South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting
21 September 2026

Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:33pm

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Mark Iannello, Ian Del Rosso, Sean Ingram

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved: Shamez Rashid Seconded: Mario Baeli that the minutes of the previous meeting *held on 31 August 2026* — be accepted as a true and accurate record. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Storage Locker:** Mario has investigated further regarding a long-term rental discount for the best price is $99/month 3-square-metre storage unit. It was confirmed that Mario should go ahead.
- **30th Anniversary Tickets & Book:**
  - Sean provided Mario with contact details for the Umpires Association Treasurer to settle their outstanding ticket payment.
  - Nothing further from Joe on the status of the 30th anniversary book.
- **Fines:** Mario has not issued fines to Forrestdale, SJ Blues, and any other clubs that failed to attend the General Meeting and AGM. Mario requested that Gary return to providing a report to Mario on who to fine.
- **Domestic Violence Round:** Peter still investigating, not likely to go ahead in the coming season.
- **By-Laws & Constitution:**
  - Peter will formally draft/integrate the forfeiting rule for One-Day grades into the By-Laws following the decision to adopt the trial permanently.
- **Umpires & Operations:**
  - Unknown if Norm's access to OfficialsHQ has been removed and if John Sherry granted access to Sean.
  - No update regarding potential overflow umpires provided by John Sherry/WA Cricket.
- **Website & Social Media Updates:**
  - "save the date" notice for the Windup (April 2, 2027) has been posted on posted on the website and social media
  - Sean has yet to provide Gary and Jacob with the required content regarding visiting clubs and umpiring matters to publish online.

- Ian Del Rosso has yet to provide Gary and Jacob with requirements for CricketWest Cup advertising.
- Jacobs has advertised for umpires and team nominations on social media.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Fixtures and Grading Committee for the considerable work undertaken over the past weekend in working through the grading process for the upcoming cricket season. These decisions are never straightforward, and I appreciate the time and effort the Committee has put into considering the various factors and needs of our clubs and the competition as a whole.

There will inevitably be clubs that are disappointed with aspects of the final gradings. However, I would encourage everyone to consider the broader impact of these decisions and what is required to maintain a competitive and sustainable competition across the Association.

We have also recently been approached by Gosnells District Cricket Club regarding the re-establishment of an SMCA v Gosnells fixture on our calendar. I believe it would be fantastic to see this fixture return. It provides an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the us and the District Club while also providing valuable preparation for our players and clubs ahead of the upcoming CricketWest carnival.

I look forward to seeing this fixture develop and hopefully become an established part of our cricket calendar once again.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Fixture Requests

- Kenwick – Mills Park not available 26 February.
- Kelmscott – Rushton Park available from 24 October.
- Kelmscott – Frye Park not available 1 November (Sunday). Assume it is available on 31 October (Saturday).
- Cannington Tigers – Two-Day team to be away on 21 November.
- Cannington Tigers – ODA to be at home on 14 December and 6 March.
- City of Armadale – No fixtures until after 4 October.
- City of Armadale – Harrisdale SHS not available for the entire season.
- Jandakot Park – Lakelands not available on 13 December.

If there are any further requests they need to be submitted to the Secretary immediately.

All team nominations were submitted on time – some caused concern, all changes need to be made on PlayHQ and not just by email

I have become aware that PlayHQ can now be used to create websites, and I have looked at this option with Ryan.

The main advantage over our current Wix website is the ability to have much more dynamic fixtures and results. We originally moved to Wix because we were advised that Fixture and

Results widgets would be available. Unfortunately, this has not eventuated, and I have been unable to get any assistance in resolving the issue.

If we move the SMCA website to PlayHQ, the fixtures and results functionality is built into the website. This would make the site more informative and, importantly, would reduce the need to manually update information that is already held in PlayHQ.

PlayHQ has provided the following information and examples of websites created using their platform. These are from other sports, but PlayHQ has advised that the functionality is the same for cricket organisations.

