



CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited **Thursday 25 September 2025**

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Notice of Annual General Meeting and Agenda

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited will be held in the Boundary Room of the Lillee Marsh Stand, WACA Ground, East Perth, on **Thursday 25 September 2025 commencing at 6.00pm.**

AGENDA

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 Apologies and Tribute
- 1.2 Meeting Protocol

2. NORMAL BUSINESS

- 2.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 18 September 2024 - tabled for Members' information
- 2.2 Election of **four** Directors, as notified by the Returning Officer following completion of Member voting
- 2.3 Appointment of Auditor - Deloitte
- 2.4 Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025
- 2.5 Honorary Life Memberships:
 - Lawrence (Laurie) Mayne
 - Robert (Bob) Massie

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

5. CLOSE AND INVITATION TO REFRESHMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT

Please visit wacricket.com.au/media/publications to access the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

If you would like a hard copy of the Annual Report please contact the WA Cricket Membership Office via phone: (+61) 8 9265 7279 or email: membership@wacricket.com.au

PROXY

A Member may appoint a Proxy who must also be a Member of the Company. A Proxy Form may be found at the end of this Circular.

Minutes of the AGM held 18 September 2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited was held in the Boundary Room of the Lillie Marsh Stand, WACA Ground, East Perth, on **Wednesday 18 September 2024 commencing at 6.00pm**.

WELCOME

WACA Board Chair, Avril Fahey, welcomed all Members and attendees.

The Chair advised Notice of the Meeting had been provided to all Members in accordance with the Constitution.

The Chair gave an Acknowledgment of Country.

The Chair outlined the meeting procedures to be followed and advised the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes.

APOLOGIES AND TRIBUTE

119 eligible Members as per the attendance register were present, which was a quorum.

There was 1 proxy received.

Apologies were received and noted from 20 Members.

The Chair read the names of deceased Members and WA Past Players:

- Carl L. Alexander
- Steve Binnie
- Letham J. Burns
- John M. Bush
- Louise Capper
- Robert A. Gibbs
- Francis (Frank) Glynn
- Lyle Jones
- Peter Kelly
- Rob Langer
- Patricia K. Lucas
- Gillian D. Meecham
- Theresa Moore
- George W. Nelson
- Philip K. Pascall
- Reverend Joyce Polson OAM
- Nancy Powell
- Edward Pring
- Veronica Roach
- Bec Smith
- Harry Stead
- Ian S. Stock
- Ben Walawski
- Mark A. Watson
- Martha Window

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for all deceased Members and WA Past Players.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

Copies of the Annual General Meeting minutes from 20 September 2023 had been made available to Members with the Notice of Meeting.

The Chair advised that a Member had submitted requested amendments to the minutes. The suggested amendments had been reviewed by the Company Secretary and reported to the Nominations, Remuneration and Governance Committee, which had resolved that the minutes are not amended.

A Member expressed his concern with the reliability of previous AGM minutes given they have been questioned and the recording had been lost. The Chair noted the comments and advised that the recording has not been lost.

A short video was played showing the progress of the WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP).

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chair advised the accounts of WA Cricket in respect of the year ended 30 June 2024 have been audited by Deloitte. The Financial Statements have been made available to Members in advance of the meeting.

The Chair invited Mr Snell, Chair of the Board's Audit & Risk Committee, to present WA Cricket's audited Financial Statements.

Mr Snell presented a summary of WA Cricket's Audited Financial Statements:

- Record revenues of \$44.5m, helped by excellent attendances for the Perth Scorchers' matches at Optus Stadium.
- A net surplus for the year of \$43.3m, brought about by the inclusion of grant revenues to fund the WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP) of \$44.9m.
- Excluding the WGIP related revenues, the result was a deficit of \$1.6m, caused by 'one-off' items and provisions at year-end.
- Legal expenses incurred relating to confidential, complex and interrelated matters.
- A strong balance sheet with net assets of \$60.4m.
- Current assets of \$44.1m compared to current liabilities of \$48.7m, noting current liabilities includes deferred income of \$29.1m, which is expected to transfer to revenue in the current financial year.
- Current estimated cost of WGIP is \$168.9m, an increase of \$5.4m from at the outset of the Project. The increased costs related to higher levels of contaminated soil than allowed for in the contingency provision.
- WA Cricket is expected to contribute a total of \$16.5m, which includes funds being raised by the WA Cricket Foundation, and covers the full costs of removing contaminated soil.
- Additional costs outside of WGIP total \$6.2m and will be incurred as funding becomes available.
- The WACA Ground is expected to maintain its ICC accredited status throughout and after the completion of WGIP.
- The costs of WGIP will be apportioned (depreciated) over the expected lifetime of the assets, commencing on completion of the Project.
- WA Cricket, with the support of its Members, is in a solid position.

