in 2015-16, with the state now holding 12.75 per cent of the total participation in Australia and exceeding the percentage of total population.

Junior cricket in the metropolitan area grew 15 per cent, predominantly in the nine to 11-year-old age group, reflecting the popularity of the MILO T20 Blast program. The close alignment with the Perth Scorchers meant the program was a hit with youngsters around the state, with numbers increasing 69 per cent from 2,488 participants in 2014-15 to over 4,000 this season.

Female interest in cricket is at an all-time high, with over 50,000 females now playing across WA. With the majority of the participants in school programs and competitions, and only around 1,000 playing in community clubs, there is a huge opportunity to focus on converting school-aged players into club players.

### CLUB CRICKET

Nearly one-third of clubs in WA have participated in the TOP Club program - designed by the WA Sports Federation and supported by the Department of Sport and Recreation. The program has seen clubs write their own operational plans focussing on all aspects of running a club and, in

particular, the behaviours and values they wish to see exhibited in their club. Over 130 clubs across Western Australia took part in the program in its first year and, together with WACA Volunteer Management Framework, helped committees and volunteers deliver club cricket.

The WACA has partnered with the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program to change the culture within WA's Premier Cricket Clubs and provide them with resources to tackle alcohol-related issues and smoking, in an effort to create a more family-friendly environment. Each of WA's 16 Premier Cricket Clubs has now completed at least one of the three-level accreditation for Good Sports clubs.

### INDOOR CRICKET

Indoor cricket participation increased by 20 per cent in 2015-16 and it is expected these numbers will continue to grow in 2016-17. Junior indoor cricket programs were delivered in the majority of indoor centres around the state, with the first MILO T20 Blast program delivered at Bouncer Sports Centre in Joondalup.

Western Australia went back-to-back in the Australian Under -19 Junior Indoor Championships, with John Keys named as the All Star Coach and Travis Keys named Player of the Series.

Eight WA youngsters travelled to Brisbane to compete at the World Indoor Cricket Federation Junior World Series, representing Australia in the Under 14, 16 and 18 sides.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

The Western Australian Cricket Association Toyota Volunteer Function was held at the One Day International between Australia and India on 5 January 2016, and over 150 volunteers took part in a lap of honour during the lunch break. Selected coaches, MILO in2CRICKET coordinators, and club delegates travelled from as far as Broome and Albany to take part in the day. The winner of the Country Volunteer of the Year for 2015-16 was announced, with Brian Evans from the Upper Great Southern Senior Cricket Association taking home this year's honours.

## **COUNTRY**

The Junior Cricket Program continued to produce outstanding results, with positive growth recorded across the regions in entry level programs and schools. There was significant growth in Pilbara cricket numbers during the year, which was made possible through the continued support and hard work of volunteers and teachers.

MILO In2CRICKET numbers were up 7 per cent and MILO T20 Blast recorded outstanding growth of 56 per cent in overall participation. The TOP Club program saw a total of 55 Regional Cricket Clubs participate in seminars aimed at developing strong club culture.

## **ABORIGINAL**

Aboriginal participation continued to grow across WA, increasing 22 per cent from 2014-15 to 8,216 participants, and the AvonWest program, which is in its tenth year, continued to play a vital role in the region.

Participation in female Aboriginal cricket grew, with WA having now competed at four National Indigenous Cricket Championships. Each year the female team continues to develop and produce quality players, and this year saw three WA players selected in the Women's Australian Black Caps team. WA also had two selected in the men's Black Caps squad. The representatives had the experience of a lifetime when the squad completed a tour of India in May.

## **FEMALE**

There has been a continued rise in the number of females engaging with cricket in Western Australia, with the state reaching a total of 48,441 participants in 2015-16. The launch of the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) and an increase in resources has meant females now have a clear pathway and more opportunities to play cricket both in school and with community clubs. Metropolitan and country areas are

receiving increased interest from girls in the community, which is expected to continue with greater exposure and awareness of female cricket opportunities.

## **MILO T20 BLAST**

The WACA had a landmark season for participation growth in 2015-16, with more young Western Australians now playing cricket. The latest format MILO T20 Blast grew from 2,488 to 4,199 participants and this complemented a huge growth of 15 per cent in the under 10s teams.

