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ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



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



WACA CEO Christina Matthews AM  
with Chair Avril Fahey



# Executive Report

A reflection from WACA Chair Avril Fahey and Interim CEO Justin Michael on one of the most successful campaigns in WA Cricket's history.

WA Cricket's 2023-24 season was one to remember. A shared moment in history as we hit new heights on and off the field, with the cricketing community standing alongside us.

Our all-conquering WA Men's team claimed even more pages of the history book to solidify their standing among the greats, becoming the first team to win three consecutive Marsh Sheffield Shield and Marsh One-Day Cup titles, simultaneously.

While the Perth Scorchers drew the Orange Army to Optus Stadium in record-numbers during another thrilling KFC Big Bash campaign, with the highest average attendance of any Club across the season.

Weber Women's Big Bash League action re-ignited the Furnace at the WACA Ground, with more Members and fans coming to support than ever before. And our WA Women's side took the next step in their evolution, displaying exciting signs with a young, talented and motivated squad.

International cricket landed on our shores in the form of Pakistan, leading to the confirmation that Perth will host the first Test Match every summer for the next three years.

The West Indies played in a T20 International in February and the WACA Ground saw Test cricket return for the first time in seven years, as the Australian women took South Africa to task at the iconic venue.

Our success on and off the field would not have been possible without the support of our growing Membership, with a record number of over 4,800 new Members across WACA and Perth Scorchers products this season. Members are the heartbeat of the WA Cricket family, and we continue to find new ways to enrich our match day experience while thanking you for your loyalty. During the year we conducted Member Surveys and Focus Groups to get a deep understanding of the Member experience and what Members need. We use this information to improve our wide range of membership products to ensure Members have a product that suits them. I look forward to seeing them become the best in the country through the completion of the WACA Ground Improvement Project to include year-round health and wellbeing additions.

We would also like to thank our commercial partners for the phenomenal support and confidence they've shown in our organisation. Perth Scorchers and WA Cricket principal, major, and official partners Peet, Healthway, Budget Direct, PEP Transport, Komatsu, The Insurance Commission of WA, The Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries, Murdoch University, Toyota, and EnIQ have all provided first-rate support and contributions to our teams and programs.

Alongside our charity, media, and supply partners, we were also buoyed by the introduction of the Perth Scorchers match day partners Crown and the Department of Fire and

# WA CRICKET STRATEGY 2022-2027

## Purpose

To connect and strengthen WA communities through cricket.

## Vision

A recognised leader across Australian sport.

## Brilliant Experiences

Provide leading member, fan, participant and volunteer experiences that create excitement and enjoyment for everyone.

## Participation Growth

Ensure cricket is fun, accessible and welcoming for everyone through exciting and innovative programs and competition.

## Inspirational Players & Teams

Create successful and inspiring players and teams at all representative levels.

## Sustainable Futures

Ensure the financial strength of WA Cricket while creating positive social and environmental outcomes for WA communities.

Emergency Services whose exciting collaboration served to further enrich our at-match experience while supporting important social causes.

As we look to an exciting future, it is pertinent to recognise and farewell co-major partner PEP Transport who provided sensational support for the Perth Scorchers over the past three years. Thank you for being with us on this incredible journey.

On the field, the commitment of our coaches and High Performance & Elite Teams department to developing our players and building a culture of success has been outstanding.

Adam Voges' men unquestionably stand alongside the greatest teams this State has produced. Adam has been instrumental to our success, and we are thankful he will steer the WA and Perth Scorchers Men's teams as Head Coach until at least the end of the 2025-26 domestic season.

We continue to invest in the future of our women's program under the expert guidance of WA and Perth Scorchers Head Coach Becky Grundy, who steered her teams to a season of optimism and improvement. Becky, who mentored the Perth Scorchers for the first time in WBBL|09, has approached the next step of her coaching journey with outstanding enthusiasm, and we are excited to see how much more our Women's teams achieve in the coming years.

State skipper Sam Whiteman and allrounder Amy Edgar were the toast of the WA Cricket Awards, taking out the season's top honours. Whiteman earned his maiden Laurie Sawle medal after a dominant individual campaign which saw him captain WA to their third successive Marsh Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup titles. Meanwhile, Edgar earned her second Zoë Goss Medal after a strong WNCL season and selection in the WBBL Team of the Tournament.

The West Test, launched in 2023-24, will be a staple of the Australian cricketing summer for at least the next three seasons.



Others rose to prominence in Australian colours, headlined by Allan Border medallist Mitch Marsh who established his status as an all-format superstar. A sensational 18 WA players represented Australia and Australia A over the past year, double that of the season prior, in a fitting showcase of the unwavering dedication of our whole High Performance & Elite Teams department.

Off the field, the efforts of our staff who keep the organisation running so smoothly and with such high energy should be acknowledged. A culture of unity from the Board and Management level, through to our coaches, players, staff, Members and fans is fundamental to our success.

The strength of our culture is testament in part to former Chief Executive Officer Christina Matthews. We thank Ms Matthews for the unwavering dedication, hard work, and strength shown during her outstanding 12-year tenure highlighted by our teams' unprecedented success. We look forward to welcoming WA Cricket's new Chief Executive Officer John Stephenson to the role along with his fresh perspective and leadership.

It is indeed an exciting time for cricket in Western Australia.

Our iconic Ground is undergoing its greatest transformation yet, with major works underway on the WACA Ground Improvement Project as we build a new home for all levels of cricket and the community. It's incredibly exciting to watch the structure rising from the earth to soon host new facilities with new Members areas and world-class indoor centre, high-performance facilities and museum as well as a health club, an aquatic facility, including two water slides, splash pad and an indoor learn to swim pool, all-abilities playground, café and function events centre. Come next year, the WACA Ground will truly redefine what a sporting ground means to Western Australians.

The Ground will also become a home for the WA Cricket Foundation and its programs to drive change in the lives of young women, foster connections with Aboriginal communities, and create safe spaces for young people of all abilities – all through cricket.

Our focus on diversity and inclusion remains paramount, with the 2023-24 season recording 1320 connected participants in Aboriginal Cricket, 225 empowered Young Women, and 1284 participants in initiatives for People with a Disability.

WA Cricket has seen steady growth since COVID-19 with yet another increase (+2%) in children aged 5-12 years old playing cricket in season 2023-24. The number of girls in Woolworths Cricket Blast is also on the rise (+7%). Junior cricket saw an increase (+3%) of boys playing junior cricket from the previous 2022-23 season, while girls in junior cricket has continued a steady increase (+5%) since season 2019-20. Overall registered participation in cricket in WA has increased (+7%) from last season, with an increase (+13%) in registered participation for women and girls.

Many thousands of Western Australians play and love cricket, reaping the benefits of participating and supporting the game at all levels. There truly is no limit to the possibilities and transformative impact when we each play a meaningful role in our local club or community.

We'd like to thank the WACA Board for their ongoing support and guidance as we continue to build the sustainable future of WA Cricket and make cricket a sport for all.

We look forward to the next step in that journey with you.

**Avril Fahey** | WACA Board Chair

**Justin Michael** | Interim Chief Executive Officer



Christina Matthews AM with Hon Rita Saffioti MLA at The West Test mural launch.

# Western Australian Cricket Association Limited

## BOARD & MANAGEMENT

as at 30 June 2024

### BOARD

#### Chair

Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey

#### Deputy Chair

Mr TF (Thomas) Percy KC (to 20 Sep 2023),

Dr MB (Michael) Gannon (from 30 Oct 2023 until 4 Aug 2024)

#### Member Elected Directors

Dr MB (Michael) Gannon, Mr GB (Brad) Hogg,

Mr PJ (Paul) Collins, Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE AM,

Mr P (Peter) Capes (from 20 Sep 2023),

Mr TF (Tom) Percy KC (to 20 Sep 2023)

#### Cricket Appointed Directors

Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey and Mr CK (Christian) Bauer

#### Board Appointed Directors

Hon KG (Kerry) Sanderson AC CVO (to 5 Mar 2024),

Mr M (Michael) Snell OAM, Mrs G (Gail) McGowan PSM

(from 16 Nov 2023), Ms ED (Eva) Skira AM (to 9 Nov 2023)

### COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr RI (Richard) Marshall

### COMMITTEES

- Nominations, Remuneration & Governance Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP) Steering Committee
- Statewide Game Development Committee

#### Register of WACA Board Members attendance at Board meetings 18 meetings held

Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey (Chair)	17/18
Dr MB (Michael) Gannon (Deputy Chair from 30 Oct 2023)	16/18
Mr TF (Thomas) Percy KC (Deputy Chair to 20 Sep 2023)	4/4
Mr GB (Brad) Hogg	18/18
Mr PJ (Paul) Collins	15/16
Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE AM	18/18
Mr P (Peter) Capes (from 20 Sep 2023)	14/14
Mr CK (Christian) Bauer	18/18
Mr M (Michael) Snell OAM	17/18
Mrs G (Gail) McGowan PSM (from 16 Nov 2023)	9/10
Ms ED (Eva) Skira AM (to 9 Nov 2023)	5/7
Hon KG (Kerry) Sanderson AC CVO (to 5 Mar 2024)	14/14

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

#### Chief Executive Officer

Ms C (Christina) Matthews AM (to 28 Mar 2024),

Mr JCK (Justin) Michael (Interim CEO from 29 Mar 2024)

#### Chief Operating Officer

Mr JCK (Justin) Michael (to 28 Mar 2024)

### GENERAL MANAGERS

#### Communications, Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement

Mr MAB (Matthew) Taylor (to 9 Feb 2024),

Ms J (Jess) Keily (from 10 Feb 2024)

#### Community Cricket

Ms JS (Jo) Davies

#### High Performance Cricket & Elite Teams

Mr KM (Kade) Harvey

#### Finance

Mr C (Chee) Lim (Acting from 29 Mar 2024)

#### People & Culture

Ms CL (Carla) Brayn

#### WACA Ground & Support Venues

Mrs JS (Joanna) Coubrough

### AFFILIATES

Organisations that administer cricket in WA and are affiliated with WA Cricket:

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

### ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- WA Education Advisory Committee
- WA Aboriginal Cricket and Culture Advisory Committee

### AUDITOR

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

## CRICKET AUSTRALIA

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



# WACA Board

as at 30 June 2024

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## Deputy Chair



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(to 20 Sep 2023)



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(to 9 Nov 2023)



Hon KG (Kerry) Sanderson AC CVO  
(to 5 Mar 2024)

## Company Secretary



Mr RI (Richard) Marshall

# Honour Board

## PRESIDENTS

1885-86 - 1898-99	JCH James	1917-18 - 1923-24	J Gardiner	1980-81 - 1989-90	BF Prindiville AO CMG
1899-1900	RH Kelsey	1924-25 - 1937-38	TP Draper	1990-91 - 1996-97	TJ Perrott AM Cit WA
1900-01	SH Parker	1938-39	SHD Rowe	1996-97 - 2003-04	PB Rakich AM
1901-02 - 1905-06	WJ Kingsmill	1939-40 - 1950-51	GW Miles	2004-05 - 2014-15	DK Lillee AM MBE
1906-07 - 1914-15	J Gardiner	1951-52 - 1962-63	LW Jackson KCMG	2014-15 - July 2018	Hon Dr KC Michael AC
1915-16 - 1916-17	WJ Farley	1963-64 - 1979-80	CR Bunning CBE		

## CHAIRS OF WACA EXECUTIVE / BOARD

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

1885-99	G Parker	1911-17	WJ Farley	1958-80	FJ Bryant	2015-16	Dr LJ Henderson
1899-1902	RH Kelsey	1918-23	K Bolton	1980-88	HWH Rigg	2016-19	Hon Dr KC Michael AC
1902-03	EA Randell	1923-31	FA Barnard	1988-89	LM Sawle	2019-22	Hon T Waldron
1903-04	FD North	1931-38	SHD Rowe	1989-97	PB Rakich AM	2022	AJ Fahey
1904-05	K Bolton	1938-39	AH Christian	1997-2004	CAC Fear		
1905-06	AG Russell	1939-46	SHD Rowe	2004-13	DJ Williams		
1906-11	K Bolton	1946-58	AC Randell	2013-15	JB Gannon OAM		

## CHIEF EXECUTIVES / GENERAL MANAGERS

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

1979-80 - 1985-86	WJ Rogers	1998 - 2001	MN Allenby	2012 - 2024	Ms C Matthews AM
1986 - 1989	TS Ivankovich	2001 - 2004	Mrs K White	2024	JCK Michael (Interim)
1990 - 1992	DE Hoare	2004 - 2007	AIC Dodemaide		
1992 - 1997	CL Smith	2007 - 2012	GM Wood		

## SECRETARIES

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

## WACA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

1893	Miss S (Sylvia) Forrest*	1983	Mr LM (Laurie) Sawle AM*	2004	Mr TM (Tom) Moody	2017	Ms P (Pauline) Drage*
1905	Mr WJ (William) Farley*	1983	Mr WJ (Wally) Scott*	2004	Mr MRJ (Michael) Veletta	2017	Ms E (Elsie) Fairlie*
1912	Mr J (John) Rushton*	1985	Mr DK (Keith) Carmody*	2004	Mr B (Bruce) Yardley*	2017	Ms I (Isabel) James*
1917	Mr RG (Reg) Heath*	1985	Mr CW (Charlie) Puckett*	2005	Mr KL (Lyle) Jones	2017	Ms N (Norma) O'Connell*
1918	Hon J (James) Gardiner* MLA	1985	Mr CW (Wally) Langdon*	2007	Mr BP (Brendon) Julian	2017	Ms M (Melva) Hamilton*
1930	Mr H (Henry) Gregory* MHR	1985	Mr KD (Ken) Meuleman*	2007	Mr L (Len) Pavy	2017	Ms H (Heather) Asquith*
1937	Mr L (Leo) Ryan*	1985	Mr BK (Barry) Shepherd* OAM	2007	Mr TJ (Tim) Zoehrer	2017	Ms J (Jean) True*
1947	Mr F (Frank) Boan*	1985	Mr GD (Graham) McKenzie	2008	Mr J (Jo) Angel	2017	Mrs LP (Lyn) Hollingsworth
1948	Mr CH (Harry) Guy*	1985	Mr IJ (Ian) Brayshaw MBE	2008	Mr CAC (Charles) Fear	2017	Ms AM (Anne) Fuhrmann
1951	Hon GW (George) Miles*	1985	Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE	2008	Ms C (Coralie) Towers	2017	Ms CC (Clare) Papasergio
1956	Mr RJ (Dick) Bryant* OAM	1985	Mr GAR (Tony) Lock*	2009	Mr R (Ross) Edwards	2017	Ms LK (Leonie) Keenan
1956	Mr AC (Alf) Randell*	1985	Mr RW (Rod) Marsh MBE*	2009	Mr G (Geoff) Havercroft	2017	Mr MEK (Michael) Hussey
1963	Sir C (Charles) Gairdner* KCMG, KCVO, KBE, CB	1985	Mr DK (Dennis) Lillee AM MBE	2009	Mr AL (Tony) Mann*	2017	Mr MW (Murray) Goodwin
1972	Mr CR (Charles) Bunning* CBE	1985	Mr BF (Bernie) Prindiville* AO, CMG	2009	Mr BM (Bruce) Laird	2017	Ms PK (Peta) Verco
1972	Mr FJ (Frank) Bryant* OAM	1988	Mr JC (Jock) Irvine	2010	Mr WM (Wayne) Clark	2018	Ms P (Penny) Mace*
1977	Hon Sir L (Lawrence) Jackson* KCMG	1989	Mr HG (Hugh) Bevan*	2010	Mr PJ (Peter) McConnell	2018	Ms A (Alice) Warren
1977	Mr MJ (Mornie) MacGill*	1991	Mr PB (Brian) Rakich AM	2010	Mr WP (Bill) Reynolds	2018	Mr PC (Peter) Silinger
1977	Mr DC (Douglas) McKenzie*	1993	Mr DH (Daryl) Foster OAM	2011	Mr CD (Chris) Matthews	2019	Mr JW (John) Rutherford*
1977	Mr JEV (Jack) Murdoch*	1995	TJ (Tom) Perrott* AM Cit WA	2012	Mr AC (Adam) Gilchrist AM	2019	Mr MJ (Marcus) North
1978	Mr AD (Bert) Drew*	1996	Mr FD (Frank) O'Driscoll	2012	Mr JL (Justin) Langer AM	2020	Mr D (David) Williams
1978	Mr RC (Clair) Mattiske*	1996	Mr NL (Neil) Ballard	2013	Mr KN (Keith) Slater AM	2020	Mr C (Colin) Minson*
1978	Mr HWH (Bert) Rigg*	1998	Mr GR (Geoff) Marsh	2014	Mr RJ (Ric) Evans	2020	Ms J (Janice) Law-Davis
1979	Mr RE (Bob) Ballantine*	1998	Mr KJ (Kim) Hughes	2014	Ms ZJ (Zoë) Goss	2021	Mr K (Kevin) B Gartrell OAM
1979	Mr EJ (Ted) Dowling*	1998	Mr GM (Graeme) Wood	2015	Mr DR (Damien) Martyn	2021	Ms A (Angele) Gray
1979	Mr GH (Glen) Dunstan* OBE	1999	Mr TM (Terry) Alderman	2015	Dr KR (Karen) Read	2021	Ms J (Jennifer) Owens
1980	Mr RW (Roy) Abbott* MBE	2001	Mr KH (Ken) Macleay	2016	Mr WS (Wayne) Andrews	2022	Mr T (Terry) Prue
1982	Mr AR (Allan) Edwards* OAM	2002	Mr WM (Bill) Bryant*	2017	Mrs O (Olive) Leslie*	2022	Mr C (Craig) Serjeant
		2002	Mr WJ (Wally) Edwards	2017	Ms J (Jenepher) Morison*	2023	Mr K (Ken) Casellas

\* Denotes - Deceased

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# WACA Ground Improvement Project

It has been a transformative year for the iconic WACA Ground.

The greatest metamorphosis in the Ground's 131-year history, the WACA Ground Improvement Project, will shape our exciting future while reflecting cricket's rich history in this state.

In the past 12 months, the Project reached numerous major milestones with construction forging toward practical completion in mid-2025.

ADCO Constructions, one of Australia's oldest and most established construction companies, was appointed to construct the WACA Ground Improvement Project in September 2023.

The start of the new year was an incredibly exciting time to be at the WACA Ground, as the commencement of major piling works provided a thrilling backdrop to a sensational Sheffield Shield victory. A total of 759 piles were installed across the whole project area, totalling 253 hours of work, which equates to the playing time of an entire Shield home and away season.

For our Members and fans coming to the cricket, it was a sign of the WACA Ground of the future, a 10,000-seat multisport, entertainment and community facility with year-round access to activate the East Perth precinct.

Providing the best possible environment for our elite players and teams is central to the design, with construction commencing on the state-of-the-art indoor centre featuring 10 lanes, gym, changerooms and recovery facilities. The nation-leading facilities will become the epicentre of all levels of WA Cricket, from grassroots to high

performance, and the home of the WA Cricket Foundation's inclusion programs.

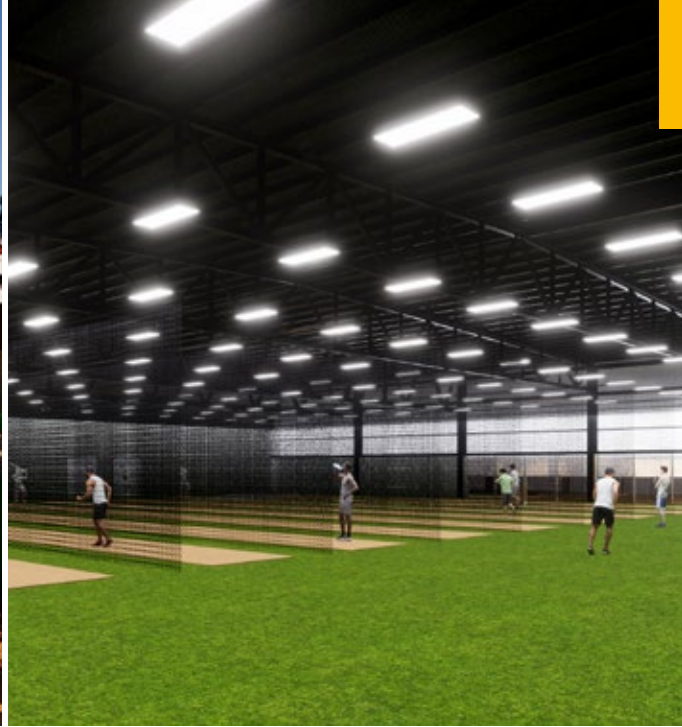
The structure of the aquatic centre including the indoor learn-to-swim pool, outdoor pool, splash pad and enormous waterslides is rising from the site of the former Inverarity Stand.

All Western Australians and those who choose to visit will be able to freely enjoy the Ground, thanks to a grant from major supporter Lotterywest secured in early 2024.

Funds will go towards a host of inclusive elements, including the goanna-inspired all-abilities playground, braille signage, audio loops, calming and sensory rooms, and 'changing places' which are larger and have more facilities than standard accessible toilets to meet the needs of people with disability and their carers.