Questions on the Financial Report were invited from Members and answers were provided in relation to the following matters:

- The quantum of legal fees incurred in relation to the Board's suspension of Paul Collins and whether the whole Board approved the engagement of lawyers. The Chair advised that legal advice was sought with the full knowledge of directors and the Board does not disclose the specific amount of legal expenses incurred. On further questioning about the quantum of legal fees relating to the suspension of Paul Collins, the Chair advised that contrary to some media reports, legal fees incurred on resolving the dispute with Mr Collins were less than \$130,000. Mr Collins disputed the figure provided by the Chair.
- Some Members expressed their disapproval of the quantum of legal fees being kept confidential, claiming the amount should be disclosed to Members.
- Requests for the Financial Report to be distributed in hard copy for the benefit of those Members without access to the internet. The Chair advised this would be considered.
- The estimated WGIP costs being \$168.9m and include an amount for contingency.
- The Audit report is dated 8 August 2024 and the Directors' Report is dated 9 September 2024. The Auditor, Ms Nicole Menezes, advised that the scope of the audit does not include the Directors' Report and that she had been made aware of an amendment to the Directors' Report prior to the amendment being made.
- WGIP could be treated as a discrete segment in the Financial Report. Mr Snell responded this was a good point and will be considered for next year's Report.
- Interest income appears to be earned at a relatively low rate, less than 3% and lower than the prior year even though interest rates have increased. The Interim CEO explained that the method of calculation as required by the relevant accounting standard has produced this irrational outcome and that interest rates of in excess of 4% have been earned on term deposits.
- The currently estimated shortfall in Project funding to meet WGIP costs is able to be met from existing cash reserves and a finance facility is in place to provide additional liquidity support as required.
- The costs of WGIP are being treated as "capital" costs and will be depreciated over the estimated lifespan of the assets once the Project is complete.
- Funds raised by WA Cricket Foundation to date of \$2.9m and these funds are accounted for within WA Cricket's Financial Report.
- The source of funds required to complete the fit-out of the Buildings under construction. The Interim CEO advised that fund raising for WGIP is ongoing and includes the efforts of WA Cricket Foundation and the generation of new streams of commercial revenues, for example sale of naming rights.
- A bank overdraft facility is in place with a negative pledge, however no security over WACA assets has been provided to the bank.
- WA Cricket's expected contribution has increased from \$11m to \$16.5m as a result of the additional costs of removing contaminated soil. This will be funded from WA Cricket's cash reserves if there is a shortfall in funds raised by the WA Cricket Foundation and new commercial revenues.
- A sale of naming rights in relation to the venue would retain the name "WACA Ground".
- The "airspace" above the WACA Ground and the potential to raise additional revenues from the airspace. The Chair advised this potential source of revenue will be considered.
- The sale of naming rights may not be supported by many Members, to which the Chair advised the sale will be closely considered and the words "WACA Ground" retained within the name of the venue.

A short video was played showing the highlights of the three consecutive Sheffield Shield wins from 2021 to 2024.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair presented her report, highlighting the following matters:

