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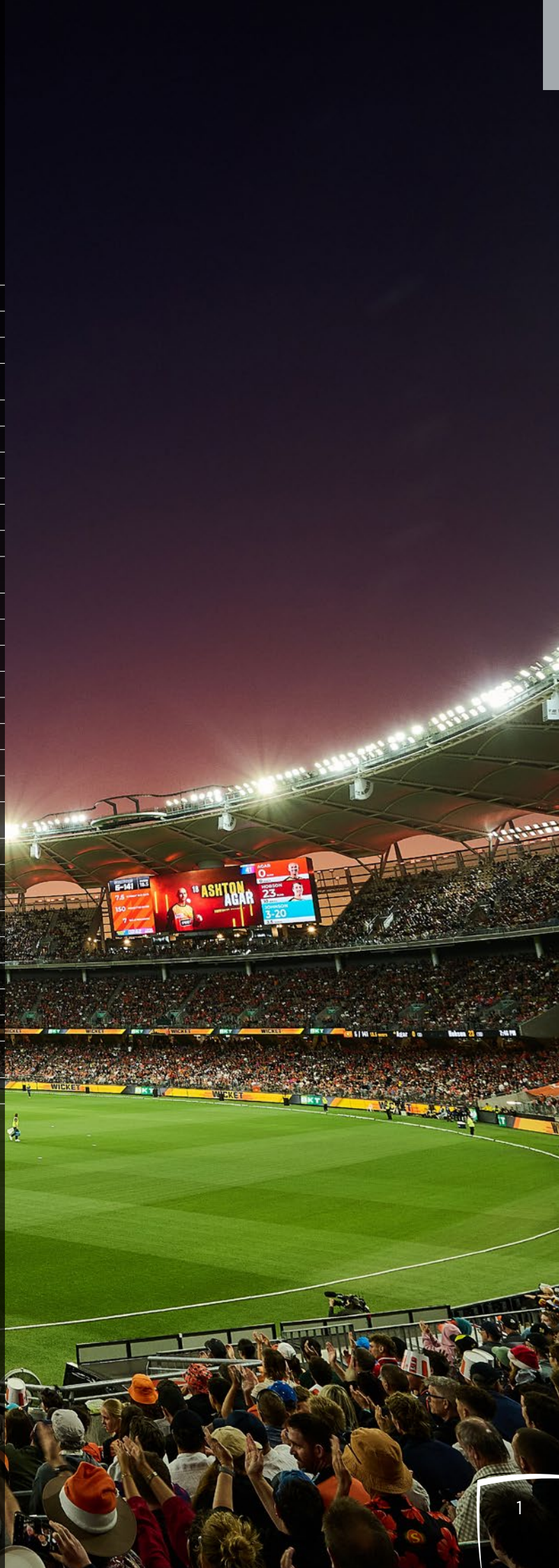
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The Western Australian Cricket Association, acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar Nation as the Traditional Custodians of this country and its waters and that the WACA Ground stands on Whadjuk Country. We pay our respects to Nyoongar Elders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





WACA CEO John Stephenson with
Chair Gail McGowan



Key stakeholders at the launch of The Pavilion at the WACA Ground

Executive Report

It has been an extraordinary and transformative year for WA Cricket.

From landmark moments on the field to major strategic milestones off it, this season has captured the energy, pride and vision of the WA Cricket community.

We are in the midst of a bold evolution. This season wasn't just a continuation of our legacy - it marked a defining chapter. A time when we stepped forward with confidence while staying grounded in our history and purpose.

BIG BASH BRILLIANCE: A RECORD-BREAKING SUMMER OF SCORCHERS

Our Perth Scorchers lit up the country in both the BBL and WBBL.

They redefined success - not just with strong performances but through record-breaking audience engagement, digital reach, and community connection. From packed crowds to viral highlights, the Scorchers captured imaginations far and wide.

This summer saw record attendances, broadcast audiences, and digital engagement. At Optus Stadium the Orange Army turned out in force, creating an electric atmosphere. The WACA Ground also came alive, hosting some of the summer's most memorable moments.

Cooper Connolly's campaign at number three stood out, while Finn Allen's explosive 68 off 31 balls against the Thunder had fans on their feet. Beth Mooney stunned the MCG crowd with a breathtaking 97, and young quick Mahli Beardman thrilled in his home debut with a fiery 3-17.

It was a summer of thrilling finishes and fearless cricket - a true showcase of everything the Scorchers represent: excellence, energy and fire in the belly.

DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS: BUILDING DEPTH, SHAPING FUTURES

This year's domestic competitions were marked by grit, opportunity and progression.

In the Women's National Cricket League, six new players debuted for WA, bringing fresh energy and laying strong foundations for our future.

Our men's teams fought hard in both the Sheffield Shield and Marsh One-Day Cup. The Shield campaign was particularly tight - just 34 runs separated WA from a spot in the Final. The final match against Victoria showed our team's resilience and spirit.

Across all formats, we gave game time to emerging talent - an investment that will reap long-term rewards. Our high-performance and coaching teams continue to build a robust pipeline, keeping WA among the most competitive programs nationally.

WA STARS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

It was a banner year for WA talent on the world stage.

Nine WA players earned Cricket Australia contracts for the 2024-25 season - a testament to our talent systems and high-performance culture.

Josh Inglis made headlines with centuries in all three formats, including a debut Test hundred in Galle. Beth Mooney added another chapter to her already storied career, scoring her maiden Test century at the MCG and becoming only the fourth Australian woman with hundreds in all formats.



This once-in-a-generation transformation is about more than infrastructure - it's about celebrating legacy while creating a venue for everyone in WA.

From pools and fitness spaces to a new café, museum and community zones, the redeveloped WACA Ground will be a place of connection and inspiration. A venue that welcomes both elite athletes and local families, cricket lovers and first-time visitors.

We thank our project partners - the WA Government, Australian Government, City of Perth, and Cricket Australia, along with LotteryWest and the WA Cricket Foundation - for making this vision a reality.

WA CRICKET FOUNDATION: CHAMPIONING EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY

Equity and inclusion remain at the heart of WA Cricket.

The WA Cricket Foundation continued its mission to make the sport accessible for all. The Kambarang Carnival returned to the WACA Ground, kicking off the Women's Scorchers' home season. We were also proud to welcome a Deadly Cricket team from Newman, reflecting our growing reach into regional and Indigenous communities.

Programs like the Autism Come and Try Day, delivered with the Autism Association of WA, opened the door to new participants. WA was strongly represented at national inclusion events - and our women's team took home their first-ever National Indigenous Cricket Championship title, defeating Queensland in the final.

These initiatives reflect our belief that cricket should be for everyone - and we're proud to lead the way.

GRASSROOTS GROWTH: FROM CLUBS TO THE REGIONS

Cricket at the grassroots level remains strong across WA.

Registrations for Woolworths Cricket Blast were steady from July through February. Female participation reached new

highs, with initiatives like the Sunset Scorchers at Kalamunda attracting 66 women - a sign of real cultural shift.

In a first, the WACA Ground hosted both the men's and women's Country Week finals. Geraldton took out both titles - a fitting end to a vibrant regional competition.

These successes are thanks to the tireless work of clubs, volunteers and regional teams, who keep cricket thriving across every corner of our state.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AND PEOPLE

None of this success would be possible without the incredible support of our partners, staff and volunteers.

To our commercial partners - thank you. Your creativity and loyalty have amplified our reach and impact. Your belief in WA Cricket has helped us innovate off the field while competing at the highest level on it.

To our staff, players, coaches and game-day teams - I applaud your enormous efforts. From planning to performance, your work has been the backbone of our success.

To the Leadership Team and WACA Board - your leadership has been pivotal in building a strong, values-led culture.

LOOKING AHEAD

This has been a season to remember - but we're even more excited about what lies ahead.

With the Ashes returning to Perth later this year, and the final stages of the WACA Ground redevelopment approaching, we have momentum on our side.

Together, we are building a future where cricket belongs to everyone. Where our teams lead with pride, and where the next generation finds joy, purpose and connection through the game.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey.

John Stephenson | Chief Executive Officer

Gail McGowan | WACA Board Chair



Run for a Reason -
WA Cricket Foundation Team

Western Australian Cricket Association Limited

BOARD & MANAGEMENT

as at 30 June 2025

BOARD

Chair

Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey (to 5 Apr 2025)

Mrs GD (Gail) McGowan PSM (from 6 Apr 2025)

Deputy Chair

Dr MB (Michael) Gannon (to 4 Aug 2024), Mr PA (Peter)

Capes (from 3 Sep 2024)

Member Elected Directors

Mr PA (Peter) Capes, Dr MB (Michael) Gannon, Mr GB (Brad) Hogg, Mr PJ (Paul) Collins and Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE AM

Cricket Appointed Directors

Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey (until 5 Apr 2025), Mr CK (Christian) Bauer (until 12 Aug 2024), Mr BJ (Brendan) Reid (from 12 Aug 2024) and Ms SJ (Shirley) Elliot (from 6 May 2025)

Board Appointed Directors

Mrs GD (Gail) McGowan PSM, Mr M (Michael) Snell OAM (until 23 Dec 2024), Hon CC (Christian) Porter (from 16 Sep 2024) and Mrs RJ (Rachel) Rees (from 24 Dec 2024)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr RI (Richard) Marshall

AUDITOR

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

COMMITTEES

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Chief Executive Officer

Mr JCK (Justin) Michael (Interim CEO to 3 Nov 2024)

Mr JP (John) Stephenson (from 4 Nov 2024)

Chief Operating Officer

Mr JCK (Justin) Michael

GENERAL MANAGERS

Communications, Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement

Ms J (Jess) Keily

Community Cricket

Ms JS (Jo) Davies

High Performance Cricket & Elite Teams

Mr KM (Kade) Harvey

Finance

Mr C (Chee) Lim (to 3 Nov 2024)

People & Culture

Ms CL (Carla) Brayn

WACA Ground & Support Venues

Mrs JS (Joanna) Coubrough (to 13 Jun 2025)

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

Register of WACA Board Members attendance at Board meetings 14 meetings held

Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey (Chair until 5 April 2025)	12/12
Mrs GD (Gail) McGowan PSM (Chair from 6 April 2025)	13/14
Mr PA (Peter) Capes (Deputy Chair from 3 September 2024)	11/14
Dr MB (Michael) Gannon (Deputy Chair until 4 August 2024)	14/14
Mr GB (Brad) Hogg	14/14
Mr PJ (Paul) Collins	14/14
Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE AM	14/14
Mr CK (Christian) Bauer (until 12 August 2024)	2/2
Mr M (Michael) Snell OAM (until 23 December 2024)	8/8
Mr BJ (Brendan) Reid (from 12 August 2024)	12/12
Hon CC (Christian) Porter (from 16 September 2024)	11/11
Mrs RJ (Rachel) Rees (from 24 December 2024)	6/6
Ms SJ (Shirley) Elliot (from 6 May 2025)	2/2

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 2025

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(until 5 Apr 2025)



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McGowan PSM
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2024)

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2025)

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OAM (until 23 Dec
2024)



Mrs GD (Gail)
McGowan PSM



Hon CC (Christian)
Porter (from 16 Sep
2024)



Mrs RJ (Rachel)
Rees (from 24 Dec
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	2022-25	AJ Fahey
1904-05	K Bolton	1938-39	AH Christian	1997-2004	CAC Fear	2025	GD McGowan
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	2024	JP Stephenson
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 W (Wally) Scott*	2004 Mr B (Bruce) Yardley*	2017 Ms N (Norma) O'Connell*
1905 Mr WJ (William) Farley*	1985 Mr DK (Keith) Carmody*	2005 Mr KL (Lyle) Jones	2017 Ms M (Melva) Hamilton*
1912 Mr J (John) Rushton*	1985 Mr CW (Charlie) Puckett*	2007 Mr BP (Brendon) Julian	2017 Ms H (Heather) Asquith*
1917 Mr RG (Reg) Heath*	1985 Mr CW (Wally) Langdon*	2007 Mr L (Len) Pavy	2017 Ms J (Jean) True
1918 Hon J (James) Gardiner* MLA	1985 Mr KD (Ken) Meuleman*	2007 Mr TJ (Tim) Zoehrer	2017 Mrs LP (Lyn) Hollingsworth
1930 Mr H (Henry) Gregory* MHR	1985 Mr BK (Barry) Shepherd* OAM	2008 Mr J (Jo) Angel	2017 Ms AM (Anne) Fuhrmann
1937 Mr L (Leo) Ryan*	1985 Mr GD (Graham) McKenzie	2008 Mr CAC (Charles) Fear	2017 Ms CC (Clare) Papasergio
1947 Mr F (Frank) Boan*	1985 Mr IJ (Ian) Brayshaw MBE	2008 Ms C (Coralie) Towers	2017 Ms LK (Leonie) Keenan
1948 Mr CH (Harry) Guy*	1985 Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE	2009 Mr R (Ross) Edwards	2017 Mr MEK (Michael) Hussey
1951 Hon GW (George) Miles*	1985 Mr GAR (Tony) Lock*	2009 Mr G (Geoff) Havercroft	2017 Mr MW (Murray) Goodwin
1956 Mr RJ (Dick) Bryant* OAM	1985 Mr RW (Rod) Larsh MBE*	2009 Mr AL (Tony) Mann*	2017 Ms PK (Peta) Verco
1956 Mr AC (Alf) Randell*	1985 Mr DK (Dennis) Lillee AM MBE	2009 Mr BM (Bruce) Laird	2018 Ms P (Penny) Mace*
1963 Sir C (Charles) Gairdner*	1985 Mr BF (Bernie) Prindiville*	2010 Mr WM (Wayne) Clark	2018 Ms A (Alice) Warren
KCMG, KCVO, KBE, CB	AO, CMG	2010 Mr PJ (Peter) McConnell	2018 Mr PC (Peter) Silingier
1972 Mr CR (Charles) Bunning* CBE	1988 Mr JC (Jock) Irvine	2010 Mr BA (Bruce) Reid	2018 Mr SM (Simon) Katich
1972 Mr FJ (Frank) Bryant* OAM	1989 Mr HG (Hugh) Bevan*	2010 Mr WP (Bill) Reynolds	2019 Mr JW (John) Rutherford*
1977 Hon Sir L (Lawrence) Jackson* KCMG	1991 Mr PB (Brian) Rakich AM	2011 Mr CD (Chris) Matthews	2019 Mr MJ (Marcus) North
1977 Mr MJ (Mornie) MacGill*	1993 Mr DH (Daryl) Foster OAM	2012 Mr AC (Adam) Gilchrist AM	2020 Mr D (David) Williams
1977 Mr DC (Douglas) McKenzie*	1995 TJ (Tom) Perrott* AM Cit WA	2012 Mr JL (Justin) Langer AM	2020 Mr C (Colin) Minson*
1977 Mr JEV (Jack) Murdoch*	1996 Mr FD (Frank) O'Driscoll*	2013 Mr KN (Keith) Slater AM	2020 Ms J (Janice) Law-Davis
1978 Mr AD (Bert) Drew*	1996 Mr NL (Neil) Ballard	2014 Mr RJ (Ric) Evans	2021 Mr K (Kevin) B Gartrell OAM
1978 Mr RC (Clair) Mattiske*	1998 Mr GR (Geoff) Marsh	2014 Ms ZJ (Zoë) Goss	2021 Ms A (Angele) Gray
1978 Mr HWH (Bert) Rigg*	1998 Mr KJ (Kim) Hughes	2015 Mr DR (Damien) Martyn	2021 Ms J (Jennifer) Owens
1979 Mr RE (Bob) Ballantine*	1998 Mr GM (Graeme) Wood	2015 Dr KR (Karen) Read	2022 Mr T (Terry) Prue
1979 Mr EJ (Ted) Dowling*	1999 Mr TM (Terry) Alderman	2016 Mr WS (Wayne) Andrews	2022 Mr C (Craig) Serjeant
1979 Mr GH (Glen) Dunstan* OBE	2001 Mr KH (Ken) Macleay	2017 Ms J (Jenepher) Morison*	2023 Mr K (Ken) Casellas
1980 Mr RW (Roy) Abbott* MBE	2002 Mr WM (Bill) Bryant*	2017 Ms P (Pauline) Drage*	2024 Mr PL (Peter) Murphy
1982 Mr AR (Allan) Edwards* OAM	2002 Mr WJ (Wally) Edwards	2017 Ms E (Elsie) Fairlie*	
1983 Mr LM (Laurie) Sawle AM*	2004 Mr MRJ (Michael) Veletta	2017 Ms I (Isabel) James*	

* Denotes - Deceased

Building our Tomorrow



A photograph of four people standing in an indoor cricket facility. From left to right: a man in a dark suit and glasses, a man in a dark suit and glasses, a woman in a bright green blazer and glasses, and a man in a black cricket jacket with 'WACA' and 'CRICKET' logos. They are standing on a green artificial turf field with a large net in the background.

WACA Ground Improvement Project

Funding partner representatives
inside the new Indoor Centre

A Year of Significant Progress

The WACA Ground Improvement Project has advanced with purpose and momentum, transforming the iconic venue into a contemporary destination that reflects the future of cricket and community in Western Australia, while honouring its rich past.

In May 2024, construction activity intensified at the western end of the site with the emergence of two lift shafts - the foundation of the new building that will accommodate WA Cricket's administrative headquarters, reimagined museum, public café, health and fitness club, and stunning new Members' facilities. This structure extends from a newly built basement level, establishing essential infrastructure that will underpin the precinct's future operations.

That same month, the form of the new aquatic precinct began to take shape. The shell of the 50-metre pool was laid, soon joined by historic finds - vintage teapots and glass bottles - unearthed in the soil, reminding us that the iconic Ground's past is never far beneath the surface.

By July, the stair tower for the venue's soon-to-be iconic waterslides commenced construction, wrapping around one of the Ground's original light towers. Progress also accelerated on the vertical circulation cores of the pavilion, bringing into focus the architectural identity of the new facility.

October marked a major achievement with the structural completion of the 50-metre pool. Comprising over 1,900

cubic metres of concrete, almost two kilometres of PVC pipework and more than 61,000 tiles, the pool will become a central feature of the WACA Ground - offering a unique vantage point over the pitch.

In May 2025, installation of the new waterslides began. Imported from Turkey, more than 450 components were meticulously craned into position - including a striking red fibreglass arch, shaped as a cricket ball with detailed white stitching. These slides, along with an indoor learn-to-swim pool and accessible splash park, form the heart of the community aquatic precinct.

Construction also progressed on the Indoor Centre, which will become home to WA Cricket's elite teams and high-performance programs. The nation-leading facility will feature 10 indoor lanes and a full-length run-up, supporting year-round training and development at all levels of the game.

The WACA Ground Improvement Project is proudly supported by the WA Government, Australian Government, City of Perth, Cricket Australia, and generous donors.

With the Project on track for completion during Season 2025-26, the transformed venue will offer an outstanding experience for Members, fans, and the broader community.