The grant will also connect visitors and the East Perth community to the social, cultural and Aboriginal history of the WACA Ground through the commissioning and installation of public art in the Plaza and around the Ground. In addition, there will be signage and points of interest around the Ground and interactive displays in the new museum.

There is no doubt the WACA Ground Improvement Project is shaping as one of the most iconic projects being delivered as part of the 10-year, \$1.66 billion Perth City Deal. The Project is facilitated by WA Cricket and the WA Cricket Foundation, and Cricket Australia, along with local, state, and federal governments.





# WA Cricket Foundation

The WA Cricket Foundation is using cricket to improve social outcomes for young people across the State through the key areas of Aboriginal Cricket, People with a Disability, and Young Women in Cricket.



Over the past 12 months, the WA Cricket Foundation has continued to flourish, building upon a strong base that's testament to the determination and commitment of its generous donors, community partners and staff. The Foundation has once again expanded, providing more paths and programs for communities across the state.

Using cricket to improve social outcomes within the community for young people across the state, the Foundation focuses on three key pillars: Aboriginal Cricket, People with a Disability and Young Women in Cricket.

As WA Cricket's philanthropic entity, the primary goal of the Foundation is to create safe and inclusive communities through the game of cricket.

With WA Cricket committed to building a better tomorrow, the Foundation is continuously looking for ways to build upon their three main pillars and reach new demographics to ensure all Western Australians enjoy equal opportunities.

## ABORIGINAL CRICKET

Going from strength to strength, the Kambarang Cricket Carnival saw tremendous participation growth of 17% in

2023-24, with 130 Aboriginal children taking part in two days of cricket at Swan Valley Adventure Centre, including a team from the Pilbara for the first time. Participants also joined Australian cricket's largest barefoot circle during the Perth Scorchers WBBL Aboriginal Match at the WACA Ground.

A range of exciting opportunities for young Aboriginal cricketers were offered throughout the season, highlighted by Aboriginal Talent Academy allrounder James Eatt joining the KFC Big Bash League warm up and bat flip between Perth Scorchers and Adelaide Strikers at Optus Stadium.

The Foundation established a tailored scholarship, the Hayward Aboriginal Scholarship, supporting young Aboriginal cricketers. The inaugural scholarship recipients, 16-year-old Veronica Keen and 17-year-old Hayden Collins, received funds to assist with individual training, travel, medical and equipment costs.

Bolstered by Foundation pathways, Western Australia claimed a fourth National Indigenous Cricket Championships men's title with a five-wicket win over New South Wales in the Men's final.



### PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

The WA Cricket Foundation supports programs from primary school through to the WA representative sides including Intellectual Disability, Blind and Vision Impaired, and Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

This enabled WA Cricket to send three teams to the 2024 National Cricket Inclusion Championships in Brisbane across the Intellectual Disability, Blind and Low Vision, and Men's Deaf and Hard of Hearing competitions.

Foundation participants shone on the international stage, with three Western Australians selected for the Australian Hard of Hearing team. While Deanne Ferris became the first female Inclusion Academy player to represent Australia at an international tournament.

WA Cricket also made complimentary sensory headphones available during the BBL season and has committed to providing them for future Weber Women's Big Bash League, BBL and all WA Cricket domestic home games.

### YOUNG WOMEN IN CRICKET

Helping to empower the next generation of young women through the sport of cricket, the Foundation has built upon its programs and pathways, including Emerging Leaders and Social Leaders programs, to create an uplifting environment for young females.

In a testament to the initiatives, former Emerging Leaders participant Ava Danholt received the WA Community Cricket – Young Volunteer of the Year award for 2023-24 and was recognised as a finalist in Cricket Australia's national volunteer awards.

The Daughters and Dads program was a season highlight, enjoying participation growth of 80% across four centres. Inspired by the program, girls from the Marmion Primary School program went on to form a team at their local club.



Fundraising Partner

## 2023-2024 SEASON IMPACT

<p><b>Aboriginal Cricket</b></p> <p><b>1,320</b></p> <p>Connected Participants</p>	<p><b>People with a Disability</b></p> <p><b>1,273</b></p> <p>Included Participants</p>	<p><b>Young Women</b></p> <p><b>225</b></p> <p>Empowered Leaders</p>	<p><b>Your WACA Ground</b></p> <p><b>\$168.9M</b></p> <p>Project</p>
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## Till Death Do Us Part

WA's squad might be brimming with international talent, but it is the impact of the collective that has guided them to the summit of Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup cricket, three years running.

At a time when he'd usually be parked in a camping chair, savouring the serenity of the South West with his wife and two kids, veteran pace bowler Cameron Gannon entered the 2022-23 post-season contemplating his cricketing mortality.

Meanwhile, young top-order batter Jayden Goodwin tried not to concern himself with matters of selection and silverware, despite the most recent of his two Marsh Sheffield Shield appearances coming in November 2021.

Though unique in isolation, the stories of Gannon and Goodwin share traits that illustrate the character of a WA Men's squad determined to maximise its rare potential.

So too do the tales of Bryce Jackson, Liam Haskett, Charlie Stobo, D'Arcy Short and numerous others following a year that stamped Head Coach Adam Voges' team as one of the greatest the state has produced.

Linking this modern-day juggernaut with legendary WA teams of bygone eras is the firm belief that successful sides require full commitment from every contracted cricketer.

WA called upon 30 players during the 2023-24 domestic season to cover a growing contingent of Australian representatives, and a lengthy injury list described by many at the WACA Ground as unprecedented.

Rather than writing off what seemed an increasingly cursed campaign, WA instead became the first state in Australian history to win three consecutive Shield and One-Day Cup championships, simultaneously.

Gannon, 35, didn't expect to play an enormous role in the latest brace of titles, aware of his standing as an auxiliary piece in a stacked pace attack. In fact, he weighed up moving home to Queensland before a new contract was confirmed on the proverbial stroke of midnight.

Somewhat ironically, it was the strength of WA's squad – more specifically, the unusually large number of WA players contracted by Cricket Australia – that allowed Gannon to orbit cricket's volatile sun again.

The months that followed were among the most eventful of his 13-year career.

He flitted in and out of both WA teams, rehabilitated multiple quad injuries, and slid up and down the pace-bowling pecking order.

Not until February did choppy waters eventually settle, when Gannon became critical to WA's fortunes with 22 wickets in the last four games of the Shield season.

A haul of 8-61 (3-38 & 5-23) in the Final versus Tasmania validated suggestions from numerous players and coaches, including Voges, that Gannon had never bowled better.

The reward for persistence, beyond cementing his standing as a Sheffield Shield champion, was immeasurably more valuable than any concept of legacy.

“When Leah and I had our son, Henry (now eight), we were talking about how great it’d be if he saw me play,” said Gannon, smiling as he recalled the memory.

“That happened, then I thought ‘jeez, it’d be nice if he saw me play and knew what was going on’.

“For him to then fall in love with the game around the same age I did, to be at a Shield Final and see me take five wickets – especially after I thought I was done at the start of the year – before playing on the field with him, celebrating with him and the family ... It’s probably the most emotional part of the whole thing, to be honest, having my kids, Henry and Nora (five) there with Leah, who’s been an indescribably important part of my career.”

Family is an equally significant theme in the story of Goodwin, son of former WA batter and Zimbabwean Test player Murray Goodwin.

Raised on a diet of cricket with ambitions to forge his own path, Goodwin tackled the pre-season with tempered expectations. It wasn’t a question of motivation, ability or belief, but an awareness of WA’s exceptional batting depth.

Goodwin set the primary goal of playing one match, having made the last of his two Shield appearances against Tasmania in Hobart in November 2021. This box was ticked at the first juncture, when Goodwin scored his maiden First Class half-century in the season-opener against Victoria.

Dropped for the fit-again Hilton Cartwright next match, Goodwin continued to play well at the lower levels before cementing his spot in the Shield team after Christmas.

The 22-year-old shuffled throughout the middle order, was named Player of the Match for a critical 47 not out against South Australia and passed the coveted three-figure milestone versus Queensland in March, having eventually settled in the team’s top three.

Roars of jubilation erupted from the player balcony as Goodwin sheepishly raised his bat.

“It was a bit awkward, to be honest. I don’t exactly love the spotlight being on me,” Goodwin said with a grin.

“But we always talk about celebrating success and I love getting around others’ success. Having the guys celebrate one of my achievements showed a lot about our team values and our strength as a unit.”

Later that month, Goodwin skuttled around the WACA Ground outfield in search of a photographer, his father in close pursuit.



Murray and Jayden Goodwin  
(Photo: Nick Cambridge)

The subsequent photo (above) captured Jayden and Murray flanking the decades-old Shield; an artefact both held dreams of lifting when they began their respective careers.

“I grew up following dad with his career, and one of the main things I remember is him winning and enjoying himself,” Goodwin said with a laugh.

“Having him there and celebrating that win – it honestly doesn’t get much better. It didn’t sink in straight away. I remember chatting to dad a couple of days later, and he was just chuffed.”

Gannon and Goodwin are but two examples of the squad mentality that has driven WA to incredible heights in recent years.

And underpinning their success – as well as the triumphs of many others – is the fact they feel valued.

“If you, as a role-player, are there to chip in when needed but feel like a valued member of the squad, it becomes far easier to succeed when that opportunity comes. You don’t feel like you need to prove yourself,” Gannon said.

“In team sport, there is an undercurrent of competition. A few of us are competing for the same spot in the team and that’s impossible to escape, but the whole group benefits if we want each other to succeed, and that’s how we operate in WA.”



## Edgar's Evolution reaches new heights

An outstanding individual campaign saw Amy Edgar claim her second Zoë Goss Medal in just three seasons, an achievement that “doesn't sit comfortably” with her.

“It's probably something that I will reflect on once my playing days are over,” a slightly embarrassed Edgar said after becoming the fourth WA Woman to win the prestigious award multiple times.

Edgar produced several match-winning moments for WA in the Women's National Cricket League (WNCL), and for Perth Scorchers' Weber Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) team. It was the best campaign of a career that continues to reach new heights.

Once a batter and occasional net bowler, the laid-back 26-year-old from regional NSW has transformed into a genuine allrounder.

Her wily off-spin banked 17 wickets at 24.05 across 12 WNCL matches, seeing Edgar finish equal-fifth on the competition's wicket-takers list. With the bat, Edgar blasted 227 runs at 28.37, playing a variety of different roles.

Edgar's WBBL|09 campaign was equally impressive, capturing a team-high 20 wickets at 16.1 to earn selection in the WBBL Team of the Tournament.

Current WA Women's and Perth Scorchers Head Coach Becky Grundy has observed Edgar's rapid development firsthand, noting consistency in preparation and commitment to her craft as key drivers in her progression.

“The growth in Eddy's game over the past couple of seasons has been significant,” Grundy said.

“Investing more time to her bowling craft as well as her continued improvement in her batting has allowed her to stake a claim as a genuine allrounder who can impact across any stage of a match.”

Blessed with exceptional timing and flare, Edgar's potential as a middle-order power-hitter was never in question.

Bowling, however, hasn't been on her radar for long.

In fact, it wasn't until 2021-22, following the retirement of WA great Emma King, that Edgar and Grundy – formerly a frontline spinner for England – began exploring the prospect of adding off-spin to the tall right-hander's repertoire.

Proof of concept came during a condensed WNCL campaign on the Eastern Seaboard, the year she won her maiden Zoe Goss medal. Since then, she's improved beyond measure.

“I love being an allrounder, it allows me to consistently be in the game no matter what the situation is,” Edgar said.

“A couple of years ago Becky and I identified that my skillset might give me an opportunity to become an effective spinner, and I haven't looked back.”

Height, bounce and subtle changes of pace are key weapons in her arsenal, especially at the WACA Ground.

As Grundy noted: “Her height offers a real point of difference as a spinner. Eddy has done a power of work to get where she is today.”

In some ways, Edgar's bowling journey mirrors her path towards becoming an elite cricketer.

Improvements in recent years are obvious to those who watch her closely, but the voyage itself hasn't been straight-forward.

Hailing from Cowra, a regional town roughly 300 kilometres south-west of Sydney, Edgar knew her love for cricket would take her away from NSW and outside her comfort zone, but she was ready to embrace the challenge.

A short phone call ahead of the 2017-18 season with then-WA coach Lisa Keightley sealed Edgar's fate.

"I was fortunate enough to play some representative cricket for New South Wales in the Pathways, but it was tough to crack into the senior team," Edgar reflected.

"Lisa Keightley called me one day and said that she really wanted me to come over and join the WA program. I knew I was going to have work hard to become a regular player in that side, and that a move across the country was going to be scary for an 18-year-old country girl, but I'm glad it worked out."

While Keightley drew the original blueprint for Edgar's career, Grundy has been the architect since.

"Becky has had a major influence on my career. I think working closely with her on my craft over the past couple of years has allowed me to get the best out of myself," she said.

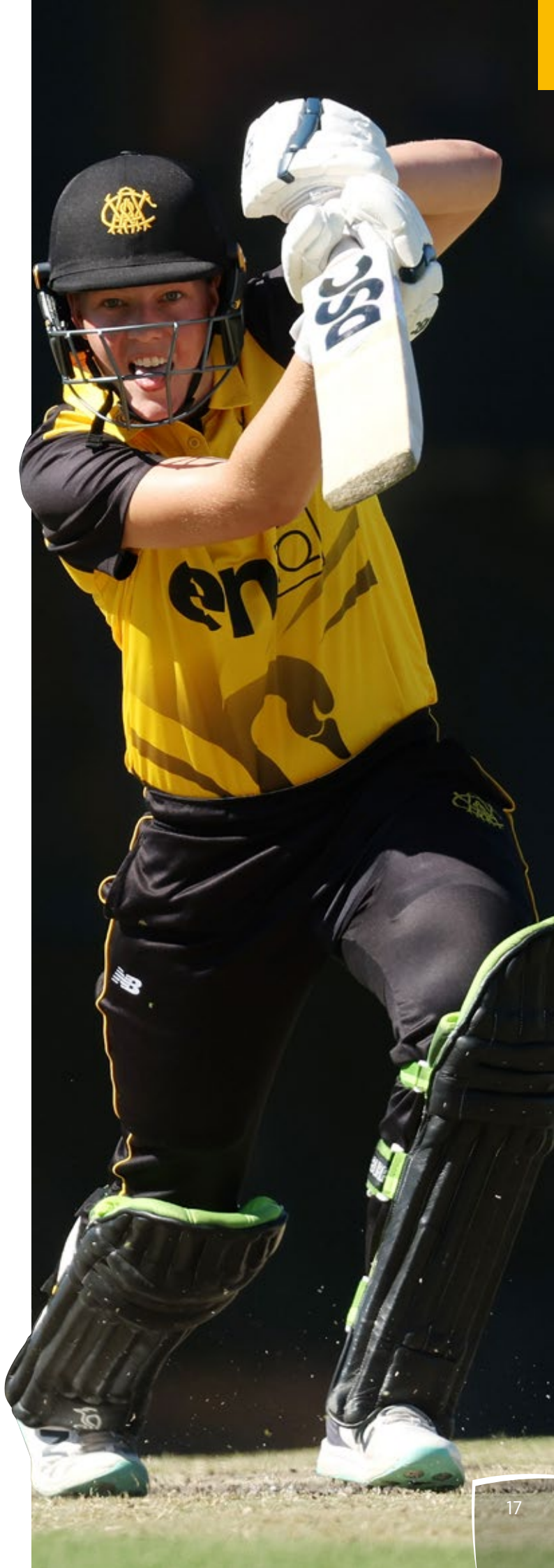
Edgar's evolution has also led to increased responsibility on field, with captains Sophie Devine and Chloe Piparo turning to her when the going gets tough.

"I really enjoy having the ball in my hand when the game is on the line. Soph and Pip have given me a lot more responsibility recently, which I have loved, and I think the more I get to experience those tight situations in game, the more my skills will develop," Edgar said.

Fittingly, Piparo identified composure and clarity as key factors of Edgar's success in big moments – a recipe that perfectly encapsulates the allrounder's country roots.

"I have a huge amount of confidence in Eddy. She has a laidback nature and a calmness about her, especially when the game is there to be won, which is a special quality to have," Piparo said.

"The best part about Eddy is she keeps the game really simple, and that gives her absolute clarity of mind when it comes to executing her skills on a regular basis."





# The true legacy of Christina Matthews AM

With sadness and gratitude in equal measure, WA Cricket farewelled longstanding CEO Christina Matthews AM at the conclusion of the 2023-24 season.

Ms Matthews, who confirmed her resignation in December 2023, served passionately at the helm of WA Cricket for 12 years.

In that time, she became regarded as one of Australia's most respected and decorated sporting administrators, having presided over a transformative and successful period that has made WA Cricket the envy of the game in Australia.

On the field, Western Australian teams won an unparalleled 16 elite-level titles across all five Australian domestic competitions during Ms Matthews' tenure.

WA's Men secured six One-Day Cup titles and lifted the Sheffield Shield three times, while WA's Women broke through for their maiden Women's National Cricket League title in 2019-20. Perth Scorchers' men celebrated five Big Bash League championships, a feat no other BBL franchise has managed. In the WBBL, a record crowd at Optus Stadium witnessed the Scorchers' women hoist the trophy in 2021-22.

Additionally, 32 Western Australian players have represented Australia across all formats during the same period.

Ms Matthews' legacy is just as strong off-field, highlighted by the commencement of the WACA Ground Improvement Project, which will revitalise the venue into a sporting and community hub with cricket at its heart. The Project has

been made possible by the successful transition of men's international and BBL Cricket to Optus Stadium since 2018.

Her tenure also saw the establishment and evolution of the WA Cricket Foundation, providing opportunities for thousands of disadvantaged people annually to improve their physical and social outcomes through cricket. This sits alongside continued growth in broader grassroots programs and the delivery of many other social, health and community outcomes.

Much of this success came during the COVID-19 pandemic, during which Ms Matthews steered the organisation through difficulties created by lost fixtures and travel restrictions. This included the drought-breaking 2021-22 Marsh Sheffield Shield triumph; the first title in the men's 'six-peat' of consecutive Shield, One-Day Cup and BBL championships across two seasons. No other state in the history of Australian cricket has seen its teams reach these remarkable heights.

Ms Matthews' outstanding leadership has been recognised with numerous accolades, most notably the 2024 Western Australian of the Year Awards - Business Award, her induction into the WA Women's Hall of Fame in 2023, named SportWest's Sports Administrator of the Year in 2021 and the Australian Institute of Management's Not for Profit Leader of the Year in 2016.



In January, Ms Matthews was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division for her significant service to cricket as a player and administrator, and to women.

Prior to her distinguished career at WA Cricket, Ms Matthews was best known as Australia's most capped female Test cricketer (20 appearances from 1984 to 1995) and the world record holder for the most dismissals by a female wicketkeeper in Tests (58). Both these achievements remain unsurpassed today. She played another 47 ODIs, was a former national selector, and spent nine years at Cricket NSW.

In an emotional farewell media conference, Ms Matthews reflected on the fundamental values that guided her leadership.

"When I started here nearly 12 years ago, I don't think I could've imagined what we've achieved," she said.

"The on-field success and off-field achievements have been outstanding and have been achieved by being very clear on the values and behaviours we wanted to demonstrate, and by having staff and players who understand that great things happen when we all work together."

Both in times of prosperity and when challenges surfaced, this value-driven mindset proved a consistent theme of Ms Matthews' leadership.

"People talk about culture, and I've always believed culture is how you react and stand up when things aren't going well," she said.

"It doesn't matter what's happened, as an organisation we've responded well, we've held ourselves with integrity and strong values. If you're very clear on that, those things are much easier to handle."

WACA Chair, Avril Fahey, sat alongside Ms Matthews as staff, players and media processed news of the long-standing CEO's resignation.

Speaking at the media conference, she summed up Ms Matthews' legacy in glowing terms.

"I was asked earlier today 'what is Chris' major achievement?' and I actually couldn't think of one," Ms Fahey said.

"We can talk about the titles, we can talk about the shift to Optus Stadium, we can talk about the growth of community cricket.

"But I think the legacy Chris leaves is her leadership has been a tide that has lifted all boats, and I think cricket in WA is in a much stronger place because of Chris. She has transformed this organisation ... It's almost unrecognisable from what it was more than a decade ago when Chris arrived."

A photograph of Mitch Marsh, the WA cricket captain, smiling and wearing a black tuxedo with a white shirt and a black bow tie. He is wearing a green ribbon with a silver Allan Border Medal around his neck. He is standing behind a podium with two microphones. The background is a large, circular logo of the Allan Border Medal, featuring a cricket ball and the text 'ALLAN BORDER MEDAL' around the perimeter.

## WA Cricket's Award Winners

WA captain Mitch Marsh was the toast of Australian cricket in 2023-24, capping off a stunning calendar year by winning his first Allan Border Medal.

Marsh was one of three Western Australians celebrated at the Australian Cricket Awards, alongside Jason Behrendorff (T20I Player of the Year) and Cameron Bancroft (Domestic Player of the Year for 2022-23).

The decorated state skipper, who was also crowned ODI Player of the Year, became the third Western Australian to claim the nation's highest cricketing honour, following greats Adam Gilchrist (2003) and Mitchell Johnson (2014).