- The record-breaking success of WA Men's team being the first team to win simultaneously three successive Marsh Sheffield Shield and Marsh One-Day Cup titles.
- Cricket Australia (CA) confirming Perth will host the first Test Match of the summer for the next three years, including India and England.
- Member surveys were conducted and Member focus groups convened, seeking a deeper understanding of Member experiences and needs going forward.
- Looking forward with excitement to the completion of the WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP) in 2025 and the improved membership offerings it will bring, including access to all year-round amenities.
- The estimated total cost of WGIP has increased as covered in the Financial Report earlier. WA Cricket is committed to sourcing and providing further funding requirements to complete the Project and maintain the necessary standards as an ICC accredited venue.
- The new facilities will include Members areas, a world-class indoor centre and high-performance facilities, a health club, function centre and a dedicated museum which will capture the rich history of cricket in WA.
- Incredibly a total of eighteen (18) players earned either Australia or Australia honours during the past year, testament to the high quality and success of the Men's and Women's high performance programs at WA Cricket.
- Individual highlights included Sam Whiteman earning his maiden Laurie Sawle medal and Amy Edgar with her second Zoe Goss medal.
- Adam Voges has been confirmed as Head Coach of WA Men's team and Perth Scorchers' Men until at least the end of next season.
- Paid tribute to the previous Chief Executive Officer, Christina Matthews, for her outstanding contribution to WA Cricket over many years, including development of a strong culture, and to the excellent work of Interim CEO Justin Michael.
- Welcomed the incoming CEO, John Stephenson, who will bring a fresh perspective in his leadership of WA Cricket, and who will address the Members briefly immediately after the AGM.
- The WA Cricket Foundation and its programs continues to positively impact the lives of young men and women, foster deeper connections with Aboriginal communities, and create safe spaces for young people of all abilities, all with cricket as the vehicle.
- It is regrettable that some of the Board's internal matters have received inaccurate media attention. The Board's decision to suspend Paul Collins was made in good faith. The Board has apologised to Paul for that decision. The Board is committed to working cooperatively together in the best interest of WA Cricket.
- Acknowledged the excellent contribution of Board members who have retired since the previous AGM; Eva Skira AM, Hon. Kerrie Sanderson AC CVO and Christian Bauer.
- Welcomed new Board members since the previous AGM; Gail McGowan PSM, Brendan Reid and Hon. Christian Porter.
- WA Cricket is currently at a critical stage, managing the Ground Improvement Project to completion and a new CEO starting later this year. It will be important to manage a smooth transition of the WACA Board Chair at the right time.
- The Chair thanked the WACA Board directors for their ongoing support and guidance.

Questions on the Chair's Report were invited from Members and answers were provided in relation to the following matters:

- The trend of the number and composition of Members. The Interim CEO advised WACA Members had increased by 6% and with a lower average age. Perth Scorchers' members had increased substantially from around 2,000 to around 5,000 with a younger age demographic.
- Comments from several Members to the effect that Paul Collins has been treated very poorly by the Board. The Chair confirmed that the Board's dispute with Mr Collins has been settled, is subject to a confidential deed and Members had been advised at the time.
- Whether WA Cricket will be able to become self-sufficient following completion of WGIP and the opening of the pool, cafe and gym. The Chair advised it was important for WA Cricket to generate significant revenue sources and be less reliant on funding from Cricket Australia. It was noted that during the COVID affected period revenues from CA had been lower than contracted.
- The expiry of the Chair's term on the Board, to which the Chair explained the maximum term provisions contained in the Constitution.
- Whether ICC accreditation status will be retained and whether Test Matches will be played at the WACA Ground given its rich history of Test Match cricket. The Chair responded that ideally Test Matches drawing high attendances would be fixtured in Perth, however Test Matches drawing smaller attendances, including Women's Test Matches, could be held at the WACA Ground, with temporary infrastructure utilised as required.
- Member comments that the Board has been dysfunctional. A detailed document outlining various alleged governance breaches has been sent to the Board and a written response is yet to be provided.
- Member comments that company officers who had reported workplace health and safety incidents should be aware of their responsibilities under the Corporations Act.
- Member comments that the Healy report should have been released in full and if it had been some of the alleged governance breaches could have been avoided. The Chair advised that the Organisation takes its workplace health and safety obligations very seriously and has complied with its reporting requirements.
- WAFL football not played at the WACA Ground during 2024 having not renewed the previous arrangement with East Fremantle FC.
- There are no plans to move the WACA Scoreboard, which had been funded by the North- West Murchison Cricket Association in the 1950s.
- Concerns about parking areas close to the WACA Ground, in particular for Members and patrons with mobility issues. The Chair advised sourcing additional parking facilities is an important issue and discussions are underway with the State Government to identify potential locations for additional parking.
- A Member advised the contents of a private and confidential email he had sent to the previous Chair have apparently been 'leaked' to a journalist; a very serious issue which should be investigated by the Board. The Member who wrote the email is upset and requires further action be taken. The Chair advised she couldn't comment on how the previous Chair had managed his emails, that she had responded to the Member's correspondence on this matter and the Board had discussed the issue.
- The possibility of hosting Member social occasions. The Chair noted this will be considered in due course with the incoming CEO expressing an interest in Member engagement.