Greater Melbourne Soccer Association
https://greatermelbournesoccerassociation.com.au/

Glenorchy Basketball Association
https://www.glenorchybasketball.com.au/

I think this is worth considering, particularly given the difficulties we have experienced with the current Wix site and the lack of the promised fixtures and results widgets.

PlayHQ have advised that they can provide further information if required.

Investigation reveals that the cost would be around $420 a year, less than Wix.

There was discussion on this matter and the committee agreed that Ryan and Gary should proceed with changing the web site over to PlayHQ. This is likely to take a couple of months with the existing web site remaining in the meantime.

The draft Info for Clubs and Captains have been distributed to the Executive for consideration tonight.

There was discussion on changing the format for clubs contacting the Association when a team forfeits a match. It was resolved to leave the current procedure as is.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash Reserve: $40,398.09

Community Reserve: $ $48,974.39

Mario advised he will send out invoices later in the week for Club nominations.

The Swan Yacht Club has been booked for the end-of-season Windup on 2 April 2027 at 7:00pm. A “save the date” to be sent to clubs, with notices also placed on the website and social media. A $2,500 bond is required for the event and will be deducted from the overall cost provided all conditions are met.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

I have reached out to all First and Second grade clubs to explain what the UA role will be doing this year, and what their part in it is. From these contacts, I've spoken with via either phone or a visit to the club with 9 of the 15 clubs. The feedback after the discussion has been very positive. I will continue to try and reach out to the remaining clubs over the next week. I will be writing up a blurb for dissemination on the site regarding my intentions, what I need from

the Captains who have official Umpires, and the obligations (i.e. completing an Umpire's report that is genuinely considered). I'm sorry I've been tardy with this, but life has been high maintenance.

There were requests for an Umpire for a scratch match last Saturday by CBC (playing Canning Vale), and Thornlie intraclub. We were able to provide an umpire (Gavin Shaw) for the CBC game. He was offered a "normal days' pay", however, Gavin advised that $100 was enough, as he believes building rapport plus getting in a run before the season was worthwhile. Unfortunately, with the lateness of the Thornlie request, I was unable to assist them. Additionally, I believe we were going to struggle, what with the Amateur's Football GF being played on Saturday.

The new Umpires shirts have been completed and have been picked up late last week. We will be disseminating them to our Umpires at our first meeting next Wednesday 30th September.

CRICKETWEST:

Peter advised that the Cricket West meeting was tonight, Mark Iannello was in attendance.

Peter provided information on the Key Result Schedule Summary

Cricket West 2026/27 Funding and Key Result Schedule Summary

Governance and Contacts

- Chair: Trevor Kearsley; Secretary: Sabrina Del Rosso; Vice President: Mark Ianello; Treasurer: Anita Pavich.
- WA Cricket Contacts: Chris Payne (Affiliate Services Specialist) and Tom Atkinson (CCSS Manager).

Funding and Support

- $108,000 grant provided by WA Cricket in two instalments (75% in December 2026, 25% in May 2027 based on reporting).
- WA Cricket provides in-kind access to WACA meeting rooms, the Annual Forum, and the WACA Ground for the finals.

Association Compliance Requirements

- All associations and clubs must endorse the 2026/27 Safeguarding Children Policy, follow WWC checks, and distribute Junior Players in Senior Cricket guidelines.
- PlayHQ is compulsory for online scoring across all matches.
- Mandatory compliance with Australian Cricket helmet policies and the WA Cricket Integrity Code.
- Teams and umpires must wear Belt Up branded shirts for the Belt Up Cricket West Cup.
- Associations must appoint an Umpires Advisor to meet with WA Cricket twice per season, promote Coach 360 certification, and share a pre-season Risk Register.
- Associations must support female and disability participation, including helping clubs enter or sustain teams in the Perth Scorchers Women's Cricket League.

GRADINGS AND FIXTURES:

Steve chaired the meeting of the Fixtures and Grading Committee held on Saturday, 19 September.