Through the Perth Scorchers School Ambassador Program, more than 400 school ambassadors delivered four-week cricket programs to more than 71,000 students. A record 25,600 children took part in the MILO T20 Blast School Cups one day carnivals, which aimed to inspire them to take up cricket. The MILO in2CRICKET program also experienced tremendous growth, with club numbers up by 32 per cent to 4,593.

## **DISABILITY**

There was strong growth in disability cricket during 2015-16, with a 20 per cent increase on the previous season. Highlights included the WACA being awarded a grant by the Disability Service Commission to develop an association for cricketers with a disability, named the Integrated Cricket League (ICL). The ICL will see established community cricket clubs develop teams to compete in the ICL, just as any other grade at their club. In 2015-16, two clubs were involved in the program and conducted games and training. The program will continue to expand in 2016-17, with more clubs getting involved in the lead-up to the National Disability Cricket Championships.

School programs also continued to grow with assistance from the SEDA program. SEDA students underwent Disability Awareness and Inclusion Training and used this knowledge in Special Education Support Centres around Perth, which resulted in increased accessibility of cricket for people with a disability.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The WACA acknowledges the support from a range of volunteers, businesses, individuals and not-for-profits to deliver a range of cricket programs across WA, all of which keeps the game alive and growing.



Attendees at the WACA's Toyota Volunteer Function.

**TOTAL**  
PARTICIPANTS  
**167,582**

21%  
GROWTH

**SCHOOL**  
PARTICIPANTS  
**102,417**

17%  
GROWTH

**CLUB & COMMUNITY**  
PARTICIPANTS  
**41,818**

12%  
GROWTH

**JUNIOR**  
PARTICIPATION  
PATHWAY

**MILO**  
**in2CRICKET**  
PARTICIPANTS  
**4,593**

13%  
GROWTH

**MILO**  
**T20 BLAST**  
PARTICIPANTS  
**4,199**

69%  
GROWTH

## DIVERSITY

**51,904** Female participants **32%**  
GROWTH

**29,061** Multicultural participants **112%**  
GROWTH

**8,535** Aboriginal participants **27%**  
GROWTH

**2,439** Disability participants **126%**  
GROWTH



# MEMBERS & FANS

A number of improvements were made to the Members Enclosure, breakout areas were enhanced for major match days, and a variety of exclusive events were held.

## MEMBER EVENTS

The WACA's exclusive Member events were run both during the season and in the off-season and received overwhelming interest during 2015-16. To tie in with the Ashes series in England, the WACA hosted An Evening with Brad Hogg where he offered humorous insights into his performance throughout the previous season's BBL and IPL campaigns, as well as his experiences with English and Australian Test players.

To launch the season, Members were invited to join the coaches and players of the Alcohol.Think Again Western Warriors and Western Fury and Perth Scorchers teams at Fraser's Kings Park State Reception Centre. Members enjoyed breakfast while hearing about the off-season training regime and which players to watch in 2015-16.

The premier event for the season was the Test Match Breakfast with the Curator, where Members were treated to a strategy session with Australian Head Coach Darren Lehmann. Shield Club Dining continued, with Members treated to a Family Night with board games and a barbecue on the Members Terrace for the India vs. Western Australia XI T20 Matchup in January.

The Langer's Loft all-inclusive food and beverage package sold out for international and Perth Scorchers match days, with a new menu, added shade sails and a range of guest speakers making it the best seat in the house.

For the first time, new Members were invited for a complimentary tour of the WACA Ground before the first fixture of the season between Australia and New Zealand.

Other event highlights during the season included Members being featured in the Perth Scorchers #MADETOUGH campaign, Perth band Plastic Max rocking the Members Terrace at the Boxing Day Perth Scorchers match, and a number of Vision 2030 Member forums on subjects ranging from the Perth Stadium to the WACA's Governance Review.

## MEMBER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Two murals were installed around the Truman Entry at Gate 8, paying tribute to some of the game's greats. As the only Australian father-son trio to ever play Test cricket, and one of only three families world-wide, Geoff Marsh features with sons Shaun and Mitch in celebration of the family's remarkable achievements. On the Lillie Marsh Stand, images of Dennis Lillee and Rod Marsh in their playing days now decorate the south-eastern side.

Adam Voges and Nicole Bolton have been added to the Test Player Walk, which celebrates Western Australian players that have represented Australia in Test cricket.

