



CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited **Wednesday 23 September 2026**

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Notice of Annual General Meeting and Agenda

Minutes of the AGM held 25 September 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited will be held in the Wally Edwards Function Centre, Prindiville Building, WACA Ground, East Perth, on **Wednesday 23 September 2026 commencing at 6.00pm.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited was held in the Boundary Room of the Lillie Marsh Stand, WACA Ground, East Perth, on **Thursday 25 September 2025** commencing at 6.00pm.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 Apologies and Tribute
- 1.2 Meeting Protocol

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

3. NORMAL BUSINESS

- 3.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 25 September 2025 - tabled for Members' information
- 3.2 Election of **one** Director, as notified by the Returning Officer following completion of Member voting
- 3.3 Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026
- 3.4 Honorary Life Memberships:
 - Avril Fahey
 - Nicole Bolton

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

5. CLOSE AND INVITATION TO REFRESHMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT

Please visit wacricicket.com.au/media/publications to access the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2026.

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

PROXY

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

WELCOME

WACA Board Chair, Gail McGowan PSM, welcomed all Members and attendees and gave an Acknowledgment of Country. The Chair acknowledged the attendance of fellow directors, other company officers, the auditor and returning officer.

The Chair advised Notice of the Meeting had been provided to all Members in accordance with the Constitution and Corporations Act. The Chair outlined the meeting protocol and advised the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes.

A total of 140 eligible Members, constituting a quorum, were in attendance according to the attendance register. No proxies had been received.

APOLOGIES AND TRIBUTE

Apologies from 21 Members were advised.

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

- George T. Alford
- Dudley N. Allan
- Eileen Bond
- Aaron Camm
- Sydney C. Deykin
- Neville Dhanaraj
- Peter Du Cane
- Lynn W. Ford
- Reg Gates
- Donald Gould
- Barbara Groves
- Victor A. Hille
- Philip B. Maughan
- Thomas E. Moxham
- William R. Murray
- Brian H. O'Connor
- Robert K. O'Connor
- Basil Rigg
- Keith N. Slater AM
- Harry Stead
- Dexter Stewart
- Vincent Szczecinski
- Ben Walawski
- Margaret A. Whitter
- Edwin K. Wishart

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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

Copies of the Annual General Meeting minutes from 18 September 2024 had been made available to Members with the Notice of Meeting.

Members raised comments and questions in respect of the 2024 AGM minutes:

Reference to the recording of a previous meeting “not being lost” appears to be inconsistent with an email to a Member from the Company Secretary. The Chair referred the question to the Company Secretary who advised his memory of the matter is in accordance with the contents of his email as read out by the Member. The Chair advised we are not aware of any recording of that meeting taking place.

The answer provided to a question about access to the WACA Ground was queried as being incorrect due to the requisite number of emergency exits. The Chair advised she would follow up on this matter and raise it at a Board meeting.

ELECTION OF FOUR DIRECTORS, AS NOTIFIED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF MEMBER VOTING

Returning Officer, Lisa Ahwan, outlined the voting process and invited those members who had not voted online to do so. Following the collection of voting cards from Members who hadn't voted online, Ms Ahwan declared the poll closed. The results of the Director Election were announced immediately prior to the close of the AGM.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – DELOITTE

The Chair advised the Board's Audit & Risk Committee had assessed that Deloitte has performed the audit function satisfactorily.

During December 2024 the WACA Board approved Nick Gordon of Deloitte as the replacement audit partner following Nicole Menezes' resignation from Deloitte. It was recommended to Members that Deloitte be re-appointed as the auditor.

On a vote by show of hands, it was resolved to re-appoint Deloitte as the auditor.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair presented her report, highlighting the following matters:

- Acknowledged the tireless contribution of her predecessor Avril Fahey who leaves an enduring legacy.
- Paid tribute to her fellow directors and the other directors who have served during the year.
- The WACA Ground Improvement Project (“WGIP”) is nearing completion. The development is an enhanced community facility, central to the revitalisation of the area, and has attracted considerable State Government funding. The challenges of taking on such a large project have been significant and are ongoing. Project costs have increased from approximately \$163m at the outset to \$184m and are likely to increase further before completion. Directors and management are working hard on cost management and securing additional funding.
- Ongoing consideration of potential changes to the Big Bash League, with Cricket Australia and State Associations assessing the options in relation to possible private equity investment, as we have seen in other leading cricket nations.
- An updated Member Code of Conduct following an Improvement Notice issued by Worksafe.
- The positive impact of the incoming CEO, John Stephenson.
- Record ticket sales for the forthcoming Ashes Test Match, which will see the international cricket spotlight on Perth.
- Growth in the wider cricket community with grassroots cricket thriving and additional

programs to make cricket more accessible and inclusive.

