

South Metropolitan Cricket Association



MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 22 September 2025

Venue: Jandakot Clubrooms, 6:15pm

PRESENT:

Peter Anderson, David King, Mario Baeli, Jacob Landsmeer, Shamez Rashid, Ian Del Rosso, Joe Covic, Norm Harris,
On Teams Steve Kemp, Jacob Landsmeer, Andrew Ring and Gary Hartman (minutes).

APOLOGIES: Mark Iannello, Ian Hale

ABSENT: Nil.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved by Joe Covic and **seconded** by Shamez Rashid that the minutes of the previous meetings — *Executive Meeting held on 8 September*— be accepted as a true and accurate record. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Peter Anderson raised concerns regarding Ian Hale's current health and his ability to serve as the reserve member on the Review Committee. After discussion, the committee agreed to retain Ian in the reserve role, expressing hope that his health will improve sufficiently to fulfill the responsibilities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Peter Anderson reported that a Review Panel convened last Thursday to consider a club appeal. The panel reviewed the matter and has since reached a resolution.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The *Info for Clubs* document was endorsed, with minor typographical errors identified for correction.

Fixtures for First to Fourth Grade have been drafted and are pending final review.

A scheduling conflict at Ranford Oval has been noted and requires resolution.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash Reserve: \$ \$60,637.49

Community Reserve: \$ \$64,668.30

Payments made to Del Rosso x 2 for a total of \$400, \$689.90 for hats and \$3000 for web site administration.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Membership numbers were described as “looking good,” with some members lost and others gained. A question was raised about whether advertising had been undertaken. Norm responded that some flyers had been distributed. It was agreed that further promotional efforts are needed, including placing an advertisement on the club’s website and Facebook page.

CRICKETWEST:

Report from Mark Iannello via email

This is just an update from the last Cricketwest meeting as I won’t be able to attend our meeting on the 22/9 as I will be overseas.

Brought up the issue of player dropping middle names to get another PlayHq ID to move associations whilst still owing money. Got full agreeance that something needs to be put in place. Brad Pearce has contacted Balcatta about the situation DK highlighted for Thornlie. Chris Payne is going to run reports once season commences so a comparison can be done. Associations believe suspensions should be put in place if confirmed. Chris Payne suggested everyone wait until report is run to identify how big an issue it is. A notice will be put out re enforcing the process to register and consequences if process is misused.

Chris Payne will contact the WA Cricket Umpires advisor on the situation on perspiration being used to shine the ball and what the current policy is.

Perth Swan has had a massive exodus of 2 day sides – if I heard Paul Fernie correctly they only have 2 x 2day grades.

WA Cricket will be issuing the Cricketwest affiliates agreement shortly. It is still to be signed off. Kookaburra will still honour the current sponsorship agreement even though WASTCA are only using 4 piece ball for 2 day cricket only. Just waiting this to be put in writing by Kookaburra. Kookaburra finally acknowledged the inconsistency of quality. The agreement at the moment is for 1 year only.

Brad is trying to get the Cricketwest carnival to be played at Trinity now that WACA is not available. Leederville is backup at this point. Joe Covic mentioned Tompkins Park. Brad Pearce is going to reach out to Melville cricket Club.

Date for finals not confirmed as yet.

Cricketwest AGM is 22/10/25 at WACA.

Thanks

Mark Iannello

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

There was discussion on the matters attached to the minutes, with particular focus on By-Laws 11A and 11B.

There was discussion regarding an amendment to the proposal with a change in 11b (i) with a change from One Day A or B to One Day to ODC, as follows.

- i. A player playing in a two-day grade First to Fourth may drop to the highest of the clubs One-Day grades in One Day A ~~or B~~ to One Day C as per By Law 11a. at any time. Alternatively, a player can drop to the next Two-Day grade within their club structure. Should a club playing in a Two-Day grade First to Fourth only have one two-day team then the player must drop to their highest One-Day grade.
- ii. A player in a two-day grade Fifth or below may drop players to ~~any of their the next~~ one-day only grade teams ~~s within their club structure~~. Alternatively, a player can drop to the next Two-Day grade within their club structure (see 11a) .
- iii. A player playing in a one-day only grade may ~~drop to any~~ only drop to the next one day only grade within their club structure. Alternatively, a player can drop to the next two-day grade within their club structure (see 11a).

After discussion it was moved Shamez and seconded Mario that the amendments to By-Law 11b (i), (ii) and (iii) be approved.

CARRIED

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES: Nil

GRADINGS AND FIXTURES:

The Fixtures and Gradings Committee convened over the weekend, and their decisions were reviewed. Following the clubs' agreement to relax By-Law 51b, Champion Lakes was permitted to field four one-day sides for the upcoming season. Maddington submitted a similar request, which was approved after discussion. Both clubs were reminded of the expectation to field at least one two-day side in the 2026–27 competition.