Renovations to the All Rounder space located at Gate 7 included food and beverage facilities, shade umbrellas and picnic tables, and landscaping around the grassed area. This meant Members were able to grab a lawn chair or picnic blanket and take in the game on the new projector television.

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

Rory Anderson, Frank Ashe, Tracy Bock, Julian Burt, Murray Cutbush, Lorraine Day, Sam Gannon, Greg Hanson, Christopher Hanson, Mark Hill, Gregory Makin, Peter McBain, John McMahon, Chris Norman, Bev Norman, Rob O'Connor, Joe O'Dea, Nic Osboine, Tom Perrot, Steven Pola, Craig Serjeant, Keith Sheppard and Peter Thomas.

## MILO T20 BLAST COMMUNITY GRANTS

All WA MILO T20 Blast Centres were encouraged to show their support for the Perth Scorchers by parading their orange in a fun-filled #OrangeNation-themed day. The initiative, which is in its second year, was designed to forge a connection for kids between participation at a junior level and the elite level of the game. Jandakot Lakes Junior Cricket Club, Rockingham MILO T20 Blast Centre incorporating the Hillman Hornets Junior Cricket Club, Shoalwater Bay Cricket Club, Warnbro Swans Cricket Club and Bicton Junior Cricket Club, shared in prizes of up to \$750 each through the Perth Scorchers MILO T20 Blast Community Grants.

## PERTH SCORCHERS FAN SENATE

The Perth Scorchers Fan Senate was launched in 2015-16 to drive a greater connection between the team and club and our Members, fans and the community, and to provide fans with a voice on how the Scorchers manages every element of the fan experience. Run by a dedicated group of volunteers representing core stakeholder groups, the senate meets bi-monthly to discuss fan engagement, community involvement, cricket participation and match event presentation ideas and initiatives.

## MUM'S WELLBEING PROGRAM

The Perth Scorchers' new Mum's Wellbeing program acknowledged and thanked the mums who provide volunteer support to MILO T20 Blast Centres by giving them some me time. Mums were invited to attend four free sessions over four weeks, including Yoga and Zen, Zumba Dance, High Energy Circuit and Superfoods for Super Mums. Special guest facilitators included Strength and Conditioning Coach and fashion guru, Juvelle Behrendorff, and Perth Scorchers Dietitian, Beth Allanson. This innovative new program received national recognition in the BBL awards.

## MILO T20 BLAST CURTAIN RAISERS

Each match, 36 MILO T20 Blast participants were selected for a special on-ground experience prior to the main game. During 2015-16, the Perth Scorchers selected children whose mothers volunteered for MILO T20 Blast Centres

and also invited their mums onto the ground, where they were presented with a No.1 Mum cap to say thank you for their ongoing support.

## BOXING DAY BACKYARD BASH

Boxing Day saw 100 kids aged seven to 12 years have an opportunity to play on the WACA Ground at the conclusion of the main game. Children who visited the Perth Scorchers Fan Zone and participated in the cricket activities were given a limited edition orange ticket, which allowed them to show off their batting and bowling skills in the same spot their heroes play.

## PERTH SCORCHERS CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

The Perth Scorchers partnered with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to host a citizenship ceremony at the WACA Ground before play started on Saturday 16 January. The Celebrate Australia-themed match showcased the diverse and multicultural community of our Members and WA and proved why cricket is a sport for all.

Each of the 73 conferees walked onto the ground carrying a flag from their country of origin, with a total of nine countries represented, and were presented with an Australian flag to carry around for their lap of honour.

## WAROONA FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY CLINIC

To show support for those that lost everything in the catastrophic bushfires that affected the shires of Waroona and Harvey in January, WA Bushfire Ready Ambassadors, the Perth Scorchers, joined Community Education Partner, Western Power, to raise much-needed funds for the victims. A total of \$127,230 was collected and donated to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

The Scorchers also hosted a cricket clinic in the Shire of Waroona to help boost to the spirits of the bushfire victims. Attendees played social cricket games and enjoyed a sausage sizzle at the local club house, and there were surprise appearances from Simon Mackin, Sam Whiteman and Brad Hogg, as well as a visit from Blaze and Amber.





Minister for Sport and Recreation Hon. Mia Davies M.L.A., Alcohol.Think Again Western Warrior Cameron Bancroft and WACA CEO Christina Matthews at the drop-in wicket trial pitch at Gloucester Park.