Marsh was dominant across all formats in 2023 and made meaningful contributions throughout memorable Ashes and ICC Men's Cricket World Cup campaigns.

Recalled to the Test side in July for the first time since 2019, Marsh immediately franked his selection with a thrilling counter-attacking century against England in Leeds.

He helped his team retain the Ashes with 250 runs at the team-high average of 50, before blasting 441 runs at 49 (two centuries) in India, during what many experts regard as Australia's finest World Cup triumph.

A leader of growing repute, Marsh captained Australia in several ODIs and T20Is during the voting period and is now the nation's full-time T20 skipper.

His Allan Border Medal acceptance speech – heralded for its humour and authenticity – rubber-stamped the towering allrounder as one of Australia's most popular players.

Veteran pace bowler Behrendorff was named T20I Player of the Year following an outstanding series against India, leading an inexperienced Australian attack with passion and poise.

The languid left-armer was exceptionally economical and proved his worth playing multiple roles with the new ball and at the death.

Bancroft earned recognition from his peers following a career-best 2022-23 domestic campaign, having played a leading role in WA's second successive Marsh Sheffield Shield and Marsh One-Day Cup titles.

Meantime, stand-in state skipper Sam Whiteman and allrounder Amy Edgar were heralded for brilliant summers at the WA Cricket Awards, taking out the prestigious Laurie Sawle and Zoë Goss medals, respectively.

Whiteman earned his maiden Laurie Sawle Medal after a dominant season which saw him captain WA to their third successive Marsh Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup titles.



Laurie Sawle Medal Winner Sam Whiteman  
Zoë Goss Medal Winner Amy Adgar



Simon Katich Medal winner  
Aaron Hardie with Adam Voges



Legacy Award winner  
Piepa Cleary with Chloe Piparo

The classy left-hander was consistent atop the order in Shield cricket, amassing 770 runs at 40.52 including three centuries and two half-centuries. Whiteman's output in 50-over cricket was equally significant, striking 419 runs at 69.83, including a match-winning 137 not-out against South Australia at the WACA Ground - his first ever century in List A cricket.

Edgar, 26, earned her second Zoë Goss Medal, which rewards performances in the Women's National Cricket League and Weber Women's Big Bash League to crown WA's most influential female player that season.

The spin-bowling allrounder was also named WA's WNCL Player of the Year after a strong season in the 50-over format, amassing 227 runs to go with 17 wickets. In WBBL|09, Edgar was Perth Scorchers' leading wicket-taker with 20 scalps, including the career-best haul of 4-19. Edgar's efforts earned her selection in the WBBL Team of the Tournament for the first time, alongside teammates Sophie Devine, Beth Mooney, and Chloe Ainsworth.

D'Arcy Short (One-Day Player of the Year), Joel Paris (Four-Day Player of the Year), Sophie Devine (WBBL Player of the Year), Aaron Hardie (Simon Katich Medal), Maddy Darke (Female Rising Star), Jayden Goodwin (Male Rising Star), Piepa Cleary (Legacy Award) and Cameron Bancroft (Excalibur Award) were also celebrated at the WA Cricket Awards.

## AWARD WINNERS

**Laurie Sawle Medal**  
Sam Whiteman

**Zoë Goss Medal**  
Amy Edgar

**Gold Cup**  
Mitchell Marsh

**Simon Katich Medal**  
Aaron Hardie

**WA Domestic One-Day  
Player of The Year**  
D'Arcy Short

**WA Domestic Four-Day  
Player of the Year**  
Joel Paris

**WA WNCL  
Player of the Year**  
Amy Edgar

**Perth Scorchers WBBL  
Player of the Year**  
Sophie Devine

**Male Rising Star**  
Jayden Goodwin

**Female Rising Star**  
Maddy Darke

**Excalibur Award**  
Cameron Bancroft

**Legacy Award**  
Piepa Cleary

**Gallery of Greats  
Inductees**  
Biddy Rigg  
George Parker

Mitch Marsh at the Men's T20 International Series.

# United For Success

Beth Mooney during the Women's Test Match played at the WACA Ground

## 2023-24 WA Australian Representatives

BATTING		Mat	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50
ASHTON AGAR	T20	2	1	2	2	2	40	-	-
	ODI	1	1	48	48*	-	69.56	-	-
JASON BEHRENDORFF	T20	8	1	2	2*	-	100	-	-
CAMERON GREEN	ODI	11	10	250	77*	31.25	74.62	-	1
	TEST	8	15	436	174*	33.53	49.54	1	-
JOSH INGLIS	T20	12	12	250	110	25	163.39	1	-
	ODI	18	16	370	65	24.66	109.46	-	3
AARON HARDIE	T20	7	5	69	23	13.80	113.11	-	-
	ODI	4	3	31	26	14	68.29	-	-
ALANA KING	ODI	11	5	117	46*	58.50	151.94	-	-
	TEST	2	3	13	8	4.33	61.9	-	-
MITCH MARSH	T20	15	15	471	92*	42.81	151.93	-	3
	ODI	17	17	664	177*	41.5	109.75	2	3
	TEST	10	14	6	49.83	4.15	1-9	-	-
BETH MOONEY	T20	15	15	479	82	43.54	119.15	-	5
	ODI	17	15	439	82*	48.77	78.67	-	3
	TEST	3	5	269	85	53.80	57.84	-	2
LANCE MORRIS	ODI	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JOSH PHILIPPE	T20	2	2	12	8	6	109.09	-	-
MARCUS STOINIS	T20	15	12	306	67*	34	148.54	-	2
	ODI	10	9	161	35	20.12	121.05	-	-
ASHTON TURNER	T20	1	1	2	2*	-	100	-	-
BOWLING		Mat	Inns	Wkts	Ave	Eco	BB	5Ws	
ASHTON AGAR	T20	2	2	1	56	7	1-39	-	
	ODI	1	1	1	40	4.44	1-40	-	
JASON BEHRENDORFF	T20	8	8	11	23.27	8.25	2-25	-	
CAMERON GREEN	ODI	11	8	7	48.14	6.65	2-40	-	
	TEST	8	14	12	37.25	4.27	2-44	-	
AARON HARDIE	T20	7	6	4	43.75	9.21	1-20	-	
	ODI	4	2	3	29.66	4.94	2-62	-	
ALANA KING	ODI	11	10	19	12.10	3.67	4-26	-	
	TEST	3	3	1	145.00	3.06	1-15	-	
MITCH MARSH	T20	12	2	2	19.5	6.5	1-18	-	
	ODI	17	5	2	48	7.38	2-19	-	
TEST	TEST	10	14	6	49.83	4.15	1-9	-	
	LANCE MORRIS	ODI	2	2	2	36	4.96	2-13	-
MARCUS STOINIS	T20	15	12	21	15.57	8.83	3-18	-	
	ODI	10	10	8	42.75	6.84	2-20	-	
ASHTON TURNER	T20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Statistics correct as at 31 June 2024



Sam Whiteman



It is difficult to describe just how proud I am of the players and support staff that guided us towards Australian cricket's pinnacle for the third year running.



Winning one title takes a lot of work. To complete the Marsh Sheffield Shield and Marsh One-Day Cup (ODC) 'double' in three consecutive seasons is something we'll be processing for a while yet.

As a group, we've spoken openly about how we'd like to be perceived over time and the legacy we want to create.

We wanted to emphasise that reaching the heights of 2021-22 and 2022-23 would require full commitment from the whole squad. This 'next man up' mantra proved invaluable throughout the campaign, as injuries and national selection tested our depth to degrees I've rarely seen during my time in cricket.

All told, we used 30 players across both formats including 23 in the Shield and 23 in the ODC. Eight debutants received their opportunity – Mahli Beardman (ODC), Cooper Connolly (ODC and Shield), Keaton Critchell (uncontracted; ODC), Joel Curtis (uncontracted; Shield), Sam Fanning (ODC), Liam Haskett (ODC and Shield), Hamish McKenzie (ODC and Shield), and Bryce Jackson (ODC).

I can confidently say our values were upheld by every player that pulled on a WA shirt, as well as the squad members who were unable to feature.

The first hurdle we faced was the absence of frontline pace bowlers Lance Morris (managed), Jhye Richardson (hamstring), Joel Paris (hamstring) and Matt Kelly (quad) for

our Shield opener against Victoria at the WACA Ground. We had full confidence, however, that Cameron Gannon, Charlie Stobo and Liam, on First Class debut, would rise to the task.

As the season evolved, the rotation of quicks became a necessity rather than a luxury.

Our batting, led brilliantly by Cameron Bancroft and skipper Sam Whiteman – who became the most prolific opening combination for WA in the history of Sheffield Shield cricket – was a little more stable, although Ashton Turner's season-ending knee injury required us to shuffle the order.

It was pleasing to see Rising Star winner Jayden Goodwin take his opportunity at No.3, achieving a multitude of milestones – his first half-century, first century, and first Player of the Match performance – in a career-best campaign.

Meantime, Hilton Cartwright (finger) and Liam (heel), as well as several others, pushed through pain and discomfort for the team's cause. Their resolve was symbolic of the way we handled a summer of ebbs and flows.

I could identify countless moments in every match that shaped the path to both Finals.

Our most significant performances, however, came at the end of the Shield and ODC regular seasons when a place in each decider was far from guaranteed.

We needed to beat Tasmania in Hobart to qualify for the ODC Final and embraced the assignment, thanks to a D'Arcy Short century and critical wickets from Ashton Agar (3-54) and debutant Bryce Jackson (3-67). Bryce worked

extremely hard for his opportunity, having dealt with a lengthy list of injuries since joining the WA squad in 2021-22. The ODC Final against NSW at Cricket Central came around quickly.

Games like this are the reason we're involved in cricket, which is why Joel – who we've preserved for Shield commitments the last few seasons – was incredibly keen to be available, having missed the previous two ODC Finals. The fact he finished with 4-21 from nine overs despite limited 50-over preparation says a fair bit about his professionalism and ability.

Hilton, meanwhile, produced another special performance in a ODC Final. His unbeaten 73 was crucial to our pursuit of 170, and rightfully earned him Player of the Match honours.

Having lost twice earlier in the season to NSW, it was brilliant to see the boys bring their best performance for the Final, standing up in the pressure moments to secure our fourth title in the last five seasons.

We couldn't afford to dwell on the result, however, given our Shield campaign was hanging in the balance.

A win at home over Queensland preceded a clash with Victoria at the CitiPower Centre to determine Tasmania's rival in the Final, and we rose to the challenge again. It was among our best team performances of the year, enhanced by South Australia's upset win over the Tigers in Hobart which propelled us to top spot. We hadn't anticipated flying home with hosting rights, so there was a genuine buzz around the group when we boarded the plane.

The Final itself was full of storylines.

Seeing the doctor's name light up your phone the week of any match is never a good thing. When I was told Cameron Bancroft had come off his bike, suffered a concussion, and was in hospital for observation, a whole range of emotions went through my head.

Once it was established, to everybody's relief, that he'd be OK, the process of selecting a replacement opener began and D'Arcy earned the nod. He hasn't opened the batting a lot in red ball cricket, but we had faith in his experience and composure.

The second decision – to debut Cooper in a Shield Final – was a bold one. Cooper's attacking mentality with the bat and left-arm orthodox spin suited the balance of our side, and we were certain the occasion wouldn't overwhelm him.

On day one, D'Arcy's patient 50 laid the platform for Cooper's dynamic 90.

Sam Whiteman was named Player of the Final for his brilliant century and Cameron Gannon (3-38 and 5-23) bowled as well as I've seen him bowl. It was fitting that he and Joel combined for the final wicket, with Joel's flying catch at gully a moment we'll all remember for a long time.

The rest of that evening and the days that followed validated the tireless work of everybody involved – players, support staff, families, and those at WA Cricket who worked tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the summer.

Sam has grown as a leader while upholding incredibly high standards as a player and was the deserving winner of his first Laurie Sawle Medal.

Joel (Four Day Player of the Year) had an incredible Sheffield Shield campaign, while D'Arcy (One-Day Player of the Year) consistently performed well in big moments during the ODC season. Despite missing the Shield Final, Cameron Bancroft (Excalibur Award), was the ultimate teammate. Plenty more players made a massive impact and have been celebrated internally.

For the national side, it was great to see both Aaron Hardie (T20 & ODI) and Lance Morris (ODI) make their Australian debuts in the past 12 months. A great reward for effort and performance and we hope to see much more of them in national colours going forward. It was also a thrill to see Mitch Marsh take home the Allan Border Medal. Mitch has become an integral part of the Australian team in all formats, and it was terrific to see his brilliant 12 months rewarded with the coveted award.

Our loyal Partners, Members and fans deserve a lot of recognition. I can assure you that your support is essential to our success.

I would also like to acknowledge Christina Matthews, who has been an enormous part of my journey as a player and coach. It's hard to quantify the incredible amount Chris did for our game and organisation the last 12 years, and we can't thank her enough.

The 2023-24 season was a special one, but the cricketing landscape moves quickly.

Our attention has since shifted to the year ahead. Motivation won't be an issue. Bring on 2024-25.

**Adam Voges OAM**



## MARSH SHEFFIELD SHIELD RESULTS

**WA v VIC** - Western Australia 481 DEF Victoria 256 & 172. WA win by an innings and 53 runs. Bancroft 122, Wyllie 94, Goodwin 63, Rocchiccioli 3-14 & 3-39, Hardie 3-29 & 2-40

**WA v TAS** - Western Australia 8/574d DRAW Tasmania 439 & 5/129 Match drawn. Whiteman 188, Bancroft 91, Turner 82\*, Stobo 61, Hardie 56, Rocchiccioli 4-144 & 2-34

**SA v WA** - Western Australia 241 & 8/377d DEF South Australia. Western Australia win by 200 runs. Bancroft 57 & 100, Hardie 99, Cartwright 56, Whiteman 51, Paris 6-74 & 5-39, Haskett 3-41 & 1-47

**NSW v WA** - Western Australia 141 & 136 DEF BY New South Wales 276 & 0/4. New South Wales win by ten wickets. Bancroft 34 & 54, Morris 3-87, McKenzie 2-37

**WA v SA** - Western Australia 204 & 8/201 DEF South Australia 192 & 212. Western Australia win by two wickets. Goodwin 47\*, Rocchiccioli 36 & 25, Morris 2-63 & 3-44, Stobo 2-26 & 3-51

**QLD v WA** - Western Australia 330 DRAW Queensland 8/274d & 3/137. Match Drawn. Cartwright 132, Green 96, Richardson 35, 4-36 & 1-27, Haskett 3-90 & 1-37

**WA v NSW** - Western Australia 256 & 176 DEF BY New South Wales 251 & 6/182. New South Wales by four wickets. Whiteman 107 & 27, Bancroft 42 & 36, Rocchiccioli 4-101 & 3-104, Paris 3-45 & 2-41

**TAS v WA** - Western Australia 271 & 2/242 DRAW Tasmania 183 & 8/537d. Match Drawn. Green 103\*, Bancroft 100, Goodwin 85\* Paris 4-48 & 3-76, Rocchiccioli 2-24 & 2-140

**WA v QLD** - Western Australia 310 & 7/307 DEF Queensland 170 & 301. Western Australia win by 146 runs. Inglis 136\* & 47, Goodwin 115, Whiteman 79 & 33, Rocchiccioli 4-54 & 4-109

**WA v VIC** - Western Australia 244 & 168 DEF BY Victoria 144 & 130. Western Australia win by 138 runs. Bancroft 58, Inglis 45, Haskett 3-12 & 3-36, Gannon 5-42

**Final: WA v TAS** - Western Australia 347 & 376 DEF Tasmania 186 & 160. Western Australia win by 377 runs. Cartwright 55 & 94, Whiteman 104, Short 50 & 38, Gannon 5-23 & 3-38, Rocchiccioli 4-48 & 3-55

## MARSH ONE-DAY CUP RESULTS

**QLD v WA** - Western Australia 6/242 (40.2) DEF Queensland 238 (46.2). Western Australia win by four wickets. Philippe 90, Whiteman 62, Morris 4-64

**WA v SA** - Western Australia 7/371 (50.0) DEF South Australia 8/349 (50.0). Western Australia win by 22 runs. Whiteman 89, Turner 86, Hobson 64\*, Short 3-81

**VIC v WA** - Western Australia 4/109 (23.4) DEF Victoria 107 (21.1). Western Australia win by six wickets. Short 39, Whiteman 38\*, Behrendorff 3-14, Tye 3-14

**NSW v WA** - Western Australia 216 (42.2) DEF BY New South Wales 8/225 (42.0). New South Wales win by two wickets. Philippe 61, Tye 3-43, Behrendorff 2-30

**WA v SA** - Western Australia 6/282 (49.3) DEF South Australia 7/279 (50.0). Western Australia win by four wickets. Whiteman 137\*, Bancroft 51, Short 1-27

**WA v NSW** - Western Australia 161 (39.1) DEF BY New South Wales 5/163 (32.2). Western Australia win by seven wickets. Short 47, Gannon 2-24, Tye 2-42

**TAS v WA** - Western Australia 4/320 (50.0) DEF Tasmania 268 (36.2). Western Australia win by 52 runs. Short 127, Bancroft 64, Whiteman 49, Agar 3-54, Jackson 3-67

**Final: NSW v WA** - Western Australia 5/170 (33.2) DEF New South Wales 169 (42.0). Western Australia win by five wickets. Cartwright 73\* Philippe 42, Paris 4-21, Agar 2-35, Tye 2-39





## MARSH SHEFFIELD SHIELD STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	D	N/R	PTS
Western Australia	10	5	2	-	3	-	47.93
Tasmania	10	5	2	-	3	-	47.36
New South Wales	10	4	3	-	3	-	42.31
Victoria	10	4	4	-	2	-	38.94
South Australia	10	3	6	-	1	-	33.49
New South Wales	10	2	6	-	2	-	25.84

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
CT Bancroft	10	17	1	778	122	48.62	1997	38.95	3	4	1	69	2
SM Whiteman	11	19	-	770	188	40.52	1552	49.61	3	2	-	106	2
HWR Cartwright	10	17	-	529	132	31	1015	52	1	3	3	66	9
J Goodwin	8	14	1	421	115	32.38	1068	39.41	1	2	2	48	3
AM Hardie	7	11	-	377	99	34.27	643	58.63	-	2	1	49	1
JP Inglis	3	6	1	266	136*	53.2	420	63.33	1	-	-	32	4
CH Stobo	10	16	1	263	61	17.53	590	44.57	-	1	3	28	1
CJ Rocchiccioli	11	17	8	241	36	26.77	327	73.7	-	-	-	26	7
JS Paris	8	15	3	220	40*	18.33	588	37.41	-	-	-	22	2
C Green	2	3	1	205	103*	102.5	307	66.77	1	1	-	30	2
AJ Turner	4	6	1	184	82*	36.8	248	74.19	-	2	1	12	6
T Wyllie	6	10	-	178	94	17.8	426	41.78	-	1	2	26	2
JR Philippe	7	11	1	174	52*	17.4	281	61.92	-	1	2	21	1
CJ Gannon	6	10	1	151	42	16.77	315	47.93	-	-	-	17	1
DJM Short	2	4	-	147	50	36.75	341	43.1	-	1	-	23	-
C Connolly	1	2	-	108	90	54	145	74.48	-	1	-	16	3
JA Richardson	1	1	-	35	35	35	40	87.5	-	-	-	7	-
L Haskett	6	7	3	31	8	7.75	98	31.63	-	-	1	2	-
M Kelly	1	2	1	14	14	14	35	40	-	-	-	2	-
S Fanning	2	3	-	14	10	4.66	53	26.41	-	-	-	2	-
H McKenzie	1	2	-	4	3	2	35	11.42	-	-	-	-	-
JL Curtis	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
LR Morris	3	3	1	-	0*	-	9	-	-	-	2	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
CJ Rocchiccioli	11	21	437	103	1270	46	4-48	7-103	27.6	2.9	57	-	-	4	-
JS Paris	8	15	238.2	71	593	39	6-74	11-113	15.2	2.48	36.66	2	-	5	-
CJ Gannon	6	12	170	37	523	28	5-23	8-61	18.67	3.07	36.42	2	-	5	-
CH Stobo	10	19	282.5	83	715	22	3-38	5-77	32.5	2.52	77.143	-	-	1	-
L Haskett	6	12	168.2	34	495	20	3-12	6-48	24.75	2.94	50.5	-	-	1	-
AM Hardie	7	12	116.3	33	314	12	3-11	5-69	26.16	2.69	58.25	-	-	3	-
LR Morris	3	6	82.5	11	281	11	3-44	5-107	25.54	3.39	45.18	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	1	2	34	12	64	5	4-36	5-64	12.6	1.85	40.8	-	-	1	-
H McKenzie	1	1	11	-	37	2	2-37	2-37	18.5	3.36	33	-	-	1	-
C Green	2	4	34	10	115	2	1-14	2-92	57.5	3.38	102	-	-	2	-
HWR Cartwright	10	5	21	3	87	-	-	-	-	4.14	-	-	-	14	-
AJ Turner	4	3	11.2	3	22	-	-	-	-	1.94	-	-	-	6	-
M Kelly	1	1	7	-	13	-	-	-	-	1.85	-	-	-	-	-
DJM Short	2	1	2	-	17	-	-	-	-	8.5	-	-	-	2	-
J Goodwin	8	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-
C Connolly	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CT Bancroft	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	-
JL Curtis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
S Fanning	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
JR Philippe	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	1
JP Inglis	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
SM Whiteman	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
T Wyllie	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-