- Thanks to Catherine Finch for her excellent contribution to WA Cricket over many years.

The Chair answered questions and noted comments from Members in relation to the following matters:

- In response to a question received on notice, the Chair provided background to legal fees incurred relating to the ‘Collins matter’. During 2023 and the early part of 2024, investigations were undertaken or commissioned by WA Cricket, Cricket Australia and Worksafe Western Australia. For reasons of confidentiality details of those investigations cannot be provided, other than to note that WA cricket takes its work, health and safety obligations very seriously. During that period various legal advices were sought and costs incurred. Approximately \$126,000 was incurred in relation to the suspension challenge and a further \$112,000 on other matters under investigation, for a total of approximately \$238,000.
- In response to another question received on notice, the Chair acknowledged the need to accommodate elderly members or those with mobility challenges on match days and advised of the new initiatives and others being considered for Members that require extra assistance.
- A suggestion that postal voting should be made available for those Members without email.
- Concerns over the reduced cricket coverage by Sport FM radio, both State cricket and local Premier cricket. The CEO, Mr Stephenson, confirmed there has been a reduction in funding of Sport FM which may impact interstate away matches and Premier cricket, and that Management was in ongoing discussion with Sport FM over their coverage of State matches.
- The need to issue new membership colour coded lanyards each year.
- The reported location of Perth Bears NRL club at the WACA Ground. The Chair confirmed that Perth Bears would be based at the WACA Ground whilst their new facility is being built. Mr Stephenson advised that discussions with the State Government are ongoing as to the details of proposed tenure by Perth Bears and clarified that no final arrangements had been made.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair advised the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 have been audited by Deloitte. The financial statements have been made available to Members in advance of the meeting.

The Chair invited WA Cricket's Chief Operating Officer, Justin Michael, to present the financial statements. Mr Michael's presentation highlighted the following matters:

- Attendance details for Perth Scorchers' home matches, leading the BBL league.
- Net result from normal business operations of a surplus of \$1.1m compared to a \$1.6m deficit the previous year.
- Details of the growth in overall cricket revenue and membership-related revenue.
- Details of the overall reduction in expenses and net movements by category of expense.
- Balance Sheet details including net assets of \$128m and net cash of \$18m at 30 June 2025.
- Working capital position including the impact of grant revenue received (\$23m) shown as deferred income within current liabilities as required by accounting standards.
- Total estimated cost of WGIP is shown as \$184.1m and detailed the various funding sources.
- Estimated date of practical completion for the project is during the 2024-25 cricket season.
- Questions were answered and comments were noted in relation to the following matters:
- The Scoreboard restoration fund had received a total of approximately \$71,000 for renovations. The Scoreboard project sits outside the main WACA Ground Improvement Project.

- The current estimated total cost of WGIP is stated as \$184.1m, though there will be additional costs when a final solution has been agreed in relation to stormwater drainage issues. Improved communication to Members around WGIP was requested.
- Cricket Australia funding of WGIP to the extent \$4m appears insufficient. Potential sources of additional funding are being actively pursued, including Cricket Australia and the Federal Government.
- Concern from a Member that Members have not been fully briefed on the increased costs of WGIP and that for the past three years the balance sheet has indicated insolvency when considering current assets and current liabilities. Concerns expressed over the prudent financial management of cashflow. The Chair advised the Board was satisfied with the audited accounts. Mr Michael advised that the normalised EBITDA over the past three years has been in excess of \$4m. This includes a COVID-affected period when revenue from home matches was substantially impacted. Mr Michael advised that grant revenue received and shown as deferred income needs to be taken into account when considering solvency based on current assets and current liabilities.
- A question was asked of the auditor, Mr Nick Gordon of Deloitte. Reference was made to the 2023 AGM when a question was addressed to the auditor but had not been answered by the auditor. Mr Gordon confirmed that auditors should answer questions from Members in relation to the conduct of the audit.
- Concerns that Members had not been asked about the establishment of WA Cricket Foundation and financial information on the Foundation has not been provided to Members. Details of the amount held on trust at 30 June 2025 was requested. Members were advised that a separate company had been set up which helped reduce fees charged on receipt of donations to WA Cricket. There had been no transactions in the new company to 30 June 2025. A total of \$1.5m has been received from donations with a further \$1.6m pledged. Various charitable programs are funded from donations.
- In respect of note 17 to the financial statements, capital commitments are stated as approximately \$29m. A question as to how much of this \$29m is not covered by cash or equivalent assets was taken on notice.
- A further question was asked of the auditor. The audit report states that the auditor is required to draw the attention of any material uncertainty in relation to the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The auditor was asked if he could assure Members that such uncertainty doesn't exist. In response, Mr Gordon read from a written statement about the audit processes undertaken by Deloitte, the role to prepare an independent report and the approach taken to the audit. Mr Gordon advised the procedures undertaken by Deloitte in order to assess the going concern question as a part of the audit.
- Details of the various membership products, both WACA and Perth Scorchers, including WACA Ground membership and the membership tier structure.