## APPRECIATION

### HEALTHWAY

The WACA's partnership with Healthway, which includes naming rights to the state's elite teams, continues to play an integral role in driving cultural change across cricket in WA.

Over the past three seasons, the partnership has seen the removal of all junk food and alcohol promotion from the WACA Ground, a decrease in alcohol-related incidents, and an increase in healthy food options and consumption by patrons on match days.

In 2015-16, the Alcohol.Think Again Premier Cricket competition became the first WA sports-based competition to have all clubs registered with the Good Sports program. The program involves a three-step accreditation to provide clubs with the necessary resources and training to tackle alcohol-related issues.



Healthway's support has also contributed to the growth across WA's Indigenous cricket programs and participation, including the men's and women's Imparja Cup teams, and female cricket through its alignment with the Perth Scorchers (WBBL).

In April, the WACA announced a two-year extension with Healthway as its Platinum Partner with the partnership extending to regional cricket.

### STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The WACA is very appreciative of the support received from the WA State Government in 2015-16. In particular, the

Association acknowledges the Department of Sport and Recreation, VenuesWest and Tourism WA for their valued partnerships in increasing participation, encouraging social diversity and facilitating facility outcomes.

The WACA is excited to be a primary stakeholder in the rapidly developing East Perth precinct. Over the past season, the WACA has worked very closely with the state government in progressing plans associated with moving cricket content to the Perth Stadium. It has also engaged them on the complementary WACA development plans, which would allow the WACA Ground to host all other major cricket content and provide the option to co-locate with the WA Football Commission.

As the Perth Stadium construction program progresses, the associated opportunities for cricket have become clearer. The WACA is pleased the state government has indicated its support of cricket potentially hosting the opening event of the stadium, an Ashes Test in 2017-18, should the construction schedule allow. We look forward to working closely with the state government and VenuesLive to continue exploring this exciting opportunity.

The state government continued to support cricket at a grassroots level in 2015-16 across a wide range of initiatives. In addition to growing the game in traditional areas, the WACA is particularly proud of its partnerships with the state to provide participation and engagement opportunities for people with disabilities, females, multicultural initiatives and Aboriginal programs. We also acknowledge the very positive contribution from the state in areas such as KidSport, equipment grants, travel subsidies and facility provision.

The WACA also recognises the tremendous contribution that local government made to our game in 2015-16. Local governments are the primary providers of cricket facilities, and our partnerships with individual authorities are crucial in ensuring cricket continues to develop its talent development pathway and provides social and physical outcomes at a community level. We look forward to those relationships continuing and developing further.

# 2015-16 Commercial Partners

## WACA COMMERCIAL PARTNERS

### Platinum



### Gold



Department of  
Sport and Recreation



### Silver



### Media



### Suppliers

City Toyota



### Charity



## PERTH SCORCHERS (BBL) COMMERCIAL PARTNERS

### Principal



### Major



### Community Education



### Media



### Charity



## PERTH SCORCHERS (WBBL) COMMERCIAL PARTNERS

### Principal



### Major



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



2015-16 Female Scholarship Program recipients.

## WACA PHILANTHROPY

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

### FEMALE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

The successful recipients for 2015-16 included Allee Bartlett, Georgie Middleton, Katie Hartshorn and Chloe Piparo.

### NORTHWEST CRICKET FOUNDATION

Cricket's presence across the Pilbara and Kimberley regions, supported by the Northwest Cricket Foundation, achieved some significant milestones during the season. This included:

- Growth in the Pilbara's school-based cricket activities across entry level participants, with an increase of 109 per cent in the Extended Skills Programs, 35 per cent in School Cups and 113 per cent across the T20 Blast program.
- Commencement of the new Pannawonica in2CRICKET centre, with 54 participants.
- A \$5,000 facilities grant provided to the Kimberley Association by Cricket Australia and the WACA for a pitch cover to allow cricket to return to the Town Sports Oval.

The continued support of the foundation will assist the WACA in developing the sport within schools and communities in the north-west.