## MARSH ONE-DAY CUP STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	D	N/R	PTS
New South Wales	7	5	2	-	-	-	22
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	<b>21</b>
Victoria	7	5	2	-	-	-	21
Tasmania	7	3	4	-	-	-	13
Queensland	7	1	5	-	-	1	7
New South Wales	7	1	5	-	-	1	5

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
SM Whiteman	8	8	2	419	137*	69.83	416	100.72	1	2	1	40	12
JR Philippe	8	8	-	244	90	30.5	295	82.71	-	2	-	29	4
DJM Short	8	8	-	238	127	29.75	260	91.53	1	-	3	30	3
CT Bancroft	8	8	-	234	66	29.25	331	70.69	-	3	1	27	-
NR Hobson	7	6	3	169	64*	56.33	143	118.18	-	1	1	14	7
AJ Turner	4	4	2	142	86	71	135	105.18	-	1	-	11	6
HWR Cartwright	4	4	2	127	73*	63.5	157	80.89	-	1	-	10	3
C Connolly	4	4	-	68	4	17	75	90.66	-	-	-	10	1
AJ Tye	8	2	-	48	31	24	30	160	-	-	-	7	2
JA Richardson	2	1	1	25	25*	-	16	156.25	-	-	-	2	1
CJ Gannon	4	3	1	11	7	5.5	11	199	-	-	1	2	-
AM Hardie	1	1	-	10	10	10	27	37.03	-	-	-	-	-
CH Stobo	4	2	1	10	6	10	15	66.66	-	-	-	1	-
H McKenzie	1	1	-	9	9	9	11	81.81	-	-	-	-	1
JP Behrendorff	5	2	2	6	5*	-	17	35.29	-	-	-	-	-
AC Agar	3	1	-	5	5	5	9	55.55	-	-	-	-	-
S Fanning	1	1	-	4	4	4	18	22.22	-	-	-	1	-
L Haskett	2	1	-	2	2	2	5	40	-	-	-	-	-
M Beardman	1	1	-	1	1	1	4	25	-	-	-	-	-
K Critchell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B Jackson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JS Paris	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LR Morris	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AJ Tye	8	8	60.3	1	355	15	3-14	23.66	5.86	24.2	-	-	5	-
LR Morris	2	2	18	3	104	6	4-64	17.33	5.77	18	1	-	-	-
AC Agar	3	3	26.2	-	129	6	3-54	21.5	4.89	26.3	-	-	2	-
JP Behrendorff	5	5	37	3	153	6	3-14	25.5	4.13	37	-	-	1	-
DJM Short	8	5	23.2	-	187	6	3-81	31.16	8.01	23.3	-	-	2	-
CJ Gannon	4	4	33	7	159	5	2-24	31.8	4.81	39.6	-	-	-	-
JS Paris	1	1	9	1	21	4	4-21	5.25	2.33	13.5	1	-	-	-
B Jackson	1	1	9	-	67	3	3-67	22.33	7.44	18	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	2	2	15	1	99	3	2-36	33	6.6	30	-	-	-	-
C Connolly	4	4	27	-	118	3	1-25	39.33	4.37	54	-	-	3	-
CH Stobo	4	4	33	-	171	3	1-27	57	5.18	66	-	-	2	-
M Beardman	1	1	6	-	42	1	1-42	42	7	36	-	-	1	-
H McKenzie	1	1	9	-	65	1	1-65	65	7.22	54	-	-	1	-
L Haskett	2	2	12	-	75	1	1-51	75	6.25	72	-	-	-	-
K Critchell	1	1	2	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CT Bancroft	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
HWR Cartwright	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
S Fanning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
AM Hardie	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
NR Hobson	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
JR Philippe	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
AJ Turner	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
SM Whiteman	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Laurie Evans



# Perth Scorchers

The KFC Big Bash League is a tournament of increasingly small margins, meaning you can't afford to be too far from your best on any given day.



Our better games in BBL13 were excellent, featuring many of the trademarks that carried us to championships the previous two seasons. In turn, we qualified for the Eliminator despite facing numerous challenges along the way.

What we lacked was consistency.

The lineup itself chopped and changed more than we had planned, largely because of injuries to a few key players and the limited availability of a couple more.

Equally significant but within our control was an inability to execute our skills in big moments, particularly towards the end of the campaign.

On one hand, this was disappointing because winning 50-50 contests is a big part of the Scorchers' DNA. On the other hand, we have all the tools and experience to bounce back quickly, and I'm confident we will.

Despite a short-lived finals tilt, I was encouraged by large parts of our summer.

Inclement weather was the theme of the season-opening road trip to Melbourne, which saw the match against Melbourne Renegades in Geelong called off during the seventh over because of a dangerous pitch. A few days later, lightning threatened to halt our clash with Melbourne Stars at the MCG, but it held out long enough for the bowlers to set up an impressive seven-wicket win.

Zak Crawley joined the squad for our first game in Perth, having starred in The Ashes over winter. Zak's poise, class and ability to play bounce were large factors in us drafting him and they were all on display when he scored an unbeaten 65 in his first innings against Hobart Hurricanes at Optus Stadium.

That game, however, was season-defining for all the wrong reasons. Watching Ashton Turner (AT) hobble off the ground after bowling just one delivery then learning he'd require season-ending knee surgery was an enormous blow. AT is among the best captains I've worked with; his tactical nous along with his finishing ability with the bat have been big contributors to our recent success. His absence left a big hole.

Disappointing though the setback was, we moved quickly to appoint Aaron Hardie as stand-in captain, with Josh Inglis continuing in his role as vice-captain. Both have been part of our leadership programs in recent years and were well equipped to fill the void. It was fitting that Aaron and Josh were the main contributors the following match, setting up our victory against the Renegades in front of a massive Boxing Day crowd.

Laurie Evans then entered the new year with a bang, blasting 85 not out from 28 deliveries against Adelaide Strikers at Optus Stadium. This included 28 runs from the last over of the innings as we amassed 4-211 and passed the 200-run mark for just the sixth time in our history. It was some of the cleanest hitting I've seen, full stop.



Andrew Tye

The Strikers handed us our first loss of the season at Adelaide Oval two days later, before we overcame Sydney Thunder on a spin-friendly Sydney Showgrounds pitch. The team's ability to adapt on the run made this our best win of BBL|13. Ashton Agar's brilliant spell of 2-6 from four overs and Zak's half-century proved crucial.

A loss to ladder-leaders and eventual champions Brisbane Heat rounded off our final interstate trip and outlined the benchmark we needed to reach. However, we showed we weren't too far off the mark later that week, displaying our trademark game style and beating the Heat at home, with AJ Tye (4-14) leading the way. It was great to see the group bounce back despite losing Zak (England duties) and Jhye Richardson (side strain) at the Gabba.

Unfortunately, Sydney Sixers' victory in a final ball thriller at Optus Stadium was a dampener and saw us finish the regular season in third when second place was up for grabs. The match also spelled the end of Laurie's second stint with us, underpinned by another brilliant knock of 72 from 34.

Our stocks grew thinner as the Eliminator drew closer, with Stephen Eskinazi (broken finger) also ruled out. In turn, opener Sam Fanning made his debut and former Scorchers player Marcus Harris rushed from Melbourne to join the squad.

The match itself was relatively one-sided. We had some nice moments with the ball but didn't take our opportunities and Adelaide controlled things thereafter.

It was incredibly disappointing to exit finals early, but I also felt the result reflected where we were at in the second half of the season. Unfortunately, we weren't able to bring our best cricket when it mattered most.

Aaron was incredibly deserving of his first Simon Katich Medal, embracing the significant portfolio of stand-in captain, No.3 batter and primary allrounder with impressive maturity and composure.

The team's support staff were also enormous and deserve a lot of credit for the way they handled another hands-on tournament.

To our partners, you are massive cogs in everything we do and your continued support through thick and thin is sincerely appreciated by everybody at the Scorchers.

To our Members and fans, you are the envy of the country. Seeing the sea of orange at Optus Stadium gives us a massive boost, and we can't wait to team up again soon.

There's not long to go, either. The squad is exciting, the players are hungry, and preparations have long since begun. Bring on BBL|14.

**Adam Voges OAM**

## KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE RESULTS

### Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 2/30 vs Melbourne Renegades. No Result.

### Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 3/102 (13.5) DEF Melbourne Stars 101 (19.1). Scorchers win seven wickets. Eskinazi 25, Behrendorff 3-28, McKenzie 2-12, Richardson 2-20

### Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Perth Scorchers 1/173 (16.1) DEF Hobart Hurricanes 8/172 (20.0). Scorchers win by nine wickets. Hardie 85\*, Crawley 65\*, Behrendorff 4-25

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 162 (19.4) DEF Melbourne Renegades 8/149 (20.0). Scorchers by 13 runs. Inglis 64, Hardie 57, Tye 2-21, Morris 2-35

### Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Perth Scorchers 4/211 (20.0) DEF Adelaide Strikers 169 (19.2). Scorchers win by 42 runs. Evans 85\*, Hardie 34, Morris 5-24

### Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 7/153 (20.0) DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 1/154 (16.1). Strikers win by nine wickets. Inglis 39, Hardie 35, Morris 1-25

### Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 3/140 (19.1) DEF BY Sydney Thunder 8/137 (20.0). Scorchers win by seven wickets. Crawley 58, Connolly 3-25, Agar 2-6

### Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 9/168 (20.0) DEF BY Brisbane Heat 6/191 (20.0). Heat win by 23 runs. Evans 51, Agar 2-29, Behrendorff 2-45

### Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Perth Scorchers 6-163 (20.0) DEF Brisbane Heat 128 (19.5). Scorchers win by 35 runs. Hobson 48\*, Connolly 35, Tye 4-14, Morris 3-26

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Perth Scorchers 4-197 (20.0) DEF BY Sydney Sixers 7/201 (19.5). Sixers win by three wickets. Evans 72, Connolly 37\*, Behrendorff 3-35, Hardie 2-32

### The Knockout | Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Perth Scorchers 105 (16.2) DEF Adelaide Strikers 7/155 (20.0). Strikers win by 50 runs. Fanning 31, Connolly 31 & 2-17, Hardie 2-24





## KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	N/R	PTS
Brisbane Heat	10	7	1	-	2	16
Sydney Sixers	10	6	2	-	2	14
<b>Perth Scorchers</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>
Adelaide Strikers	10	5	4	-	1	11
Brisbane Heat	10	4	6	-	-	18
Hobart Hurricanes	10	4	6	-	-	8
Melbourne Renegades	10	2	6	-	2	6
Melbourne Stars	10	1	7	-	2	4

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
AM Hardie	11	11	2	334	85*	37.11	261	127.96	-	2	-	18	14
LJ Evans	10	7	2	292	85*	58.4	154	189.61	-	3	-	29	16
JP Inglis	11	10	3	238	64	34	186	127.95	-	1	-	20	8
C Connolly	11	10	2	181	37*	22.62	133	136.09	-	-	1	12	7
Z Crawley	6	6	1	155	65*	31	143	108.38	-	2	-	17	2
SM Whiteman	7	7	-	83	31	11.85	78	106.41	-	-	1	8	3
NR Hobson	6	4	2	61	48*	30.5	43	141.86	-	-	-	2	5
SS Eskinazi	4	4	1	44	25	14.66	53	83.01	-	-	1	2	2
S Fanning	1	1	-	31	31	31	20	155	-	-	-	3	2
AJ Turner	3	1	1	19	19*	-	17	111.76	-	-	-	1	1
AC Agar	9	5	1	18	7	4.5	25	72	-	-	1	-	-
AJ Tye	10	3	1	14	8	7	11	127.27	-	-	1	2	1
MS Harris	1	1	-	8	8	8	11	72.72	-	-	-	1	-
JA Richardson	8	3	1	8	6	4	9	88.88	-	-	-	-	-
H McKenzie	4	1	-	6	6	6	5	120	-	-	-	-	-
LR Morris	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	100	-	-	-	-	-
JP Behrendorff	10	3	2	1	1*	1	5	20	-	-	1	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
JP Behrendorff	10	9	33	1	254	16	4-25	15.87	7.69	12.37	1	-	2	-
LR Morris	9	9	31	-	247	13	5-24	19	7.96	14.3	-	1	1	-
AJ Tye	10	9	34.5	1	276	12	4-14	23	7.92	17.41	1	-	4	-
C Connolly	11	6	11	-	78	6	3-25	12.66	6.9	11	-	-	5	-
AM Hardie	11	7	16.1	-	112	6	2-24	18.66	6.92	16.16	-	-	4	-
JA Richardson	8	7	26.2	-	242	6	2-20	40.33	9.18	26.33	-	-	3	-
AC Agar	9	9	32	1	265	6	2-6	44.16	8.28	32	-	-	6	-
H McKenzie	4	3	10	-	61	2	2-12	30.5	6.1	30	-	-	-	-
SM Whiteman	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
NR Hobson	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
LJ Evans	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
MS Harris	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
AJ Turner	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SS Eskinazi	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Z Crawley	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
S Fanning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JP Inglis	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	3



Aaron Hardie



Amy Edgar



# WA Women

The 2023-24 Women's National Cricket League season was one of significant growth throughout the squad, but ultimately one where our results didn't reflect the quality of cricket we played.



Fresh off an encouraging campaign last summer, the group was optimistic about the summer ahead.

Stability within our squad is something we value highly, so to keep 15 of our 16 listed players from 2022-23 shows how much belief we have in the players that will drive us forward.

Among those was Chloe Ainsworth, who earned her first State contract aged 17. Chloe's a special talent, and we can't wait to see how she develops.

Having reflected on last season, a central message of the campaign was that our best is good enough to match anyone. The key was maintaining those standards for longer periods.

I sensed a real hunger within the girls throughout the pre-season, which set us up for a pair of dominant eight-wicket wins at home against a strong Victorian team to get things underway.

Chloe Ainsworth (3-27) hit the ground running in the first contest, while captain Chloe Piparo (98 not out) and Mathilda Carmichael (55 not out) were clinical during the chase.

The follow-up match saw Alana King (4-32) bowl brilliantly, before Maddy Darke (76no) and Lisa Griffith (45 not out) guided us across the line.

Setting the tone like that – against a Victorian team with several Australian internationals – was incredibly satisfying and gave the girls a huge confidence boost.

We were outplayed by South Australia during our next fixture at Karen Rolton Oval in Adelaide, despite career-best bowling figures for Amy Edgar (4-38) and Piepa Cleary (4-49).

But the girls showed excellent resilience to bounce back with an impressive win the following game, chasing down the challenging target of 260.

Maddy and Chloe Piparo – whose partnership at the top of the order went to another level in 2023-24 – put on 99 for the first wicket to ease nerves in the dressing room, before numerous others chipped in.

Chloe Piparo's 104 was outstanding, showcasing leadership, match awareness, versatility and an ability to execute when the going gets tough.

To head into the Weber Women's Big Bash League break with three wins from our first four matches was pleasing, but we all knew that plenty of hard work remained.

We resumed the season in 2024 with a four-match block at the WACA Ground, taking on ACT Meteors and New South Wales.

Much like our wins versus Victoria, the bowlers executed superbly before our batters – again, led by Chloe Piparo and Maddy at the top of the order - finished the job expertly.

We were excited to see Alana return from national duty ahead of our clashes with the Breakers, knowing how important her leadership and skill was to this group.

Unfortunately for us, the Breakers proved too strong on both occasions despite the best efforts of Mathilda Carmichael (104), who struck her maiden WNCL century.

While those losses presented a lot of learnings, we still entered our final four games – against Tasmania and Queensland, both away – with a spot in the WNCL Final up for grabs.

England regular Amy Jones joined the squad for the first fixture against Tasmania, adding valuable international experience to our batting unit ahead of a must-win clash.

We showed great character to secure a hard-fought win on a tricky wicket in Hobart, but the Tigers proved too strong in the second match, as did eventual WNCL finalists Queensland during our two games in Brisbane.

It was a disappointing end to our campaign, although there were plenty of positives to take from the season.

Going from four wins in 2022-23 to six wins in 2023-24 probably doesn't reflect the amount of growth and maturity we showed in our cricket this season. It does, however, show we still have some way to go to consistently match the very best teams in the competition.

Chloe led the group superbly, driving standards from the outset. She works incredibly hard behind the scenes, while her performances on field were first class.

Amy Edgar also enjoyed a brilliant all-round season, crowned the Zoë Goss Medallist for the second time, as well as our WNCL Player of the Year. Only three others have won multiple Zoë Goss Medals, which highlights the amount of talent Amy has to offer. She has worked incredibly hard to improve her game – particularly her bowling, which is now a real weapon for the team – and deserves the recognition.

Maddy is another to show enormous potential, winning the Female Rising Star Award after another quality season with the bat and gloves.

Behind the scenes, our assistant coaches and support staff deserve a lot of credit for the hard work they do leading into and throughout the summer.

To our Partners, Members and fans, who have been there to support us both home and away this season, we can't thank you enough.

I would also like to thank Christina Matthews for her enormous contribution to WA Cricket and women's cricket, generally. She is a genuine trailblazer and leaves an incredible legacy.

There's still plenty to work on, but I'm confident the group is heading in the right direction, having learned a lot from another campaign of growth.

I cannot wait for season 2024-25 to roll around, because I sincerely believe this group is capable of achieving something special.

**Becky Grundy**

## **WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE RESULTS**

**WA v VIC** – Western Australia 2-177 (35.1) DEF Victoria 176 (47.2). Western Australia win by eight wickets. Piparo 98\*, Carmichael 55\*, Britcliffe 3-25, Ainsworth 3-25, Mills 2-35

**WA v VIC** – Western Australia 2-165 (35.1) DEF Victoria 164 (47.5). Western Australia win by eight wickets. Darke 76\*, Griffith 45\*, King 4-32, Britcliffe 2-21

**SA v WA** – Western Australia 176 (46.3) DEF BY South Australia 9/263 (50.0). South Australia won by 87 runs. Darke 55, Edgar 4-38, Cleary 4-49

**SA v WA** – Western Australia 7/261 (48.2) DEF South Australia 4/259 (50.0). Western Australia won by three wickets. Piparo 104, Darke 47, Cleary 3-44

**WA v ACT** – Western Australia 1/152 (21.5) DEF Australian Capital Territory 151 (39.3). Western Australia by nine wickets. Darke 60\*, Piparo 58, Edgar 3-19

**WA v ACT** – Western Australia 0/174 (25.0) DEF Australian Capital Territory 171 (38.3). Western Australia by ten wickets. Piparo 79\*, Darke 71\*, Peschel 3-33, Britcliffe 2-15

**WA v NSW** – Western Australia 134 (36.1) DEF BY New South Wales 153 (42.2). New South Wales by 19 runs. Edgar 51, Mills 4-28, Peschel 3-20

**WA v NSW** – Western Australia 5/237 (50.0) DEF BY New South Wales 5/238 (45.3). New South Wales by five wickets. Carmichael 104, Edgar 42, Cleary 2-46

**TAS v WA** – Western Australia 9/248 (50.0) DEF Tasmania 212 (45.2). Western Australia by 36 runs. Jones 42, Piparo 42, Mills 4-36, Peschel 2-31

**TAS v WA** – Western Australia 171 (43.5) DEF BY Tasmania 8/223 (50.0). Tasmania by 52 runs. Darke 73, Mills 3-43, Edgar 2-29, Britcliffe 2-43

**QLD v WA** – Western Australia 136 (24.3) DEF BY Queensland 5/304 (45.0). Queensland by 182 runs (DLS Method). Piparo 28, Ainsworth 22\*, Mills 2-47

**QLD v WA** – Western Australia 115 (33.5) DEF BY Queensland 4/116 (25.4). Queensland by six wickets. Edgar 35 and 2-19, Manolini 2-24



## WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	N/R	PTS
Tasmania	12	9	2	-	1	43
Queensland	12	8	3	-	1	41
Victoria	12	7	5	-	-	32
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	-	-	<b>28</b>
New South Wales	12	6	6	-	-	26
South Australia	12	4	8	-	-	19
ACT	12	2	10	-	-	4

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
C Piparo	12	12	2	470	104	50.88	565	83.18	1	3	1	59	1
M Darke	12	12	3	458	76*	47	599	76.46	-	5	-	54	-
M Carmichael	12	11	2	236	104	26.22	318	74.21	1	1	-	20	1
AL Edgar	12	8	-	227	51	28.37	354	64.12	-	1	1	25	-
L Griffith	12	9	1	206	45*	25.75	336	61.3	-	-	-	22	-
CC Ainsworth	11	7	3	90	36*	22.5	114	78.94	-	-	-	6	1
AE Jones	2	2	-	48	43	24	42	111.62	-	-	2	6	-
P Cleary	12	8	1	48	20	6.85	73	65.75	-	-	-	4	-
LG Mills	10	4	1	45	19*	15	57	78.94	-	-	1	4	-
T Peschel	8	5	2	34	12*	11.33	67	50.74	-	-	-	2	-
AM King	4	2	1	25	22*	25	35	71.42	-	-	-	-	1
AL Day	3	2	-	22	14	11	36	61.11	-	-	-	2	-
ZR Britcliffe	10	6	3	14	5*	4.66	41	34.14	-	-	1	-	-
SJ Manolini	4	2	-	10	8	5	26	38.46	-	-	-	2	-
PJ Stockwell	2	2	-	10	6	5	24	41.66	-	-	-	1	-
IY McKeon	4	1	-	5	5	5	20	25	-	-	-	-	-
GL Wyllie	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
L Mills	10	10	88.5	5	373	18	4-28	20.72	4.19	29.6	1	-	3	-
AL Edgar	12	12	95	8	409	17	4-38	24.05	4.3	33.5	1	-	4	-
ZR Britcliffe	10	10	61.3	4	282	12	3-25	23.5	4.58	30.7	-	-	3	-
P Cleary	12	12	86.3	5	436	12	4-49	36.33	5.04	43.2	1	-	4	-
T Peschel	8	8	62	6	232	10	3-20	23.2	3.74	37.2	-	-	2	-
CC Ainsworth	11	11	67.1	4	343	9	3-27	38.11	5.1	44.7	-	-	1	-
AM King	4	4	33.1	5	130	7	4-32	18.57	3.91	28.4	1	-	1	-
SJ Manolini	4	4	23	-	113	3	2-24	37.66	4.91	46	-	-	1	-
M Carmichael	12	1	2	-	13	-	-	-	6.5	-	-	-	2	-
GL Wyllie	1	1	7.5	1	40	-	-	-	5.1	-	-	-	-	-
M Darke	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AL Day	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L Griffith	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AE Jones	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IY McKeon	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BL Mooney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C Piparo	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P Stockwell	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1



Sophie Devine



# Perth Scorchers

The 2023-24 Weber Women's Big Bash League saw career-best performances, the emergence of exciting young stars and a return to the finals. Unfortunately, we couldn't replicate our early-season form when it mattered most.