Museum
(artist impression)



The Pavilion Splash Park
(artist impression)



Indoor Centre
(artist impression)



Player change room
(artist impression)



WA Cricket Foundation

WBBL Barefoot Circle Ceremony



Focusing on three pillars, Aboriginal Cricket, People with a Disability and Young Women and Girls, the WA Cricket Foundation continued to deliver impactful programs which use cricket as the vehicle for positive social change.

It has been another transformative 12 months for the WA Cricket Foundation, with generous donors, supportive community partners and the incredible dedication from WA Cricket staff allowing the Foundation to broaden its reach across Western Australia.

Focusing on three pillars, Aboriginal Cricket, People with a Disability and Young Women and Girls, the Foundation continued to deliver impactful programs which use cricket as the vehicle for positive social change.

Whether it be a little Star Blaster making new friends at their first session, or a young Aboriginal child getting the opportunity to travel by plane down to Perth, the Foundation has provided more opportunities than ever before for individuals to connect, grow and thrive.

ABORIGINAL CRICKET

The pinnacle of Aboriginal Cricket, our Kambarang Cricket Carnival continues to grow year-on-year, with season 2024-25 marking the first time we had a team from Newman travel down to Perth to participate.

The Carnival saw 98 kids travel from all parts of the state, for two days of cultural learning, cricket and fun, which included joining in on the barefoot circle ahead of the Perth Scorchers WBBL Aboriginal Match at the WACA Ground.

Building upon a successful first year of the Hayward Aboriginal Scholarship which was launched in 2023, 18-year-old Elsie Simpson was a deserving recipient, receiving funds to assist with individual training, travel, medical and equipment costs.

A crowning achievement, thanks to the incredible Foundation Aboriginal pathways, our Western Australia Women's XI team won the National Indigenous Cricket Championships for the first time in Mackay, Queensland.

INCLUSION

The WA Cricket Foundation champions a sport where people of all abilities have a safe space to be themselves.

From young children participating in Star Blast to teens in the Integrated Cricket League and WA's representative teams across Intellectual Disability, Blind and Low Vision,



and Deaf and Hard of Hearing categories, the Foundation continues to break down barriers.

This commitment saw WA Cricket send three teams to the National Cricket Inclusion Championships in Brisbane, across the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Men), Blind & Low Vision and Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability competitions.

The Foundation's dedication to offering pathways for people of all abilities has seen numerous players reach the pinnacle of the sport, with Nicki Muir and Julie Henderson-Cavallo the latest additions to that list, having been selected to represent Australia in the Blind Cricket International Women's Series team, which played against Pakistan.

WOMEN AND GIRLS

The WA Cricket Foundation has continued to empower and inspire young women and girls through its growing leadership programs.

The Social Leaders program has flourished, with Yule Brook College students the most recent to participate in the six-week program, fostering confidence and leadership in our future leaders of tomorrow.

The Emerging Leaders program has once again proven to be a program which helps our state's young women harness their passions, with 2021 graduate Rebecca McGrath earning her first state selection for WA against Queensland.

Rebecca, alongside fellow aspiring leaders, Ines McKeon and Chloe Bartholomew, was awarded the prestigious Kay Leverington Scholarship, recognising their commitment, growth, and potential both on and off the field.

These programs reflect the Foundation's dedication to building strong and empowered women within their own communities.



Fundraising Partner

2024-25 SEASON IMPACT

Aboriginal Cricket

1,513

Connected Participants

People with a Disability

1,337

Included Participants

Young Women

365

Empowered Leaders



Winding Roads to Baggy Green Dream

Josh Inglis' dream Test debut, scoring 102 runs against Sri Lanka.

Baggy green caps 470 and 471 belonging to Josh Inglis and Cooper Connolly respectively may have been presented in the same Test series, but the paths taken by the recipients are stark in contrast.

The picturesque Galle International Stadium, which played host to both Test matches in the 2025 Warne-Muralitharan Trophy, provided a stunning backdrop for the pair's well-deserved debuts.

Connolly's rise to playing the longest format of the game was nothing short of remarkable.

From the match-winning cameo of the KFC BBL|12 final, to making his First Class debut in WA's triumphant Sheffield Shield decider little more than 12 months later, the 22-year-old could be forgiven for thinking his career has been on fast forward.

Factoring T20 International and One-Day International debuts last September, Connolly's stunning rise through the ranks continued.

In February's second Test, Connolly joined Bill Watson having played the equal second fewest First Class matches before receiving his Baggy Green, which was presented to him by Simon Katich.

For WA Men's Senior Assistant Coach Beau Casson, it was satisfying, but not surprising, to see Connolly represent his country at Test level.

"We want to see our players play at the highest level for as long as they can," Casson said.

"That's the shop face of making cricket popular.

"He looks like a nice little surfy cat from Scarborough. Underneath that surfy cat is a hungry, dedicated cricketer."

Casson credited the work of Connolly's parents, Shane and Donna, for the role they played getting their son to the pinnacle of Australian cricket.

"He's had an incredible grounding," Casson said.

"His dad Shane is a good coach in his own right and a great bloke.

"Shane, his mum Donna and I know his brother were incredibly proud.

"It was fantastic they were able to get over there to witness the cap presentation."

For Shane, who also played Premier cricket for Scarborough, it was an equally fulfilling moment.

"Pretty humbling as an old cricketer, seeing your son presented with a Baggy Green by one of WA's greats, Simon Katich, it's just unreal," he told Seven during their coverage of the Test.

While Connolly's path to receiving his Test debut was slick, Inglis had to be patient for his moment to come.

Following his first taste of international cricket in February 2022 in the shortest form of the game, Inglis went on Test tours to Pakistan, Sri Lanka and England in the ensuing 18 months as the reserve wicketkeeper-batter.

When the opportunity presented itself to find a home in Australia's revamped middle order for this year's tour, Inglis grabbed it with both hands.



Cooper Connolly with his parents Shane and Donna Connolly, and former player Simon Katich.

A stunning 90-ball century was the ultimate reward for his patience and played a critical role in Australia's commanding victory.

He became the first Australian to score a century on Test debut since current WA coach Adam Voges in 2015.

Indeed, the last four centurions on Test debut have come from WA.

WA Wicketkeeping Coach Damon Rowan had hoped the opportunity for Inglis at Test level presented itself sooner, but indicated the dynamic gloveman knew he would eventually get his chance.

"He took it all in his stride," Rowan said.

"I was pushing for him to get a go earlier than he did. I'm obviously a big fan of his and what he does.

"He said 'when I get my opportunity they'll give me a decent crack at it."

Although Inglis made his Test debut as a specialist batter, it's been the 30-year-old's development behind the stumps that Rowan has always admired.

"He was keeping in a trial game at the WACA Ground and it was just the way he went about it," Rowan said.

"You talk about kids that have a bit of go about them and a bit of a quiet confidence and he had that.

"I remember saying to JL (former coach Justin Langer) 'I like how this kid goes about it'. I like how he held himself

and how he talked about cricket and if you set him a task, he does it."

As well as making his Test debut, Inglis was also given the opportunity to lead his country for the first time in the final One-Day International of last year's series against Pakistan.

While Inglis and Connolly's paths to Test debuts have been different, the two share an insatiable work ethic to better their craft.

"He's not settling," Casson said of Connolly.

"You don't just want to get exposure and go this is it, I'm 22 and know how the game is rolling.

"He does love the game and that's what makes it easy to get out of bed and go to training."

Rowan, meanwhile, said Inglis was still looking for ways to better his work behind the stumps.

"He ticked the boxes early days but nowadays it shows he is a perfectionist how he does things," he said.

"When he's back, we catch up and have a catch just to tick the boxes and say things are good or what are your thoughts so he's ready to go at any point in time.

"I think he's one of the best in Australia, if not the world at the moment."

Connolly and Inglis were among eight WA players to have represented Australia in 2024-25, alongside Cameron Green, Aaron Hardie, Mitch Marsh, Lance Morris, Alana King and Beth Mooney.



WA Women Find Strength in Shared Values

Maddy Darke and Lilly Mills

In elite sport, culture often underpins performance. For Western Australia's Women's National Cricket League team, three simple values - *Family, Commitment, Be Brave* - are shaping both their daily standards and their long-term ambitions.

The values are more than slogans printed on the dressing-room wall. They provide a framework that every player interprets in their own way, while still offering a common language for growth, accountability and connection. For a squad stacked with emerging talent, but still searching for consistent on-field success, those values are becoming the glue holding WA's program together.

Senior pace bowler Piepa Cleary, who joined the squad back in 2012-13, remembers the turning point.

"A couple of seasons ago we made a conscious effort to revisit the values," she recalls. "It was about asking whether they still reflected who we were. Everyone bought in, and from that point we kept bringing them up every session. The staff would ask what we were committing to that day, and it always linked back to Family, Commitment, Be Brave.

"Now, it's evolved to the point where the girls don't need to refer to them as much - because they're already living them. You'll hear, 'mate, is that in line with our values?' and people own up when they don't get it right. For such a young group, that's pretty special."

For Cleary, the bravery component has been particularly important.

"I encourage the girls to push themselves because you don't know what you can do until you give it a crack," she says. "On game day, Be Brave is the big one. It's about trust - knowing that everyone has committed to the way we want to play, and that if something slips, we have constructive conversations based on our framework. It makes everybody feel valued."

That sense of empowerment has also flattened traditional hierarchies. "I've got young players guiding me now," Cleary laughs. "If there's two minutes before a gym session, they'll say, 'come on Pipes, let's go'. It might sound small, but it shows how everybody, senior or junior, has a voice and feels comfortable using it."

EMBRACING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Batter Mathilda Carmichael, a former Australian hockey representative who crossed codes in 2016, believes the values work because they are flexible.

"They're not black and white," Carmichael says. "Being brave might mean playing a new shot in a match, or it might mean confronting a weakness in training. Commitment could be training at 110 percent, or simply writing down a couple of focuses and sticking to them. Family might be about celebrating someone's success, or just being there when things aren't going so well."

Carmichael has seen how generational differences shape the way the group communicates, and how values provide a bridge.

"We're all from different backgrounds and ages, so the way we talk varies. Sometimes if the senior players have a semi-serious conversation, it can come across heavier than intended. Throwing in a relatable word or two lightens the tone and keeps the conversation open. It's about respecting perspectives rather than saying one way is right or wrong."

She also delights in seeing younger teammates adapt lessons from the older guard while making them their own. "They put their spin on things - whether that's how they interact online or how they view the game. What matters is that they're investing in others, even if it's different to how we did it."



Maddy Darke



Lilly Mills and
Mathilda Carmichael



Piepa Cleary

A SAFE PLACE TO GROW

For off-spinner Lilly Mills, who relocated from Queensland in 2022, Family resonates most strongly.

“Being an interstate player, it’s massive,” she explains. “It means camaraderie among the girls, but also having that little family away from home. We treat everyone the same, whether they’ve played for five minutes or 50 years. It’s about being people first, athletes second.”

Mills believes the culture has created the right conditions for both individual and collective development.

“You can see how far the group has come in the last two years. We’re embodying the values every day - in the gym, at training, in reviews. And it creates a psychologically safe environment, which means the girls can be themselves. That’s what will make us better cricketers.”

Bravery, in her view, reflects the direction of the wider women’s game. “If you don’t follow the evolution, you’ll get left behind. Being brave is about athleticism, hitting the ball further, fielding harder, spinning and swinging the ball. If we keep driving those standards, it could be the difference between striving for titles and actually winning them.”

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Wicketkeeper-batter Maddy Darke, like Mills and several other teammates, is an emerging leader. She sees the values as both grounding and aspirational.

“For me, Family is about having comfort within the team,” she says. “I moved here four years ago and the way I was welcomed as an individual is something I’ll never forget. Be

Brave and Commitment are more about raising standards - doing everything we can to set ourselves up for success.”

Darke credits senior players for showing her that balance matters. “I’ve learned so much from Piepa about life outside cricket - that you’re not just a cricketer, and that experiencing things beyond the game actually makes you better within it. Pip (Chloe Piparo) drives incredible standards, too. Her work ethic is second to none, and she wants what’s best for the team so we love playing under her leadership.”

For Darke, bravery also means seizing the moment. “It’s about addressing things in real time - taking the brave option rather than waiting for a review, and putting the opposition under pressure instead of feeling it ourselves.”

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

On paper, WA’s 2024-25 Women’s National Cricket League campaign might suggest a side still finding its feet. But internally, there is genuine belief that the cultural foundations being laid will translate into results.

The players talk with clarity about what the values mean to them, and they are not afraid to challenge each other against those standards. They see leadership as a shared responsibility, not a title. And they are learning to be brave in ways that push their cricket forward.

In Cleary’s words: “We’re now in a really awesome place as a group. Everybody feels valued, everybody is invested, and that’s only going to make us stronger. The results will come.”



‘Dorff’ Leaves Lasting Legacy

Jason Behrendorff drew the curtains on a brilliant career for Western Australia, announcing his retirement to teammates and coaches after 16 years at the WACA Ground.

Behrendorff was just 19 years old when he accepted his first state contract, leaving the comfort and familiarity of Canberra to begin life in Perth.

Aged 34, he signed off with five One-Day Cup (ODC) titles (2014-15, 2017-18, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) and 75 ODC wickets (fifth all-time for WA) to his name.

Available for selection in 2024-25 despite forgoing a WA contract to pursue franchise T20 opportunities, Behrendorff said the time was right to step back altogether.

“It is the end of one chapter which has been a really exciting one,” Behrendorff said.

“It’s been so much fun. I’ve been able to live my childhood dream playing state cricket to then have played cricket for Australia as well. The WACA Ground has been my home for so long now.

“I’ve spent my whole adult life here, really. I turned 19 when I came across and I’m now nearly 35 and have certainly had a lot of good times, but felt time timing was right to move onto the next chapter.”

Known primarily as a prodigiously skilful limited overs bowler, Behrendorff was equally effective for WA’s Sheffield Shield team before a series of back injuries prematurely ended his red ball career.

The languid left-armer took 126 wickets in 30 Shield games between 2011 and 2017, recording the best strike rate (44.34) and third-best average (23.31) of any WA player with 100 victims or more.

Behrendorff also produced one of the most dominant performances in Shield history, tearing through Victoria at the WACA Ground in 2017 with first innings figures of 9-37

(second all-time for WA). He then collected another five wickets in the second innings and finished the match with 14-89, fractionally short of the WA record held by Terry Alderman (14-87).

Though forced to give away the game's longest format, Behrendorff is proud of the physical and mental fortitude he displayed during a decorated state career.

"It's been no surprise to people who know me or a little bit about cricket that I've battled with quite a few injuries across the journey," Behrendorff said.

"To keep getting back up every time I had a setback, to continue to play good cricket, to be involved with each team and to win trophies ... I didn't think my career at WA would end up like this in terms of the success I was able to have both personally and with the team, so for that I'm very proud and very grateful."

Behrendorff celebrated KFC Big Bash League championships with Perth Scorchers in BBL|03, BBL|04, BBL|11 and BBL|12, taking 140 wickets (second all-time for Perth) in 106 BBL games for the Club.

He will continue to play in franchise T20 competitions across the globe, including joining Melbourne Renegades after BBL|14, and is excited by the prospect of spending more time with his family.

"It played a huge part in my decision to retire. I know that I'm away with international commitments, franchise leagues and the like, but I want to be home and present for my kids. In particular, things like school pick-up and drop-off," Behrendorff said.

"To be able to do those things I don't always get to do, to spend more quality time with my wife, Juvelle ... to be able to immerse myself more in family life."

Behrendorff spoke glowingly of the playing group with whom he grew up, declaring his heart would always remain at the WACA Ground.

"It's tough to summarise such a bond in words, but it's something we built over a long period of time," he said.

"You think about anything in life that's worth something, it generally takes some time to build that, to get better at something, to manufacture something, to grow something.

"We worked really hard on building something we were proud of, and that we could all reflect on and say we've been involved in something that means more than cricket."





WA Cricket's Award Winners

The outstanding contributions of four Western Australian players were celebrated at the Australian Cricket Awards, while the state's best domestic players earned recognition at the WA Cricket Awards.

Star opener Beth Mooney was among four Western Australians recognised at the Australian Cricket Awards, named T20I Player of the Year for the third time after another standout season in the game's shortest format.

She was joined by Cooper Connolly (KFC BBL Player of the Tournament), Chloe Ainsworth (Betty Wilson Young Cricketer of the Year) and Cameron Green (Community Impact Award) as WA's other winners on the night.

Mooney finished as Australia's leading T20I run-scorer during the voting period, amassing 451 runs at 41, including three half-centuries and a top score of 94 not out against England at Adelaide Oval.

She was at her best in the Ashes, scoring 213 runs across three T20I innings as Australia secured a 3-0 sweep, before continuing her form into the other formats. Mooney broke the record for most runs in a women's multi-format Ashes series (409 at 68.16) and struck her maiden Test century at the MCG, becoming the first Australian woman to score a hundred in all three international formats.

Meanwhile, young star Connolly was named joint BBL Player of the Tournament alongside Melbourne Stars legend Glenn Maxwell, following a breakout campaign for the Scorchers.

Promoted to number three, the 21-year-old led the tournament for runs scored (351 at 50.14, strike rate 131.46), earning selection in the BBL|14 Team of the Tournament. His maturity and match-winning ability were key features of a season where he embraced greater responsibility in the Scorchers' top order.

Teenage pace sensation Chloe Ainsworth also shone, named the Betty Wilson Young Cricketer of the Year following an outstanding summer for WA, Perth Scorchers and Australia at the ICC Under-19 World Cup.

The 19-year-old was a versatile and economical presence with the ball throughout Weber WBBL|10, claiming 12 wickets at 18.58 in 10 games. These efforts saw Ainsworth named in the WBBL Team of the Tournament for the second year running, having been selected after her maiden campaign in WBBL|09. Ainsworth also impressed in the Women's National Cricket League with her raw pace and lower-order contributions.

WA allrounder Cameron Green rounded out the national winners, recognised with the Community Impact Award for his advocacy and support for chronic disease awareness.



Laurie Sawle Medal winner
Corey Rocchiccioli



WA Domestic One-Day
Player of the Year
Jhye Richardson



Zoë Goss Medal winners
Amy Edgar & Maddy Darke



WA Domestic Four-Day
Player of the Year
Hilton Cartwright

At the WA Cricket Awards, spinner Corey Rocchiccioli, allrounder Amy Edgar and batter Maddy Darke were among those celebrated for exceptional domestic seasons.

Rocchiccioli claimed his first Laurie Sawle Medal after finishing as WA's leading wicket-taker in the Sheffield Shield. The 27-year-old snared 38 wickets at 27.71, including two five-wicket hauls and a career-best 7-52 against Queensland-ranking third overall in the competition.

For the first time in history, WA Cricket awarded dual Zoë Goss Medals, honouring the state's most outstanding female players.

Maddy Darke claimed her maiden Zoë Goss Medal after a consistent WNCL and WBBL campaign. She also took home WA's WNCL Player of the Year, scoring 543 runs at 49.36 with five half-centuries, and contributing strongly behind the stumps (13 catches, three stumpings).