- Most of the other Test Match playing nations would not draw crowds large enough for hosting at Optus Stadium. The Chair advised that temporary infrastructure would be hired for any future Test Matches hosted at the WACA Ground.
- The planned operation of the new facilities including pool and gym, who will bear the financial risk of potential losses on the gym and whether commission is payable to the State Government. The Interim CEO advised that the pool and gym will be subject to a request for tender to appoint an independent operator and that the financial risk of the pool sits with the State Government. WA Cricket will take the financial risk on the gym. Financial models have been developed which shows appointing an Operator is preferable to leasing the gym.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The WACA Board has resolved to propose Peter Murphy for Honorary Life Membership.

Peter Murphy

WACA Board Director Brendan Reid proposed that Peter Murphy be awarded Honorary Life Membership and read a citation which outlined Peter Murphy's special contribution to cricket in WA.

The proposal was seconded by John McLean.

A copy of the citation is at ***Attachment 1***.

On a show of hands, Members approved Peter Murphy to be awarded WACA Life Membership.

Peter Murphy duly accepted the award and gave a heartfelt acceptance speech. Peter recalled some of his fond memories of being involved in WA cricket, thanked the WACA Board and the Members for acknowledging his contribution to WA cricket, and thanked his family for supporting him over many years.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Questions on General Business were invited from Members and answers were provided in relation to the following matters:

- Access to the WACA Ground via one gate is difficult and consideration should be given to opening Gate 6. The Chair advised this would be considered by Management.
- Parking for the WACA Ground is currently a problem and may get worse on completion of the Ground Improvement Project. The Chair advised that additional parking for the venue is under consideration.
- Why the AGM is not being live streamed. The Chair explained due to the security issues around only providing the live stream to WACA Members, the quoted cost is prohibitive given the relatively few Members who had registered for the webcast at the 2023 AGM. It will be re-considered for next year's AGM.
- It was noted that previous Ground developments, including when the Farley Stand was demolished, had identified contaminated soil. The Chair advised that extensive soil testing had been undertaken, however the quantity of contaminated soil encountered had proven to be significantly more than estimated.
- The Chair advised that no soft copy of the Healy report had been received, confirmed that hard copies of the Healy report were held securely at her private residence and that a secure place for storage of the documents will be found in due course.
- The discretionary spending limits for the Interim CEO are in accordance with the Delegation of Authority policy and are consistent with the limits for the previous CEO.
- The revenue and expenditure in respect of WGIP are included in the Financial Report of WA Cricket. The expenditure will be apportioned over the estimated life of the assets commencing

on completion of the Project.

- For the benefit of those Members unable to read the name plates on the stage, the Chair introduced the Directors and the Company Secretary.
- A Member advised he had written a complaint about the former CEO's conduct towards him after the 2023 AGM. The Member advised the Healy report should have been released in full and the former CEO's conduct dealt with accordingly. The Member asked what processes are in place to deal with Member complaints. The Chair advised that correspondence from Members is included in a log of correspondence and shared monthly with the Board.

CLOSE AND INVITATION TO REFRESHMENTS

The Chair thanked Members for their attendance and their feedback and declared the meeting closed at 8.23pm.

CONFIRMED



A Fahey
Chair

Date: 6 November 2024

Immediately after the AGM incoming CEO John Stephenson gave a short presentation to Members, which included an introduction of himself with a strong cricket background, including playing and working, enjoyed his short visit to WA and looking forward to commencing in November. John spoke of WA Cricket's achievements, success and rich history. He spoke of his goals and shared enthusiasm for the role.

WA Cricket Honorary Life Membership 2024

Peter Lawrence Murphy - Citation

Peter Lawrence Murphy was born in 1955 and raised in Maylands WA in the Mt Lawley District Cricket Club junior zone. He was educated at Christian Brother College in Highgate.

Peter joined the Mt Lawley District Cricket Club and played through the junior grades, working his way into senior cricket. Peter's love for cricket was equally matched by his love for football where he went on to play league football for East Perth and was part of their 1978 premiership squad.

