

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 10 August 2026



Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:31pm

PRESENT:

Peter Anderson, David King, Jacob Landsmeer, Mario Baeli, Steve Kemp, Andrew Ring, Shamez Rashid, Sean Ingram, Ian Del Rosso, Joe Covic, Saba Pillai, Gary Hartman (minutes) Ian Hale (Life Member)

APOLOGIES: Mark Iannello

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved: Mario Baeli Seconded: Andrew Ring that the minutes of the previous meeting *held on 6 July 2026* — be accepted as a true and accurate record. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to the 2026/27 season of the South Metropolitan Cricket Association.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our member clubs for once again placing their trust in me by voting myself in as President for another season. I am extremely appreciative of the confidence you have shown in me, and I certainly do not take this position lightly.

Being President of the SMCA is a privilege, and one that I continue to value enormously. Our Association is built on the commitment of our clubs, players, officials, volunteers and administrators, and I look forward to working with everyone throughout the coming season to continue building on the strong foundations we have established.

I would also like to congratulate Jacob Landsmeer on his promotion to Junior Vice President, as voted by the clubs. Jacob has already made a significant contribution to the Association, and I am sure he will really rather enjoy his new role!

Congratulations also to all of our returning Executive members. Some of you may have required a little more persuasion, and perhaps even a gentle twist of the arm, to recommit for another season! Regardless, I am extremely grateful that you have all agreed to continue giving your time and expertise to the Association.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest Executive member, Saba Pillai from Perth Tamils Cricket Club.

Saba, I am sure you will find the Executive meetings informative, interesting and perhaps, at times, a little surprising! The work undertaken by the Executive is extremely wide-ranging. While our primary focus is, of course, the SMCA and its member clubs, there is also a considerable amount of work undertaken in conjunction with CricketWest. There is certainly much more to the role than simply sitting around a table talking about cricket.

I hope you enjoy your time on the Executive and gain an appreciation of the work that goes on behind the scenes to support our competition and our clubs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mark Iannello on his appointment as the new Vice Chairperson of CricketWest.

Following Brad Pearce's decision to step down as Chairperson, the existing Vice Chairperson assumed the role of Chair, creating an opportunity for a new Vice Chairperson to be elected. Mark was elected unopposed, which is a fantastic achievement and a great reflection of the respect he has earned within the wider cricket community.

It is also a wonderful endorsement of the SMCA and the role we play within CricketWest. Having one of our own represented in such a senior position is something we should all be proud of, and I have no doubt Mark will make a valuable contribution to CricketWest in his new role.

Congratulations Mark, and well deserved.

Sadly, since our Annual General Meeting, we have lost another dear friend of the Association, Mr Stuart "Stu" Lockyer.

The news of Stu's passing was a great loss to our cricket community.

Stu was not only a great man, but a fantastic umpire amongst our umpiring fraternity and a great mate to so many within the Phoenix Cricket Club and the wider cricket community.

I didn't really know Stu outside of cricket, but every time our paths crossed, it was as if we had known each other for years. That was Stu. His calm and gentle nature, coupled with that cheeky smile and dry wit, had a way of making everyone who came into contact with him feel welcome.

Cricket was clearly a huge part of Stu's life, and the contribution he made as an umpire and as a member of our cricket community will not be forgotten.

On behalf of the SMCA, I extend our deepest condolences to Stu's family, friends, teammates, fellow umpires and everyone at Phoenix Cricket Club who knew and loved him.

He will be sadly missed by our Association.

In other news, we welcome a new chapter for what was previously known as North Baldivis Cricket Club.

Following approval of their name change, the club will enter the 2026/27 season as the Wellard Bulls, with their home fixtures to be played at McWhirter Oval, off McWhirter Promenade in Wellard.

A change of name and home ground represents an exciting new chapter for the club, and I am sure the new facility will provide the Wellard Bulls with a great home for many seasons to come.