Fellow medallist Amy Edgar secured her third Zoë Goss Medal in four seasons, taking 21 wickets at 15.71 and another eight WBBL scalps for the Scorchers.

AWARD WINNERS

Laurie Sawle Medal
Corey Rocchiccioli

Zoë Goss Medal
Maddy Darke & Amy Edgar

Gold Cup
Alana King

Simon Katich Medal
Cooper Connolly

**WA Domestic One-Day
Player of The Year**
Jhye Richardson

**WA Domestic Four-Day
Player of the Year**
Hilton Cartwright

**WA WNCL
Player of the Year**
Maddy Darke

**Perth Scorchers WBBL
Player of the Year**
Alana King

Male Rising Star
Mahli Beardman

Female Rising Star
Chloe Ainsworth

Excalibur Award
Joel Paris

Legacy Award
Piepa Cleary

**Gallery of Greats
Inductees**
Peter McConnell
Michael Valetta

United For Success



Alana King and Cooper Connolly

2024-25 WA Australian Representatives

BATTING		Mat	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100	50
COOPER CONNOLLY	T20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	ODI	4	3	10	7*	5	24.39	-	-
	TEST	1	1	4	4	4	66.66	-	-
CAMERON GREEN	T20	5	4	124	62*	62	134.78		1
	ODI	2	2	74	42	37	91.35	-	-
JOSH INGLIS	T20	8	7	236	103	33.71	167.37	1	-
	ODI	9	8	263	120*	32.88	106.91	1	-
	TEST	2	2	102	102	51	106.25	1	-
AARON HARDIE	T20	6	3	59	28	19.66	155.26	-	-
	ODI	9	7	135	44	19.28	88.23	-	-
ALANA KING	T20	5	1	1	1*	-	100	-	-
	ODI	8	6	58	13	11.60	63.73	-	-
	TEST	1	1	3	3	3	23.07	-	-
MITCH MARSH	T20	4	3	72	39	24	189.47	-	-
	ODI	4	4	122	60	30.5	84.13	-	1
	TEST	4	7	73	47	10.42	46.2	-	-
BETH MOONEY	T20	14	14	552	94*	50.18	137.66	-	4
	ODI	8	8	173	56	21.62	86.5	-	2
	TEST	1	1	106	106	106	61.27	1	-
LANCE MORRIS	ODI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOWLING		Mat	Inns	Wkts	Ave	Eco	BB	5Ws	
COOPER CONNOLLY	T20	2	2	-	-	9	-	-	
	ODI	4	2	1	68	5.66	1/37	-	
	TEST	1	2	-	-	4.2	-	-	
CAMERON GREEN	T20	5	5	7	14.42	8.91	3/35	-	
	ODI	2	2	2	35	7	2/45	-	
AARON HARDIE	T20	6	4	6	12.5	6.81	3/21	-	
	ODI	9	9	7	35.42	5.27	2/13	-	
ALANA KING	T20	5	5	6	16.33	7.53	3/27	-	
	ODI	8	8	18	12.05	4.45	5/46	1	
	TEST	1	2	9	10.88	2.1	5/53	1	
MITCH MARSH	ODI	4	1	1	27	6.75	1/27	-	
	TEST	4	6	3	46.33	4.21	2/12	-	
LANCE MORRIS	ODI	1	1	2	12	4	2/24	-	

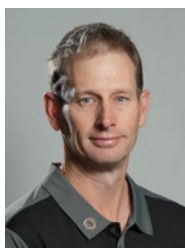
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Corey Rocchiccioli



Set against the achievements of recent seasons, our 2024-25 domestic campaign was a reminder of how fine the margins are in elite cricket.



There were certainly highlights including debuts, hat-tricks and career-best performances, while several players grew with more opportunities in the senior side.

The reality, however, is we didn't meet our own expectations, finishing sixth in the Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup (ODC) having entered the summer with ambitions to win more silverware.

As we've spoken about together, it's not a single hour or day but the accumulation of moments across the season that determines whether you have success.

In Shield cricket, we were often competitive and fell just 35 runs short of qualifying for another final, emphasising how even the competition is.

In One-Day cricket, however, we were well below our best, and some of the results were especially frustrating. Of the five games we lost, we were in positions to win four - a reflection of how those "winning moments" that previously defined us slipped away.

The ODC provided a clear snapshot of where we fell short.

Our 2024-25 campaign began with back-to-back narrow defeats in Sydney - an eight-run loss to New South Wales, and a two-run defeat against South Australia, both at Cricket Central - which left us chasing the eight-ball in a short competition.

We were bowled out in each of the five matches we lost, highlighting a need for stronger batting partnerships at critical times.

That said, our bowlers generally held up well and we enjoyed strong wins against Queensland at home and away.

Individually, there were milestones to celebrate.

Bryce Jackson took 6-31 against South Australia - the best figures for WA in ODC history - and finished the year with 12 wickets at 15.58. It was incredibly pleasing to see his resilience after years of injury setbacks rewarded with Australia A selection.

Fellow pace bowlers Mahli Beardman and WA debutant Brody Couch showed their impressive skill towards the end of the campaign, while Corey Rocchiccioli, Joel Curtis, Jayden Goodwin, Baxter Holt and Matthew Spoor also earned ODC debuts for WA.

These achievements, and the general growth of our younger players, provide important building blocks for the future.

In Shield cricket, the margins were equally fine but the narrative slightly different.

We were right in the mix until the final minutes of the regular season, attempting to reach the 382-run target set by Victoria at home.

There were matches we controlled for long periods but couldn't quite nail the result - including a weather-affected draw against South Australia that stalled momentum.

Usually our fortress, the WACA Ground saw one win from five attempts. You can guarantee restoring that dominance will be a central focus leading into 2025-26.

Four consecutive away games leading into the KFC Big Bash League break tested the group, but a young line-up was exceptional against Tasmania in Hobart despite the absence of skipper Sam Whiteman, Cameron Bancroft and Corey.

That victory was perhaps our most impressive of the summer.

The flipside of the fixture was the block of home games we had towards the end of the summer - an opportunity we were unable to capitalise on.

Leadership stability has been another of our strengths, but we were challenged in that space as Sam dealt with a few different injury complaints. Thankfully, we had ODC captain, Ashton Turner, and he led well when deputising for Sam.

Our bowling attack has long been a cornerstone of the team, and while there was some change, the group continued to stand tall.

Joel Paris had another outstanding summer and led with class, Cameron Gannon was dependable again, and Corey reinforced his standing as one of Australia's best spinners.

Injuries to Matt Kelly, Liam Haskett and Jhye Richardson, as well as the workload management of Lance Morris, created openings for others such as Brody, whose impact grew with each match.

At the top of the order, there were opportunities for a few of our emerging batters to grow.

Jayden has become a regular at number three, Sam Fanning enjoyed his best season to date, and Joel Curtis scored an excellent century in trying conditions against Victoria at the CitiPower Centre - his first Shield hundred.

Of our batters, Hilton Cartwright was the clear standout, piling on runs in all situations, providing stability under pressure, and guiding his younger teammates.

Hilton's mid-game dash for the birth of his second child, Reuben, before resuming his innings against Tasmania the following morning off literally no sleep, is something we won't forget in a hurry.

Even though results didn't fall our way, there were many moments of note.

Announcing a debutant is always special, as it was when Keaton Critchell and Brody pulled on the Baggy Black for the first time.

Brody took WA's first-ever Sheffield Shield hat-trick in Hobart only for Corey to do the same in Victoria the following match, albeit across two innings.

Jhye Richardson's shoulder injury while celebrating a wicket against South Australia was bizarre, but, remarkably, he finished the match and bowled well throughout.

Hilton struck his career-best score (171no), Corey took career-best innings and match figures (7-52 & 9-78), Josh Inglis hit hundreds in consecutive games, and Cooper Connolly scored four half-centuries in five innings.

WA Cricket was incredibly proud to see Josh and Cooper selected for Test debuts in Sri Lanka. Both are exceptionally talented cricketers, quality people, worked hard for the opportunity, and will hopefully enjoy long careers representing Australia.

Corey's maiden Laurie Sawle Medal was thoroughly deserved, as were the awards won by Hilton (Four-day Player of the Year), Jhye (One-Day Player of the Year), Joel (Excalibur) and Mahli (Male Rising Star).

While results are measured on the field, success is built on the contributions of many.

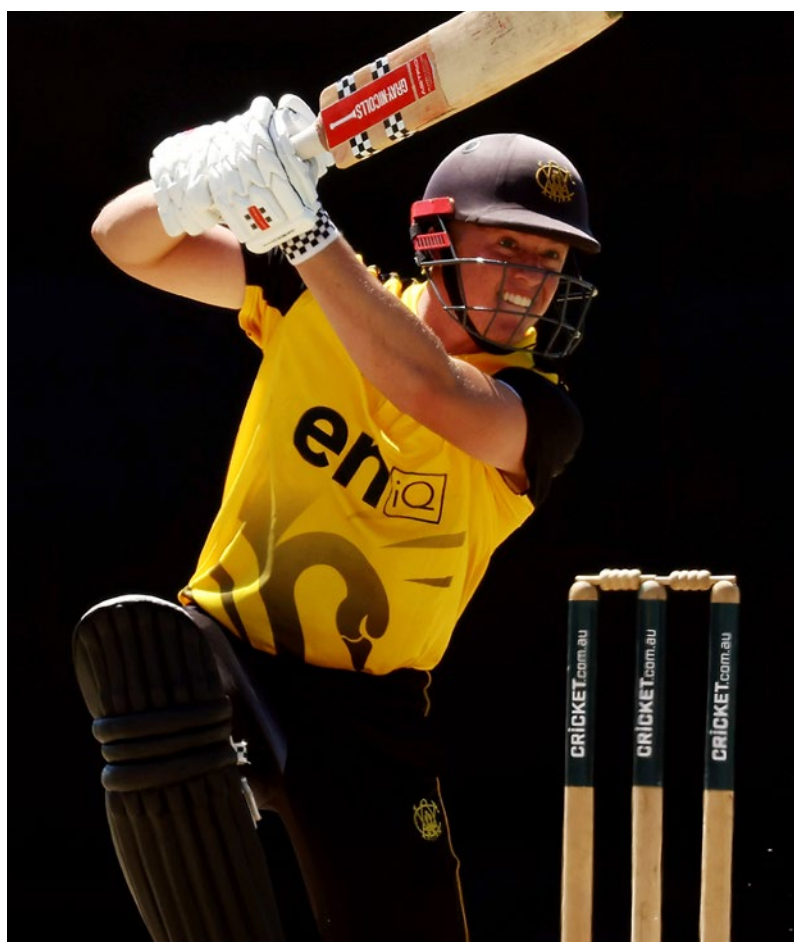
To the coaches and support staff, your efforts and insights have been enormous, and I'm excited to see what we achieve moving forward. To our partners - an invaluable component of everything we do at WA Cricket - thank you.

The lessons of 2024-25 are clear, and our motivation heading into next summer is stronger than ever.

A key focus will be rediscovering the game style that has brought us so much success in previous years, particularly regaining our dominance at the WACA Ground.

With a growing crop of young players already making their mark, and senior leaders continuing to set high standards, we look forward to tackling whatever season 2025-26 sends our way.

Adam Voges OAM



SHEFFIELD SHIELD RESULTS

WA v QLD - Western Australia 465 & 6-263 DRAW Queensland 367 & 1-120. Match Drawn. Inglis 122 & 48, Whiteman 102, Connolly 79, Gannon 5-57

WA v TAS - Western Australia 332 & 4-83 DEF Tasmania 277 & 137. Western Australia by six wickets. Inglis 101 & 26no, Cartwright 65 & 39no, Couch 3-33 & 4-50, Rocchiccioli 4-70 & 2-32

TAS v WA - Western Australia 9-460d DEF Tasmania 317 & 98. Western Australia by an innings and 45 runs. Cartwright 153, Goodwin 94, Agar 74, 1-41 & 3-12, Paris 4-45 & 2-18, Couch 2-94 & 3-15

VIC v WA - Western Australia 167 & 325 DEF BY Victoria 373 & 2-122. Victoria by eight wickets. Curtis 36 & 119no, Cartwright 78, Rocchiccioli 3-115 & 2-47, Paris 3-44

SA v WA - Western Australia 373 & 3-243d DRAW South Australia 253 & 6-208. Match Drawn. Goodwin 139 & 69, Bancroft 105, Turner 79 & 24no, Paris 5-34 & 1-31

NSW v WA - Western Australia 211 & 184 DEF BY New South Wales 9-463d. New South Wales by an innings and 68 runs. Bancroft 48, Cartwright 44, Couch 3-66, Morris 2-69

WA v SA - Western Australia 120 & 66 DEF BY South Australia 124 & 4-66. South Australia by six wickets. Fanning 49, Couch 4-33 & 1-4, Rocchiccioli 3-10 & 1-19

QLD v WA - Western Australia 312 DEF Queensland 147 & 153. Western Australia by an innings and 12 runs. Fanning 95, Whiteman 67, Cartwright 48no, Rocchiccioli 7-52 & 2-27, Morris 3-35 & 1-25

WA v NSW - Western Australia 196 & 4-346d DRAW New South Wales 261 & 4-130. Match Drawn. Cartwright 171no, Bancroft 86, Fanning 59, Morris 5-26

WA v VIC - Western Australia 186 & 347 DEF BY Victoria 197 & 9-370d. Victoria by 34 runs. Cartwright 79, Connolly 56 & 56, Rocchiccioli 5-67 & 3-110, Paris 3-37 & 2-63

ONE-DAY CUP RESULTS

NSW v WA - Western Australia 279 (48.5) DEF BY New South Wales 9-287 (50). New South Wales by eight runs. Bancroft 71, Agar 51, Richardson 5-63

WA v SA - Western Australia 164 (37.4) DEF BY South Australia 166 (37.5). South Australia by two runs. Turner 53, Jackson 6-31, Morris 3-42

WA v QLD - Western Australia 6-301 (49) DEF Queensland 300 (49.3). Western Australia by four wickets. Whiteman 74, Cartwright 66no, Richardson 3-36

WA v TAS - Western Australia 53 (20.1) DEF BY Tasmania 3-55 (8.3). Tasmania by seven wickets. Short 22, Paris 2-10

VIC v WA - Western Australia 108 (22.4) DEF BY Victoria 6-132 (23). Victoria 15 runs (DLS). Turner 24, Cartwright 2-23

SA v WA - Western Australia 164 (38.5) DEF BY South Australia 9-208 (50). South Australia by 44 runs. Short 55, Turner 43, Beardman 4-46

QLD v WA - Western Australia 4-132 (26) DEF Queensland 131 (29.2). Western Australia by six wickets. Cartwright 33, Jackson 4-39, Couch 3-45





SHEFFIELD SHIELD STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	D	N/R	PTS
South Australia	10	6	1	-	3	-	55.61
Queensland	10	3	3	-	4	-	39.76
Victoria	10	4	5	-	1	-	39.49
New South Wales	10	3	4	-	3	-	36.39
Tasmania	10	3	5	-	2	-	35.92
Western Australia	10	3	4	-	3	-	35.43

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
HWR Cartwright	10	18	3	861	171*	57.4	1691	50.91	2	3	-	91	10
J Goodwin	9	16	-	520	139	32.5	1204	43.18	1	2	3	55	4
JP Inglis	3	6	1	363	122	72.6	465	78	2	-	-	41	4
S Fanning	6	10	-	345	95	34.5	788	43.78	-	3	2	26	4
CT Bancroft	7	14	1	344	105*	26.46	970	35.46	1	1	3	24	4
JL Curtis	8	12	1	295	119*	26.81	644	45.8	1	-	-	38	2
SM Whiteman	6	11	-	285	102	25.9	632	45.09	1	1	2	35	3
AJ Turner	7	12	2	276	79	27.6	422	65.4	-	1	-	32	1
C Connolly	3	5	1	276	79	69	474	58.22	-	4	-	26	5
CJ Gannon	9	14	1	181	53	13.92	384	47.13	-	1	2	22	3
CJ Rocchiccioli	9	13	4	132	20	14.66	250	52.8	-	-	1	10	3
JS Paris	7	10	1	131	45	14.55	251	52.19	-	-	1	12	3
MR Marsh	2	4	-	122	94	30.5	198	61.61	-	1	-	18	1
BL Couch	7	11	3	89	31	11.12	327	27.21	-	-	-	8	2
AC Agar	2	3	-	76	74	25.33	197	38.57	-	1	1	5	-
T Wyllie	2	3	-	30	22	10	116	25.86	-	-	1	2	-
JA Richardson	1	1	-	29	29	29	53	54.71	-	-	-	4	-
K Critchell	3	4	-	29	12	7.25	100	29	-	-	-	3	-
H McKenzie	1	2	-	25	22	12.5	112	22.32	-	-	-	1	-
AM Hardie	1	2	-	18	12	9	37	48.64	-	-	-	2	-
M Kelly	3	3	2	11	6*	11	30	36.66	-	-	-	1	-
LR Morris	4	5	3	4	4	2	50	8	-	-	1	1	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
CJ Rocchiccioli	9	17	335.5	50	1053	38	7/52	9/79	27.71	3.13	53	2	-	4	-
JS Paris	7	14	234.5	82	463	28	5/34	6/63	16.53	1.97	50.3	1	-	1	-
CJ Gannon	9	17	285	82	708	28	5/57	5/76	25.28	2.48	61	1	-	13	-
BL Couch	7	13	189	45	590	23	4/33	7/83	25.65	3.12	49.3	-	-	2	-
LR Morris	4	7	105.3	31	271	13	5/26	5/67	20.84	2.56	48.6	1	-	1	-
M Kelly	3	5	72	19	203	5	2/69	3/81	40.6	2.81	86.4	-	-	-	-
HWR Cartwright	10	11	56	4	241	5	2/27	2/40	48.2	4.3	67.2	-	-	8	-
AC Agar	2	3	39.5	17	60	4	3/12	4/53	15	1.5	59.7	-	-	-	-
JA Richardson	1	2	29	8	85	4	3/47	4/85	21.25	2.93	43.5	-	-	-	-
K Critchell	3	5	32	3	119	4	3/33	3/89	29.75	3.71	48	-	-	2	-
AM Hardie	1	2	12	2	44	1	1/12	1/44	44	3.66	72	-	-	-	-
H McKenzie	1	1	27	-	111	1	1/111	1/111	111	4.11	162	-	-	-	-
AJ Turner	7	3	9	1	34	-	-	-	-	3.77	-	-	-	9	-
C Connolly	3	5	15	1	50	-	-	-	-	3.33	-	-	-	1	-
CT Bancroft	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-
JL Curtis	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	2
S Fanning	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
J Goodwin	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
JP Inglis	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
MR Marsh	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
SM Whiteman	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
T Wyllie	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-