It was acknowledged that gradings can be an emotive issue. The Two-Day grades were completed relatively quickly, with the main concerns being Armadale, who had requested 4th Grade but were placed in 3rd Grade, and Kelmscott, who had requested 6th Grade but were placed in 4th Grade.

Maddington had requested four One-Day sides only, which is contrary to the By-Laws, and were placed in 7th Grade. Peter advised that there had been some indication that Maddington may withdraw their 7th Grade side and instead field only three One-Day sides. If this occurs, it is likely that Armadale would need to provide an additional 7th Grade side.

In the One-Day grades, it was determined that the requested 10-team grades were not feasible, with 16 nominations received across ODA, ODB and ODC. The final structure will be ODA to ODE as eight-team grades, with ODG and ODH as 10-team grades.

A number of adjustments were made to the One-Day grades. Both the two-day and One-Day gradings were subsequently accepted and will be distributed to clubs.

It was noted that draft gradings may have been circulated to some clubs prior to their finalisation, which caused some concern for the Secretary.

It was acknowledged that some clubs may not be satisfied with their final grading or team structure. However, grading is a difficult process, and the Committee had made its decisions with the overall interests of the Association in mind.

Joe queried whether the same promotion and demotion system used for the two-day grades could be applied to the One-Day grades. It was generally agreed that this would be desirable, but that implementing such a system would be difficult given the current structure and nature of One-Day teams.

Peter thanked the Fixtures and Grading Committee for its work.

Gary will now proceed with preparing the fixtures.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Peter will formally draft/integrate the forfeiting rule for One-Day grades into the By-Laws following the decision to adopt the trial permanently.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

Jacob raised the social media post required to inform captains. It was agreed that the main focus of the post should be the importance of the 3:30pm cut-off.

It was also agreed that captains should be reminded of the Info for Captains document and the information it contains, and encouraged to familiarise themselves with its contents.

Gary advised that, due to a conflict in the Fourth Grade fixtures, it was necessary to make an adjustment to the Second Grade fixture involving Canning Vale and Roleystone-Karragullen.

The updated Second Grade fixture will be published on Tuesday.

It was agreed that Mario and Ian Del Rosso will arrange a venue for the December meeting.

There was discussion regarding the use of Queens Park Oval. Both Cannington Tigers and Perth Tamil have an additional team and are seeking to retain use of Queens Park Oval.

The matter was referred to the Fixtures and Grading Committee for consideration and resolution.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7:40pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Executive Meeting 12 October at Thornlie – 6:30pm
Executive Meeting 9 November at Thornlie – 6:30pm

SMCA GRADES 2026-27

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

One Day A		One Day B		One Day C		One Day D		One Day E		One Day F	
Team	8	Team	8	Team	8	Team	8	Team	8	Team	8
Armadale		Cannington		Armadale		Cannington		Armadale		Armadale	
Canning Vale		East Fremantle		Canning Vale		CBC		Cannington		CBC	
Cannington		Leeming		Cannington		Cockburn		East Fremantle		Kelmscott	
Cockburn		Perth Tamil		Hilton Bicton		East Fremantle		Kardinya		Kenwick	
East Fremantle		Phoenix		Kenwick		Ferndale - Lynwood		Leeming		Leeming	
Leeming		Piara Waters		Maddington		Jandakot		Phoenix		Maddington	
Maddington		Roleystone - Karragullen		SJ Blues		Kwinana		Riverton-Rostrata		Wellard	
Riverton-Rostrata		Wellard		Willetton		Wellard		Wellard		Willetton	

One Day G		One Day H	
Team	10	Team	10
Armadale		Armadale	
Canning Vale		Ferndale - Lynwood	
Cockburn		Hilton Bicton	
Kardinya		Kardinya	
Kenwick		Perth Tamil	
Leeming		Phoenix	
Perth Tamil		Piara Waters	
Phoenix		Riverton-Rostrata	
Piara Waters		Thornlie	
Roleystone - Karragullen		Willetton	