Congratulations to everyone involved in making this happen, and on behalf of the Association, we wish the Wellard Bulls every success for the season ahead.

And so, here we are again.

Another season, another opportunity to enjoy what makes our Association so special.

There will undoubtedly be challenges throughout the year. There will be wins and losses, celebrations and disappointments, arguments over selections, decisions, umpires and perhaps the occasional weather forecast. But ultimately, we are all here because we love cricket and because we value the clubs and communities that make up the SMCA.

I encourage everyone to embrace the season ahead, support your clubs, respect our officials, look after one another and, most importantly, enjoy your cricket.

To all players, coaches, umpires, scorers, volunteers, committee members and supporters, thank you for everything you do to keep our competition going.

On behalf of the Executive, I wish everyone a safe, successful and enjoyable 2026/27 season, and as P!nk said in one of her hit songs; 'Let's get the party started!'

Thanks.

Pete.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Unrepresented Clubs at AGM: Forrestdale, SJ Blues. These 2 clubs have now missed 3 annual/general meetings in a row contrary to Constitution Clause 50 (9)

If a member club does not attend three (3) consecutive general meetings convened under Rule 50, that member club is liable to a fine and its membership may be suspended or expelled.

The fine under By-Law 69.3 Non-attendance of member club at General meeting – second consecutive occurrence is \$100.

Agreed that the two clubs be fined \$100 each and the Secretary write to the clubs advising them of the potential consequences of not attending general meetings.

Gary anticipated early-season ground availability constraints that may impact SMCA fixturing due to scheduled local council works and venue changes. The City of Canning confirmed that drainage improvement works—involving 32mm hollow-tine coring and sand top-dressing to address surface water and ponding—will be carried out across September and October at Burrendah, Ferndale, Clifton, Riverton and Coker reserves, while completed works at Shelley reserve are already done. Further impacting venue allocations, Harrisdale High School is unavailable for the upcoming season, directly affecting Forrestdale.

The closing date for general team nominations was set for 18 September (compared to 19 September last season). However, it was agreed that nominations for First and Second Grade teams must be submitted earlier, prior to 22 August, and must include allocated grounds as

well as any requests to accommodate special events. Fixtures for First and Second Grade will be finalised shortly thereafter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash Reserve: \$40,382.66

Community Reserve: \$48,774.39

It was agreed that it would be appropriate to transfer some funds from the Cash Reserve to the Community Reserve.

Umpires Association and Kardinya Lakes still owe funds for 30th Anniversary tickets.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Sean advised that the Umpires expressed great sadness at the passing of Stuart Lockyer, a revered friend and colleague, with his funeral scheduled for 27 August.

Looking ahead to the new season.

The Umpires Association meeting is set for the week prior to round one.

Sean will be visiting First and Second Grade clubs at training during the pre-season.

Contact is currently being made with John Sherry at the WACA.

Regarding apparel, the SMCA has paid for hats and shirts, with hats already received. However, as the previous shirt sponsor is no longer involved, replacement sponsored shirts may need to be sourced at approximately \$43 each.

To boost recruitment, Gary recommended using local community Facebook pages. Word of mouth was felt to be the best option.

Finally, it was formally noted that the Umpires Association is now an incorporated body.

SUB COMMITTEES:

Protest & Disputes:

Norm Harris (Chair), Shamez Rashid, David King, Andrew Ring, Joe Covic, plus 2 from each club as per roster.

Life Member's Committee:

Graeme Ashley, Ian Hale and Gary Hartman

By-Laws and Constitution:

Peter Anderson.

It is likely we will receive assistance from a WACA grant to update the constitution.

Women's Cricket:

Joe Covic, Ian Del Rosso.

CricketWest:

Joe Covic and Mark Iannello

Review Committee:

Alec Lacey Senior, John Elliman and Steve Kemp with backup from Graham Santich.