A new season brought an array of challenges, plenty of new faces and an opportunity to return to the finals after narrowly missing out in WBBL|08.

Taking over from title-winning mentor Shelley Nitschke as Head Coach for the first time was an incredible opportunity for me personally, and I couldn't wait for the hard work to begin.

The importance of stability within the squad is something we value highly, so we were thrilled to retain the majority of last season's squad while adding two talented quicks in young gun Chloe Ainsworth and Stella Campbell, who came over from Sydney Sixers.

We were equally delighted to retain our captain, Sophie Devine, in the inaugural WBBL International Player Draft, although saying goodbye to title-winner Scorchers and superstar allrounder Marizanne Kapp (Sydney Thunder) was an incredibly tough call to make.

Englishwomen Amy Jones and Lauren Winfield-Hill rounded out our international contingent, adding valuable experience and match-winning quality to our batting lineup.

Our campaign began with back-to-back fixtures on the road in Launceston and Sydney, giving the group the perfect opportunity to bond as a unit.

We were emphatic in our season-opener against Hobart, winning by 98 runs off the back of a brilliant knock from Soph (87 not out from 44 balls) and an excellent debut game from Chloe (2-10 from three overs).

However, things didn't quite go to plan against Brisbane Heat at North Sydney Oval as star opener Grace Harris (136 not out from 59) produced one of the finest innings in WBBL history, leaving us with too much to do in pursuit of 230.

Playing at home in front of family and friends is always special, making our first game of WBBL|09 at the WACA Ground an exciting occasion. It became more enjoyable when we won by seven wickets, with Chloe (3-25) and Beth Mooney (52 from 33) among our most influential players.



Alana King

A tight loss to Melbourne Stars at the CitiPower Centre marked the end of a travel-heavy start to the season, and the players were relieved to spend a bit more time in Perth ahead of a three-game block at the WACA Ground.

The first of these matches – a 36-run win against the Sixers – saw Alana King (33 from 14 and 2-17) deliver with bat and ball, while Amy Edgar (4-19) enjoyed a career-best spell.

We were just as clinical against Melbourne Renegades two nights later to chase down 171 with six wickets and 16 balls to spare.

After three consecutive wins, the group was in good spirits leading into our annual Aboriginal match against the top-of-the-table Adelaide Strikers.

The arrival of superstar England allrounder Nat Sciver-Brunt – a relatively late international signing – boosted the mood even more, and she delivered immediately with 53 from 33 balls.

We ended losing an incredibly tight contest when Danielle Gibson hit the winning runs from the final ball of the match. Despite the result, I was impressed by Chloe's desire to bowl the 20th over and win the game for us. It didn't go her way this time, but I have no doubt she'll learn a lot from the experience.

Four wins from seven matches was a fair representation of our campaign at the halfway mark, and we felt the upcoming five-match stint in the Eastern States could be season-defining.

Soph kicked things off with a brilliant century against the Heat in Brisbane, setting the tone for one of our best performances of the year. That win reinforced how hard we are to beat when we're at our best.

Beth then starred in consecutive wins against the Renegades and Thunder in Melbourne – both strong team performances – posting 101 not out and 47 not out to demonstrate her amazing consistency and class.

She followed up with 91 not out from 57 balls in our big win against the Sixers at North Sydney Oval. Beth's one of the best in the world for a reason, and we're privileged to have her in Perth.

While I am proud of the girls for embracing a long interstate trip, losing our last three games of the regular season against the Thunder (Cricket Central), Stars (WACA Ground) and Strikers (Adelaide Oval) was disappointing.

In a competition as even as the WBBL, you can't afford to be far from your best. We didn't execute in big moments towards the end of our campaign and were made to pay.

Still, finishing second earned us the right to host the Heat in a knock-out final at home, where our Members and fans turned out in force.

And although losing to Brisbane – who were too good on the day – was incredibly deflating, this group will take a lot from playing in a big final, as well as the hard work that got them there.

Soph, who led brilliantly from the front and proved a match-winner with bat and ball, was named our WBBL Player of the Year for the third time.

Beth finished as the competition's leading run-scorer with 557 runs to maintain her streak of passing 400 runs in every WBBL season to date.

Beth and Soph were among four Scorchers named in the WBBL Team of the Tournament, alongside Amy Edgar and

Chloe Ainsworth – an amazing accolade for a first-year player.

Nothing we achieved on-field would have been possible without our loyal Partners, Members and fans. The impact you have is invaluable and appreciated by everyone at the organisation, so we cannot thank you enough for your love and support.

Despite falling short of the ultimate goal, I firmly believe this group is capable of bigger and better things. Plenty of the lessons we learned will fuel us to make WBBL|10 a memorable campaign.

**Becky Grundy**



## WEBER WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE

### Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 4/186 (20.0) DEF Hobart Hurricanes 88 (15.5). Scorchers win by 98 runs. Devine 87\*, King 3-19, Ainsworth 2-10, Campbell 2-10

### Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Perth Scorchers 8/179 (20.0) DEF BY Brisbane Heat 7/229 (20.0). Heat win by 50 runs. Mooney 60, Edgar 3-31, Ainsworth 2-40

### Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Perth Scorchers 3/161 (18.3) DEF Hobart Hurricanes 158 (20.0). Scorchers win by seven wickets. Mooney 52, Ainsworth 3-25, Edgar 2-16, King 2-26

### Melbourne Stars vs Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 9/147 (20.0) DEF BY Melbourne Stars 7/154 (20.0). Stars win by seven runs. Darke 45, Devine 2-21, Mills 2-41

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers

Perth Scorchers 8/166 (20.0) DEF Sydney Sixers 9/130 (20.0). Scorchers win by 36 runs. King 33\* and 2-17, Edgar 4-19, Devine 2-20

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 4/172 (20.0) DEF Melbourne Renegades 6/171 (20.0). Scorchers win by six wickets. Mooney 59\*, Devine 52\*, King 1-20.

### Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Perth Scorchers 7/165 (20.0) DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 7/169 (20.0). Strikers win by six wickets. Sciver-Brunt 53, Jones 33, Edgar 1-31

### Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 3/192 (20.0) DEF Brisbane Heat 153 (17.3). Scorchers win by 39 runs. Devine 106 and 2-33, Mooney 50, Cleary 3-27, King 2-15

### Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 0/134 (11.3) DEF Melbourne Renegades 5/133 (20.0). Scorchers by ten wickets. Devine 70\*, Mooney 47\*, Edgar 2-14

### Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Perth Scorchers 4/159 (20.0) DEF Sydney Thunder 8/117(20.0). Scorchers win by 42 runs. Mooney 101\*, Edgar 3-18, Ainsworth 2-8, Devine 2-27

### Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 6/189 (20.0) DEF Sydney Sixers 128 (19.3). Scorchers win by 61 runs. Mooney 91\*, Ainsworth 2-12, Edgar 2-23, King 2-27

### Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 8/116 (20.0) DEF BY Sydney Thunder 1/120 (16.1). Thunder win by nine wickets. Jones 37\*, Mooney 26

### Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

Perth Scorchers 9/124 (20.0) DEF BY Melbourne Stars 6/157 (20.0). Stars win by 33 runs. Jones 42, Sciver-Brunt 24, Cleary 2-30

### Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 104 (19.4) DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 5/106 (14.5). Strikers win by six wickets. Sciver-Brunt 32 and 1-18, Devine 30 and 3-20

### Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Perth Scorchers 8/130 (20.0) DEF BY Brisbane Heat 5/197(20.0). Heat win by 67 runs. Sciver-Brunt 36 and 2-29, King 3-30

Amy Edgar and Beth Mooney enjoyed exceptional Weber WBBL09 seasons.





## WEBER WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT
Adelaide Strikers	14	11	3	-	-	22
<b>Perth Scorchers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	-	-	<b>16</b>
Brisbane Heat	14	8	6	-	-	16
Sydney Thunder	14	7	6	-	1	15
Sydney Sixers	14	7	7	-	-	14
Hobart Hurricanes	14	6	7	-	1	13
Melbourne Stars	14	6	8	-	-	12
Melbourne Renegades	14	2	12	-	-	4

### BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
BL Mooney	15	15	4	557	101*	50.63	389	143.18	1	5	1	75	9
SFM Devine	15	15	2	489	106	37.61	347	140.92	1	3	1	53	20
AE Jones	13	12	2	262	42	26.2	173	151.44	-	-	1	25	7
N Sciver-Brunt	9	8	-	209	53	26.12	172	121.51	-	1	-	25	1
M Darke	15	13	1	191	45*	15.91	184	103.8	-	-	2	24	-
AM King	15	9	4	103	33*	20.6	91	113.18	-	-	-	11	2
L Winfield-Hill	5	5	-	93	29	18.6	89	104.49	-	-	-	14	-
AL Edgar	15	10	3	91	21*	13	105	86.66	-	-	1	10	-
C Piparo	11	9	2	75	22*	10.71	73	102.73	-	-	-	8	-
CC Ainsworth	13	4	3	27	10*	27	32	84.37	-	-	-	2	-
P Cleary	12	6	2	21	8	5.25	28	75	-	-	1	2	-
LG Mills	12	5	-	21	14	4.2	22	95.45	-	-	1	2	-
T Peschel	8	3	2	19	12*	19	13	146.15	-	-	-	2	1
L Griffith	3	3	1	9	7	4.5	10	90	-	-	1	1	-
S Campbell	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AL Edgar	15	15	47.4	-	322	20	4-19	16.1	6.75	14.3	1	-	7	-
AM King	15	15	52.2	-	346	19	3-9	18.21	6.61	16.5	-	-	8	-
CC Ainsworth	13	13	39	-	295	15	3-25	19.66	7.56	15.6	-	-	4	-
SFM Devine	15	13	39	-	348	14	3-20	24.85	8.92	16.7	-	-	8	-
P Cleary	12	12	36	-	289	10	2-29	28.9	8.02	21.6	-	-	5	-
LG Mills	12	12	26.5	-	241	6	2-41	40.16	8.98	26.8	-	-	2	-
N Sciver-Brunt	9	4	12	-	85	4	2-29	21.25	7.08	18	-	-	3	-
T Peschel	8	8	24	-	175	4	1-20	43.75	7.29	36	-	-	2	-
S Campbell	4	4	7	-	64	2	2-10	32	9.14	21	-	-	1	-
M Darke	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
BL Mooney	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	6
C Piparo	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
L Winfield-Hill	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
AE Jones	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
L Griffith	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-





# Members & Fans

As a Member-led organisation, our invaluable Members got to experience another incredible year of International, Domestic and Big Bash cricket, as well as unforgettable experiences like Breakfast with the Curator, Golden Tea, Juniors Journos and much more.

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Heading into the 2023-24 season with an updated campaign showcasing Western Australia's cricket talent and the exciting benefits our WACA Members enjoy, WA Cricket generated significant interest and excitement, resulting in strong new Members sign-up rates.

And those who signed up enjoyed an enormous summer of international and domestic content. On top of WA's rise in the WNCL, their continued dominance of the Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup, and Perth Scorchers' strong MBBL and WBBL campaigns, WACA Members savoured eight days of international cricket at Perth Stadium and the WACA Ground, including Tests against Pakistan and the South African Women's team, as well as a Men's T20 International versus the West Indies.

Away from the field, WA Cricket's Breakfast with the Curator - held on day two of the Pakistan Test with special guest Justin Langer - offered Members a brilliant insight into the Perth Stadium pitch. When Scorchers season rolled around, the next generation of young cricket reporters put several Perth players through their paces during the annual Junior Journos gameday event. Countless other exclusive

events were hosted for WACA Members, with plenty more exciting opportunities in the works for 2024-25.

WA Cricket's bobblehead giveaways were a big hit, providing Members the opportunity to get their hands on an exclusive Members item which added significant value to WACA and Scorchers memberships.

Last summer saw record attendances at the WACA Ground and Optus Stadium, with WACA and Scorchers Members continuing to play a key role in this success, both on and off the field.

## SCORCHERS SUPPORT

In the Men's Big Bash Scorchers fans proved the most devoted in the country yet again, setting the benchmark for average home attendance for the third year running, and the fifth time in league history.

All told, more than 211,000 attended Optus Stadium to cheer on the Men's Scorchers, up 35% on the previous season.

The WACA Ground also produced record-breaking crowd numbers in the WBBL this summer, with more than 13,000 fans rushing through the gates to watch the Scorchers reach yet another Finals series.

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# Premier Cricket

The 2023-24 WA Premier Cricket season saw Perth power their way to back-to-back First Grade Premierships in the Senior Male Competition, while Midland-Guildford remained the team to beat in Female Cricket.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
PREMIER CRICKET

Perth claimed back-to-back First Grade Premierships for the first time in their club's history, following their two-day Grand Final victory over Scarborough at Hillcrest Reserve. Perth didn't have it all their own way having won the toss and electing to bat first, losing WA-contracted batter Sam Fanning (1) and Sheffield Shield debutant Curtis (1) to veteran Andrew Tye (4-41 from 23 overs) in the early exchanges. Middle-order batter Jacob Snadden (51) and Olly Cooley Medallist Jonothan Wells (46) got Perth back into the contest through quality strokeplay, before the Demons were eventually bundled out for 183 inside 73 overs. In response, the Demons' bowlers executed superbly, rolling Scarborough for just 109 following a match-defining spell from seamer Ethan Carrington (6-47 off 18), whose efforts were central to the 74-run win.

Perth put an end to Claremont-Nedlands' recent dominance of the WA Premier Cricket 50-over competition by toppling Bayswater-Morley in the Grand Final at the WACA Ground. Perth got off to a shaky start after winning the toss and electing to bat, with Fanning (1) and Wells (0) dismissed

in consecutive balls during the third over by Bears quick Jonty Wilde (2-22). Reeling at 4-23, Joel Curtis (58) and Jacob Snadden (34) came together to produce the most significant partnership of the innings (58), before a flurry of late wickets from the Bears restricted Perth to 8-161 off their 50 overs. Perth's bowlers then got to work, bowling out the Bears for just 89 inside 30 overs, thanks again to the brilliance of Carrington (3-10), alongside Lachlan Pratt (2-14) and Sean Roberts (2-10). With victory, Perth ended their 13-year white-ball title drought.

Midland-Guildford reigned supreme in the Premier T20 competition, claiming a hard-fought 13-run victory over Willetton under lights at the WACA Ground. Following the early loss of Dylan Sharman, former WA batter Tom Beaton (24 off 27 balls) and captain Keaton Critchell (35 off 25) kept the scoreboard ticking over, putting on 57 runs for the second wicket in quick time. Late hitting from James Godfrey (35 off 26) and Jordan Mast (23 off 14) ensured Midland-Guildford compiled a defensible total, finishing their 20 overs on 9-144. Spinner Luke Holt (3-21) was

Willetton's most damaging bowler. Willetton started shakily in reply as Kallen Bond and WA star Cameron Bancroft fell cheaply. State-contracted allrounder D'Arcy Short (49 off 30) and captain Blair Walsh (25 off 28) dragged the run-chase back on track with a 66-run stand for the third wicket, but regular wickets kept them at bay with Josh Nicholas (3-20) among the primary architects of his team's 13-run win.

Perth batter Jonothan Wells and Scarborough allrounder Matthew Spoons (20 votes each) capped off exceptional individual seasons to be crowned joint Olly Cooley Medallists, finishing four votes clear of Englishman James Bracey (University, 16 votes).

In Women's Premier Cricket, Midland-Guildford produced a dominant summer across both formats, celebrating A-grade T20 and 50-over titles.

Midland-Guildford batted first in the 50-over decider against Wanneroo at Hillcrest Reserve, posting 9-208. Openers

Ines McKeon (30 from 50 balls) and Morgan Pires (35 from 45) were the main contributors, kick-starting the day with an 83-run opening stand. The total proved too much for Wanneroo to run down, with Midland's bowling attack showing their quality to dismiss Wanneroo for 146. Teenaged legspinner Shay Manolini – who featured several times for WA in 2023-24 – showed maturity beyond her years with 5-24 as Midland-Guildford cruised to a 62-run win.

They reaffirmed their class with a second consecutive T20 title, taking down South Perth by nine wickets at the WACA Ground. Electing to bowl, Midland-Guildford's experience rose to the top, containing South Perth to 85 with skipper Sheldyn Cooper (4-11) at the forefront. Naomi Dattani (36 from 33 balls) and Chloe Piparo (27 not-out from 20) began the chase with a classy 56-run partnership, before Lilly Mills (12 not-out from six) applied the finishing touches alongside her State captain, sealing victory by nine wickets with 62 deliveries in hand.



A Grade T20 Final Champions  
Midland Guildford Cricket Club



Bhavisha Devchand



Mathilda Carmichael



Karen Read Medal winner  
Bhavisha Devchand



Olly Cooley Medal joint winner  
Jonothan Wells



Olly Cooley Medal joint winner  
Matthew Spoons



Liam Dallimore



Will Bosisto

## OLLY COOLEY MEDAL VOTING

1. William Bosisto (University) - 21 Votes\*\*
2. Jonothan Wells (Perth) - 20 Votes
2. Matthew Spoors (Scarborough) - 20 Votes
4. James Bracey (University) - 16 Votes
5. Michael Dawson (Fremantle) - 13 Votes
5. Fraser Hay (Melville) - 13 Votes

\*\* Due to a Code of Conduct offence, Bosisto was ruled ineligible for the Award. Jonothan Wells and Matthew Spoors were declared joint winners.