- Concerns that the assessment of solvency based on current assets and current liabilities excluding deferred income is incorrect. The Member noted his disagreement with this methodology, stating that if deferred income is excluded from current liabilities the equivalent amount of cash should be excluded from current assets. Mr Michael responded by advising the issue has arisen due to a new accounting standard and the financial statements have been independently audited.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The WACA Board has resolved to propose nominations for Honorary Life Membership for Lawrence (Laurie) Mayne and Robert (Bob) Massie.

Lawrence (Laurie) Mayne

Michael Snell OAM proposed that Laurie Mayne be awarded Honorary Life Membership and read a citation which outlined Laurie Mayne's special contribution to cricket in WA. A copy of the citation is included at **Attachment 1** of these minutes.

On a show of hands, Members approved that Laurie Mayne be awarded WACA Life Membership. Laurie Mayne duly accepted the award and gave a heartfelt acceptance speech.

Robert (Bob) Massie.

Wayne Clark proposed that Bob Massie be awarded Honorary Life Membership and read a citation which outlined Bob Massie's special contribution to cricket in WA. A copy of the citation is at **Attachment 2** of these minutes.

On a show of hands, Members approved that Bob Massie be awarded WACA Life Membership.

Bob Massie was unable to be in attendance; Mr Stephenson accepted the award on his behalf.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Questions were answered and comments were noted in relation to the following matters:

- Concerns with the WACA Member facilities at Optus Stadium, including inadequate seating, lack of Members' dining room and bar, and seeking assurance that these deficiencies will be rectified. The question was taken on notice.
- Concerns over the facilities for older Members and a request to consider all options to assist older Members, and those with mobility limitations, attending matches.
- A request to look at hosting the AGM online; this was tried a couple of years ago with very few Members attending online and significant cost due to the restrictions related to Members' only. The Chair advised this would be considered for next year's AGM.
- Requests for the full details of the Scoreboard renovation project and the fees paid to Mike Hussey as an ambassador for WA Cricket Foundation be provided to Members. It was agreed to provide a response 'offline' on these issues.
- Concerns over the size of the Riverview Room at Optus Stadium, which is considered to be too small and over-populated with juniors.
- Tours of the Scoreboard when renovated will be available.
- The Lillie-Marsh stand will remain an option for Members. Due to cost issues, decisions on opening both ends of the Ground will be made based on forecast attendance.
- The possibility of hosting Test Matches at the WACA Ground remains an option, particularly for forecast low attendance matches. Mr Stephenson advised he is keen for this to occur.
- Concerns at the lack of detailed responses to some questions from Members.
- Concerns that Members have not been consulted on critical issues such as approval to go ahead with WGIP and a request for a commitment to provide improved services to Members.

CEO ADDRESS

Mr Stephenson gave his CEO address highlighting the following issues:

- Positive reflection on his first eleven months in the role as CEO of WA Cricket.
- A high level of pride by WACA Members and the WA public in WA teams.
- His role as CEO of WA Cricket is a privilege and comes with serious responsibility.
- The need for WA Cricket to embrace change and he encouraged Members to embrace change.
- WA Cricket is in the fortunate position to have some very talented and dedicated people involved in all aspects of the operations.
- He intends to continue to prioritise Member engagement and the transition of operations to a new Ground when WGIP is completed - "WACA Ground 2.0".
- Looking forward with excitement to the upcoming Ashes series.
- Important work on consideration of the future of the Big Bash League and whether private equity should be introduced to help to develop cricket in Australia.

RESULT OF DIRECTOR ELECTION

The Returning Officer, Lisa Ahwan, declared the result of the Director election. A total of 1,877 Members had voted. The votes received by each candidate were as follows:

- Brad Hogg 1,161
- John Inverarity 978
- Michael Gannon 895
- Michael Veletta 763
- Paul Collins 645
- Oliver Peterson 523
- Felicity Boyd 401
- Belinda Woods 324
- David Talalla 239
- Chris Carman 234
- Jarnail Singh 184
- Tony Sewell 102
- Christian Hunter 96
- Geoff Rosich 84
- Michael Pailthorpe 74
- Peter Hayward 49
- Hamil Doolabh 28

The successful candidates were announced as; Brad Hogg, John Inverarity, Michael Gannon and Michael Veletta.