Currently, there are 49 two-day sides, leaving 17 teams beyond First to Fourth Grade. Two options were considered: one, forming Fifth Grade with eight teams and Sixth Grade with nine, which would result in a bye in Sixth Grade; and two, attempting to secure an additional two-day side to create a six-team Fifth to Seventh Grade structure. It was agreed to approach Cockburn to see if they would nominate another two-day side. If they decline, Armadale will be asked to field a second two-day team, given their current nomination of one two-day and nine one-day sides. A six-team format would involve 10 one-day matches and 5 two-day matches.

Further discussion acknowledged that some clubs may be dissatisfied with their assigned grade, but the broader needs of the association must take precedence. The final draft grades have been circulated for review.

30 ANNIVERSARY:

The scheduled meeting with Ian Hale did not proceed due to his ill health. A lengthy discussion followed, with a range of views expressed. It was agreed that a formal event would be held in May or June 2026, with the exact date to be determined once the AFL fixtures are released. The Windup will continue to be held as a separate event at Kardinya Lakes.

MENTAL HEALTH ROUND:

WA Cricket and CricketWest have decided to postpone the event until February 2026. However, the SMCA will proceed with its scheduled event on 6 December. Clubs will be asked to wear blue armbands as a mark of recognition. Stumps are currently being arranged, and a kit will be distributed to clubs ahead of the event.

AGENDA ITEMS

Gary raised concerns that some clubs were failing to nominate their team captain on PlayHQ, which in turn prevents the submission of a Captain's Report on the Umpire. Following discussion, it was agreed that David would amend the By-Laws to require all clubs to nominate a team captain for each grade. This change aims to ensure accountability and maintain the integrity of match reporting. By-Law 7a to be amended to the following

Both teams shall be responsible for submitting a team list, using Play HQ, before the commencement of the match. It is expected that this list be accurate **and must include the naming of the Captain of the team**, however changes that match the team list provided to the umpire and/or opposition captain prior to the toss can be made up until the match is made official by the SMCA Administrator. **(Refer to By-Law 69.18 for penalties)**

Armadale had requested a letter of support regarding an application for a grant. Peter will organise.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Joe brought the issue of Cockburn not playing in Second Grade after being so dominate in Third Grade for many years. He also expressed concerned where clubs refuse to play two day cricket and in specific grades. Peter advised that the SMCA's hand were tied in relation to Cockburn playing Second Grade as the clubs had decided that 16 different clubs should make up the top two grades. This matter could be addressed again at a future general meeting.

Ian Del Rosso expressed the idea of increasing women's participation in the windup, by commencing a vote count and medal for the Ladies representing SMCA in the Perth Scorchers League, and development of a voting system that will allow a count for the SMCA Women's Best player. It was unanimously agreed.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:01pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 13 October on Teams – 6:00pm
Executive Meeting 10 November at Thornlie – 6:00pm
Executive Meeting 8 December at Local House – 6:00pm

Final Gradings Two Day Grades						
1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade
Team	Team	Team	Team	Team	Team	Team
CBC	Canning Vale	CBC	Armadale	CBC	Cockburn	Armadale
Cockburn	Jandakot	Cockburn	Canning Vale	Cockburn	Ferndale-Lynwood	Canning Vale
East Fremantle	Kardinya	Ferndale-Lynwood	Cockburn	Forrestdale	Jandakot	Cannington
Hilton-Bicton	Kelmscott	Hilton-Bicton	Ferndale-Lynwood	Kenwick	Kardinya	Phoenix
Leeming	Kenwick	Kwinana	Jandakot	Kwinana	Kwinana	Riverton-Rostrata
Phoenix	Riverton-Rostrata	Phoenix	Kardinya	Perth Tamil	North Baldivis	Willetton
SJ Blues	Roleystone	Piara Waters	Leeming			
Willetton	Thornlie	Willetton	SJ Blues			

Final Gradings One Day Grades						
One Day A	One Day B	One Day C	One Day D	One Day E	One Day F	One Day G
Team	Team	Team	Team	Team	Team	Team
Armadale	Armadale	Ferndale-Lynwood	Armadale	Armadale	Armadale	Armadale
Cannington	Canning Vale	Kenwick	Champion Lakes	Cannington	CBC	Cannington
Cockburn	Kelmscott	Maddington	Leeming	Kenwick	Leeming	North Baldivis
East Fremantle	Cannington	North Baldivis	Cockburn	Canning Vale	Cockburn	Kardinya
Leeming	Champion Lakes	Phoenix	Hilton-Bicton	Forrestdale	Champion Lakes	Kelmscott
Maddington	East Fremantle	Roleystone	Jandakot	East Fremantle	Hilton-Bicton	Kenwick
Perth Tamil	Phoenix	Thornlie	Maddington	North Baldivis	Perth Tamil	Maddington
Riverton-Rostrata	Piara Waters	Willetton	SJ Blues	Kelmscott	Riverton-Rostrata	Phoenix

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Piara Waters	Leeming	Kardinya
Forrestdale	Jandakot	Leeming
Kelmscott	Kenwick	Phoenix
North Baldivis	Perth Tamil	Piara Waters
Roleystone	Phoenix	Riverton-Rostrata
Willetton	SJ Blues	Roleystone
		Thornlie
		Willetton