ONE-DAY CUP STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	D	N/R	PTS
South Australia	7	4	2	-	-	1	21
Victoria	7	4	3	-	-	-	18
New South Wales	7	3	3	-	-	1	16
Queensland	7	3	3	-	-	1	15
Tasmania	7	3	3	-	-	1	15
Western Australia	7	2	5	-	-	-	9

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
AJ Turner	7	7	1	198	53	33	203	97.53	-	1	1	19	5
HWR Cartwright	7	7	1	185	66*	30.83	206	89.8	-	1	2	16	6
SM Whiteman	3	3	-	148	74	49.33	176	84.09	-	1	-	17	1
CT Bancroft	5	5	-	126	71	25.2	179	70.39	-	1	-	13	1
DJM Short	7	7	1	125	55	20.83	171	73.09	-	1	1	13	2
AC Agar	5	5	1	82	51	20.5	89	92.13	-	1	1	8	2
ST Fanning	3	3	-	64	34	21.33	62	103.22	-	-	-	8	3
C Connolly	2	2	-	39	39	19.5	49	79.59	-	-	1	3	2
J Goodwin	2	2	-	30	24	15	66	45.45	-	-	-	3	-
JP Inglis	2	2	-	22	21	11	34	64.7	-	-	-	1	1
KG Critchell	3	2	-	19	18	9.5	21	90.47	-	-	-	-	1
JA Richardson	4	3	-	13	13	4.33	26	50	-	-	2	1	-
AJ Tye	4	3	-	12	8	4	11	109.09	-	-	1	1	1
BA Jackson	4	2	1	9	8*	9	33	27.27	-	-	-	-	-
AM Hardie	1	1	-	7	7	7	20	35	-	-	-	1	-
JL Curtis	2	2	-	7	5	3.5	24	29.16	-	-	-	-	-
BJ Holt	2	2	-	7	5	3.5	20	35	-	-	-	-	-
JP Behrendorff	1	1	1	6	6*	-	5	120	-	-	-	-	-
M Spoors	1	1	-	4	4	4	12	33.33	-	-	-	-	-
M Kelly	2	2	-	4	4	2	6	66.66	-	-	1	1	-
LR Morris	4	4	3	3	1*	3	20	15	-	-	-	-	-
CJ Rocchiccioli	2	1	-	2	2	2	16	12.5	-	-	-	-	-
M Beardman	2	1	-	1	1	1	11	9.09	-	-	-	-	-
JS Paris	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
BL Couch	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
BA Jackson	4	4	39	4	187	12	6/31	15.58	4.79	19.5	1	1	4	-
JA Richardson	4	4	26.3	-	143	9	5/63	15.88	5.39	17.6	-	1	-	-
LR Morris	4	4	26.2	1	117	7	3/42	16.71	4.44	22.5	-	-	2	-
M Beardman	2	2	15	-	68	6	4/46	11.33	4.53	15	1	-	2	-
AJ Tye	4	4	30	3	178	6	3/78	29.66	5.93	30	-	-	-	-
BL Couch	1	1	8	-	45	3	3/45	15	5.62	16	-	-	-	-
AC Agar	5	3	25	2	139	3	1/32	46.33	5.56	50	-	-	-	-
HWR Cartwright	7	1	4	-	23	2	2/23	11.5	5.75	12	-	-	3	-
JL Paris	1	1	4	-	10	2	2/10	5	2.5	12	-	-	-	-
CJ Rocchiccioli	2	2	14	-	57	2	2/38	28.5	4.07	42	-	-	1	-
DJM Short	7	4	14.2	-	71	2	1/6	35.5	4.95	43	-	-	2	-
AJ Turner	7	1	3	-	18	1	1/18	18	6	18	-	-	2	-
KG Critchell	3	2	9	-	43	1	1/32	43	4.77	54	-	-	2	-
C Connolly	2	1	2	-	21	-	-	-	10.5	-	-	-	1	-
JP Behrendorff	1	1	10	-	56	-	-	-	5.6	-	-	-	1	-
M Kelly	2	2	18	-	70	-	-	-	3.88	-	-	-	1	-
CT Bancroft	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
JL Curtis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
S Fanning	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
J Goodwin	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
AM Hardie	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BJ Holt	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
JP Inglis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
M Spoors	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SM Whiteman	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Ashton Turner



Perth Scorchers

An anchor point of Perth Scorchers' success over the years has been our ability to value and execute the little things better, and for longer, than the opposition.



In KFC BBL14, we fell fractionally short of that standard - sometimes only for brief moments in games - and it cost us a finals spot. The margin wasn't huge: we finished with four wins from 10 matches and lost two contests in the final few deliveries.

We signed off with a win over the Adelaide Strikers that showcased everything we value, and our campaign remained alive until the last day of the regular season, albeit relying on other results.

In the end, things didn't fall our way, and we were left to rue the accumulation of missed opportunities across the season.

When I reflect on the year, what stands out most are those clutch moments. In seasons past, we've found ways to win the tight finishes. This time, the opposite was true.

Back-to-back losses at Optus Stadium were especially tough - the last-ball thriller against Sydney Thunder, followed soon after by a disappointing defeat to Melbourne Renegades with two deliveries left.

But it wasn't only about two games. Across the season, we saw periods of brilliance mixed with times when we couldn't sustain pressure long enough.

Encouragingly, there were plenty of examples of the cricket we know we can play. The season-opener against Melbourne Stars was excellent, and both wins over Adelaide were among our best performances.

But our trip to Sydney didn't pan out as planned, and at home we had the Renegades 4-10 chasing 150 before letting a dominant position slip.

For us, it comes back to consistency - playing our best for longer and making sure we own the big moments as we have historically.

The challenge now is to make sure we're on the right side of those contests in the future. As frustrating as it is, we need to learn from the setbacks while celebrating the many positives that emerged.

One of those highlights was the growth of Cooper Connolly. Coming off a broken hand, he was asked to bat at number three in place of the injured Aaron Hardie and flourished. We've always believed he could settle in the top order, but to do so at 21 with the maturity and consistency of a far more experienced player was outstanding. His BBL Player of the Year award and maiden Simon Katich Medal were richly deserved.

Nick Hobson also impressed. Batting at six or seven is one of the toughest jobs in T20 cricket, but Hobbo has worked hard to specialise in that role and made genuine impact late in innings. Combine that with his athleticism on the boundary and safe hands, and he was a valuable contributor throughout the campaign.

It was pleasing to see Ashton Agar bounce back after a tough BBL13. His control through the middle overs gave our quicks license to attack, and he remains one of the best fielders in the competition. Add in a rearguard half-century against the Renegades while battling COVID, and it proved to be a strong all-round season.

Lance Morris continued to be damaging with the new ball - a role he has really grown into - while Mahli Beardman made his debut and showed that he has a bright future.



Andrew Tye

We're excited to see what Joel Paris brings in his return to the Scorchers, and Bryce Jackson is not far away from his first opportunity. Although he didn't play, Bryce showed enough as a replacement player to earn a full contract for BBL|15.

New Zealand international Finn Allen gave us flashes of his match-winning ability, with half-centuries against the Strikers and Thunder. The experience of this season will hold him in good stead for the summer ahead.

Jason Behrendorff was again outstanding, finishing as our leading wicket-taker and joining Cooper in the official BBL|14 Team of the Tournament. Dorff has been central to our success for more than a decade, winning four of the club's five BBL titles. While it will feel strange seeing him in Renegades colours next season, his contribution to Perth Scorchers has been immense.

Like every side, we dealt with players coming in and out through injury or national duty.

That created challenges at the selection table, but it's part of professional cricket. I've always believed we had the talent to compete every time we stepped onto the field, and that it takes the whole squad to win trophies.

Finishing the season with a strong win over Adelaide was important. It reinforced the brand of cricket that has brought us so much success and, while it wasn't enough to qualify for finals, it provides a clear blueprint for the summer ahead.

I want to thank those around the team who put in countless hours to give us the best chance of success.

Our support staff work tirelessly behind the scenes, and we simply couldn't do what we do without them. To our Members and fans - you're the heartbeat of this club. The way you turn out, make noise, and back us in every week at Optus Stadium is something we're proud of. And to our partners, your support allows us to keep pushing the Scorchers forward on and off the field. We're incredibly grateful to have you with us.

We move into BBL|15 with clear priorities: winning the big moments, making Optus Stadium a fortress again, being more consistent on the road, and building around the exciting core of talent we've developed.

The summer can't come quick enough, and we're itching to get started.

Adam Voges OAM

KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE RESULTS

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

Perth Scorchers 4-150 (17.1) DEF Melbourne Stars 9-146 (20). Scorchers by six wickets. Connolly 64, Turner 37*, Richardson 3-19

Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 6-155 (20) DEF BY Hobart Hurricanes 2-156 (19.2). Hurricanes by eight wickets. Inglis 49, Turner 39, Behrendorff 2-21

Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 8-143 (20) DEF BY Melbourne Renegades 8-144 (19). Renegades by two wickets. Connolly 66 & 1-17, Spoors 29, Behrendorff 2-33

Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Perth Scorchers 6-165 (20) DEF Brisbane Heat 132 (19.4). Scorchers by 33 runs. Hobson 47*, Connolly 37, Tye 2-23

Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 3-146 (14.3) DEF Adelaide Strikers 8-142 (20). Scorchers by seven wickets. Allen 50, Connolly 48*, Richardson 3-29

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Perth Scorchers 4-177 (20) DEF BY Sydney Thunder 6-179 (20). Thunder by four wickets. Allen 68, Connolly 43*, Morris 3-22

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 8-147 (20) DEF BY Melbourne Renegades 6-150 (19.4). Renegades by four wickets. Agar 51*, Morris 2-21, Behrendorff 2-28

Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 7-206 (20) DEF BY Sydney Sixers 3-220 (20). Sixers by 14 runs. Turner 66*, Fanning 41, Agar 1-27

Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 97 (17.2) DEF BY Sydney Thunder 7-158 (20). Thunder by 61 runs. Hardie 22, Morris 3-43, Agar 1-14

Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers

Perth Scorchers 5-163 (16.2) DEF Adelaide Strikers 161 (19.1). Connolly 39*, Beardman 3-17, Behrendorff 3-21



Aaron Hardie



KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	N/R	PTS
Hobart Hurricanes	10	7	2	-	1	15
Sydney Sixers	10	6	2	-	2	14
Sydney Thunder	10	5	3	-	2	12
Melbourne Stars	10	5	5	-	-	10
Perth Scorchers	10	4	6	-	-	8
Melbourne Renegades	10	4	6	-	-	8
Brisbane Heat	10	3	6	-	1	7
Adelaide Strikers	10	3	7	-	-	6

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
C Connolly	10	10	3	351	66	50.14	267	131.46	-	2	1	20	19
AJ Turner	10	10	3	240	66*	34.28	163	147.23	-	1	1	19	6
FH Allen	10	10	-	181	68	18.1	98	184.69	-	2	2	20	10
NR Hobson	10	9	4	153	47*	30.6	102	150	-	-	-	14	7
AM Hardie	7	7	-	120	34	17.14	113	106.19	-	-	1	8	4
M Spoors	5	4	1	78	29	26	77	101.29	-	-	-	5	3
S Fanning	3	3	-	71	41	23.66	41	142	-	-	-	5	3
AC Agar	9	6	2	66	51*	16.5	49	134.69	-	1	2	2	4
MF Hurst	5	5	-	64	28	12.8	70	91.42	-	-	-	4	1
JP Inglis	2	2	-	53	49	26.5	41	129.26	-	-	-	3	2
KK Jennings	3	3	-	48	35	16	45	106.66	-	-	-	5	1
JP Behrendorff	10	2	2	22	17*	-	17	129.41	-	-	-	1	1
JA Richardson	5	2	1	12	8	12	11	150	-	-	-	1	1
AJ Tye	6	1	1	4	4*	-	3	133.33	-	-	-	-	-
M Beardman	2	1	-	2	2*	2	6	33.33	-	-	-	-	-
M Kelly	4	3	2	2	2*	2	2	100	-	-	1	-	-
MR Marsh	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
LR Morris	8	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
JP Behrendorff	10	10	39.1	3	296	17	3/21	17.41	7.55	13.8	-	-	6	-
LR Morris	8	8	31.2	-	253	15	3/22	16.86	8.07	12.5	-	-	1	-
JA Richardson	5	5	20	-	160	8	3/19	20	8	15	-	-	-	-
AC Agar	9	9	30	1	175	6	1/14	29.16	5.83	30	-	-	6	-
C Connolly	10	9	24	-	178	6	1/15	29.66	7.41	24	-	-	1	-
AJ Tye	6	6	21.4	-	221	5	2/23	44.2	10.2	26	-	-	5	-
M Beardman	2	2	5	-	36	3	3/17	12	7.2	10	-	-	1	-
M Kelly	4	4	14.4	-	134	3	2/33	44.66	9.13	29.3	-	-	1	-
M Spoors	5	5	6	-	62	1	1/8	62	10.33	36	-	-	-	-
AJ Turner	10	3	3	-	26	1	1/3	26	8.66	18	-	-	5	-
AM Hardie	7	1	2	-	14	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	2	-
FH Allen	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
S Fanning	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
NR Hobson	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
MF Hurst	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
JP Inglis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
KK Jennings	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
MR Marsh	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Cooper Connolly



Amy Edgar and
Maddy Darke



WA Women

There's no denying the 2024-25 Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) season didn't deliver the results we were aiming for - but I remain very confident in the direction we're heading.



On one hand, we showed we can match it with the competition's best, despite having one of the youngest and least experienced squads. We enjoyed a comfortable win over reigning champions New South Wales, overcame a strong South Australian side, and beat the ACT Meteors in Canberra. Had narrow losses to Victoria and Tasmania gone our way, the table could have looked quite different.

On the other hand, we showed a tendency to drift in games and let key moments slip. In a competition as strong and even as the WNCL, good teams make you pay. Curbing that inconsistency and learning to close out matches is the next step in our development, and I'm looking forward to seeing us embrace that challenge.

One thing that impressed me was how the squad adapted to constant changes in personnel. We used a league-high 18 players throughout the season and introduced five WA

debutants: Emily Arlott, Naomi Dattani, Mikayla Hinkley, Rebecca McGrath and Maddie White.

Mikayla's arrival from Queensland was especially significant - she brought valuable experience and leadership to our middle order, helping to cover the retirement of Lisa Griffith.

Lisa, who called time on her career before the second half of the WNCL season, was a valued member of our squad since joining WA in 2021-22 and deserves praise for the resilience she showed in the face of numerous injury setbacks.

Our group laid solid foundations in the pre-season and showed real intent during intra-squad matches at the WACA Ground, before launching into our campaign against three-time defending champions Tasmania. The loss of Piepa Cleary to a season-ending knee injury was a cruel blow, while the unavailability of Taneale Peschel placed added responsibility on the rest of our bowling group.

Lilly Mills (5-46) led the attack superbly in the opening match, while Chloe Ainsworth (4-45) was outstanding in

game two - unfortunately, her last WNCL appearance of the season due to multiple injuries.

Next came Queensland in Brisbane. We were outplayed in the first fixture but responded admirably just two days later. Set a target of 332, Chloe Piparo (104) and Maddy Darke (67) combined for a 165-run opening stand that gave us a real shot. Chloe's innings reflected her continued growth as a leader, stepping up in a tough moment and setting the tone for the team.

While we entered the Weber WBBL|10 break still searching for a win, the group showed good intent upon returning in January with back-to-back matches against New South Wales at the WACA Ground.

Despite falling short in the first match - where Maddy again impressed with a well-made 73 - I was proud of the way the team responded in game two, delivering our first victory of the season.

It was a result built on shared contributions. The bowlers, led by a career-best 4-10 from Amy Edgar, dismissed the Breakers for 102, and Maddy's unbeaten 49 helped chase down the target with more than 23 overs to spare. The win injected much-needed belief ahead of our four-game away block against ACT and Victoria.

Both final-over defeats to Victoria at the CitiPower Centre were tough to take, but we bounced back with a strong all-round performance against the Meteors. Em Arlott (3-40), Mathilda Carmichael (61 not out) and Maddy (59) were key contributors in that win.

With finals out of reach, our final two home games against South Australia became an opportunity to finish the season well, and the group was clearly motivated to do just that.

The Scorpions proved too strong in game one, but we responded two days later to finish the summer on a high. Maddy (86) and Bhavi Devchand (81) did plenty of groundwork with the bat, and Amy (4-42) continued her rise as one of the competition's most effective off-spinners.

A specialist batter only a few years ago, Amy finished fourth on the WNCL wicket-taking table with 21 wickets at 15.71 from nine games. Meanwhile, Maddy was our leading run-scorer with 543 runs at 49.36 - sixth in the competition - including an equal league-high five half-centuries.

It was fitting that Amy and Maddy shared the Zoë Goss Medal, as both have consistently performed well over several years and are central to our future. Amy has now received the honour three times, while Maddy's first Zoë Goss Medal came alongside WNCL Player of the Year honours.

Behind the scenes, our assistant coaches and support staff deserve enormous credit for their effort, care and professionalism throughout the season.

To our Partners, Members and fans - thank you for standing by us, both at home and on the road. Your support means everything to this group.

We took plenty of learnings from the 2024-25 season. Three wins certainly wasn't the outcome we'd hoped for, but this group fought until the final match and there's no shortage of belief in the direction we're heading.

Apply those lessons - and I'm confident more success is just around the corner.