The Chair congratulated the successful candidates, thanked Paul Collins for his contribution as a Director and thanked all candidates for their interest and nomination.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair thanked Members for their attendance and their feedback and declared the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

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G McGowan PSM
Chair

Date: 11 November 2025

WA Cricket Honorary Life Membership 2025**Lawrence Charles 'Laurie' Mayne - Citation**

Lawrence Charles “Laurie” Mayne – affectionately known throughout cricket circles as “Doggy” – has contributed to Western Australian cricket for more than 60 years as a player, coach, mentor and volunteer.

A fast bowler of genuine pace, Laurie represented Australia in six Test matches between 1965 and 1968, capturing 19 wickets at 33.05 during an international career curtailed by injuries. His debut against the West Indies in Kingston was outstanding, returning match figures of 8/99. For Western Australia, he played 32 Sheffield Shield matches, claiming 125 wickets at 32.75, including a career-best 7/75 on debut against New South Wales in 1961/62. At First Grade level he was a mainstay of Claremont-Cottesloe, also representing University and Mount Lawley in a career that yielded 415 wickets and included captaincy of Claremont-Cottesloe's 1972/73 premiership side.

After retiring from First Grade cricket, Laurie remained deeply involved at club level, captaining lower grades to provide guidance to younger players. He became a valued coach and mentor of aspiring fast bowlers across the state, sharing his expertise with generosity and patience.

Laurie's administrative contribution has been equally significant. A member of the WA Cricketers' Association Committee since 2000 and its President since 2005, he has tirelessly represented the interests of past players for two decades. He has overseen numerous initiatives, including the WACA Legends Shirt project, formal recognition of WA's 1967/68 Sheffield Shield-winning team, and ongoing support for past player events, newsletters, and junior cricket promotion.

His voluntary service is legendary. For 14 years from 2009 he devoted every Saturday during the season to supporting Claremont-Nedlands' lower grades at Melvista Oval – preparing food, organising refreshments, and ensuring players and supporters alike enjoyed a welcoming environment.

A Life Member of Claremont-Nedlands Cricket Club, Laurie Mayne is widely regarded as a true gentleman of the game – a player of international calibre, a mentor to generations, and a tireless advocate for past and present cricketers. His award of Honorary Life Membership of the WACA is richly deserved.

WA Cricket Honorary Life Membership 2025**Robert Arnold Lockyer 'Bob' Massie - Citation**

Born in Bedford in 1947, Robert “Bob” Massie wrote his name into cricket folklore with one of the most remarkable Test debuts of all time.

A fast-medium swing bowler of rare skill, Bob announced himself to the cricketing world on the 1972 Ashes tour of England, claiming eight wickets in each innings at Lord's for match figures of 16/137 – a record-breaking debut that immediately made him a household name. Though his international career spanned only six Tests, he collected 31 wickets at 20.87 and left an indelible mark on the game.

For Western Australia, Bob played 51 first-class matches between 1969 and 1974, securing 169 wickets. His performances were central to WA's emergence as a domestic powerhouse. At club level he was a loyal servant of Bassendean-Bayswater, where his career began as a 10-year-old and culminated in A Grade cricket before injury forced his retirement in 1977/78. He later coached the side, served on its committee, and provided specialist coaching for more than 15 years. In recognition of his service, the Club named its pavilion in his honour.

Bob's contribution extended well beyond the playing field. He became a respected coach of fast and swing bowling across the WA Cricket system, generously sharing his expertise with aspiring juniors and senior players alike. He was also a popular and insightful broadcaster with the ABC and SportFM, where his wit, knowledge and engaging style endeared him to listeners for many years.

His achievements have been formally recognised with induction into the WA Institute of Sport's Hall of Champions in 1991, celebrating his outstanding sporting feats.

A player, coach, commentator and mentor, Bob Massie has given a lifetime of service to the game and is a most deserving recipient of Honorary Life Membership of the WACA.

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Proxy Form 2026 Annual General Meeting

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

Member's Name: _____

Member's Number: _____

Name of Office held by Member: _____

(If left blank, the Chair of the meeting will be the appointed proxy) as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Cricket Association Limited to be held in the Wally Edwards Function Centre, Level 3, Prindiville Building, WACA Ground, Nelson Crescent, East Perth, Western Australia on **Wednesday 23 September 2026** at 6.00pm (and at any adjournment thereof) in the manner indicated below.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO VOTING	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Approval of Honorary Life Membership:			
Avril Fahey	☐	☐	☐
Nicole Bolton	☐	☐	☐

BALLOT FOR MEMBER ELECTED DIRECTOR ☐

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

Signed: _____

Name: _____ Member No.: _____

Dated: _____

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

For your completed proxy form to be valid it must be received by the Company Secretary, as below, by no later than 6pm on Monday 21 September 2026.

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