Fixtures and Gradings Committee:

Jacob Landsmeer, Steve Kemp, Ian Del Rosso and David King

Match Day Referee:

Mario Baeli

CricketWest Games Committee:

Ian Del Rosso, Jacob Landsmeer, Joe Covic, Mario Baeli

CRICKETWEST:

Peter Anderson advised that he attended the CricketWest AGM.

- Brad Pearce stepped down.
- Trevor Kearley now Chairman.
- Mark Iannello Vice Chairman.
- Anita – Cricket West Treasurer working with WACA on how to use \$10K grant.
- Sabrina Del Rosso, Mark Iannello, Joe Covic and Peter Anderson on CricketWest Committee.

Feedback has been requested on a \$10,000 Cricket Australia Grassroots Cricket Fund application, due Sunday 16 August, to undertake a governance review process nominated by the WACA. The proposed scope of work includes reviewing current strategic plans and affiliation agreements, analysing constitutions, policies, and playing conditions across the four Perth metropolitan associations to drive administrative efficiencies, and surveying key stakeholders (players, coaches, and administrators) to help inform a future vision for senior community cricket. Given the \$10,000 budget constraint, it is recommended to prioritise internal matters first before expanding into the broader four-association review to maximise the value of the consultancy.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Nil

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

Nil

GRADINGS AND FIXTURES:

Discussion took place regarding the proposed Domestic Violence Round. Following some concerns, it was agreed that Peter will gather further information on the initiative and report back to the Executive at the next meeting. Separately, the Mental Health Round was formally confirmed for 14 November.

AGENDA ITEMS:

David King provided two suggested By-Law amendments.

By-Law 51b - Any club wishing to have a team or teams to play one-day matches only must apply to do so in writing. Clubs with **four** or more teams must nominate at least one team in a two-day grade. **Club's more than four teams must nominate their minimum two-day teams as per the table below.**

Total Teams	Minimum Two-Day Teams Required
4+ Teams	One Two-Day Team
6+ Teams	Two Two-Day Teams
8+ Teams	Three Two-Day Teams

Also By-Law 51d - When an established club, from another Association or Organisation, or a new club is formed and admitted to the Association, they must have and maintain a minimum of three teams of which at least one must be a Two-Day side. **New clubs must maintain at least one Two-Day team for their first three seasons. The SMCA Executive may relax this rule where it is to the benefit of the Association.** The elected sub-committee is to endeavour to place the teams from the new club into appropriate grades. Such a placement shall be subject to the provision that no existing team shall be unfairly relegated to make room for a new team joining the Association.

Discussion was held regarding proposed amendments to both By-Laws. While Andrew Ring suggested removing the 8+ team level from the table in By-Law 51b, it was moved by David King and seconded by Shamez Rashid that both By-Laws be amended as presented. The motion was **CARRIED**.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ian Hale requested an update from Joe Covic regarding the 30th Anniversary book. Joe advised that compilation of the book is currently a work in progress.

Joe Covic raised the Last Man Stands format for discussion. It was agreed that a representative from LMS be invited to present at the next Executive meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Champion Lakes' departure and transfer to another association. Joe Covic expressed concerns regarding the transparency of certain aspects of the process.

Mario Baeli presented the financial breakdown for moving the windup to the Swan Yacht Club. Expanding the event back to all grades ensures the net financial impact is similar to holding it at a club venue. It was agreed to proceed with the Swan Yacht Club, with the preferred date set for 2 April 2027.

Ian Del Rosso raised the need for a dedicated storage lockup to securely house SMCA items (trophies, historical records, etc.). Mario Baeli will research pricing and availability and update the committee at the next meeting.

Gary Hartman raised the meeting schedule for the upcoming season. After discussion, the following dates were approved:

Executive Meetings: 31 August, 21 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December, 18 January (2027), 15 February, and 8 March. General Meeting: 19 April 2027.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 31 August at Thornlie – 6:30pm