### LORD'S TAVERNERS

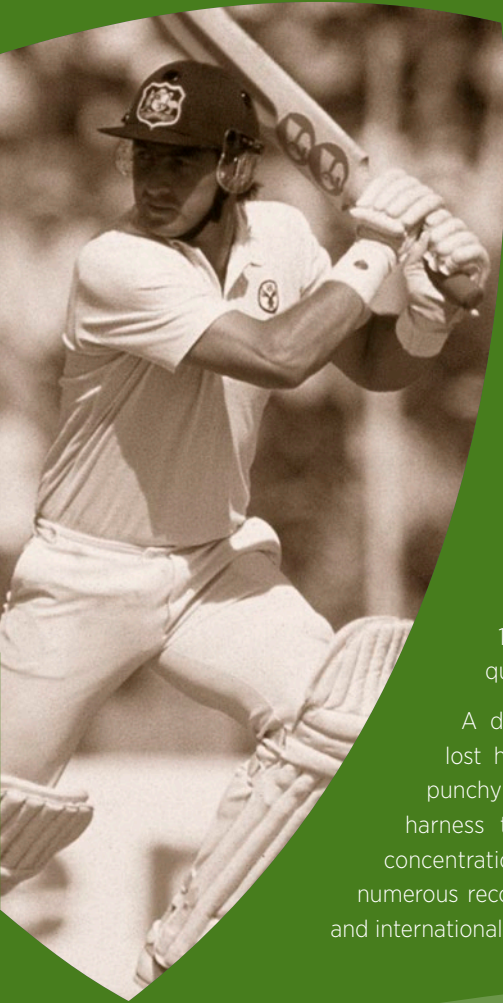
The WACA is also grateful to the Lord's Taverners Australia (WA Branch) for their ongoing support of cricket programs across all-abilities, Aboriginal and underage talent through a combination of fundraising events, scholarships and donations.

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



Fundraising Partner  
**Australian Sports Foundation**

# Gallery of Greats



## **GEOFF MARSH** 31 December 1958 - Player, Captain, Coach

Geoff Marsh's dedication to WA cricket began with roles as a player, captain and coach, and is ongoing in his role as assistant coach to the men's state teams.

Marsh was a flamboyant country batsman, who developed into one of the most reliable openers in world cricket for half a decade in the 1980s and later blossomed as a quiet but highly influential coach.

A dashing right-hander who never lost his love of a rapacious cut and punchy cover drive, but was able to harness them to unstinting powers of concentration, "Swampy" Marsh compiled numerous records in Sheffield Shield, one-day and international cricket.

His 7009 runs in 100 shield matches was the Western Australian record at his retirement in 1994. His unbeaten 355 has never been surpassed by a WA batsman, while partnership records flowed during a golden age for the state.

Marsh was a doughty opener in 50 Tests, many of them as vice-captain to Allan Border, while his four centuries and 2854 runs were a beach-head upon which Australian cricket re-built its fortunes after several years of turmoil.

His limited overs success was even more pronounced with 4357 runs and nine centuries for Australia, while his key performances at the successful 1987 World Cup were complemented 12 years later when he coached Australia to the first of a hat-trick of wins.

Marsh won six Shields as a player, the last as captain, as well as two one-day titles, and he is the only Australian to have two sons - Shaun and Mitchell - also play Test cricket.

## **GRAEME WOOD** 6 November 1956 - Player, Captain

Graeme Wood helped remake Western Australian cricket through his own image as a highly-disciplined and hard-working player, whose ten domestic titles complemented a resolute Test career.

A top-order fixture for WA and Australia for much of the late 1970s and 80s, Wood's highlight was leading the state to a hat-trick of Sheffield Shields between 1986-87 and 1988-89.

He also had the singular misfortune to play most of his Test career as an opener against some of the most ferocious pace attacks the game has seen.

Nearly three-quarters of Wood's 59 Tests saw him confront the dominant West Indies, Pakistan and England, though his poise and patience were sufficient to accrue 3374 runs.

Wood turned his energies to WA after losing his Test place in the mid-1980s. He was so successful as captain and senior batsman, that he was

propelled back into the Australian team, whereupon he swiftly scored his ninth and last century at the WACA Ground.

He was WA's leading run-scorer, with 6904 Shield runs at an average of 46 at the time of his retirement, and won six Shields to go with four one-day triumphs.

Wood was a strong off-field contributor to the WACA, with roles that included periods as Selection Chairman, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer.





Karen Read

## LIFE MEMBERS

Damien Martyn and Karen Read's contribution and service to cricket were recognised, with both receiving Honorary Life Memberships to the Western Australian Cricket Association.