Becky Grundy

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE RESULTS

WA v TAS - Western Australia 167 (42.1) DEF BY Tasmania 219 (48.5). Tasmania by 52 runs.
Ainsworth 40, Mills 5-46, Edgar 29 & 2-22

WA v TAS - Western Australia 215 (45.3) DEF BY Tasmania 9-216 (48.3). Tasmania by one wicket.
Hinkley 62, Darke 39, Ainsworth 4-45

QLD v WA - Western Australia 81 (26.4) DEF BY Queensland 2-83 (15.2). Queensland by eight wickets.
Mills 15 & 1-31, Bekker 1-9

QLD v WA - Western Australia 9-285 DEF BY Queensland 4-331 (50). Queensland by 46 runs.
Piparo 104, Darke 67, Mills 2-64

NSW v WA - Western Australia 235 (47.3) DEF BY New South Wales 6-276 (50). New South Wales by 41 runs.
Darke 73, Carmichael 32, Britcliffe 1-40

NSW v WA - Western Australia 3-106 (26.2) DEF New South Wales 102 (32). Western Australia by seven wickets.
Darke 49*, Edgar 4-10, Peschel 2-30

VIC v WA - Western Australia 8-229 (47) DEF BY Victoria 8-223 (43.3). Victoria by two wickets (DLS).
Carmichael 64, Britcliffe 4-32, Mills 2-34

VIC v WA - Western Australia 8-275 (50) DEF BY Victoria 9-276 (49.4). Victoria by one wicket.
Hinkley 83, Piparo 77, Edgar 3-36, Britcliffe 3-65

ACT v WA - Western Australia 4-209 (46.4) DEF Australian Capital Territory 7-208 (50). Western Australia by six wickets.
Carmichael 61, Darke 59, Arlott 3-40, Britcliffe 2-44

ACT v WA - Western Australia 175 (45.3) DEF BY Australian Capital Territory 9-253 (50). Australian Capital Territory by 78 runs.
Hinkley 58, Darke 28, Edgar 3-32

WA v SA - Western Australia 240 (49.5) DEF BY South Australia 9-287 (50). South Australia by 47 runs.
Darke 74, Carmichael 50, Edgar 3-47

WA v SA - Western Australia 9-254 (50) DEF South Australia 9-248 (50). Western Australia by six runs.
Darke 86, Devchand 81, Edgar 4-42, Mills 2-46



WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	N/R	PTS
Queensland	12	8	4	-	-	35.5
New South Wales	12	8	4	-	-	33
Tasmania	12	7	5	-	-	31
South Australia	12	7	5	-	-	30
Victoria	12	6	6	-	-	25
ACT	12	3	9	-	-	14
Western Australia	12	3	9	-	-	13

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
M Darke	12	12	1	543	86	49.36	699	77.68	-	5	-	67	-
MC Hinkley	12	12	1	382	83	34.72	511	74.75	-	3	-	36	4
M Carmichael	12	12	1	344	64	31.27	469	73.34	-	3	-	31	1
C Piparo	12	12	-	332	104	27.66	480	69.16	1	1	1	40	3
BM Devchand	8	8	-	165	81	20.62	234	70.51	-	1	-	19	-
LG Mills	12	10	1	101	22*	11.22	124	81.45	-	-	-	9	2
ZR Britcliffe	12	10	6	90	26*	22.5	129	69.76	-	-	1	10	-
AL Edgar	9	7	-	64	29	9.14	81	79.01	-	-	1	8	-
ND Dattani	4	3	-	54	30	18	57	94.73	-	-	-	7	-
CC Ainsworth	2	2	-	41	40	20.5	57	71.92	-	-	-	5	-
R McGrath	6	6	-	41	13	6.83	93	44.08	-	-	-	3	-
C Bekker	9	7	4	35	21*	11.66	62	56.45	-	-	1	2	-
EL Arlott	4	4	1	25	14	8.33	37	67.56	-	-	-	2	-
T Peschel	5	4	-	23	12	5.75	25	92	-	-	1	4	-
L Griffith	3	3	-	20	11	6.66	46	43.47	-	-	1	2	-
M White	2	2	1	13	12	13	22	59.09	-	-	-	1	-
S Manolini	6	3	2	12	6	12	18	66.66	-	-	-	1	-
C Bartholomew	2	2	-	3	3	1.5	25	12	-	-	1	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AL Edgar	9	9	86	7	330	21	4/10	15.71	3.83	24.5	2	-	4	-
LG Mills	12	12	107.5	7	532	19	5/46	28	4.93	34	-	1	4	-
ZR Britcliffe	12	12	101.2	3	480	16	4/32	30	4.73	38	1	-	3	-
CC Ainsworth	2	2	17	1	89	5	4/45	17.8	5.23	20.4	1	-	2	-
EL Arlott	4	4	33	2	195	5	3/40	39	5.9	39.6	-	-	1	-
T Peschel	5	5	38	2	209	4	2/30	52.25	5.5	57	-	-	-	-
BM Devchand	8	5	23.3	1	115	3	1/26	38.33	4.89	47	-	-	3	-
ND Dattani	4	4	30	-	143	3	1/37	47.66	4.76	60	-	-	2	-
C Bekker	9	9	48.3	2	292	2	1/9	146	6.02	145.5	-	-	5	-
M Carmichael	12	2	4	-	21	1	1/3	21	5.25	24	-	-	4	-
C Bartholomew	2	1	6	-	29	1	1/29	29	4.83	36	-	-	-	-
R McGrath	6	2	6.4	-	38	1	1/21	38	5.7	40	-	-	2	-
SJ Manolini	6	6	29	-	156	1	1/39	156	5.37	174	-	-	1	-
M White	2	2	7	-	41	-	-	-	5.85	-	-	-	-	-
M Darke	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	3
L Griffith	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
M Hinkley	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
C Piparo	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-



Beth Mooney



Perth Scorchers

The 2024-25 Weber Women's Big Bash League featured career-best performances, exciting new additions and thrilling finishes. Unfortunately, inconsistent form meant we fell just short of qualifying for Finals.



In many ways, our WBBL campaign mirrored WA's Women's National Cricket League season. We proved we could match it with the best, but the gap between our best and worst was too big.

There were also several matches where we held the upper hand but couldn't quite finish the job - something we'll focus on ahead of WBBL|11.

That said, there was more than enough to be excited about as we look to the future.

Heading into my second season as Head Coach, I felt far more settled, and the group was as determined as ever to bring home the trophy.

We've always valued stability within our squad, so we were pleased to retain the core of last season's group while welcoming Mikayla Hinkley (Brisbane Heat), Ebony Hoskin (Sydney Thunder), and ACT Meteors allrounder Carly Leeson (formerly Sydney Sixers and Melbourne Renegades) from interstate.

Equally exciting was the retention of captain Sophie Devine (pick eight) as a pre-draft international signing. Her leadership on and off the field is immense.

England international Amy Jones (pick 16) returned for a fifth season in orange, while Indian top-order batter Dayalan Hemalatha (pick 17) was selected for her WBBL debut.

Our WBBL|10 campaign began strongly with victory over Melbourne Stars at the WACA Ground, led by Alana King (3-20) and Chloe Ainsworth (2-18).



Ebony Hoskin

A narrow loss to Melbourne Renegades at the CitiPower Centre wasn't the result we wanted, but there were still positives in the way we approached the contest.

Back-to-back home games against Brisbane Heat and the Renegades gave us a chance to build momentum. We defeated the Heat by 28 runs thanks to Beth Mooney (77) and Alana King's career-best 5-16.

That was followed by a thrilling final-over win against the Renegades, with Ebony Hoskin defending eight runs in the last over to secure our third win in four games - an impressive effort in just her eighth WBBL appearance.

We were pleased with our start but knew the upcoming five-game road trip would shape our season. Unfortunately, the early stages didn't go to plan.

Sometimes, you just have to tip your cap to the opposition; Lizelle Lee's record-breaking 150 not-out from 75 balls for the Hurricanes at the SCG was outstanding.

We bounced back strongly with a 71-run win over Sydney Thunder at Drummoyne Oval, led by Sophie (48), Hemalatha (41), Amy Edgar (3-19) and Chloe Ainsworth (2-14).

A rare fixture quirk saw us face the Thunder again four days later at the MCG. Beth (97) and Sophie (44) were superb, but Georgia Voll's unbeaten 97 from 56 balls guided the Thunder home in the 19th over.

With three matches remaining, we farewelled Amy Jones (international duties) and welcomed New Zealand left-hander Brooke Halliday to the squad.

While our 30-run loss to the Strikers at Karen Rolton Oval was disappointing, Brooke impressed with 47 off 44 to keep us in the hunt longer than we otherwise might've been.

She was influential again in one of the most memorable games I've been part of - a tie with the Sydney Sixers at Ninja Stadium in Hobart.

Beth (44) and Brooke (41) gave us a strong platform, but a steady fall of wickets saw us restricted to 126. Our bowlers responded superbly - Alana (3-21), Ebony (1-12) and Carly (1-20) took it to a Super Over.

Despite Ellyse Perry striking a couple of boundaries to set us 16 to win, Mikayla Hinkley's composure under pressure helped us secure a hard-fought tie.

While I'm proud of how the team embraced a challenging road trip, returning with just one win from five matches was disappointing.

That result left us needing to beat the Hobart Hurricanes in our final regular season match at the WACA Ground to reach Finals for a second consecutive year.

Unfortunately, Hobart proved too strong on the day.

As disappointing as it was to miss finals, we've taken many lessons from this campaign that will only strengthen us moving forward.

Alana King delivered a career-best season, finishing as the competition's leading wicket-taker and winning our WBBL Player of the Year award.

She was one of three Scorchers named in the WBBL10 Team of the Tournament, alongside Beth Mooney and Chloe Ainsworth, who took home the WA Cricket Female Rising Star Award.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our loyal Partners, Members and fans. Your impact is invaluable and deeply appreciated by everyone at the club.

While we didn't reach our ultimate goal, I firmly believe this group is capable of something special.

There's plenty of hard work ahead of us, and we're excited by the opportunity to make WBBL11 a season to remember.

Becky Grundy



Sophie Devine

WEBER WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Stars

Perth Scorchers 8-122 (20) DEF Melbourne Stars 109 (19.2). Scorchers by 13 runs. Mooney 31, King 3-20, Ainsworth 2-18

Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 140 (19.4) DEF BY Melbourne Renegades 4-145 (17.4). Renegades by six wickets. Mooney 36, King 26 & 2-35, Mills 1-19

Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat

Perth Scorchers 8-142 (20) DEF Brisbane Heat 114 (18). Scorchers by 28 runs. Mooney 77, King 5-16, Hoskin 2-19

Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades

Perth Scorchers 108 (19.5) DEF Melbourne Renegades 8-106 (20). Scorchers by two runs. Hinkley 32, King 23 & 3-23, Ainsworth 2-18

Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 131 (19.3) DEF BY Hobart Hurricanes 3-203 (20). Hurricanes by 72 runs. Ainsworth 41 & 2-17, Mooney 30

Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 7-171 (20) DEF Sydney Thunder 97 (19.3). Scorchers by 74 runs. Devine 48, Hemalatha 41, Edgar 3-19, Hoskin 2-10

Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder

Perth Scorchers 5-170 (20) DEF BY Sydney Thunder 3-173 (19). Thunder by seven wickets. Mooney 97, Devine 44 & 1-34, Edgar 1-28

Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 8-139 (20) DEF BY Adelaide Strikers 6-169 (20). Strikers by 30 runs. Halliday 47, Devine 35 & 2-28, King 29 & 3-29

Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers

Perth Scorchers 126 (19.2) TIED Sydney Sixers 7-126 (20). Match tied after Super Over. Mooney 44, Halliday 41, King 3-21

Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes

Perth Scorchers 138 (20) DEF BY Hobart Hurricanes 7-139 (17.4). Hurricanes by three wickets. Mooney 50, Devine 28 & 4-26, Ainsworth 1-15



Amy Jones



WEBER WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE STATISTICS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT
Melbourne Renegades	10	7	3	-	-	14
Brisbane Heat	10	7	3	-	-	14
Sydney Thunder	10	6	3	-	1	13
Hobart Hurricanes	10	5	5	-	-	10
Perth Scorchers	10	4	5	1	-	9
Sydney Sixers	10	3	5	1	1	8
Adelaide Strikers	10	3	6	-	1	7
Melbourne Stars	10	2	7	-	1	5

BATTING

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
BL Mooney	10	10	-	386	97	38.6	290	133.1	-	3	-	43	3
SFM Devine	9	9	-	213	48	23.66	184	115.76	-	-	2	26	4
BM Halliday	3	3	-	109	47	36.33	92	118.47	-	-	-	13	1
AM King	10	10	4	105	29*	17.5	99	106.06	-	-	-	9	4
D Hemalatha	8	8	-	99	41	12.37	90	110	-	-	-	11	1
CC Ainsworth	10	9	2	94	41	13.42	89	105.61	-	-	1	6	2
MC Hinkley	10	10	1	92	32	10.22	90	102.22	-	-	-	9	2
AE Jones	7	7	-	87	30	12.42	87	100	-	-	-	8	1
C Piparo	8	8	-	59	23	7.37	73	80.82	-	-	1	4	1
AL Edgar	10	9	3	35	12	5.83	43	81.39	-	-	1	3	-
M Darke	4	4	-	18	10	4.5	23	78.26	-	-	1	3	-
E Hoskin	10	5	3	5	2	2.5	9	55.55	-	-	-	-	-
LG Mills	7	4	1	5	5*	1.66	10	50	-	-	3	1	-
CM Leeson	4	4	-	2	1	0.5	12	16.66	-	-	2	-	-

BOWLING

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
AM King	10	10	37.4	-	266	20	5/16	13.3	7.06	11.3	-	1	4	-
CC Ainsworth	10	10	38	-	223	12	2/15	18.58	5.86	19	-	-	6	-
SFM Devine	9	9	27	-	204	11	4/26	18.54	7.55	14.7	1	-	3	-
AL Edgar	10	10	36.3	-	281	8	3/19	35.12	7.69	27.3	-	-	2	-
E Hoskin	10	10	30	-	223	7	2/10	31.85	7.43	25.7	-	-	4	-
LG Mills	7	5	12	1	81	4	1/10	20.25	6.75	18	-	-	-	-
CM Leeson	4	4	10	-	69	2	1/16	34.5	6.9	30	-	-	1	-
M Darke	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
BM Halliday	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
D Hemalatha	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
MC Hinkley	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
AE Jones	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
BL Mooney	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
C Piparo	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-



Members & Fans

With Members at the heart of everything we do, WA Cricket was proud to deliver another memorable year of cricket and community.

From thrilling match days across all formats to a growing calendar of off-field experiences, the 2024-25 season marked a new chapter of growth, excitement and transformation.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM

Building on strong foundations, the 2024-25 season saw continued growth in WACA Membership. With a renewed focus on listening to Member feedback, WA Cricket introduced new events and expanded the calendar to create more meaningful experiences beyond the boundary. From exclusive functions to behind-the-scenes insights, Members were brought closer than ever to the action.

Members enjoyed another action-packed summer of cricket, with six days of international fixtures staged across Perth Stadium and the WACA Ground. Highlights included Pakistan's Men's ODI, the West Test against India, and an ODI featuring the Indian Women's team.

The season also delivered several standout moments on and off the field. A first-of-its-kind double-header featured a full day of cricket across two venues and formats. Following Day Two of the West Test, Members and fans crossed the river to the WACA Ground to watch the Perth Scorchers WBBL side take on the Hobart Hurricanes in front of a record-breaking crowd of 3,701 - the highest standalone home-and-away attendance in Scorchers WBBL history.

Across the BBL season, average home crowds increased by 18% year-on-year, with WACA and Scorchers Members again playing a key role in that success. On Friday 3 January, Members and fans set a new record for the largest-ever Scorchers home-and-away crowd, with 46,471 packing The Furnace for the Club's annual Aboriginal Match.

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

Off the field, Members enjoyed a diverse range of experiences designed to strengthen their connection to the game and the WA Cricket community.

The season opened with the Members' Season Welcome and Fan Day, where attendees enjoyed a relaxed BBQ and player Q&A ahead of the first WBBL match.

The much-loved Breakfast with the Curator returned on Day Three of the West Test, giving Members exclusive access to walk the Perth Stadium pitch with Head Curator Isaac McDonald and globally renowned commentator Harsha Bhogle.

The Golden Luncheon once again honoured WA Cricket's most loyal Members, celebrating 128 individuals who have been part of the family for more than 40 years. Among the highlights was recognition of Ann Strauss and the late Basil Rigg - a member of Western Australia's first Sheffield Shield side - who each achieved an extraordinary 80 years of membership.

During the BBL season, the Junior Journos initiative gave young fans the chance to interview Perth Scorchers players on game day, testing their reporting skills and creating lasting family memories.

Member Supper Nights, introduced by WA Cricket CEO John Stephenson, also proved popular during the off-season, offering an opportunity for Members to come together while gaining insight into the inner workings of WA Cricket.

These events, along with exclusive giveaways such as the much-loved bobblehead series, added significant value to the Membership experience, ensuring Members remained engaged, connected and celebrated throughout the season.



Match day in the Champions Club



Members Reserve at Optus Stadium



Members Junior Journo



Members Season Welcome and Fan Day



Members WACA Ground Improvement Project Tour



Member Supper Nights



Breakfast with the Curator



Member Supper Nights



Members Golden Luncheon



Members Golden Luncheon

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The 2024-25 WA Premier Cricket season saw University break a 50-year Premiership drought, while Subiaco-Floreat emerged as the team to beat in Female Cricket.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
PREMIER CRICKET

MEN'S FIRST GRADE

University ended a long-running premiership drought in emphatic fashion, claiming the WA Premier Cricket First Grade title with a 69-run win over Joondalup in the two-day Grand Final at the WACA Ground.

After being sent in to bat, openers Jack Webster and Tom Murray made a cautious but steady start, putting on 20 for the first wicket. The introduction of paceman Jordan Quiggin - added to WA's rookie list for the 2025-26 domestic season - shifted the momentum, as he removed both Webster (7) and number three Claus Lotter (3) in a sharp opening spell. When Kai Orr dismissed Murray for 17, University were under serious pressure at 3-50.

Enter Chris Sabburg. The experienced former first-class batter took control of the innings with a composed and counterattacking century. He punished anything loose, finding the boundary with precision, even as wickets continued to fall at the other end. Sabburg finally found a partner in Jay Chislett (25), with the pair adding 96 invaluable runs for the eighth wicket to lift University from 7-136 to a much healthier 8-232. Sabburg was eventually dismissed for a brilliant 119 from 187 balls, featuring nine fours and a six, as University were bowled out in the 90th over for a competitive 243.

With runs on the board, University's bowlers applied relentless pressure. The state-contracted trio of Corey

Rocchiccioli (3-34), Charles Stobo (2-40) and Josh Vernon (1-41) led the attack with accuracy and class. Joondalup were dismissed for 174 inside 60 overs, sealing a long-awaited and well-deserved triumph for the Students.

ONE-DAY FINAL

Perth reinforced their limited-overs pedigree with a commanding 96-run victory over University in the One-Day Final, also played at the WACA Ground.

Batting first, Perth set the tone early through the in-form Joel Curtis, who compiled a blistering 123, his sixth century of the season, having also become a Sheffield Shield regular for WA. Curtis paced his innings perfectly, accelerating through the middle overs and punishing anything loose. Captain Sean Roberts added further impetus with a boundary-laden 74, helping Perth post a daunting 6-310 from their 50 overs.

University's run chase began brightly through opener Viv Paver, who struck five fours and a six in a rapid 19-ball 35. But after his dismissal to Ethan Carrington (2-35), the pressure mounted. Perth's bowlers maintained tight lines, shared the wickets evenly, and capitalised on every opportunity. Nathan Crudeli was the pick of the bowlers with 4-47, while all six bowlers used by the Demons contributed to the wickets column. University were eventually bowled out for 214, falling well short of the target.

PREMIER T20 FINAL

Perth completed their sweep of the men's white-ball competitions by clinching their maiden Premier T20 title, once again getting the better of University in a high-scoring final at the WACA Ground.

After being sent in, Perth posted an imposing 7-187 from their 20 overs, thanks to an even spread of contributions. Connor Blaxall-Hill top-scored with 36 off 27 balls, while Tyler Mouritz (36 off just 16) and Jack Baker (24 off 11) added late-innings fireworks to lift the total.