## WADCC TEAM OF THE YEAR (MEN)

Jonathon Wells (Perth) - Captain, James Bracey (University), Garrick Morgan (Joondalup), William Bosisto (University), Fraser Hay (Melville), Matthew Spoors (Scarborough), Joel Curtis (Perth) - Wicketkeeper, Luke Holt (Willetton), Waheguru Dillon (Perth), Liam Dallimore (South Perth), Jacob Headland (Fremantle), Matthew Hanna (Willetton)

## FULL LIST OF AWARDS

**Batting Average:** Jonathan Wells (Perth) - 711 runs @ 101.57  
**Batting Aggregate:** William Bosisto (University) - 919 runs @ 91.90  
**Bowling Average:** Matthew Hanna (Willetton) - 27 wickets @ 13.22  
**Bowling Aggregate:** Liam Dallimore (South Perth) - 40 wickets @ 18.48  
**Male Spirit of Cricket Award:** Subiaco-Floreat  
**Kevin Sullivan Silver Cup:** Perth  
**Club Championship:** Perth  
**Male Senior Coach of the Year:** Jason Thompson (Perth)  
**Allan Edwards Trophy:** Mahli Beardman (Melville)  
**JP Robbins Medal:** Zed Hollick (Scarborough)  
**Albert Richings Medal:** Brendon Diamanti (Rockingham-Mandurah)  
**Alan Mackley Medal:** Furqan Akram (South Perth)  
**Peter McConnell Medal:** Kate Holloman  
**Best 1st Grade Umpire:** Matthew Hall  
**Best 2nd Grade Umpire:** Trevor Krink  
**Best 3rd Grade Umpire:** Nick Milentis  
**Best 4th Grade Umpire:** Paul Clarke  
**Roy Abbott Best Pitch Award:** Hillcrest Reserve Upper  
**Most Improved Pitch Award:** Breckler Park 2  
**Premier Club Administrator of the Year:** Nic Geisler (Willetton)  
**1st Grade Premiers:** Perth  
**One Day League Premiers:** Perth  
**Premier T20 Premiers:** Midland-Guildford  
**2nd Grade Premiers:** Subiaco-Floreat  
**3rd Grade Premiers:** Willetton  
**4th Grade Premiers:** University

## KAREN READ MEDAL VOTING

1. Bhavisha Devchand (Wanneroo) - 24 Votes
2. Jaqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat) - 18 Votes
3. Morgan Pires (Midland-Guildford) - 16 Votes
4. Rebecca McGrath (Melville) - 14 Votes
5. Ines McKeon (Midland-Guildford) - 13 Votes

## WAFCC TEAM OF THE YEAR (WOMEN)

Rebecca McGrath (Melville) - Captain, Bhavisha Devchand (Wanneroo), Ines McKeon (Midland-Guildford), Emma Davidson (Perth), Olivia McSweeney (Subiaco-Floreat), Jacqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat), Shayna Jesani (Wanneroo) - Wicketkeeper, Eva Lynch (Subiaco-Floreat), Chloe Bartholomew (Wanneroo), Morgan Pires (Midland-Guildford), Alicia Ward (Perth), Amelia Bartlett (Wanneroo)

## FULL LIST OF AWARDS

**A Grade One Day Batting Aggregate:** Mathilda Carmichael (Melville) - 287 runs @ 95.67  
**A Grade One Day Batting Aggregate:** Bhavisha Devchand (Wanneroo) - 287 runs @ 41  
**A Grade One Day Batting Aggregate:** Rebecca McGrath (Melville) - 287 runs @ 41  
**A Grade One Day Bowling Aggregate:** Jacqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat) - 18 wickets @ 12.67  
**A Grade One Day Champion Player:** Rebecca McGrath (Melville) - 287 runs @ 41 and 13 wickets @ 16.31  
**A Grade T20 Batting Aggregate:** Bhavisha Devchand (Wanneroo) - 377 runs @ 34.27  
**A Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate:** Chloe Bartholomew (Wanneroo) - 16 wickets @ 14.13  
**A Grade T20 Champion Player:** Bhavisha Devchand (Wanneroo)  
**Female Spirit of Cricket Award:** Rockingham-Mandurah  
**Female Champion Club:** Midland-Guildford  
**Female Senior Coach of the Year:** Toby Morrell (Wanneroo)  
**Female Competitions Umpire of the Year:** Kate Holloman  
**Clare Papasergio Award:** Ines McKeon (Midland-Guildford)  
**Jenny Owens Medal:** Emma Davidson (Perth)  
**B Grade One Day Batting Aggregate:** Olivia McSweeney (Subiaco-Floreat) - 321 runs @ 160.50  
**B Grade One Day Bowling Aggregate:** Jacinta Stevens (Perth) - 14 wickets @ 5  
**B Grade One Day Bowling Aggregate:** Alicia Ward (Perth) - 14 wickets @ 10  
**B Grade One Day Champion Player:** Olivia McSweeney (Subiaco-Floreat) - 321 runs @ 160.50 and 6 wickets @ 15.67  
**B Grade T20 Batting Aggregate:** Emma Davidson (Perth) - 348 runs @ 49.71  
**B Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate:** Taesha Van Kempen (Perth) - 15 wickets @ 13.20  
**B Grade T20 Champion Player:** Emma Davidson (Perth) - 348 runs @ 49.71 and 12 wickets @ 17.33  
**A Grade T20 Premiers:** Midland-Guildford  
**A Grade One Day Premiers:** Midland-Guildford  
**B Grade T20 Premiers:** South Perth  
**B Grade One Day Premiers:** Midland-Guildford



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Female cricket continued to grow in WA throughout the 2023-24 season.

# Community Cricket

The 2023-24 season again saw amazing highlights and achievements across the cricket community.

From the Woolworths Cricket Blast Program to Veterans Cricket, it was inspiring to see registered participation increase by 7% year-on-year to 67,000. Registered participation represents participation in Woolworths Cricket Blast, club cricket, social cricket, organised school competitions and indoor cricket. Registered female participation saw a growth of 13%, reflecting the positive impact of programs funded by the WA Cricket Foundation.

I was pleased to see 6% growth in club cricket across juniors and seniors, while indoor cricket has bounced back to record 36% growth following several years impacted by COVID.

A priority goal of the WA Community Cricket strategy is to grow the number of 5-12-year-olds playing our game. This season, we saw steady growth in the age group with over 13,200 boys and girls signing up to play, including an increase of south Asian boys (19% growth) and girls (17% growth).

Additionally, there was growth in boys junior cricket participation among those aged 12 and under, as well as participants aged 13 and older. This reflects the encouraging number of participants who continue to play cricket after graduating from the 5-12-year-old age bracket.

Season 2023-24 also saw the significant migration from registration and administration platform MyCricket to PlayHQ. WA was one of the first States to adopt PlayHQ, along with Victoria and metropolitan Queensland. Thanks to the tireless efforts of WA Cricket staff and volunteer administrators across the state, this transition was deemed a success. The platform continues to evolve and improve, powering thousands of matches in WA each week.

Thanks to the generosity of the WA Cricket Foundation, WA cricket continues to expand the reach of its diversity and inclusion programs across the three Foundation pillars of Aboriginal Cricket, Cricket for People with Disabilities

The Insurance Commission of Western Australia partners with WA Cricket to deliver the Belt Up message to the cricket community. The Belt Up message is important, as not wearing a seatbelt can significantly increase the severity of injuries sustained in a car crash.

The Insurance Commission provides motor injury insurance to 1.9 million drivers and 3.2 million Western Australian registered vehicles. Motor injury insurance on registered vehicles provides cover for injuries caused to others in a crash anywhere in Australia.

Since the beginning of the partnership in 2019, the Insurance Commission has invested more than \$1.6m in the cricket community to promote the Belt Up message. Belt Up branded cricket equipment has been distributed to teams across the State and includes more than 3,200 helmets as well as marquees, stumps and shirts. This puts the message directly into the hands of the players.

Through the Belt Up Campaign, the Insurance Commission also sees the community benefits of helping to reduce some of the costs of running community and grass roots sporting clubs.

Last year, 77 people who weren't wearing a seatbelt were killed or seriously injured in crashes on WA roads. That represents over seven cricket teams, with men aged 18-34 years old continuing to be over-represented in serious and catastrophic car crashes every year. Remember to belt up every time you get into a car.

**Belt up.**

# REDUCING HEAD TRAUMA ON AND OFF THE PITCH

**Belt up.**

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## BELT UP INTEGRATED CRICKET LEAGUE



 **Insurance Commission  
of Western Australia**

The Insurance Commission and WA Cricket partner together to deliver the Integrated Cricket League. An inclusive cricket program for people with a disability, the Integrated Cricket League is now in its eighth season.

The Integrated Cricket League features 19 teams and 264 players. The league spreads across the metro area and is a key part of WA's cricket landscape. The community-focused program offers a modified format of cricket for people with a disability to join teams, participate in club life, and develop social, leadership, and communication skills.

The league was expanded to include Belt Up Table Cricket in 2022. Table Cricket is an adapted version of cricket, played on a table tennis table and specially designed to give people with a disability the chance to play and compete. Teams of six take turns to bowl or bat, with the bowler using a ramp to deliver the ball and fielders positioned at scoring zones around the table.

Over the past six seasons, the Insurance Commission's partnership with WA Cricket has provided more than \$240,000 in funding to the ICL through the provision of equipment, marquees, tablets, coaching aids, and helmets.

and Young Women, with over 2,800 participants engaged in these programs across the state.

WA Cricket again facilitated money-can't-buy experiences for more than 500 junior participants, who savoured the thrill of being on field for Men's and Women's International and Big Bash League matches. Another 200 volunteers were treated to at-match hospitality experiences.

At an administrative level, junior cricket in the metropolitan area could undergo significant change. Throughout the season, the Community Junior Cricket Council (CJCC), with support from WA Cricket, has engaged with its six associations on a proposal that would see these associations amalgamate with the CJCC to form one governing body for junior metropolitan cricket. The aim of this project is to streamline the administration of junior cricket in metropolitan Perth, reduce the burden on volunteers, and provide contemporary and agile competition offerings across the metropolitan area, thus leading to an exciting future for junior cricket.

## FEMALE CRICKET

Registered female participation increased by 13% this season, with a notable rise in girls' social indoor cricket. The Growing Cricket for Girls funded programs also led to a significant increase in girls' Cricket Blast participation, with numbers rising by 7%.

The Perth Scorchers Women's League experienced a 9% increase in players, enhancing complete female pathways within metropolitan community cricket clubs. The Women's Country Carnival continues to grow with 10 teams from across the State competing.

The WA Cricket Foundation-funded Daughters & Dads program saw increased participation, with 54 girls involved across four programs.

The Independent Girls Schools Sport Association social cricket continues to gain momentum with 32 teams of girls participating in the social formats competition.

## ABORIGINAL CRICKET

The WA Cricket Foundation supported 1320 connected participants in Aboriginal Cricket. The funding supported growth in the Pilbara, establishing partnerships in Newman.

The Kamarang Youth Cricket Carnival continues to grow with three more teams, including a team from Port Hedland for the first time. The highlight for all was joining the Barefoot Circle on ground alongside WBBL players.

The Aboriginal Talent Academy had success on the field at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC). Held in Alice Springs, the WA Aboriginal Men's representative team winning the Championship and the WA Aboriginal Women's team winning the Spirit Award.



The Hayward Scholarship - named after respected Nyoongar elder Professor Colleen Hayward, in recognition of her contribution to education and sport, and Aboriginal people in WA - was introduced, providing funds to assist recipients with individual training, travel, medical and equipment costs association with their cricket career development. This accelerated the development of promising pair and inaugural recipients Hayden Collins and Veronica Keen.

## MULTICULTURAL CRICKET

During the 2023-24 season, WA Cricket facilitated initiatives targeted at Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) communities, and South Asian communities. Over 500 participants from CaLD backgrounds were engaged through introductory programs in schools and the community.

There was a 9% increase of Woolworths Cricket Blast participants registered from CaLD backgrounds, and a 12% increase in CaLD registrations for Junior Cricket.

A highlight was a community-funded program attended by more than 160 children aged 5-12 across four weeks, with 75% of attendees coming from CaLD backgrounds. This could lead to the formation of a new Junior Cricket Club in a growing settlement area.

## DISABILITY CRICKET

Inclusive cricket programs in the community have grown across the board, with 1284 participants taking part in initiatives for People with a Disability.

The National Cricket Inclusion Championships (NCIC) were held in Brisbane and WA Cricket entered three state representative teams - Intellectual Disability, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Blind and Low Vision. WA Cricket selected female players in its Blind and Low Vision team for the first time, while Michael Berg and Ryan Honschooten have been selected in Australia's squad for the Blind and Low Vision Ashes.

## CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

School participation program numbers were similar to 2022-23, with 125,123 participants taking part in curriculum programs. WA Cricket's Health and Physical Education program saw good growth, while the promotional activities and Sporting Schools programs remained steady.

Kent Street Secondary College took out the Kim Hughes Shield - the top limited overs competition for secondary schools in WA - defeating John Forest Secondary College. Swan Christian College claimed the Graeme Wood Shield, overcoming Mazenod College to win the statewide T20 competition. WA Associated Catholic Colleges took out the Boys Representative Match, while the WA Black Team won the Girls Representative Match.

## JUNIOR CRICKET

Junior cricket competitions across Perth continue to deliver brilliant experiences to boys and girls. A record number of players signed up last season, demonstrating the health of junior club cricket. Each of the junior competitions are now administered by WA Cricket. The Woolworths Cricket Blast



Alex Hayes joined the WA Men's players training session.

Program delivered in clubs across Perth recorded a 7% increase in registered participation.

The Woolworths Community Fund and the Growing Cricket for Girls Fund helped extend the reach of the Woolworths Cricket Blast Program. These programs assisted the game of cricket to be accessed in areas where cricket was identified as a need for children from a diverse background and targeted communities where cricket participation was low for females.

## COUNTRY CRICKET

While registered participation in Country WA decreased from 2022-23, there was notable growth among 5-12-year-olds (+2%) and Woolworths Cricket Blast participants (+4%).

In January 2024, WA Cricket successfully hosted the Junior and Senior Men's Country Week carnivals. Junior Country Week featured 453 players, 37 teams, and 48 umpires over five days, with Bunbury taking out the U16A Section competition. Senior Men's Country Week included 509 players, 40 teams and 49 umpires, and A Section winners Albany emerged as the toast of the competition. Bunbury and Districts Cricket Association again hosted Senior Women's Country Week - won by hosts Bunbury Red - with 10 teams competing across two divisions.

## SENIOR AND VETERANS CRICKET

Senior community cricket enjoyed a strong season, boosted by the competitiveness of all four Cricket West (CW) affiliated competitions.

Belt UP again supported the Cricket West T20 Cup, with the WA Suburban Turf Cricket Association taking out the Seniors final held under lights at Swan Valley Cricket Club.

Several WA representative teams participated in the Veterans Cricket Australia National Championships, highlighted by WA hosting the Over-60s tournament in Perth, and the Over-70s tournament in the South-West.

WA also fielded two teams in the Women's Over-40s tournament in New South Wales.

## COACH DEVELOPMENT

Season 2023-24 saw 233 coaches receive their Community Coach Accreditation, including 53 teacher education students at Murdoch University. A Coach Development Week was piloted with multiple courses and workshops across one week to build community connections.

Fifteen coaching workshops were delivered in community cricket clubs, prioritising pace bowling to help reduce injury risk and maximise skill development. Engagement with female-specific groups saw two standalone coaching courses, with a youth leadership program training 20 girls as coaches.

Regional Western Australia was visited throughout the season to provide tailored coach support with a range of courses and workshops to all regions.



## INDOOR CRICKET

WA Cricket's partnership with Indoor Sports Western Australia and indoor cricket continues to support an accessible format of cricket that provides opportunities to play cricket all year round. Some great examples of collaboration included Woolworths Cricket Blast programs being delivered in indoor centres for boys and girls aged 5-12.

This year saw indoor cricket participation increase by 36% since 2022-23, underpinned by 100% growth in women and girls participation.

WA state sides participated in various national tournaments, with numerous WA players from both male and female teams rewarded with national selection across both junior and senior teams.

## VOLUNTEERS AND CLUB SUPPORT

The Volunteer Recognition program celebrated and recognised volunteers from across the State through Volunteer of Month, Volunteer of the Match initiatives and the Community Cricket Awards.

All these opportunities allowed WA Cricket to showcase the incredible achievements, initiatives and dedication of community cricket volunteers across the State in 2023-24.

## CRICKET AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARDS

WA had three winners at the National Community Cricket Awards for outstanding achievements in their local communities.

Kirsten Piccinini (Wembley Districts Junior Cricket Club, and Central Junior Cricket Association) was named Volunteer of the Year; David Turnbull (Jandakot Lakes) won the WA Community Cricket Coach of the Year award; and White

Knights Baldvis Cricket Club took out the Women and Girls Initiative of the Year category after seeing exponential growth in female participation.

## THINK MENTAL HEALTH

WA Cricket launched its Think Mental Health partnership with Healthway. The primary focus in the first year of this partnership was to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing in the cricket community, and the role that community clubs can play in supporting their members.

Throughout the upcoming season, attention will turn to providing education and resources to clubs. Think Mental Health rounds will also be introduced across community cricket competitions.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Season 2023-24 was another successful year for the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF). The ACIF is a partnership between Cricket Australia, WA Cricket and the Australian Cricketers' Association. Fourteen cricket infrastructure projects throughout WA were awarded funding through the ACIF program this season, delivering a partnered investment of \$20 million into cricket infrastructure across the State. All these projects will support participation growth and provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for all participants.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

WA Cricket acknowledges the work and support of its Affiliate groups, their members, clubs, and associations, as well as the school ambassadors and thousands of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure community cricket across our state continues to grow in a healthy, inclusive, and sustainable way.





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# Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund

Community cricket clubs across Western Australia have secured significant investments into their future with \$20 million in cricket facility projects being generated through the 2023-24 Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF).

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

Improving the infrastructure for growing clubs represents cricket's continued commitment to developing grassroots cricket across the State.

Since 2018-19, the ACIF has provided funding to 117 cricket infrastructure projects in WA, delivering a partnered investment of almost \$88 million in total project value.

WA Cricket is grateful to the State Government and all Local Governments in WA, as well as Cricket Australia and the Australian Cricketers' Association for their continued investment in community sporting facilities and the support they provide to support cricket participation.

The 2024-25 ACIF program will open again in October 2024, with cricket clubs and associations, councils and schools encouraged to identify projects that can be moved forward with the support of the ACIF.



# Life Members

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

## KEN CASELLAS

Ken Casellas, born on 8 November 1936, stands comfortably among the most respected sport reporters WA has produced.

Ken began covering cricket as a 13-year-old, phoning through progressive scores and close-of-play summaries of WACA First Grade matches to The Sunday Times from public phone boxes.

He joined The West Australian newspaper as a cadet journalist in 1954 and swiftly worked through the ranks, covering the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome and the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth.

Though adept at describing a variety of sports with accuracy and elegance, cricket was Ken's enduring passion. He reported on cricket for more than 45 years and was The West Australia's chief cricket writer for 27 years – a tenure that has not yet been surpassed.

In a brief departure from The West Australian, Ken reported on Perth's inaugural Test match at the WACA Ground for The Independent newspaper in 1970. He soon returned to his roots with The West, covering all Test, Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup games in Perth and accompanying WA's Shield side on Eastern States trips.

Years later, in 1993, Ken became the first WA-based journalist to cover an Ashes series in England and travelled across the Pacific again to detail another Ashes campaign in 1997.

Ken also wrote for the monthly Australian Cricket publication; Australian Wisden; and several WACA publications, most notably the WACA Chatta.

An author of equal repute, he was entrusted to write testimonial and commemorative books for Australian Test stars Graham McKenzie and Geoff Marsh, as well as England legend Alec Stewart and South Africa-born great Ken McEwan.

In recent years, Ken has canvassed the history of the WACA Ground in two books – The Doctor's In and The Doctor Declares.

Outside the confines of journalism, Ken's passion for cricket endured.

He was a member of the WACA's Test match organising committee in the 1980s and 1990s; featured on the WACA's historical sub-committee; and volunteered as MC for numerous WACA functions.

Additionally, he was the driving force behind the formation of the WA Cricket Media Guild in 1985, serving as the Guild's inaugural president.

Today, the Ken Casellas award recognises outstanding coverage of cricket in WA.

Ken can now add WACA Life Membership to an extensive list of accolades.



Beth Mooney - Player of the Series,  
Women's Test Match played at the  
WACA Ground



# Gallery of Greats

Bertha 'Biddy' Rigg was inducted into the WA Cricket Gallery of Greats.

With only 37 inductees across its rich 138-year history, induction into the Gallery of Greats is the highest honour WA Cricket can bestow upon a person.

The WACA Board authorised the Gallery of Greats project in 2005 to recognise the great contributors to Western Australian cricket since the Association's inception in 1885.

The induction into the Gallery of Greats is for outstanding and/or truly historic, or unique, commitment and contribution to WA cricket, in the person's particular area of expertise.

The WACA Board is the final authority on approving the recommended inductees, which have flowed from the deliberations and recommendations of the Board-appointed selection panel.

Induction into the WACA Gallery of Greats is considered to be the highest honour that can bestow on any individual in WA Cricket.

## GEORGE PARKER

**Administrator | 1852 - 1924**

As one of the founding fathers of this great organisation, George's contribution to WA Cricket was truly significant.

George played a central role in forming the WA Cricket Association in 1885 and became the Chair of the WACA Executive that year, holding the post until 1899.

During his 14 years at the helm, George made pivotal decisions that shaped the long-term future of cricket in WA.

Chief among his achievements, as one of three trustees, was securing 28 acres of river swampland on behalf of the Association.

This property, leased by Governor Broome in 1889, is now known as the world-renowned WACA Ground.

The 999-year lease was described by journalists of the day as more significant than the foundation of the Association itself.

Alongside his fellow trustees, George donated and raised funds to transform the seemingly unattractive land into a hub for a variety of revenue-raising sports.

The WACA Ground hosted its first club cricket match six years later, showcasing an electorate-based competition that George helped to establish. Today, this competition is known as Premier Cricket.

And in 1899 – George’s final year as WACA Chair – interstate cricket arrived at the venue when a representative WA team took on South Australia.

George continued to innovate when his service to the WACA Executive ended, helping to found the Cricket Council in 1899 before serving as Chair until 1908.

On the field, George celebrated four titles with club cricket powerhouse Metropolitans and netted two more championships with East Perth. He held the reins as Metropolitans’ inaugural captain for seven years and skippered East Perth throughout three campaigns.

Few have contributed more to cricket in Western Australia than George Parker, whose drive and foresight helped the sport thrive on the West Coast.



A visionary, innovator and official of incredible repute, George now sits proudly in the WA Cricket Gallery of Greats.