### DAMIEN MARTYN

Widely labeled a child prodigy, and following a glittering junior and early First Grade cricket career, Martyn represented WA and Australia and scored a century in each innings of a Sheffield Shield match before age 21. Martyn was appointed captain of WA at the young age of 23, the youngest to have been accorded that honor.

Martyn's recall to the Australian team was first of all in limited overs cricket as a middle order batsman, where he rarely put a foot wrong with the opportunities that came his way, before a chance to prove his worth as a long term Test cricketer in the 2001 Australian tour of England.

Martyn was recognised as one of the world's leading batsmen in all forms of the game, and his classic stroke-play certainly made him one of the most aesthetically pleasing to watch. At his peak, he was ranked as the best batsman in the world.

His 67 Test Match career netted 4,406 runs at 46.37 per innings with 13 centuries. This average makes him the third-highest Western Australian in Australian Test Match batting averages. He was just as influential in the ODI arena in his 208 matches, with 5,346 runs at near 41 and 5 hundreds. He played 104 matches for WA - 17 of them as captain - and scored 7,319 runs at almost 44 with 17 centuries.

### DR KAREN READ

Holding a unique record in WA female cricket history, Karen Read was the captain of WA's only winning Australian Championship team in 1986-87. Read was also WA's longest serving and most successful captain, taking WA to a record number of interstate victories and representing the state from 1975-76 until 1990-91.

An elegant right-handed batswoman who could drive freely on both sides of the wicket, Read was also a right arm medium pace bowler.

Read's leadership qualities were recognised at a young age, and in 1981 she was the first WA player to captain a national team in the U/23 match versus New Zealand. In 1982-83, she also captained the Australian U/25 team that toured New Zealand. Karen won Australian selection in four seasons, and in the 1981-82 World Cup competition she recorded the fourth-highest batting aggregate for Australia.

Read's contribution to WA cricket was also significant off the field, holding the position of President of the WA Women's Cricket Association for over three years. During her presidency, Read led discussions on the integration of women's cricket with the WACA, which was achieved in December 2003.

Read has made an outstanding contribution to female cricket and has been an excellent role model in her coaching of both seniors and juniors.



Damien Martyn

# Obituaries

## AD (DAVE) WATT



In September the death occurred of 98-year-old Arthur David Watt. At the time, Dave as he was known, was Australia's, and

WA's, oldest first class cricketer. He is the last WA player to have played for the state prior to World War II. His two great claims to fame revolved around his two centuries. The first was post war when he smashed 157 from the MCC attack in a Combined XI match in later 1946. The other was a sparkling innings of 129 against Queensland that set up a win, and with it the Sheffield Shield in WA's first season.

Dave Watt was born in Edinburgh in 1916, one of seven boys, and the family migrated to Perth in 1920 after his father was killed in World War I. A lover of most sports he made a belated debut into the strong Subiaco cricket team in late 1936. The following season he gave consistent performances with the bat and was a brilliant cover fieldsman. So he was selected for WA for four matches prior to the Second World War and scored two fifties.

During the early period of WWII a shortage of club bowlers saw him pressed into service with his leg breaks. He took 50 wickets at 19.78 in those two seasons, but was not considered a regular bowler. He enlisted in the army in 1942 and for four years was attached to the Seventh Army Bomb Disposal Unit. He was discharged in 1948 with the rank of sergeant.

After the War he resumed his sporting career of cricket in summer and hockey in winter. Dave played two seasons in the Sheffield Shield competition before he retired to concentrate on his future. In that period, he scored five fifties and the Brisbane century. In all

his 17 matches for WA he produced 1079 runs at an average of 38.53, took seven wickets and held seven catches.

His club career also ended after the 1948-49 season as he wished to pursue his career. He made 112 appearances for Subiaco, scored 3571 runs at 28.12 with five centuries; took 62 wickets and held 56 catches. He had played in three premierships with the club. In later life he became a senior partner in a major accountancy firm. Still a keen participant at sport, he played golf off single figures and pennants with both Karrinyup and Sea View clubs.

Dave's wife pre-deceased him, but he leaves three sons, Keith, Ian and David, and two daughters, Susan and Ann.

## C ("BUZZ") BEZANT

Former Sheffield Shield umpire, Colin Bezant, passed away in March. A first grade cricketer with North Perth, his vocation as a commercial representative prevented regular practice during the week. He took up umpiring in 1973 and for 16 seasons stood in the WACA district competition.