University began the run chase in fine fashion. Viv Paver (50 off 36) and Will Bosisto (87 off 57) put together a fluent opening partnership that had University well ahead of the required rate. However, the turning point came when Blaxall-Hill returned to dismiss Paver with the score on 105. From there, Perth steadily tightened the screws. While Bosisto continued to find the boundary, he lacked support at the other end and ran out of overs, with University finishing 14 runs short. Blaxall-Hill's all-round contribution (3-30 from four overs) proved crucial in a memorable team performance.

OLLY COOLEY MEDAL

Perth's outstanding season was capped by Joel Curtis being named the 2024-25 Olly Cooley Medallist. The consistent wicketkeeper-batter polled 21 votes, finishing eight clear of Bayswater-Morley allrounder Mitchell Todd (13 votes). Curtis' prolific form at the top of the order played a key role in Perth's white ball success.

WOMEN'S PREMIER CRICKET

Subiaco-Floreat enjoyed a dominant campaign across both formats in Women's Premier Cricket, claiming the A-Grade T20 and 50-over titles in commanding fashion.

In the 50-over Final at the WACA Ground, Subiaco-Floreat overpowered traditional rivals Midland-Guildford by eight wickets. Bowling first, they struck early through a brilliant piece of fielding from Jacqueline Naidoo, who ran out power hitter Ines McKeon - now contracted by WA - in the very first over. Naidoo (2-20 from eight) continued her impactful spell by removing Abbie Whybrow and Veronica Keen, leaving Midland-Guildford in deep trouble at 3-28.

State skipper Chloe Piparo (53) and WA teammate Lilly Mills (14) combined for a steadying 42-run stand, but Subiaco-Floreat wrestled back control through consistent bowling and sharp fielding. Jess Emery starred with the ball, taking 5-14 in a devastating spell that closed out the innings with Midland-Guildford dismissed for just 140.

Maddy Darke then produced a batting masterclass, finishing unbeaten on 82 to guide her side to victory with 18 overs to spare. Her fluent strokeplay and calm presence at the crease underlined Subiaco-Floreat's dominance.

In the T20 Final, played at the same venue, the two sides met again in what proved to be a much closer contest. This time, Midland-Guildford opted to bat first and were lifted by a stunning century from English import Naomi Dattani. Her 103 from 61 deliveries included 16 fours and two sixes, propelling her side to 3-166 from their 20 overs.

Chasing a steep target, Subiaco-Floreat remained composed. Once again, Darke stood tall under pressure, compiling a match-winning 77 off 44 balls. She was well supported by Naidoo (28 off 38) and Megan McColl (23* off 15), guiding their team home with five wickets in hand and just three balls remaining.

With a clean sweep of both titles, Subiaco-Floreat cemented their position as the benchmark in women's Premier Cricket.

Olly Cooley Medal winner
Joel Curtis (Perth)

Karen Read Medal winner
Rebecca McGrath (Melville)



OLLY COOLEY MEDAL VOTING

1. Joel Curtis (Perth) - 21 Votes
2. Mitchell Todd (Bayswater-Morely) - 13 Votes
3. William Bosisto (University) - 12 Votes
4. Aaron Burrage (Rockingham-Mandurah) - 12 Votes
5. Keaton Critchell (Midland-Guildford) - 12 Votes

WADCC TEAM OF THE YEAR (MEN)

Douwttje Hoogenboezem (Fremantle), Lochie Hardy (Claremont-Nedlands), Joel Curtis (Perth), Teague Wyllie (Rockingham-Mandurah), Clinton Hinchliffe (Mount Lawley), Connor Blaxall-Hill (Perth), James Bracey (University) - Wicketkeeper, Luke Holt (Willetton), Michael Dawson (Fremantle), Jay Chislett (University), Alex Bevilaqua (South Perth), Joe Inglis (Joondalup)

FULL LIST OF AWARDS

Batting Average: William Bosisto (University) - 548 @ 91.33
Batting Aggregate: Joel Curtis (Perth) - 822 runs @ 82.20
Bowling Average: Hamish McKenzie (Subiaco-Floreat) - 26 wickets @ 10.42
Bowling Aggregate: Michael Dawson (Fremantle) - 47 wickets @ 15.55
Male Spirit of Cricket Award: Claremont-Nedlands
Kevin Sullivan Silver Cup: University
Club Championship: University
Male Senior Coach of the Year: Will Stibbs (University)
Allan Edwards Trophy: Corey Wasley (Rockingham-Mandurah)
JP Robbins Medal: Alex Hepburn (Willetton)
Albert Richings Medal: Riley Neill (University) & John Walter (Wanneroo)
Alan Mackley Medal: Mitchell Allen (South Perth)
Peter McConnell Medal: Ryan Sookraj
Best 1st Grade Umpire: Matthew Hall
Best 2nd Grade Umpire: Peta Merrilees
Best 3rd Grade Umpire: David Scott
Best 4th Grade Umpire: Roy Boyd
Roy Abbott Best Pitch Award: Iluka Sports Complex 1
Most Improved Pitch Award: Stevens Reserve West
Premier Club Administrator of the Year: John Geisler (Willetton)
1st Grade Premiers: University
One Day League Premiers: Perth
Premier T20 Premiers: Perth
2nd Grade Premiers: Claremont-Nedlands
3rd Grade Premiers: Wanneroo
4th Grade Premiers: Midland-Guildford

KAREN READ MEDAL VOTING

1. Rebecca McGrath (Melville) - 20 Votes
2. Jacqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat) - 18 Votes
3. Shay Manolini (Midland-Guildford) - 12 Votes
4. Naomi Dattani (Midland-Guildford) - 11 Votes
5. Bhavisha Devchand (Wanneroo) - 11 Votes

WAFCC TEAM OF THE YEAR (WOMEN)

Jess Row (Melville), Lottie Aird (Subiaco-Floreat), Bhavisha Devchand (Wanneroo), Jacqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat), Emma Davidson (Perth), Rebecca West (South Perth) - Allrounder, Emma -Lee Hammond (Rockingham-Mandurah) - Wicketkeeper, Rebecca McGrath (Melville), Jesscia Bradley (Rockingham-Mandurah), Megan McColl (Subiaco-Floreat), Shay Manolini (Midland-Guildford), Lily Wood (Rockingham-Mandurah)

FULL LIST OF AWARDS

A Grade One-Day Champion Player: Rebecca McGrath (Melville) - 265 runs @ 37.86 & 19 wickets @ 11.79
A Grade One-Day Batting Aggregate: Tya Gonsalves (Subiaco-Floreat) - 303 runs @ 43.29
A Grade One-Day Batting Average: Mathilda Carmichael (Melville) - 213 runs @ 71
A Grade One-Day Bowling Aggregate: Rebecca McGrath (Melville) - 19 wickets @ 11.79
A Grade One-Day Bowling Average: Lilly Mills (Midland-Guildford) - 10 wickets @ 9.10
A Grade T20 Batting Aggregate: Jacqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat) - 240 @ 40
A Grade T20 Batting Average: Bhavisha Devchand (Wanneroo) - 237 @ 47.40
A Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate: Jessica Emery (Subiaco-Floreat) - 12 wickets @ 9.75
A Grade T20 Bowling Average: Makayla Hendry (Melville) - 6 wickets @ 3.67
A Grade T20 Champion Player: Jacqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat) - 240 runs @ 40 and 8 wickets @ 20.13
Spirit of Cricket Award: Midland-Guildford
Club Championship: Subiaco-Floreat
Senior Coach of the Year: Chris Secker (Midland-Guildford)
Competitions Umpire of the Year: Peta Merrilees
Clare Papasergio Award: Tegan Williamson (Wanneroo)
Jenny Owens Medal: Lottie Aird (Subiaco-Floreat)
B Grade One Day Champion Player: Lottie Aird (Subiaco-Floreat) - 429 runs @ 47.67 & 17 wickets @ 15.06
B Grade T20 Champion Player: Jessica Bradley (Rockingham-Mandurah) - 89 runs @ 12.71 & 10 wickets @ 12.20
A Grade T20 Premiers: Subiaco-Floreat
A Grade One Day Premiers: Subiaco-Floreat
B Grade T20 Premiers: Perth
B Grade One Day Premiers: Rockingham-Mandurah



Elevator Pitch Behind WA's U19 Triumph

WA's Under-19 National Championships campaign was unforgettable in every sense.

As the light faded on a balmy December evening in Adelaide, WA's Under-19 male squad circled Karen Rolton Oval stacking chairs, packing away trestle tables and emptying Gatorade tubs.

Routine drug testing had delayed their departure by a couple of hours, and the players – still buzzing with adrenaline after reaching the pinnacle of Australian pathways cricket – figured they'd make themselves useful. Cricket Australia staff were equal parts grateful and bemused.

Few had pictured WA's celebrations unfolding in such a way, particularly after their commanding win over Victoria Metro in the final of the 2024-25 Under-19 Male National Championships.

Back at the hotel, the mood was just as memorable. The squad piled into a lift that soon proved ill-equipped to handle their collective weight. It was almost 10:30pm when the doors finally opened after 45 minutes.

"Initially there was a bit of laughter before a few of the guys started sweating a bit when it became clear we weren't going anywhere, but they all handled it well," WA Cricket Male Programs Pathways Coach and Under-19 Head Coach Brian Shields said.

"We were in there holding the Shield, wearing our medals, briefing the players on good decisions for the night ahead, while also taking selfies and celebrating. It was honestly bizarre."

The scene symbolised a group that had grown remarkably close. Many had progressed together from WA's Under-15

pathway program, learning the standards required of elite sport. That bond was central to a campaign where WA rebounded from an opening-round loss to Queensland to win five straight matches, including the semi-final and final.

BIG MOMENTS, BIG PERFORMANCES

"Everybody played their role and worked together, as cliché as that sounds," Shields said.

"In those condensed championships, you have to win the big moments and hope a few things go your way.

"The access we had to the centre wickets at Murdoch University before the tournament helped enormously. We trained different scenarios – death overs, worst case, new ball – and the boys were dialled in. They had to call upon those experiences, and we handled those moments better than other teams."

Few moments were bigger than those produced by captain Simon Budge. After belting 153 against Tasmania, he followed with 111 in the semi-final against host South Australia.

"Budge just led from the front," Shields said. "It was a real captain's innings."

Budge then added a diving catch to remove South Australia's set batter Haard Shah, off the bowling of left-arm quick Jordan Quiggin.

"It was a game changer," Shields recalled.

"Budge honestly couldn't have dived any further. It broke the game open for us."



Leading run scorer
Simon Budge



Leading wicket taker
Jordan Quiggin

Quiggin finished with 6-39 that day and ended the Championships as leading wicket-taker with 18 at 8.17. Budge topped the run charts with 346 at 57.67.

SHARED CONTRIBUTIONS

While Budge and Quiggin stole headlines, WA's success ran deeper.

"Everybody made significant contributions," Shields said. "The bowlers were awesome."

"Albert Esterhuysen bowled three spells in the final and was cooked but just wanted the ball in his hand. Vic Metro were cruising, had a set batter, and he broke the game open. He loves the contest and ended up being named Player of the Final."

"Quiggin clearly had an outstanding tournament, and Connor Southam was important. Will Malajczuk played some classy innings and Zeph Netherway was very destructive – his 77 not out from 49 balls against the ACT was huge."

A PROVING GROUND FOR WA TALENT

For WA Cricket Talent Development Manager David Fitzgerald, the Championships once again showed the value of national youth competition.

"Tournaments like this help to show how guys handle perceived pressure, work with their peers and deal with external noise, and we were impressed by how this group handled those factors," Fitzgerald said.

"Everybody had their moment in time, which was a message we reinforced throughout."

"That said, it's not the be-all and end-all for those who want to play senior cricket. We've seen a lot of players come through Premier Cricket – Keaton Critchell, Joel Curtis and Liam Haskett are recent examples."

"We also have guys in Australian Under-19 squads like Budge and Malajczuk, who went on a training camp to India in April with Zed Hollick. It's important we sustain our focus at all levels while celebrating achievements like this one."

That focus is already paying dividends. Budge, Quiggin and Esterhuysen were rewarded with rookie contracts by WA following the tournament, recognition of their impact and potential.

For Shields, the silverware was secondary to the environment built along the way.

"It was a privilege to see how this group grew together," he said.

"They embraced the values we want from WA players – commitment, resilience, being good teammates – and they'll carry that with them wherever they play next."

WA's 2024-25 Under-19 Male National Championships Squad

Simon Budge (C), Ethan Benson, Matt Carroll, Albert Esterhuysen, Zed Hollick, Will Malajczuk, Zeph Netherway, Jake Pattison, Jordan Quiggin, Adam Solomons, Connor Southam, Sean Thompson, Wiehan Vorster Beukes, Wyatt Wilson

Head Coach: Brian Shields

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Community Cricket

WA Cricket enjoyed an outstanding season of growth across all segments of the game.

In the priority segment of 5-12-year-olds, registrations grew by 12% year-on-year, with 14,800 children in this age group taking part across Woolworths Cricket Blast and under-12 Junior Cricket.

Nationally, participation grew by an average of 5%. Woolworths Cricket Blast in WA saw a 19% increase, exceeding the national average of 8%, with more than 7,900 children signing up in 2024-25.

There was also a 12% increase in junior cricketers across all age groups, alongside strong growth in girls' registrations, including a 25% increase in Woolworths Cricket Blast and a 6% increase in junior cricket.

Senior cricket followed the trend, with women's registrations increasing by 15% and men's by 2%.

While outdoor cricket thrived, indoor cricket participation declined by 15%, impacted further by the closure of Bouncer Indoor Sports, which will continue to affect numbers into next season.

These results reflected WA Cricket's targeted efforts, with clear impact delivered through strategic planning, application of data and insights, and strong stakeholder collaboration.

WA Cricket was also proud to partner with Metropolitan Junior Community Cricket Inc. (MJCC) in 2024-25 to deliver a strong year of junior cricket in Perth and Peel under the exciting new MJCC governance model.

Given the significant work required to establish a new Association, the progress of junior cricket was extraordinary.

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 2.2 million drivers and 3.4 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, the Insurance Commission has invested over \$1.77m to the WA 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 3,750 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 costs of running community and grass roots sporting clubs.

Each year, almost 100 people are killed or seriously injured in crashes on WA roads while not wearing a seatbelt. That represents about nine cricket teams, with men aged 17-29 years old continuing to be over-represented in serious and catastrophic car crashes every year.

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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 features 22 teams and 228 players. The league is spread throughout the WA 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 includes the Belt Up Table Cricket competition. This 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.

The MJCC Board was to be congratulated for its diligent work throughout the year, and in the lead-up, to ensure a smooth transition to the new model in pursuit of best-practice governance. Their commitment to quality governance, strategic thinking, and continuous improvement contributed to many terrific outcomes - including being named Association of the Year in the National Community Cricket Awards.

Congratulations also went to WA's other winners and finalists in the National Community Cricket Awards:

- **Warwick Greenwood Cricket Club** - Technology & Media Initiative (Winner)
- **Swan Valley Cricket Club** - Partnership of the Year (Winner)
- **Bicton Junior Cricket Club** - Club of the Year (Finalist)
- **Striker Leeming Indoor Centre** - Indoor Facility of the Year (Finalist)

JUNIOR CRICKET

Junior Cricket in WA experienced strong growth, with 7,600 participants in Woolworths Cricket Blast and more than 1,000 junior teams statewide.

Under the new Metropolitan Junior Cricket model, WA Cricket administered competitions for 830 metropolitan teams, providing great experiences for boys and girls.

Country competitions also remained steady, with more than 230 teams across regional WA.

Over 160 Woolworths Cricket Blast programs were delivered across the year, supported by the Woolworths Community Fund and the Growing Cricket for Girls Fund, which extended access to children from diverse backgrounds and in targeted communities with low participation.

SENIOR AND VETERANS CRICKET

Senior Community Cricket recorded further growth and improved operations across WA, contributing to the work of Cricket West and its member associations and clubs in the metropolitan area and the Country Cricket Board, Regional Boards, Associations and clubs across regional WA.

The Perth Scorchers Women's League in the metropolitan area benefitted from an improved competition structure and advisory committee, while senior men's cricket saw stronger collaboration between associations, leading to better representative pathways.

Veterans Cricket also grew in popularity, with WA hosting National Championships for Over 40s and entering 20 teams across all categories in national tournaments.



CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

School-based promotional activations reached 37,444 students - a 30% increase from the previous season - and helped drive registrations into club programs.

In addition, 74,691 students took part in in-school cricket programs.

Secondary School Hard Ball competitions were again a highlight, with Belridge Senior High winning the Kim Hughes Shield, Newman College winning the Graeme Wood A Division, Sacred Heart College winning the Graeme Wood B Division, and both the Government XI boys and WA Cricket Blast girls' teams winning their School Representative matches.

COUNTRY CRICKET

WA Country Cricket recorded a standout season with a 35% rise in Woolworths Cricket Blast participation and 18 new centres, including 11 in the Wheatbelt.

More than 650 children joined 29 programs, and school holiday sessions were introduced for the first time.

Country Weeks were again successful, with the Men's Country Week using coloured kits and white balls for the first time, while the Women's Country Week was held in Perth for the first time. Ninety-three teams participated across Junior, Senior Men's and Women's Country Weeks.

Pathway carnivals thrived, and WA Cricket extended competition administration support to three additional associations.

In the Eastern Goldfields, 81 players joined Woolworths Cricket Blast in Term 1, reflecting the strong momentum in regional participation.

Women's competitions continue to grow with several country associations now showcasing vibrant leagues.

FEMALE CRICKET

Season 2024-25 delivered a 12% increase in overall registrations for women and girls.

The Perth Scorchers Women's League welcomed six new teams, while social cricket opportunities for women and girls expanded through the introduction of the Smash Series program.

WA Cricket also secured a grant from the Federal Government through the Play Our Way Funding program to boost female participation, leadership, and coaching across metropolitan and regional WA.

The Women in Cricket Leadership Network expanded further, with WA Cricket hosting more events that offered networking, personal development, and discussions on governance, connection, and empowerment.

ABORIGINAL CRICKET

Aboriginal Cricket programs, supported by the WA Cricket Foundation, continued to grow with participation in Deadly Cricket increasing by 10%.

A historic milestone was achieved as the WA Aboriginal Women's XI won its first National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Mackay, Queensland.



Kambarang Carnival
at the WACA Ground

The Aboriginal Talent Academy (ATA), led by Head Coach Zoë Goss, continued to thrive. ATA player Elsie Simpson was awarded the prestigious Hayward Scholarship, recognising her outstanding potential.

These achievements, supported by WA Cricket's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, marked a transformative moment for Aboriginal Cricket, inspiring future generations and strengthening pathways for Aboriginal people in the game.

DISABILITY CRICKET

Disability Cricket experienced remarkable growth and achievement.

Blind Cricket flourished, with five WA players earning international honours for Australia. WA also sent three teams to the National Cricket Inclusion Championships in Queensland.

Blind Sport WA's 'Let's Get Visible' Star Blast launched three centres in Perth, while regional programs in Geraldton, Port Hedland, and Albany thrived.