## BERTHA ‘BIDDY’ RIGG

**Administrator | 1894 - 1957**

Bertha Mary Rigg, also known as Biddy, made significant and enduring contributions to the growth of women’s cricket in WA during her 18-year tenure as president of the WA Women’s Cricket Association (WAWCA).

A Member of the legendary Rigg cricket family – and a mother of six including First Class players Basil and Bert Rigg – Biddy was known for her drive, leadership and enthusiasm.

Serving from 1936 until 1954, Biddy was the first female elected to the top job and is the longest serving president in the Association’s history.

With the WAWCA on recess for the duration of the war, Biddy is credited with successfully leading the organisation out of World War II and reigniting women’s cricket in WA.

Under her tutelage, women assumed responsibility and thrived in all facets of the previously male-led Association, seeing a new generation of female players inspired to play the game.

Biddy served on countless committees during her tenure, some of which required self-funded travel interstate. Biddy’s dedication to furthering WA women’s cricket interests saw her become a forceful advocate of the State’s interests, especially for players worthy of Australian selection.

To further increase WA representation at a national level, Biddy pushed for an Australian Composite XI – which included eight WA players – to take on England at the WACA Ground prior to the 1948 England tour.



Having convinced an Australian selector to watch the match, Biddy’s initiative paid off when two WA women were selected to play in England during the 1948-49 season.

Across her 11 terms, Biddy set up the Association for sustained success, ensuring financial deficits were cleared, junior competitions to feed the senior pathway were established, and two-day cricket and a new finals format were introduced.

Biddy made an impact like few others, and female cricketers throughout the state are beneficiaries of her legacy.

# Obituaries

## LOUISE CAPPER

A stalwart and premierships player of the Subiaco Women's Cricket Club, and later a member of Midland-Guildford Cricket Club, Louise Capper became the 185th female to represent Western Australia when she debuted in Brisbane in 1989-90.



A hard-working wicketkeeper and lower-order batter, she played in six WA State teams at National Championships during the 1990s.

She was a member of the inaugural Western Fury side in 1996-97 when the Women's National Cricket League first commenced.

Capper contributed much to the administration of women's cricket in WA in her roles as Manager of the State Under-21 female side in 1989-90, WAWCA Committee Member, WAWCA Senior Vice President in 1993-94 and Coordinator of Marketing and Sponsorship in 1994-95.

Originally from New South Wales, she was married to cricket umpire Graham Capper.

A caring and loyal teammate and friend, Louise passed away in December 2023, aged 57.

## LYLE JONES

Lyle Jones was a longstanding administrator in country cricket, serving on the WA Country Cricket Board (WACCB) for 16 years.



He began his tenure as Central Districts' delegate in 1988 and was elected Chairman of the WACCB in 1994, serving in that position for 10 years, before retiring in 2004.

Through his friendly disposition and passion for the game, Lyle built strong relationships with the farming and sporting communities in rural WA and forged important partnerships to help grow country cricket in WA into a sound position.

Lyle was a long-time junior cricket co-ordinator in the Bruce Rock area and was a Life Member of the Bruce Rock-Naremben Cricket Association (now Eastern Districts Cricket Association).

The year after his retirement in 2005, Jones received Honorary Life Membership of the WACA for his unwavering commitment and services to country cricket.

He passed away on Friday 15 December, aged 83.

## PETER KELLY

Peter Kelly, a diminutive opening batter, played 20 Sheffield Shield games for WA between 1964-65 and 1966-67, scoring 1329 runs at 37.97 including two centuries and seven half-centuries.



Born in Mosman, Sydney, Kelly moved to WA and signed with North Perth Cricket Club, where his performances earned him a First Class debut for WA versus Victoria in November 1964 at the WACA Ground.

The following season, Kelly became the first WA player to score a century in each innings against the MCC, tallying 119 and 108 not out. The second of those two knocks came despite being struck on the head with a short ball, which forced him to retire hurt before resuming his innings later in the match.

That November, Kelly – the father of former WA player Rob Kelly – compiled his highest score of 132, defying New South Wales during a Sheffield Shield contest at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

All told, Kelly's First-Class career yielded 1611 runs at 40.27 with four centuries and seven half-centuries.

He passed away in October 2023, aged 81.

## ROB LANGER

A central figure of WA Cricket's golden era in the 1970s and 1980s, Rob Langer won three Sheffield Shield championships (1974-75, 1976-77 and 1980-81) and two One-Day Cup titles (1973-74 and 1976-77) for his state during a professional career that spanned eight years between January 1974 and March 1982.



The powerful top-order batter – a left-hander like his nephew and WA great Justin Langer – notched up 2756 runs at 43.06 in 44 First Class games, including five centuries and 18 half-centuries.

He struck a further 338 runs at 28.16 in 15 limited overs games, including a career-best 99 not out during a one-day game against Tasmania in 1981-82.

Langer spent the 1977-78 and 1978-79 seasons playing for Australia's World Series Cricket side, with his aggressive batting style appealing to the breakaway competition.

It was also reported by multiple news outlets that Langer was on the cusp of Test selection. Among those reports was an article penned by former Australian captain Ian Chappell, who selected the talented dasher in his hypothetical squad to tour England in 1977.

In June 2002 – two decades after retiring as a player – Langer returned to the WACA Ground as High Performance Manager, following a stint as the Western Australian Speedway Commission's Chief Executive Officer.

He passed away on 14 September 2023, aged 74.

### REVEREND JOYCE POLSON OAM

A passionate servant of the game, Reverend Joyce Polson OAM represented WA on multiple occasions and was an influential advocate for schoolgirls cricket.

Polson earned cap No.71 when making her State debut in the 1961-62 Australian Women's Cricket Carnival, held in Perth.

The right-arm medium-pace bowler was selected again the following season for a series in Adelaide, taking career-best figures of 4-52.

She later featured during the state team's 1967-68 trip to Melbourne, aged 40, and enjoyed a fruitful career as Fremantle's captain-coach.

More significant than her considerable talents as a player, however, was Polson's influence on younger generations of female cricketers.

Polson proved instrumental in establishing the inaugural WA State Schoolgirls team in 1972, having been the long-term cricket coach at St Mary's Anglican Girls School where she worked for more than two decades.



Affectionately known as 'The Deac' (deaconess), Polson also established a Veterans team in 1985-86 to compete in the WA Women's Cricket Association club competition.

Away from cricket, she committed her life to the Anglican Church.

In 1992, Polson became one of the first women in Australia to be ordained as Priest at St George's Cathedral.

Seven years later, she received the Medal of the Order of Australia for her services to the community through the Anglican Church.

She passed away in April 2024, aged 95.

### NANCY POWELL

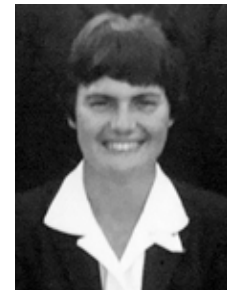
Born in Meekatharra, Nancy Powell (née Edwards) began her cricketing career at the Willows Club in the 1960s.

A competent wicketkeeper and handy middle-order batter, Powell made her First Class debut in Melbourne in January 1967 at the age of 30, becoming the 92nd Woman to represent WA.

Powell was a key driver in growing the game of cricket in the Canning area, establishing the Canning Districts Women's Cricket Club at the start of the 1971-72 summer, a club where she eventually served as captain and coach.

Powell also made a valuable contribution to the WA Women's Cricket Association off the field, undertaking roles as Senior Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Publicity Officer and State Team Manager.

She passed away on 29 July 2023, aged 87.



## 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 2023-24.

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

Carl L. Alexander  
Steve Binnie  
Letham J. Burns  
John M. Bush  
Louise M. Capper  
Robert A. Gibbs  
Francis (Frank) Glynn  
Lyle Jones  
Peter Kelly  
Patricia K. Lucas

Gillian D. Meecham  
Theresa Moore  
George W. Nelson  
Philip K. Pascall  
Edward Pring  
Veronica Roach  
Bec Smith  
Ian S. Stock  
Mark A. Watson  
Martha Window



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# Directors' Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited ("Company") and "WA Cricket" for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

## Directors

Name	Category
Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey	Cricket Appointed Director & Chair
Dr MB (Michael) Gannon	Member Elected Director (Deputy Chair from 30 Oct 2023 to 4 Aug 2024)
Mr TF (Thomas) Percy KC	Member Elected Director & Deputy Chair (to 20 Sep 2023)
Mr GB (Brad) Hogg	Member Elected Director
Mr PJ (Paul) Collins	Member Elected Director
Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE AM	Member Elected Director
Mr P (Peter) Capes	Member Elected Director (from 20 Sep 2023)
Mr CK (Christian) Bauer	Cricket Appointed Director
Mr M (Michael) Snell OAM	Board Appointed Director
Mrs G (Gail) McGowan PSM	Board Appointed Director (from 16 Nov 2023)
Ms ED (Eva) Skira AM	Board Appointed Director (to 9 Nov 2023)
Hon KG (Kerry) Sanderson AC CVO	Board Appointed Director (to 5 Mar 2024)

The above-named Directors held office during the whole financial year and since the end of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

The Board thanks Thomas Percy KC, Eva Skira AM and Hon Kerry Sanderson AC CVO for their contribution to WA Cricket.

No Director has received any remuneration from the Company during the year or after the year-end.

The Company constitution provides for up to ten Directors (five elected by Members, two by cricket affiliates and up to three appointed by the Board).

## Company Secretary

RI (Richard) Marshall

## Nature of Operations and Principal Activities

Western Australian Cricket Association Limited is a not-for-profit company and any surplus income or property must be applied to promote its principal activities.

The Company's principal activities are the promotion, development and governance of cricket at all levels, from grassroots to elite programs, in Western Australia.

The Company is a member of the national body, Cricket Australia ("CA") and works closely with CA on the development of strategies to improve the delivery of cricket programs.

## Strategic Plan

The Company operates in line with its strategic plan (2022-2027), developed in conjunction with CA.



## Review of Operations

WA Cricket had an outstanding year on the field, winning a hat-trick of Men's domestic titles in the Marsh Sheffield Shield and Marsh One Day Cup. The Perth Scorchers Men & Women's Big Bash League teams played finals and the Western Australian Women's State team is developing well.

WA Cricket continued to invest in cricket in WA across all forms of cricket in Men's and Women's elite teams, junior pathways, Premier and community cricket (including grassroots, veterans, diversity and inclusion programs such as disability, Aboriginal and young women in cricket).

The Perth Scorchers Men's team continue to lead the league with an average attendance of 35,600 per home game.

WA Cricket would like to thank all Members for their support, loyalty and passion for supporting WA Cricket and the success on the field is a credit and reward for all your support.

The final net result for the year was a surplus of \$43,331,783 (\$3,545,655 in 2022-23), achieved after including capital grants relating to the WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP) which have been recognised as revenue during the year in accordance with accounting standard AASB 1058 (Income of Not-for-Profit Entities). The net result from our normal business operations excluding WGIP related items was a deficit of \$1,625,663 (surplus of \$1,283,001 in 2022-23).

The WGIP will create a sustainable community and sporting hub with cricket at its heart. The WGIP will transform the WACA Ground into a boutique sporting venue and complement Optus Stadium, with a permanent capacity of approximately 10,000. The WGIP will also allow the Ground to be utilised for multi-sport and community use, including a health club overlooking the iconic WACA Ground and an indoor multi-sport centre equipped with 10 cricket lanes. The design will reflect

and incorporate the proud heritage and history of the WACA Ground. The reinvigorated museum will honour the rich cricket, sporting and entertainment history of the Ground and pay homage to the traditional owners of the land on which it sits.

The WGIP also includes an integrated Aquatic Facility which is funded by the State Government.

The total estimated cost for WGIP is \$168,908,797 and is planned to be funded as follows:

- Federal Government \$30,000,000, the agreement has been executed.
- State Government \$109,700,000 (including the Aquatic Facility), the agreement has been executed.
- Cricket Australia \$4,000,000, the agreement has been executed.
- Lotterywest \$5,200,000, the agreement has been executed.
- WA Cricket contribution \$11,000,000.
- Interest Earned and Health Club Fit out Contribution \$3,500,000.
- Other fundraising and funding options \$5,508,797.

The standard, AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities, will impact the revenue recognition of the grants received from funding partners of the WGIP over time as the work is completed. Depreciation of the entire WGIP will commence on the completion of construction and recorded in the Company's financial statements.

The main construction started in October 2023, with Project completion set for late July 2025.

In 2023-24 the closing cash balance and term deposits were \$43,150,851 (compared to last year's \$18,181,073).

### **Significant matters since the year-end**

There has not arisen any item, transaction or event of a material nature, likely in the opinion of the Directors, to materially affect the operations or the affairs of the Company in future years.

### **Environmental regulations**

The Company has identified contaminated soil areas that require treatment as part of the WACA Ground Improvement Project. A comprehensive remediation plan was developed and approved, working in collaboration with the WA Cricket appointed Contaminated Site Auditor (CSA), Senversa. This plan is being implemented, which is expected to result in the successful removal and treatment of the soil. The estimated total remediation cost has been accounted for in the financial statements.

### **Changes in state of affairs**

There have been no changes in the state of affairs during the year.

### **Future development**

Besides the WACA Ground Improvement Project, at the time of preparation of this financial report, the Directors are not aware of any major changes in operation nor an associated change in the future results of those operations in subsequent financial years.

### **Indemnification of officers**

During the financial year, the Company paid insurance premiums in respect of certain officers of the Company. The insurance policy covers any Director or officer of the Company including Directors, Company Secretary, Chief Executive Officer and employees of the Company. The liabilities insured include costs that may be incurred in defending civil or criminal proceedings that may be brought against the Directors and officers in their capacity as officers of the Company. Due to the confidential undertakings of the policy, no further details in respect of the premium or policy can be disclosed.

### **Auditor's independence declaration**

The auditor's independence declaration is included after this report.

## Board Meeting Attendance

A total of eighteen (18) Board meetings were held during the financial year.

Name	Category	Meetings Attended
Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey	Cricket Appointed Director & Chair	17/18
Dr MB (Michael) Gannon	Member Elected Director (Deputy Chair from 30 Oct 2023 to 4 Aug 2024)	16/18
Mr TF (Thomas) Percy KC	Member Elected Director & Deputy Chair (to 20 Sep 2023)	4/4
Mr GB (Brad) Hogg	Member Elected Director	18/18
Mr PJ (Paul) Collins	Member Elected Director	15/16
Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE AM	Member Elected Director	18/18
Mr P (Peter) Capes	Member Elected Director (from 20 Sep 2023)	14/14
Mr CK (Christian) Bauer	Cricket Appointed Director	18/18
Mr M (Michael) Snell OAM	Board Appointed Director	17/18
Mrs G (Gail) McGowan PSM	Board Appointed Director (from 16 Nov 2023)	9/10
Ms ED (Eva) Skira AM	Board Appointed Director (to 9 Nov 2023)	5/7
Hon KG (Kerry) Sanderson AC CVO	Board Appointed Director (to 5 Mar 2024)	14/14

## Board Committees

The following Directors served on various Board Committees during the financial year.

**Nominations, Remuneration & Governance Committee:** Avril Fahey (Chair), Eva Skira AM (to 9 Nov 2023), Thomas Percy KC (to 20 Sep 2023), Dr Michael Gannon (from 30 Oct 2023 to 6 Aug 2024), Christian Bauer, John Inverarity AM MBE, Mike Snell OAM (from 6 Aug 2024) and Gail McGowan PSM (from 6 Aug 2024).

**Audit and Risk Committee:** Mike Snell OAM (Chair), Eva Skira AM (to 9 Nov 2023), Dr Michael Gannon and Peter Capes (from 14 Nov 2023).

**WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP) Steering Committee:** Avril Fahey (Co-Chair), Christian Bauer and Gail McGowan (from 2 Apr 2024).

**WA Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee:** Avril Fahey (Co-Chair).

Dated at Perth this 9th day of September 2024.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:

  
AJ Fahey | Chair

  
M Snell OAM | Chair, Audit & Risk Committee

# Financial Statements

## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTES	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Revenue	N. 2(i)	44,541,860	42,130,860
Other income	N. 2(ii)	45,599,394	2,602,913
Employee benefit expenses		(24,437,180)	(20,882,710)
Match & event expenses		(6,671,722)	(6,742,510)
Equipment & maintenance expense		(2,168,155)	(2,395,623)
Travel & entertainment expense		(2,881,966)	(2,395,577)
Contractors & consultants expense		(4,779,326)	(3,308,979)
Administration expense		(1,702,224)	(1,560,080)
Promotion & advertising expense		(857,589)	(793,189)
Other expenses		(1,650,358)	(1,572,780)
Grants to affiliate bodies		(1,218,937)	(1,187,710)
Interest expense	N. 3	(44,285)	(8,929)
Depreciation	N. 3	(397,729)	(340,031)
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<b>43,331,783</b>	<b>3,545,655</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>43,331,783</b>	<b>3,545,655</b>

The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 78 to 90.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024

	NOTES	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	N. 5	36,150,851	15,181,073
Trade and other receivables	N. 6	943,216	270,746
Inventories	N. 7	32,760	8,128
Other financial assets	N. 8	7,000,000	3,000,000
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>44,126,827</b>	<b>18,459,947</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	N. 9	66,771,773	19,150,556
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>66,771,773</b>	<b>19,150,556</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>110,898,600</b>	<b>37,610,503</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	N. 10	15,228,997	4,909,815
Lease liabilities	N. 12	73,736	69,713
Provisions	N. 13	3,996,354	1,316,533
Deferred income	N. 14	29,352,951	13,620,862
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>48,652,038</b>	<b>19,916,923</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Lease liabilities	N. 12	217,433	269,930
Provisions	N. 13	1,585,852	312,156
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>1,803,285</b>	<b>582,086</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>50,455,323</b>	<b>20,499,009</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>60,443,277</b>	<b>17,111,494</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		60,443,277	17,111,494
<b>Total Accumulated funds</b>		<b>60,443,277</b>	<b>17,111,494</b>

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 78 to 90.

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTES	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		52,908,271	45,548,722
Cash payments in the course of operations		(41,133,514)	(46,409,220)
Interest received		903,092	340,259
Finance costs paid		(36,630)	-
<b>Net cash generated by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>N. 16(ii)</b>	<b>12,641,219</b>	<b>(520,239)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		63,636	-
Funding received for WACA Ground Improvement Project		60,340,000	9,500,000
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(47,999,351)	(7,771,938)
Net movement in Term Deposit		(4,000,000)	-
<b>Net cash generated by investing activities</b>		<b>8,404,285</b>	<b>1,728,062</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Lease liability repayment		(75,726)	(71,595)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(75,726)</b>	<b>(71,595)</b>
Net increase in cash held		20,969,778	1,136,228
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		15,181,073	14,044,845
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>N. 16(i)</b>	<b>36,150,851</b>	<b>15,181,073</b>

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 78 to 90.

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Accumulated Funds (\$)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>13,565,839</b>
Total Comprehensive income	3,545,655
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>17,111,494</b>
Total Comprehensive income	43,331,783
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>60,443,277</b>

The statement of changes in accumulated funds is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 78 to 90.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

### 1. Statement of significant accounting policies

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are:

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and comply with other requirement of the law in a form appropriate for a sporting association.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied and, except where there is a change in accounting policy, are consistent with those of the previous year.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing an asset or liability at the measurement date.

#### New and revised AASBs affecting amounts reported and/or disclosures in the financial statements

In the current year, the Company has adopted all new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that (the AASB) are effective for annual period that begins on or after 1 July 2023. Their adoption has not had any material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted

At the date of authorisation of the financial statements, the Company has not applied the following new and revised Australian Accounting Standards, Interpretations and amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Standard/Interpretation	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after	Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending
AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current and AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Deferral of Effective Date and AASB 2022-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024	30 June 2025
AASB 2022-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024	30 June 2025
AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2028	30 June 2029

Management are yet to undertake a formal assessment of the impact of the accounting standards that are issued but not yet effective, but the impact on the Company is anticipated to be immaterial as the majority do not impact its current operations.

**(b) Statement of compliance**

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards (AAS). Compliance with AAS ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes thereto, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). For the purpose of preparing the financial report, the Company is a not-for-profit entity.

The Directors have authorised the issue of this financial report on 8 August 2024.

**(c) Revenue recognition**

Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Company recognises revenue when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer.

***Cricket revenue***

Cricket revenue comprises funding received from Cricket Australia, sale of goods, ticketing income, membership income and sponsorship income.

Revenue from the sales of goods, ticketing income, provision of services or rental income to which the short-term lease exemption applies is recognised when the control of goods (or services) passes to the customer which is at the time that the goods are physically transferred, or the services are consumed. None of the items sold have any warranty attached to them.

Revenue related to funding from Cricket Australia is recognised in the period for which it relates and brought to account when the funds are received.

Other grants are recognised as revenue when there is reasonable assurance that the Company will comply with the conditions attached to them.

Sponsorship revenue is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations specified in the agreements are satisfied.

***Membership***

Membership revenue is derived through renewals and subscriptions fees. Membership revenue is recognised over time in relation to the period in which they specifically relate.