Peter quickly showed leadership so was offered the captaincy of the Mt Lawley District Colts team in 1975-76. He then took over the third-grade captaincy for four years from 1981-82 until 1984-85. He was Second Grade captain for the next two seasons before returning to once again captain the Third Grade in 1987-88 until 1991-92.

During Peter's playing career at Mt Lawley, he became the 288th player to represent the club at First Grade level. He captained the 1975-76 Colts Premiership side and along with Premierships in Third Grade in 1982-83 and 1987-88. Peter had a very successful playing career playing a total of 194 games across all four senior grades amassing 4,059 runs and taking 162 wickets. His best score with the bat was 182 no and with the ball 8 for 60.

Whilst still playing and captaining the Third-Grade team, Peter joined the Mt Lawley District Cricket Club's management committee for 1990-91 season. He was elected as Vice President the following season and in 1993-94 whilst still the Vice President took on the role of secretary for two seasons. 1995-96 season saw Peter step up to become the Club President and became only the 11th person to do so at Mt Lawley. Peter held the position of Club President for 27 years before stepping down at the end of the 2021-22 season.

Peter is the longest serving President in the club's history and probably has the longest continuous association in the club's history. As mentioned Peter joined the club as a junior around 1970 and with almost 52 years of service to the club is a remarkable achievement he can be very proud of. Peter was awarded Life Member status of the Mt Lawley District Cricket Club back in 1994 a year before he even started his 27-year tenure as Club President.

During Peter's administrative service for Mt Lawley, he joined the WA District Cricket Council as the club's delegate in 1999. He served on the Cricket Council for ten years until the end of the 2009 season. Between 2003 and 2009, Peter was the Council's Chairman and was the nominated WACA Board member for that period. During Peter's time on the Cricket Council there was monumental change. Changes to Competition playing conditions and WACA Committee structures just a couple.

Whilst Mt Lawley District Club President, Peter was a driving force that instilled many changes, not only of the club but the competition itself. Some of the main projects that Peter and Mt Lawley completed during his tenure as President include:

- Removal of the overlap of boundaries between the two wickets at Breckler Park. This reduced the risk of player injury and improved the playing condition and outlook of the venue.
- Negotiated with the City of Stirling to take over the curator management of all the turf facilities at Breckler Park, with an ongoing commitment from the City to maintain funding in the future to assist with meeting all costs.
- Positioned the club in a strong financial position for the future of the club as it progresses to improve facilities and being competitive in an even challenging environment.
- Negotiated with the City of Stirling for the complete refurbishment of the clubrooms in 2016.

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- Negotiated with the City of Stirling for the replacement of the number one centre wicket at no cost to the club.
- Negotiated with the City of Stirling for the full replacement and upgrade of the turf training block and nets to be possibly the best training area in the state.
- Oversaw the restructuring of the Club's management committee to modernise the process and relieve the pressure off volunteers and assist in the recruitment of new volunteers.
- The club's investment in a large digital scoreboard that is now the competition standard for most grounds.

Peter's selfless contribution to cricket not only at Mt Lawley but the State Premier Competition is outstanding and possibly unmatched, the Mt Lawley committee and members believe this should be recognised by the WACA Board and members with the honour of Life Membership for over fifty years of dedicated service to Cricket.

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Proxy Form 2025 Annual General Meeting

I _____ being a Member of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited and being entitled to vote, hereby appoint:

Member's Name: _____

Member's Number: _____

Name of Office held by Member: _____

(If left blank, the Chair of the meeting will be the appointed proxy) as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited to be held in the Boundary Room, Level 2, Lillie Marsh Stand, WACA Ground, Nelson Crescent, East Perth, Western Australia on **Thursday 25 September 2025** at 6.00pm (and at any adjournment thereof) in the manner indicated below.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO VOTING

FOR

AGAINST

ABSTAIN

Appointment of Auditor - Deloitte

Approval of Honorary Life Membership:

Lawrence (Laurie) Mayne

Robert (Bob) Massie

BALLOT FOR MEMBER ELECTED DIRECTORS

Proxy holders may vote in the election of Directors if the Member has NOT already voted online. Voting instructions are not provided for on this Proxy Form as the election is being conducted by secret ballot.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Member No.: _____

Dated: _____

NOTE: The Constitution provides full details about proxies at paragraph 4.14

For your completed proxy form to be valid it must be received by the Company Secretary, as below, by no later than 6.00pm on Tuesday 23 September 2025.

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