Participation across disability programs grew, with 1,612 students engaged through school carnivals and come-and-try days, and 22 teams competing in the Belt Up Integrated Cricket League across junior and senior divisions.

A successful wheelchair cricket trial in Bunbury signalled exciting opportunities for future expansion.

MULTICULTURAL CRICKET

South Asian participation in cricket grew by 24% through a mix of programs and club registrations.

Women and girls' cricket and Woolworths Cricket Blast each grew by 10%, while junior cricket increased by 19%.

Targeted programs - including Woolworths Cricket Blast, Tape Ball, Come and Try activations, and leadership programs in schools - all contributed to the growth.

The Perth Scorchers Culture Cup expanded, with the Nepalis Association joining the competition. Virsa Cricket Club claimed the Cup, while the Culture Cup representative team won the WA Cricket Statewide T20 Community Cup.

INDOOR CRICKET

Indoor Cricket continued to provide opportunities for year-round play through WA Cricket's partnership with Indoor Sports WA. While overall participation has been impacted by the closure of another centre, the remaining three centres in the metropolitan area, as well as new centres in Bunbury and Albany are experiencing steady growth in their competitions.

WA state sides again competed proudly at national level across all age groups. This year the National Junior and Open Championships were successfully hosted by Seamers Balcatta and Striker Leeming.

Striker Leeming was also nationally recognised as one of the country's top Indoor Cricket Centres, acknowledging its contribution to Woolworths Cricket Blast and junior development.



National Cricket Inclusion Championships Cap presentations

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Volunteers were celebrated through the new 'Thank a Volunteer' initiative, Volunteer of the Month recognition, special acknowledgement at Perth Scorchers matches, and the WA Community Cricket Awards, sponsored by Kookaburra.

WA featured strongly at the National Community Cricket Awards, with Metropolitan Junior Community Cricket - the newly formed governing body for junior cricket in Perth and Peel - named Australia's best Cricket Association, Swan Valley Cricket Club recognised for its mental health partnership with the Blue Tree Project, and Warwick Greenwood Cricket Club awarded for its technology and media initiative.

THINK MENTAL HEALTH

WA Cricket's partnership with Healthway to promote the 'Think Mental Health' message again proved impactful.

The Think Mental Health Round was celebrated across Premier and Community Cricket statewide.

Metro and country clubs hosted barbeques, invited guest speakers, and engaged local organisations to support positive mental health.

WA Cricket also delivered training for its network of Mental Health Champions, equipping community clubs to address issues such as volunteer burnout and crisis support.







WA Women Salute in Memorable NICC Campaign

WA's Women reached the pinnacle of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships, winning their maiden title in Queensland.

Playing in their first ever final on a barmy April's day in Mackay, it was sheer elation for the Western Australian Women's team as they hauled up the National Indigenous Cricket Championship trophy in triumph.

Twelve months after WA's Men brought home the coveted National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) silverware, WA's women got in on the act and reinforced just how strong the depth of Aboriginal talent in the west.

WA celebrated three wins during the six-match round robin phase, taking down Victoria (41 runs), hosts Queensland (13 runs) and New South Wales (40) in impressive style.

An eight-wicket loss to Queensland and a narrow three-run defeat against Victoria were the only blemishes of the campaign, with inclement weather forcing the round three match versus New South Wales to be abandoned.

Nothing, however, compared to WA's barnstorming 72-run triumph over Queensland in the decider at Great Barrier

Reef Stadium in Mackay, which hosted every match of the weeklong tournament.

Mikayla Hinkley enjoyed an outstanding individual campaign, blasting 232 runs at 33.14 to go with five wickets.

And the versatile right-hander - a regular for WA and Perth Scorchers' senior teams - saved her best performance for last, dismantling representatives from her former state with 71 from 44 deliveries.

The knock formed part of a match-defining partnership alongside Melville batter Charlotte Toohey (47 from 32), the pair carrying WA from 3-60 to the imposing total of 6-164.

Bowler Regina Deleeuw, who plies her trade at Wanneroo District Cricket Club, then ripped through Queensland's batting lineup with 4-15 inside three overs, while Seren Simpson (2-13) was also effective.

Named Player of the Final, Hinkley reflected fondly on WA's journey to the ultimate NICC success.



Veronica Keen

"It is really emotional, these girls have worked so hard and build such a massive culture over a lot of years," Hinkley said.

"This is the first Final we've made, and we've won it.

"The girls are so strong, probably some of the strongest women I've ever played with, and we've had a ball this week."

If you looked around the ground throughout the week, at nearly every game there was a large group cheering the Women's squad on.

The Men's team was a constant presence and showed the united team mentality that both squads going into the competition.

"The WA boys have gotten behind us all week, every single game they have showed up and they haven't faulted in the energy they brought," Hinkley said.

"It just goes to show that our state is one team, it doesn't matter whether we are the First Nations team or whether we are in High Performance, we are just one team. We all stand together."

The Women's team was coached by Alex Stewart and mentored by Zoë Goss OAM with both providing strong support for WA's up-and-coming Aboriginal athletes.

Both are also heavily involved in the WA Cricket Foundation's Aboriginal Talent Academy, with Goss the Head Coach and Stewart her sole Assistant Coach.

The Academy aims to identify talented male and female players across the state, guiding its representatives on the journey towards state and national selection.

Squad: Veronica Keen (c), Montanna Campbell, Regina Deleeuw, Candice Franklin, Freedora Garlett, Emma Lee Hammond, Mikayla Hinkley, Jahlira Knight, Emily Ramirez, Elsie Simpson, Seren Simpson, Charlotte Toohey, Amelia Whiteman.

Head Coach: Alex Stewart

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Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund

Community cricket clubs across Western Australia have secured significant investments into their future with \$8 million in cricket facility projects being generated through the 2024-25 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 147 cricket infrastructure projects in WA, delivering a partnered investment of almost \$97 million in total project value.

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

The 2025-26 ACIF program will open again in October 2025, with cricket clubs and associations, councils and schools encouraged to identify projects that can be moved forward with the support of the ACIF.



Mitch Marsh



Life Members

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

PETER MURPHY

Peter Lawrence Murphy's enduring association with Mount Lawley District Cricket Club began in 1970 when he joined as a junior. From his earliest days, his leadership qualities stood out. By the mid-1970s he was captain of the Colts, and throughout the 1980s and early 1990s he led the Second and Third Grade sides with distinction, guiding them to three premiership titles.

As the 288th player to represent Mount Lawley in First Grade, Peter built an impressive playing career across all four senior grades. Over 194 matches he amassed 4,059 runs and claimed 162 wickets, with personal best performances of 182 not out with the bat and 8-60 with the ball.

Even while playing, Peter committed himself to the Club's administration. He joined the management committee in 1990, became Vice President the following year, and soon after served two seasons as Secretary. In 1995-96, he was elected President, becoming only the 11th person to hold the role. He went on to serve for an extraordinary 27 years, stepping down in 2022 as the Club's longest-serving President. His contribution spanned more than half a century,

and he was honoured as a Life Member in 1994, before even beginning his presidential tenure.

Beyond Mount Lawley, Peter represented the Club at the WA District Cricket Council from 1999, serving as Chairman between 2003 and 2009 and sitting as a WACA Board member.

Under his leadership, Mount Lawley achieved a series of milestones. These included strengthening the Club's financial position, modernising governance structures, and improving facilities at Breckler Park. Significant projects included refurbishments of the clubrooms and changerooms, installation of a state-of-the-art digital scoreboard, and redevelopment of the training blocks and nets. Safety was also improved with the removal of boundary overlaps, and the Club took direct management of turf facilities to lift playing standards.

Peter Murphy's impact on Mount Lawley and cricket in WA is immeasurable. His vision, dedication, and decades of service have left a legacy that will continue to benefit players, members, and the wider cricket community for generations.

A photograph of Michael Valetta and Avril Fahey standing together, holding a large, ornate gold-framed photograph. The photo inside the frame shows a cricketer in a white uniform, holding a bat and a helmet. Michael Valetta is on the left, wearing a dark suit and a blue bow tie. Avril Fahey is on the right, wearing a black sleeveless dress. The background is dark and out of focus.

Gallery of Greats

Michael Valetta and Avril Fahey

With only 39 inductees across its rich 139-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.

PETER JOHN McCONNELL

Umpire and Administrator | 1944 - present

Peter McConnell is unquestionably Western Australia's most decorated umpire and fittingly becomes the first on-field official inducted into the WA Cricket Gallery of Greats.

His journey as a First Class umpire began with a tour match between Western Australia and India in 1977. Fewer than six years later, in November 1983, McConnell made his Test match umpiring debut as Australia triumphed over Pakistan by an innings and nine runs at the WACA Ground.

Such was the consistency and quality of his performances, McConnell soon became a permanent member of the Test panel, overseeing 22 Men's Tests and two Women's Tests over the course of his career.

These included five Ashes fixtures, the Jubilee Test at the WACA Ground in 1984, celebrating 50 years of Women's Test Cricket in Australia, and the Bicentenary Test between Australia and England at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1988.

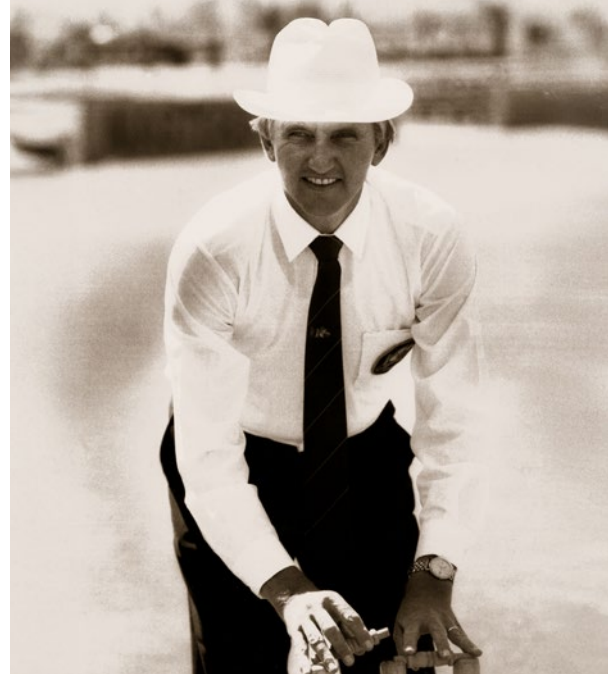
McConnell eventually retired from First Class umpiring in 1992, having also overseen 275 First Grade Games across two decades.

His efforts were recognised with life membership to the WA Cricket Umpires Association, where he served as secretary for a period after his career on field.

In 2000, McConnell became the first umpire to earn WACA Life Membership and, later that year, received the Australian Sports Medal as WA's most decorated international umpire.

His legacy was recognised in the season of 2000-01 by the WA Cricket Umpires Association, which instituted the Peter McConnell Medal in his honour, awarded annual to the best WA Premier Cricket umpire.

A high achiever wholeheartedly devoted to his profession, McConnell is the 38th person inducted into the WA Cricket Gallery of Greats.



MICHAEL ROBERT JOHN VALETTA

Player, Coach and Administrator | 1963 - present

A fierce competitor blessed with remarkable powers of concentration; Mike Valetta is one of the most prolific batters WA has produced.

The gritty right-hander holds a special place in history as part of the first Australian team to hoist the World Cup aloft in 1987.

Of particular note was his contribution during the final against England, when Valetta scored 45 not out from 31 deliveries in Kolkata. The innings proved decisive as Australia posted 5-253 from 50 overs, eventually toppling their bitter rivals by just seven runs.

Valetta made his Australian debut in a One-Day International against Pakistan in Sharjah earlier that year, before pulling on the Baggy Green against New Zealand a month after celebrating Australia's World Cup triumph.

All told, he played eight Tests and 20 ODIs from 1987-1990.

At the domestic level, Valetta was a regular fixture atop the order for WA's Sheffield Shield team, often alongside Geoff Marsh. The pair proved enormous to their state's fortunes during the 1980s and early 1990s, amassing three partnerships of 300 runs or more.

Among Valetta's defining performances was the 266 he scored in the 1986-87 Sheffield Shield final against Victoria, guiding WA to victory during a marathon innings that lasted no fewer than 762 minutes.

He finished his Shield career with five titles, 18 centuries, 40 half-centuries and 7306 runs at an average exceeding 41.

In One-Day Cup cricket for WA, Valetta celebrated three championships and scored 1077 runs at 34.7 with a century and eight half-centuries.



An outstanding fielder and fine wicketkeeper, he tallied 157 catches and four stumpings across both domestic formats.

Valetta coached WA following his retirement after the 1994-95 season and later served on the WACA Board, earning WACA Life Membership in 2004.

His achievements - forged through considerable skill, commitment and an unwavering passion for the Baggy Black - are appropriately recognised with Valetta's anointment as the 39th member of the WA Cricket Gallery of Greats.

Obituaries

BASIL RIGG

Basil Rigg, the last surviving member of Western Australia's 1947-48 Sheffield Shield squad, passed away in March 2025 aged 99. Born in Mount Lawley in 1925, he was a remarkable all-round sportsman who excelled in cricket, Australian rules football, and baseball. He played 45 WAFL games with Perth Football Club, served in the Army during World War II, and later focused on cricket. Between 1947-48 and 1956-57, Rigg featured in 18 First Class matches for WA, scoring 511 runs and taking eight wickets as a spin-bowling all-rounder. His highlights included half-centuries against India and an Australian XI led by Don Bradman. He also represented WA in baseball's Claxton Shield.



KEITH SLATER

Keith Slater represented Western Australia 67 times in First Class cricket between 1955 and 1967, scoring 2,114 runs at an average of 21.35 and claiming 122 wickets through medium pace and off-spin. He made his Test debut for Australia against England in January 1959, taking two wickets. In premier cricket, he played a record 259 matches for Midland-Guildford, debuting at 15, and later received WA Cricket Life Membership. After retiring, he founded the annual Lilac Hill Festival Match. In football, Slater played 240 WAFL matches for Swan Districts and Subiaco, won three



premierships, earned three Best and Fairest awards, and claimed the Simpson Medal in the Swans' 1961 premiership win. A celebrated Western Australian all-round sportsman, he passed away in February 2025 at age 89.

BARBARA GROVES

Barbara Groves, a pioneering Western Australian cricketer, passed away on 19 January 2025 at age 97. She was the 38th woman to represent WA, making her debut in the 1949-50 season, and was a talented allrounder who played in three Australian Women's Cricket Carnivals. Her best batting performance was 48 against Victoria, and she also claimed 2 for 30 against the same opposition two years later. Beyond cricket, Groves excelled in softball at state level and devoted much of her life to community service. She volunteered as an ambulance officer with St John Ambulance, chaired the Tambellup sub-centre, later worked as a telephone operator in Katanning, and was awarded the Order of St John Medal in 2016.

ROBERT O'CONNOR

Robert Kenneth O'Connor, former WACA Board member, passed away peacefully on 12 January 2025 aged 81. A passionate cricketer during his junior years at Aquinas College, he later made significant off-field contributions to WA Cricket through his service on the WACA Board during the 2000s. He played a pivotal role in the Gallery of Greats Committee and helped oversee the editorial work for Bill Reynolds's *Making the Grade*, preserving WA Premier Cricket history. Beyond cricket, O'Connor gave back widely, serving on boards including the Mannkal Foundation, the Nelson Society of Australia, and South Perth Hospital's Board of Management. He is remembered as a beloved father and grandfather.

In Memoriam

WA Cricket extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the following Members for whom we have advice of their untimely passing during 2024-25. Any omission in failing to acknowledge the passing of a valued Member is sincerely regretted.

George T. Alford
Dudley N. Allan
Eileen Bond
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Reg Gates
Donald Gould
Victor A. Hille
Philip B. Maughan

Thomas E. Moxham
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Brian H. O'Connor
Robert K. O'Connor
Basil Rigg
Keith N. Slater
Harry Stead
Dexter Stewart
Vincent Szczecinski
Ben Walawski
Margaret A. Whitter
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Beth Mooney

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Directors' Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

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 2025.

Directors

Name	Category
Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey	Cricket Appointed Director & Chair (until 5 April 2025)
Mrs GD (Gail) McGowan PSM	Board Appointed Director & Chair (from 6 April 2025)
Mr PA (Peter) Capes	Member Elected Director & Deputy Chair (from 3 September 2024)
Dr MB (Michael) Gannon	Member Elected Director (Deputy Chair until 4 August 2024)
Mr GB (Brad) Hogg	Member Elected Director
Mr PJ (Paul) Collins	Member Elected Director
Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE AM	Member Elected Director
Mr CK (Christian) Bauer	Cricket Appointed Director (until 12 August 2024)
Mr M (Michael) Snell OAM	Board Appointed Director (until 23 December 2024)
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Ms SJ (Shirley) Elliot	Cricket Appointed Director (from 6 May 2025)

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

The Board extends its sincere gratitude to Avril Fahey, Christian Bauer, and Michael Snell for their outstanding contributions to WA Cricket. Their dedication, leadership, and commitment have played a vital role in shaping the success and future of the Company.

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

The Company Secretary is 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.



WA CRICKET STRATEGIC PLAN 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.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Develop and deliver outstanding live and digital year-round experiences that create enjoyable moments and lasting memories
- Establish the Perth Scorchers, Men and Women, as the ultimate summer family entertainment experience
- Deliver positive, fun and inclusive experiences for all members, fans, participants and volunteers
- Activate the WACA Ground with vibrant and positive experiences driving repeat visitors



PARTICIPATION GROWTH

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Attract kids (ages 5-12s) and families from all backgrounds to inspire a lifelong love of cricket
- Attract and retain players, coaches, umpires and volunteers through tailored and efficient club and volunteer support
- Accelerate momentum to be the leading sport for women and girls and all diversity groups
- Work with our Affiliates to ensure a united, aligned and efficient WA Community Cricket system



INSPIRATIONAL PLAYERS & TEAMS

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Enhance our leading programs at all representative levels to develop great people, players, coaches and match officials
- Use powerful storytelling and technology to showcase our inspiring teams and players and connect to our cricket and cultural heritage



SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Deliver the WACA Ground Improvement Project to underpin the financial sustainability of cricket in WA
- Accelerate our diversified business model through the effective activation of the new WACA Ground as the most inclusive sports, entertainment and leisure venue in Australia
- Deliver positive social outcomes for WA communities
- Drive investment into venues and facilities with strong social and environmental outcomes

ENABLERS

OUR PEOPLE
Ensuring people are the heart of our game

OUR COMMUNITIES
Building strong trusting relationships

OUR GOVERNANCE
Delivering best practice at all levels

OUR FOUNDATION
Delivering social outcomes through cricket

OUR DATA & TECHNOLOGY
Connecting and enhancing experiences

Strategic Plan

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

Review of Operations

The net result for the year was a surplus of \$68,392,916 (\$43,331,783 in 2023-24), 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 surplus of \$1,121,245, reversing the previous year's deficit of \$1,625,663.

The WGIP, a major redevelopment initiative, has progressed with construction underway since October 2023 and completion is expected in late 2025. 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.