***Function-related revenue***

Function-related revenue relates to the sales of goods, provision of services or rental income to which the short-term lease exemption applies. Function-related revenue is recognised when the control of goods (or services) passes to the customer which is at the time that the goods are physically transferred, or the services are consumed. None of the items sold have any warranty attached to them.

***Government grants, donations and bequests***

When the Company receives government grants, donations and bequests that are in the scope of AASB 1058 (being a transaction where the consideration paid to acquire an asset is significantly less than fair value principally to enable the Company to further its objectives), it performs an assessment to determine if the contract is 'enforceable' and contains 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations.

Where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than fair value principally to enable the Company to further its objectives, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 1058 where the Company:

- Recognises the asset in accordance with the requirements of other relevant applicable Australian Accounting Standards (e.g. AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138)
- Considers whether any other financial statement elements should be recognised ('related amounts') in accordance with the relevant applicable Australian Accounting Standard including:
  - Contributions by owners (AASB 1004)
  - A lease liability (AASB 16)
  - Revenue, or a contract liability arising from a contract with a customer (AASB 15)
  - A financial instrument (AASB 9)
  - A provision (AASB 137)
- Recognises income immediately in profit or loss for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the asset over any related amounts recognised.

In cases where the consideration is solely performance obligations under an enforceable contract and sufficiently specific to enable determination as to when the obligations are satisfied, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15.

### **Capital grants - Buildings**

For capital grants received under an enforceable agreement where it includes a transfer to enable the Company to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset to identified specifications which will be controlled by the Company when completed, the Company recognises a liability for the excess of the fair value of the transfer over any related amounts recognised and recognises income as it satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

As the capital grants received by the Company are primarily for the construction of buildings, the Company recognises income as the buildings are constructed (when it satisfies its obligations).

#### **(d) Unrecognised revenue**

##### **Volunteer services**

The Company regularly receives volunteer services as part of its operations. Under AASB 1058, private sector not-for-profit entities have a policy option to account for donated services at fair value if the fair value can be reliably measured.

While the Company has assessed that the fair value of its volunteer services can be reliably measured, it has decided to adopt the policy option not to recognise volunteer services. Accordingly, no amounts are recognised in the financial statements for volunteer services.

#### **(e) Finance costs**

Finance costs include interest, amortisation of discounts or premiums relating to borrowings, amortisation of ancillary costs incurred in connection with arrangement of borrowings, including lease finance charges.

Finance costs are expensed as incurred.

#### **(f) Goods and services tax**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the ATO. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

#### **(g) Taxation**

The Company is exempt from the payment of income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

#### **(h) Currency**

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Western Australian Cricket Association's presentation currency.

#### **(i) Acquisitions of assets**

All assets acquired including property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at their cost of acquisition at the date of acquisition, being the fair value of the consideration provided plus incidental costs directly attributable to the acquisition.

The costs of assets constructed include the cost of materials and direct labour. Directly attributable overheads and other incidental costs are also capitalised to the asset.

Assets under construction are classified accordingly until completed.

#### **(j) Cash assets and bank overdrafts**

Cash assets and bank overdrafts are carried at face value of the amounts deposited or drawn.

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, deposits at call with bank and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturity of 90 days or less. Investments with original maturities greater than 90 days are classified as financial assets.

#### **(k) Inventories**

Inventory is carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

##### **Net realisable value**

Net realisable value is determined on the basis of each inventory line's estimated selling price.

**(l) Leases**

The Company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets (such as tablets and personal computers, small items of office furniture and telephones). For these leases, the Company recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- Fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable.
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date.
- The amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees.
- The exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options.
- Payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The lease liability is presented as a separate line in the statement of financial position.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, less any lease incentives received and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset.

The right-of-use assets are presented as part of the Property, Plant and Equipment note in the statement of financial position.

The Company applies AASB 136 Impairment of Assets to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss as described in note (m).

**(m) Recoverable amount of non-current assets valued on cost basis**

The carrying amounts of non-current assets valued on the cost basis are reviewed to determine whether they are in excess of their recoverable amount at balance date. If the carrying amount of a non-current asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is written down to the lower amount. The write-down is recognised as an expense in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the reporting period in which it occurs.

Where a group of assets working together supports the generation of cash inflows, recoverable amount is assessed in relation to that group of assets.

**(n) Depreciation**

***Useful lives***

All non-current assets have limited useful lives and are depreciated using the straight line method over their estimated useful lives.

Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually for appropriateness. When changes are made, adjustments are reflected prospectively in current and future periods only. Depreciation is expensed.

The depreciation rates used for each class of asset are as follows:

	2024	2023
Buildings	2.5% - 10%	2.5% - 10%
Plant and Equipment	10% - 33%	10% - 33%
IT Equipment	33%	33%

**(o) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Company will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, a receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

Provisions have been recognised to cover the anticipated costs associated with the remediation and treatment of contaminated soil as part of the WACA Ground Improvement Project and for potential claims related to historical sexual abuse allegations.

**(p) Employee entitlements**

***Wages, salaries and annual leave***

Liabilities for employee benefits for wages, salaries (including non-monetary benefits) and annual leave to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date represent present obligations resulting from employees' services provided up to the reporting date, calculated at undiscounted amounts based on remuneration rates that the Company expects to pay including related on-costs.

***Long service leave***

The provision for employee benefits for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made resulting from employees' services provided up to reporting date.

***Superannuation plan***

The Company contributes to defined contribution employee superannuation plans. Contributions are charged against income as they are accrued.

**(q) Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition.

Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

***Financial assets***

All recognised financial assets are measured subsequently in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

***Classification of financial assets***

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI):

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

By default, all other financial assets are measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

#### ***Amortised cost and effective interest method***

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

#### ***Impairment of financial assets***

The Company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses (“ECL”) on other financial assets measured at amortised cost, trade receivables and accrued income. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

The Company always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables and accrued income. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Company’s historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

#### ***Derecognition of financial assets***

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another party. If the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Company recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Company retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Company continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset’s carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

#### ***Financial Liabilities***

All financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method or at FVTPL.

#### ***Financial liabilities measured subsequently at amortised cost***

Financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group’s obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

#### **(r) Going concern**

As at 30 June 2024, the Company’s working capital position has been impacted due to the deferred income relating to the WACA Ground Improvement Project (refer to note 1(u)). The directors have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

During the financial year, the WACA Ground Improvement Project commenced and is progressing to plan to be completed in the second half of 2025. To date, the Company has access to funding of \$163.4m, which includes WA Cricket’s funding contribution. The total estimated cost to complete is approx. \$168.9m, leaving a shortfall in funding of \$5.5m.

It is anticipated that WA Cricket's funding contribution and any shortfall will not be required until the second half 2024/25 financial year. The directors have plans in place to fund this shortfall via the combination of the Company's cash reserves, the financing arrangement in place (refer to note 11), securing donations and fundraising through the WA Cricket Foundation and potential funding from existing and other parties. Based on the above, the directors have reasonable grounds to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

**(s) Economic dependency**

The continuing operation of the WA Cricket is dependent upon achieving and maintaining appropriate membership numbers, achieving and maintaining appropriate attendance at Big Bash League home games, the continuation of adequate funding from Cricket Australia and the achievement of operating surpluses and positive cash flows..

**(t) General Information**

Western Australian Cricket Association Limited is a company limited by Guarantee incorporated and registered in Australia. The Company's principal place of business and registered address is the WACA Ground, Nelson Crescent, East Perth, Western Australia.

The principal activities of the company is the promotion and development of cricket in Western Australia.

**(u) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are presented separately below), that the directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in financial statements.

***Revenue recognition***

To determine if a grant contract should be accounted for under AASB 1058 or AASB 15, the Company has to determine if the contract is 'enforceable' and contains 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations. When assessing if the performance obligations are 'sufficiently specific', the Company has applied significant judgement in this regard by performing a detailed analysis of the terms and conditions contained in the grant contracts, review of accompanying documentation and holding discussions with relevant parties.

Income recognition from grants received by the Company has been appropriately accounted for under AASB 1058 or AASB 15 based on the assessment performed.

For the WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP), grants received from external parties are recorded as deferred income on the financial statement. These grants are gradually recognised as revenue in the Statement of Profit or Loss section as the project progresses. This means that WGIP funding agreements will be recognised over time based on the percentage of project completion. The percentage of completion is estimated by comparing the total cost incurred to date with the total expected forecast costs to completion, as detailed in the Cost Management Report. This method ensures that revenue recognition reflects the best estimates by the project team regarding total project costs.

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
<b>2. Revenue &amp; Other Income</b>		
<b>(i) Revenue</b>		
Cricket revenue	37,411,283	35,165,547
Members subscriptions	6,032,675	5,731,665
Function-related revenue	1,097,902	1,233,648
	<b>44,541,860</b>	<b>42,130,860</b>
<b>(ii) Other Income</b>		
Interest	578,313	340,259
Grants Recognition	44,957,445	2,262,654
Net gain on disposal of non-current assets	63,636	-
	<b>45,599,394</b>	<b>2,602,913</b>
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Income</b>	<b>90,141,254</b>	<b>44,733,773</b>
<b>3. Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) has been arrived at after charging the following items:</b>		
Net expense including:		
Employee benefits, including player payments (excluding superannuation)	22,137,325	19,070,956
Superannuation contributions	2,022,619	1,677,617
Movement in provision for employee entitlements	277,236	134,137
Finance costs:		
Bank loan, overdraft and facility fees	36,630	-
Lease Expense	7,655	8,929
<b>Total Finance costs</b>	<b>44,285</b>	<b>8,929</b>
Depreciation:		
Buildings	270,267	181,747
Plant and equipment and motor vehicles	54,472	80,926
Computer equipment	4,333	12,619
Right of Use assets	68,657	64,738
<b>Total Depreciation</b>	<b>397,729</b>	<b>340,030</b>
<b>4. Auditors remuneration</b>		
<b>Audit services</b>		
Auditors of the Company - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Audit of the financial report	71,852	50,642
<b>Other services</b>		
Other audit services	5,946	5,638
	<b>77,798</b>	<b>56,280</b>

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
<b>5. Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank and on hand	11,150,851	10,381,073
Short-Term Deposits	25,000,000	4,800,000
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>36,150,851</b>	<b>15,181,073</b>
The weighted average interest rate on cash assets at 30 June 2024 is 2.18% (2023: 3.22%).		
Term Deposits Maturity Timing:		
- 90 days	25,000,000	4,800,000
	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>4,800,000</b>
All term deposits are able to be accessed mid-term. Interest earned from cash at bank and on deposit is sensitive to movements in interest rates. Based on average cash balances held during the year, if interest rates had moved by 1% this would have impacted the Income Statement and Cash Flow by approximately \$301,929 (2023: \$197,514).		
<b>6. Trade and other receivables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade receivables	936,016	219,246
Other receivables	7,200	51,500
	<b>943,216</b>	<b>270,746</b>
The ageing of trade receivables is as follows:		
- Current	789,712	210,002
- 30 days	132,715	1,487
- 60 days	12,587	5,639
- 90 days	1,002	2,118
	<b>936,016</b>	<b>219,246</b>
All debtors are considered to be recoverable.		
<b>7. Inventories</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Merchandise - at cost	<b>32,760</b>	<b>8,128</b>
<b>8. Other financial assets</b>		
Term Deposit	7,000,000	3,000,000
Term deposit that have a maturity of more than 3 months, is not qualified as "Cash or cash equivalents", therefore those deposit is recorded under Other financial assets.		
<b>9. Property, plant and equipment</b>		
<b>Land and buildings</b>		
At cost	50,633,872	50,618,691
Accumulated depreciation and accelerated depreciation	(42,475,309)	(42,205,041)
	<b>8,158,563</b>	<b>8,413,650</b>
<b>Plant and equipment and motor vehicles</b>		
At cost	7,787,634	7,800,145
Accumulated depreciation and accelerated depreciation	(7,571,253)	(7,634,767)
	<b>216,381</b>	<b>165,378</b>

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
<b>Computer equipment</b>		
At cost	908,943	904,445
Accumulated depreciation and accelerated depreciation	(900,149)	(895,817)
	<b>8,794</b>	<b>8,628</b>
<b>Right of Use</b>		
At cost	584,259	564,663
Accumulated depreciation and accelerated depreciation	(309,631)	(240,975)
	<b>274,628</b>	<b>323,688</b>
<b>Asset under construction</b>		
At cost	58,113,407	10,239,212
	<b>66,771,773</b>	<b>19,150,556</b>
<b>Reconciliations</b>		
Reconciliations of the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment are set out below:		
<b>Land and buildings</b>		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	8,413,650	439,109
Additions	15,180	8,156,289
Depreciation	(270,267)	(181,748)
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>8,158,563</b>	<b>8,413,650</b>
<b>Plant and equipment and motor vehicles</b>		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	165,378	236,114
Additions	105,475	10,190
Depreciation	(54,472)	(80,926)
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>216,381</b>	<b>165,378</b>
<b>Computer equipment</b>		
Carrying amount at the beginning of year	8,628	933
Additions	4,499	20,314
Depreciation	(4,333)	(12,619)
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>8,794</b>	<b>8,628</b>
<b>Right of Use</b>		
Carrying amount at the beginning of year	323,688	354,045
Additions	19,597	34,381
Depreciation	(68,657)	(64,738)
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>274,628</b>	<b>323,688</b>
<b>Asset under construction</b>		
Carrying amount at the beginning of year	10,239,212	10,654,067
Additions	47,874,195	7,837,704
Reductions	-	(8,252,559)
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>58,113,407</b>	<b>10,239,212</b>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment net book value</b>	<b>66,771,773</b>	<b>19,150,556</b>
<b>10. Trade and other payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade payables	1,561,381	933,162
Other creditors and accruals	13,667,616	3,976,653
	<b>15,228,997</b>	<b>4,909,815</b>

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
<b>11. Interest-bearing facilities</b>		
<b>Financing arrangements</b>		
Total facilities available:		
Bank overdraft (i)	10,000,000	-
	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>
Facilities utilised at balance date:		
Bank overdraft	-	-
	-	-
Facilities not utilised at balance date:		
Bank overdraft	10,000,000	-
	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>(i) Bank overdraft</b>		
The bank overdraft facility is unsecured and interest-bearing at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia ("CBA") Variable Corporate Overdraft Reference Rate, minus a margin. Although the bank overdraft facility is unsecured, the Company has agreed to a negative pledge clause, which prohibits the Company from encumbering any of its assets to other creditors without the prior written consent of CBA. This includes a restriction on material asset disposals (not greater than \$200,000 per annum in aggregate) conducted outside the normal course of business. The facility is subject to annual review.		
<b>12. Lease Liabilities</b>		
Current	73,736	69,713
Non-current	217,433	269,930
	<b>291,169</b>	<b>339,643</b>
<b>Maturity analysis</b>		
Year 1	73,736	69,713
Year 2	71,797	67,880
Year 3	69,910	66,096
Year 4	68,072	64,358
Year 5	7,654	62,666
Onward	-	8,930
	<b>291,169</b>	<b>339,643</b>
<b>13. Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Employee leave entitlements	1,261,492	1,047,953
Other provisions	2,734,862	268,580
	<b>3,996,354</b>	<b>1,316,533</b>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Employee leave entitlements	375,852	312,156
Other provisions	1,210,000	-
	<b>1,585,852</b>	<b>312,156</b>
<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Number of permanent employees at year end (Full Time Equivalent, "FTE")	116	105
<b>14. Deferred Income</b>		
WACA Ground Improvement Project (i)	29,075,200	13,270,518

	NOTES	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Others (ii)		277,751	350,344
		<b>29,352,951</b>	<b>13,620,862</b>
(i) WACA Ground Improvement Project, grants received from State Government, Federal Government, Cricket Australia and Lotterywest are recognised as deferred income in the statement of financial position and transferred to profit or loss on a systematic and rational basis as the work is completed over the total project cost.			
(ii) Others (current) relates to membership credits and other income received in advance.			
<b>15. Commitments</b>			
<b>Capital commitments</b>			
Capital expenditure contracted for at the end of the reporting year but not recognised as liabilities is as follows:			
Within one year		98,043,894	1,384,328
		<b>98,043,894</b>	<b>1,384,328</b>
The disclosure of future commitments related to the WACA Ground Improvement Project. The Company will receive funding from the various parties to the agreement. Partial funding has been received to date and has been recognised in deferred income.			
<b>16. Notes to the statement of cash flows</b>			
(i) <b>Reconciliation of cash</b>			
For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and at bank and short-term deposits at call, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:			
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	5	<b>36,150,851</b>	<b>15,181,073</b>
(ii) <b>Reconciliation of operating surplus to net cash provided by operating activities</b>			
Operating surplus		43,331,783	3,545,655
Add/(less) items classified as investing/financing activities:			
(Gain)/loss on sale of non-current assets		(63,636)	-
Add/(less) non-cash items:			
Interest payment on Lease		7,655	8,928
Depreciation		397,729	340,031
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities before change in assets and liabilities		43,673,531	3,894,614
Change in assets and liabilities during the financial year:			
Decrease/(increase) in receivables		(672,470)	6,284,666
Decrease/(increase) in inventories		(24,632)	4,079
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets		-	-
Increase/(decrease) in payables		10,319,184	(1,208,477)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		3,953,517	107,717
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income		(44,607,911)	(9,602,838)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>12,641,219</b>	<b>(520,239)</b>
(iii) <b>Non cash investing and financing activities</b>			
During the financial year or previous year, the Company did not have any non cash investing or financing activities.			

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
<b>17. Related parties</b>		
<b>(i) Board Members</b>		
No member of the Board has received any remuneration from the Company and no member of the Board has entered into a contract with the Company since the end of the previous financial year.		
<b>(ii) Key management personnel compensation</b>		
Key management personnel compensation is set out below. The key management personnel are the executives with the authority for the strategic direction and management of the Company.		
Short-term benefit	1,512,080	1,449,835
Post Employment benefit	173,306	150,133
Other Long-Term benefit	(18,664)	37,112
	<b>1,666,722</b>	<b>1,637,080</b>

## 18. Segment reporting

The Company operates wholly within one business segment, being the promotion and development of cricket in Western Australia.

## 19. Events subsequent to balance date

There has not arisen any other item, transaction or event of a material nature likely, in the opinion of the members of the Board, to affect materially the operations or state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

## 20. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables are a reasonable approximation of their fair values, on account of their short maturity cycle.

## 21. Risk Management Strategies

The Company is primarily exposed to credit risks, liquidity risks and interest rate risks.

**Credit Risks:** Credit terms are provided to; certain sponsorships' clients; cricket clubs and associations in respect of goods and services provided. In relation to sponsorships' clients, the credit risk is assessed as part of contract negotiation and payment terms are stipulated in contracts. In relation to cricket clubs and associations the credit risk is mitigated to a large extent by the ability to offset amounts due from payments made. Aged debtor reports are produced on a monthly basis and overdue accounts are followed up.

**Liquidity Risks:** The company manages its liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves and bank facilities, by actively monitoring cash flow forecast and maintaining these liquidity sources. This approach ensures that the company can meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

**Interest Rate Risks:** Movements in interest rates are monitored on a monthly basis and also by maintaining a mix of variable rate and fixed rate investment.

There are presently no currency or other pricing risks facing the Company.

## 22. Investment in Subsidiary Company

Perth Scorchers Pty Ltd ("company"), a proprietary company limited by shares was registered on 27 April 2011. The issued share capital of the company is 100 ordinary shares of \$1 each. The shares are wholly owned by the Company. The company is dormant.

As at 30 June 2024 other than \$100 share capital, the company had no assets or liabilities. The investment in the company has not been brought to account in the accounts of the Company. Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared at 30 June 2024 due to immateriality.

# Board's Declaration

The Board Directors declare that:

- a) in the Board's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- b) in the Board's opinion, the attached financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as stated in note 1(b) to the financial statements; and
- c) in the Board's opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board Directors:

Dated at Perth this 8 day of August 2024.

On behalf of the Board



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**AJ Fahey** | Chair



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**M Snell OAM** | Chair, Audit & Risk Committee

## Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Western Australian Cricket Association Limited

### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial report of Western Australian Cricket Association Limited (the "Company") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in accumulated funds and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, and the board's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the "Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Other Information*

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the directors' report, included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### *Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report*

The directors of the Company are responsible:

- For the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards; and
- For such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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**Nicole Menezes**  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants  
Perth, 8 August 2024

The Board of Directors  
Western Australian Cricket Association Limited  
WACA Ground  
Nelson Crescent  
EAST PERTH WA 6004

8 August 2024

Dear Board Members

### Auditor's Independence Declaration to Western Australian Cricket Association Limited

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Western Australia Cricket Association Limited.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Western Australian Cricket Association Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- The auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully



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Nicole Menezes  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants



WA Cricket - the people behind the scenes



**Cricket thrives  
on strong  
partnerships,  
and ours is a  
game-changer.**

**Murdoch University's partnership  
with WA Cricket is taking cricket  
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Murdoch offers cutting-edge performance and industry-relevant allied health courses like our Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science. Our programs are designed to elevate your game, improve your well-being, and give students the edge they need to succeed.

Murdoch University strengthens opportunities for research, scholarships, and student development with internships. So, get ready to see even more Western Australians in the baggy green, ready to take the world by storm.

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