His record was 295 matches, with 167 in first grade and 60 in Sunday League. He also stood in three Sheffield Shield matches and one game against the visiting tourists. "Buzz" as he was commonly known was an effervescent character who shared a laugh and a joke. He leaves a daughter, Leona, who lives in America.

## S DAULTRY

In the summer of 1998-99 an Irish international umpire, Stuart Daultry, visited Perth and stood in a number of minor matches. He had previously umpired the Australia versus Ireland match in Dublin. A geography lecturer by profession, he was restricted by a severe motor cycle accident which affected his arm. He passed away in December.

## D MACLEAY

The father of former state cricket all-rounder Ken MacLeay passed away in May. Don MacLeay was a long-time local cricket coach and administrator in the Busselton district. Don was a foundation member of what became the Country Cricket Board, a panel he served with distinction for nine seasons. His thoughts on junior coaching were always thought-provoking.

## 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 2015-16. Any omission in failing to acknowledge the passing of a valued Member is sincerely regretted.

Michael Barnes  
Anne Bickerstaff  
Donal Breen  
Jason Bulpitt  
Brian Coppin  
Richard Cresswell  
James Cruthers  
Pauline Drage  
Aileen Edwards  
Derek Hills  
Joseph Keogh  
Mike Kinsella  
Kevin Lamb  
Colin Lippiatt  
Margaret Litchfield  
Marie Meuleman  
John Moody  
John O'Shea  
Chris Perrott  
Tony Piparo  
John Prior  
Ray Turner

# Financial Summary



# Western Australian Cricket Association (Inc.)

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the year ended 30 June 2016

The WACA recorded an operating surplus before finance costs and depreciation of \$1,946,000 (2015: \$2,170,000).

The overall operating surplus after all charges was \$145,000 (2015: \$616,000).

Revenues from operating activities increased by \$1,794,000 (6%) compared to the previous year due mainly to:

- increased revenue from Cricket Operation of \$1,132,000 (6%), due mainly to special distributions from Cricket Australia following the success of the Cricket World Cup in 2015.

Expenditure on operating activities increased by \$2,017,000 (8%) compared to the previous year due mainly to:

- increased expenditure on Cricket Operations of \$1,373,000 (10%) in line with the Association's strategy to increase the investment in Cricket.

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

Cash flows from operations were strong, enabling significant capital expenditure to be incurred on the Ground.

Please find attached summaries:

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

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016 (\$000's)	2015 (\$000's)
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>From Operating Activities</b>		
Catering	1,170	997
Cricket Operations	19,709	18,577
Match Ticketing	1,974	1,762
Marketing	3,315	3,042
Membership	3,531	3,488
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>29,699</b>	<b>27,866</b>
Other income	437	476
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>30,136</b>	<b>28,342</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>On Operating Activities</b>		
Ground	6,491	6,280
Cricket Operations	15,103	13,730
Marketing	2,108	1,827
Membership	905	893
Administration and Finance	2,662	2,674
Future Development	921	768
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>28,190</b>	<b>26,172</b>
Operating surplus before finance costs and depreciation	1,946	2,170
Finance costs	31	30
<b>Operating surplus before depreciation</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>2,140</b>
Depreciation	1,770	1,524
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>616</b>

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016 (\$'000's)	2015 (\$'000's)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	12,244	11,866
Trade and other receivables	380	379
Inventories	18	19
Other current assets	128	61
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>12,770</b>	<b>12,325</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	18,669	19,280
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>31,439</b>	<b>31,605</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	2,075	2,565
Provisions	842	755
Deferred income	1,029	825
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>4,145</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provisions	734	364
Deferred income	1,669	2,151
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>2,515</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,349</b>	<b>6,660</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>25,090</b>	<b>24,945</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		
Accumulated funds	25,090	24,945
<b>Total Members' funds</b>	<b>25,090</b>	<b>24,945</b>

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016 (\$000's)	2015 (\$000's)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	29,459	27,922
Cash payments in the course of operations	(28,289)	(25,650)
Interest received	376	433
Finance costs paid	(31)	(30)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>2,675</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	22	0
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(1,159)	(3,079)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,137)</b>	<b>(3,079)</b>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	378	(404)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	11,866	12,270
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>12,244</b>	<b>11,866</b>

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