The total estimated cost for WGIP is \$184,137,923 including the previously deferred fit out of level 2 and 3, and is funded through government and partner contributions:

- Federal Government \$30,000,000, the agreement has been executed.
- State Government \$124,700,000 (including the Aquatic Facility), the agreement has been executed.
- Cricket Australia \$4,037,450, the agreement has been executed.
- Lotterywest \$5,200,000, the agreement has been executed.
- Health Club Contribution \$500,000, the loan agreement has been executed.
- Interest Income Forecast \$2,300,000.
- WA Cricket contribution \$17,400,473, detailed as follows:
 - Original commitment \$11,000,000.
 - Additional commitment \$6,400,473.

The standard, AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*, will impact on 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.

Financial Position

As of 30 June 2025, the Company has available cash and cash equivalent assets of \$18,132,147, after allowing for a WGIP grant overpayment of \$8,800,000.

The Company's working capital position has been impacted by the deferred income due to the accounting treatment of AASB 1058 relating to the WACA Ground Improvement Project (refer to note 1(u)). Excluding this accounting treatment, the Company has a surplus working capital position.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company is a going concern which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity, realization of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business for the following reasons:

- The Company, post 30 June 2025, secured a new \$10,000,000 unsecured, interest-bearing bank facility with Westpac.
- The Company has signed a deed of variation post 30 June 2025 to the State Government Financial Assistance Agreement for an extra \$15,000,000 to contribute towards the WGIP.

WA Cricket's funding contribution for the WGIP of \$17,400,473 includes \$4,289,900 paid to date with the remaining \$13,110,573 not required until the second quarter of the 2025/26 financial year. Plans are in place to fund this contribution via the combination of the Company's cash reserves, the financing arrangement in place as mentioned and potential funding from existing and other parties.

Significant matters since the year-end

The Company has secured a new \$10,000,000 unsecured, interest-bearing bank facility with Westpac, featuring improved terms that supersede the existing facility with Commonwealth Bank. Although the facility is unsecured, the Company has entered into a negative pledge arrangement as part of the agreement.

The Company has signed a deed of variation post 30 June 2025 to the State Government Financial Assistance Agreement for an extra \$15,000,000 to contribute towards the WGIP. These funds have been received by WA Cricket prior to signing this report.

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 has been implemented and will result in the successful removal and treatment of the soil at the completion of the Project. 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 fourteen (14) Board meetings were held during the financial year.

Name	Category	Meetings Attended
Ms AJ (Avril) Fahey	Cricket Appointed Director & Chair (until 5 April 2025)	12/12
Mrs GD (Gail) McGowan PSM	Board Appointed Director & Chair (from 6 April 2025)	13/14
Mr PA (Peter) Capes	Member Elected Director & Deputy (from 3 September 2024)	11/14
Dr MB (Michael) Gannon	Member Elected Director & Deputy (until 4 August 2024)	14/14
Mr GB (Brad) Hogg	Member Elected Director	14/14
Mr PJ (Paul) Collins	Member Elected Director	14/14
Mr RJ (John) Inverarity MBE AM	Member Elected Director	14/14
Mr CK (Christian) Bauer	Cricket Appointed Director (until 12 August 2024)	2/2
Mr M (Michael) Snell OAM	Board Appointed Director (until 23 December 2024)	8/8
Mr BJ (Brendan) Reid	Cricket Appointed Director (from 12 August 2024)	12/12
Hon CC (Christian) Porter	Board Appointed Director (from 16 September 2024)	11/11
Mrs RJ (Rachel) Rees	Board Appointed Director (from 24 December 2024)	6/6
Ms SJ (Shirley) Elliot	Cricket Appointed Director (from 6 May 2025)	2/2

Board Committees

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

Nominations, Remuneration & Governance Committee: Avril Fahey (Chair to 5 April 2025), Gail McGowan (Chair from 6 April 2025) Dr Michael Gannon (to 6 August 2024), John Inverarity MBE AM, Mike Snell OAM (from 6 August 2024 to 23 December 2024) and Christian Bauer (to 12 August 2024).

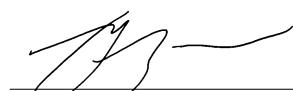
Audit and Risk Committee: Mike Snell OAM (Chair to 23 December 2024), Rachel Rees (Chair from 24 December 2024), Peter Capes, Dr Michael Gannon and Hon Christian Porter (from 1 October 2024).

WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP) & Aquatic Project (AP) Steering Committee: Avril Fahey (Co-Chair to 5 April 2025), Gail McGowan PSM (Co-Chair from 6 April 2025), Brendan Reid (from 1 October 2024) and Christian Bauer (to 12 August 2024).

WA Aboriginal Cricket and Culture Advisory Committee: Avril Fahey (Co-Chair to 5 April 2025) and Gail McGowan PSM (Co-Chair from 6 April 2025).

Dated at Perth this 11th day of August 2025.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:



G McGowan PSM | Chair



R Rees | Chair, Audit & Risk Committee

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	NOTES	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
REVENUE			
Revenue	N. 2(i)	46,065,773	44,541,860
Other income	N. 2(ii)	67,866,063	45,599,394
Employee benefit expenses		(25,295,892)	(24,437,180)
Match & event expenses		(6,782,572)	(6,671,722)
Equipment & maintenance expense		(2,030,633)	(2,168,155)
Travel & entertainment expense		(2,598,552)	(2,881,966)
Contractors & consultants expense		(2,738,093)	(4,779,326)
Administration expense		(1,862,718)	(1,702,224)
Promotion & advertising expense		(897,660)	(857,589)
Other expenses		(1,603,245)	(1,650,358)
Grants to affiliate bodies		(1,167,155)	(1,218,937)
Interest expense	N. 3	(66,037)	(44,285)
Depreciation	N. 3	(496,363)	(397,729)
Profit for the period		68,392,916	43,331,783
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		68,392,916	43,331,783

The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2025

	NOTES	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	N. 5	24,932,147	36,150,851
Trade and other receivables	N. 6	1,125,670	943,216
Inventories	N. 7	21,374	32,760
Other Current Assets	N. 8	30,192	-
Other financial assets	N. 9	2,000,000	7,000,000
Total current assets		28,109,383	44,126,827
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	N. 10	151,538,093	66,771,773
Total non-current assets		151,538,093	66,771,773
Total assets		179,647,476	110,898,600
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	N. 11	22,637,952	15,228,997
Lease liabilities	N. 13	76,530	73,736
Provisions	N. 14	3,677,713	3,996,354
Deferred income	N. 15	23,399,207	29,352,951
Short-Term Borrowing	N. 16	100,000	-
Total current liabilities		49,891,402	48,652,038
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	N. 13	153,115	217,433
Provisions	N. 14	366,768	1,585,852
Long Term Borrowing	N. 16	400,000	-
Total non-current liabilities		919,883	1,803,285
Total liabilities		50,811,285	50,455,323
NET ASSETS		128,836,191	60,443,277
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated Surplus		128,836,191	60,443,277
Total Accumulated funds		128,836,191	60,443,277

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	NOTES	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		57,365,876	52,908,271
Cash payments in the course of operations		(50,517,280)	(41,133,514)
Interest received		2,158,353	903,092
Finance costs paid		(60,000)	(36,630)
Net cash generated by / (used in) operating activities	N. 18(ii)	8,946,949	12,641,219
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		8,688	63,636
Funding received for WACA Ground Improvement Project		59,660,000	60,340,000
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(85,255,744)	(47,999,351)
Net movement in Term Deposit		5,000,000	(4,000,000)
Net cash (used in) / generated by investing activities		(20,587,056)	8,404,285
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from loans		500,000	-
Lease liability repayment		(78,597)	(75,726)
Net cash generating by / (used in) financing activities		421,403	(75,726)
Net increase in cash held		(11,218,704)	20,969,778
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		36,150,851	15,181,073
Cash at the end of the financial year	N. 18(i)	24,932,147	36,150,851

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Accumulated Funds (\$)
Balance at 30 June 2023	17,111,492
Total Comprehensive income	43,331,783
Balance at 30 June 2024	60,443,275
Total Comprehensive income	68,392,916
Balance at 30 June 2025	128,836,191

The statement of changes in accumulated funds is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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 2024. 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 18 <i>Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements</i>	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 11 August 2025.

(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:

	2025	2024
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 of 30 June 2025, the Company's working capital position has been impacted by 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 is progressing to plan to be completed by late 2025. To date, the Company has access to funding of \$177.7m, which includes WA Cricket's funding contribution of \$11.0m. The total estimated cost to complete is approx. \$184.1m, leaving a shortfall in funding of \$6.4m. This increases WA Cricket's funding contribution to \$17.4m.

WA Cricket's funding contribution for the WGIP of \$17.4m includes \$4.3m paid to date with the remaining \$13.1m not required until the second quarter of the 2025/26 financial year. Plans are in place to fund this contribution via the combination of the Company's cash reserves, the financing arrangement in place (refer to note 21) 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 per the latest forecast project cost in the Cost Management Report.

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
2. Revenue & Other Income		
(i) Revenue		
Cricket revenue	37,971,497	37,411,283
Members subscriptions	7,189,133	6,032,675
Function-related revenue	905,143	1,097,902
	46,065,773	44,541,860
(ii) Other Income		
Interest	589,802	578,313
Grants Recognition - WGIP	67,271,668	44,957,445
Net gain on disposal of non-current assets	4,593	63,636
	67,866,063	45,599,394
Total Revenue & Other Income	113,931,836	90,141,254

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
3. Surplus / (Deficit)		
Surplus / (Deficit) has been arrived at after charging the following items:		
Net expense including:		
Employee benefits, including player payments (excluding superannuation)	22,798,737	22,137,325
Superannuation contributions	2,208,904	2,022,619
Movement in provision for employee entitlements	288,251	277,236
Finance costs:		
Bank loan, overdraft and facility fees	60,000	36,630
Lease Expense	6,037	7,655
Total Finance costs	66,037	44,285
Depreciation:		
Buildings	349,242	270,267
Plant and equipment and motor vehicles	69,344	54,472
Computer equipment	6,361	4,333
Right of Use assets	71,416	68,657
Total Depreciation	496,363	397,729
4. Auditors remuneration		
Audit services		
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Audit of the financial report	70,315	71,852
Other services		
Other audit services	8,650	5,946
	78,965	77,798
5. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	13,432,147	11,150,851
Short-Term Deposits	11,500,000	25,000,000
Cash and cash equivalents	24,932,147	36,150,851
Term Deposits Maturity Timing:		
- 90 days	11,500,000	25,000,000
	11,500,000	25,000,000
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 \$396,804 (2024: \$301,929).		

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
6. Trade and other receivables		
Current		
Trade receivables	1,121,822	936,016
Other receivables	3,848	7,200
	1,125,670	943,216
The ageing of trade receivables is as follows:		
- Current	943,244	789,712
- 30 days	155,760	132,715
- 60 days	16	12,587
- 90 days	22,802	1,002
	1,121,822	936,016
All debtors are considered to be recoverable.		
7. Inventories		
Current		
Merchandise - at cost	21,374	32,760
8. Other current assets		
Prepayment	30,192	-
9. Other financial assets		
Term Deposit	2,000,000	7,000,000
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.		
10. Property, plant and equipment		
Land and buildings		
At cost	52,451,875	50,633,872
Accumulated depreciation and accelerated depreciation	(42,824,551)	(42,475,309)
	9,627,324	8,158,563
Plant and equipment and motor vehicles		
At cost	7,872,879	7,787,634
Accumulated depreciation and accelerated depreciation	(7,636,004)	(7,571,253)
	236,875	216,381
Computer equipment		
At cost	909,829	908,943
Accumulated depreciation and accelerated depreciation	(906,511)	(900,149)
	3,318	8,794
Right of Use		
At cost	595,295	584,259
Accumulated depreciation and accelerated depreciation	(381,047)	(309,631)
	214,248	274,628
Asset under construction		
At cost	141,456,328	58,113,407
Total property, plant and equipment net book value	151,538,093	66,771,773

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Reconciliations		
Reconciliations of the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment are set out below:		
Land and buildings		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	8,158,563	8,413,650
Additions	1,818,003	15,180
Depreciation	(349,242)	(270,267)
Carrying amount at end of year	9,627,324	8,158,563
Plant and equipment and motor vehicles		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	216,381	165,378
Additions	93,933	105,475
Disposals	(4,095)	-
Depreciation	(69,344)	(54,472)
Carrying amount at end of year	236,875	216,381
Computer equipment		
Carrying amount at the beginning of year	8,794	8,628
Additions	885	4,499
Depreciation	(6,361)	(4,333)
Carrying amount at end of year	3,318	8,794
Right of Use		
Carrying amount at the beginning of year	274,628	323,688
Additions	11,035	19,597
Depreciation	(71,416)	(68,657)
Carrying amount at end of year	214,247	274,628
Asset under construction		
Carrying amount at the beginning of year	58,113,407	10,239,212
Additions	83,342,921	47,874,195
Carrying amount at end of year	141,456,328	58,113,407
Total property, plant and equipment net book value	151,538,092	66,771,773
11. Trade and other payables		
Current		
Trade payables (i)	10,627,034	1,561,381
Other creditors and accruals	12,010,917	13,667,616
	22,637,952	15,228,997
(i) Trade and other payables include WGIP grant overpayment of \$8,800,000.		

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
12. Interest-bearing facilities		
Financing arrangements		
Total facilities available:		
Bank overdraft (i)	10,000,000	10,000,000
	10,000,000	10,000,000
Facilities utilised at balance date:		
Bank overdraft	-	-
	-	-
Facilities not utilised at balance date:		
Bank overdraft	10,000,000	10,000,000
	10,000,000	10,000,000
(i) Bank overdraft		
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.		
The Company has signed a new \$10,000,000 unsecured and interest-bearing bank facility with Westpac replacing the existing Commonwealth Bank facility. The new bank facility is unsecured and interest-bearing at the Westpac Business Loan Variable Rate. Although the bank facility is unsecured, the Company has agreed to a negative pledge clause.		
13. Lease Liabilities		
Current	76,530	73,736
Non-current	153,115	217,433
	229,645	291,169
Maturity analysis		
Year 1	76,530	73,736
Year 2	74,518	71,797
Year 3	72,560	69,910
Year 4	6,037	68,072
Year 5	-	7,654
	229,645	291,169
14. Provisions		
Current		
Employee leave entitlements	1,558,828	1,261,492
Other provisions	2,118,885	2,734,862
	3,677,713	3,996,354
Non-current		
Employee leave entitlements	366,768	375,852
Other provisions	-	1,210,000
	366,768	1,585,852
Number of employees	No.	No.
Number of permanent employees at year end (Full Time Equivalent, "FTE")	109	116

	NOTES	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
15. Deferred Income			
Current			
WACA Ground Improvement Project (i)		23,043,668	29,075,200
Others (ii)		355,539	277,751
		23,399,207	29,352,951
(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.			
16. Borrowing			
As at 30 June 2025, the Company has received an interest-free loan of \$500,000 from the Health Club Operator. The loan is unsecured and repayable in five equal annual instalments of \$100,000. No interest is charged over the term of the loan. The loan was provided by BlueFit to support the WACA Ground Improvement Project needs.			
The Loan is classified as follows:			
Current		100,000	-
Non-Current		400,000	-
		500,000	-
17. Commitments			
Capital commitments			
Capital expenditure contracted for at the end of the reporting year but not recognised as liabilities is as follows:			
Within one year		28,859,301	98,043,894
		28,859,301	98,043,894
The disclosure of future commitments related to the WACA Ground Improvement Project (WGIP) and capital expenditure items. For the WGIP, 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.			
18. Notes to the statement of cash flows			
(i) Reconciliation of cash			
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:			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	24,932,147	36,150,851
(ii) Reconciliation of operating surplus to net cash provided by operating activities			
Operating surplus		68,392,916	43,331,783
Add/(less) items classified as investing/financing activities:			
(Gain)/loss on sale of non-current assets		(4,593)	(63,636)
Funding received for WGIP			

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Notes to the statement of cash flows (continued)		
Add/(less) non-cash items:		
Revenue exchanged for Fixed Asset	-	-
Interest payment on Lease	6,037	7,655
Lease Liability - Right of Use adjustment	-	-
Depreciation	496,363	397,729
Accelerated Depreciation	-	-
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities before change in assets and liabilities	68,890,723	43,673,531
Change in assets and liabilities during the financial year:		
Decrease/(increase) in receivables	(182,454)	(672,470)
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	11,386	(24,632)
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	(30,192)	-
Increase/(decrease) in payables	7,408,955	10,319,184
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(1,537,725)	3,953,517
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	(65,613,744)	(44,607,911)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,946,949	12,641,219
(iii) Non cash investing and financing activities		
During the financial year or previous year, the Company did not have any non cash investing or financing activities.		
19. Related parties		
(i) Board Members		
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.		
(ii) Key management personnel compensation		
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	1,553,215	1,512,080
Post Employment benefit	165,820	173,306
Other Long-Term benefit	(29,542)	(18,664)
	1,689,493	1,666,722

20. Segment reporting

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

21. Events subsequent to balance date

The Company has signed a new \$10,000,000 unsecured and interest-bearing bank facility with Westpac replacing the existing Commonwealth Bank facility. Although the bank facility is unsecured, the Company has agreed to a negative pledge clause.

The company has signed a deed of variation post 30 June 2025 to the State Government Financial Assistance Agreement for an extra \$15,000,000 to contribute towards the WGIP. These funds have been received by WA Cricket. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. Other Entity Information

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

The Scorchers is dormant. As at 30 June 2025 other than \$100 share capital, the Scorchers had no assets or liabilities.

WA Cricket Foundation Limited ("Foundation") was registered as a company limited by guarantee and is a controlled entity of the Company. The Foundation was registered on the 14 November 2024 and also registered as a charity with Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC) on the 24 March 2025. No transactions were processed through the newly created Foundation company during the year.

Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared at 30 June 2025 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 11 day of August 2025.

On behalf of the Board



G McGowan PSM | Chair



R Rees | 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 comprise the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in accumulated funds and the statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy, and the board's declaration.

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

- Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2025 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 2025, 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.

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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 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 and the Company, and are 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 going concerns, 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 are 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 the 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.
- 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 going concerns.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represent 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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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 2025, 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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N H Gordon
Partner
Chartered Accountants

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WA Cricket - the people behind the scenes



A brighter future in sport starts here!

In collaboration with WA Cricket and the Perth Scorchers, we are proud to present an exciting new educational opportunity that combines the best of both worlds: sport and business.

The one year Diploma of Sport and Business course provides students with the skills, knowledge, and hands-on experience for a future career in Sport and Business, and offers up to one year of credit towards select Murdoch University undergraduate degrees, including a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science and a Bachelor of Business.

This industry-aligned, hands-on course is empowering more Western Australians to rise to the challenge and make their mark in the sporting industry—shaping a brighter, more skilled future for our state.



Enrol now and take your passion to the next level.



MU Murdoch University

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Building a brighter future, together.

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