

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 27 July 2026

Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, commencing at 7:00pm



PRESENT: As per register (attached).

APOLOGIES: Steve Kemp, Joe Covic, Gary Hartman

ABSENT: SJ Blues and Forrestdale

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved by Phoenix, seconded by East Fremantle that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 July 2025 be accepted. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Good evening everyone,

Firstly, can I remind all attendees to sign the attendance sheet to register your attendance.

Thank you all for taking the time to be here tonight. It is wonderful to see representatives from so many of our clubs, our umpires, volunteers and supporters. Your attendance is a reminder of just how passionate our cricket community is, and it is a privilege to stand before you as President of the South Metropolitan Cricket Association.

As I reflect on the 2025/26 season, there is an enormous amount for us to be proud of.

One initiative that particularly stands out is the introduction of our Mental Health Round. As an Association, we made a conscious decision to use our platform to raise awareness of an issue that affects so many people within our community.

The blue stumps supplied to every club, together with the promotional material provided by the Western Australian Cricket Association, made the round incredibly special. The feedback from clubs was overwhelmingly positive, and it reinforced the importance of using sport as a vehicle to promote conversations that matter.

What makes me especially proud is that South Metro became the first CricketWest affiliate to introduce a themed community awareness round into its competition fixtures. I believe this demonstrates the leadership our Association is capable of showing.

Importantly, this is only the beginning. During the coming season we will introduce a Domestic Violence Awareness Round, and in the years ahead we will continue to highlight community issues that deserve

greater awareness. Cricket has always brought communities together, and if we can use our game to make a positive difference beyond the boundary, then we have a responsibility to do so.

Another major highlight the past 12 months was our 30-Year Celebration Dinner.

The evening exceeded every expectation. It was fantastic to see so many current and former players, volunteers, administrators, supporters and club representatives come together to celebrate three decades of South Metropolitan Cricket.

The idea itself came from Ian Hale, who suggested that we properly recognise the Association's milestone. From that initial conversation, an incredible amount of work followed.

I would like to sincerely thank Ian Del Rosso, Sabrina Del Rosso, Joe Covic and Mario Baeli, who all put in countless hours behind the scenes to ensure the evening ran as smoothly as it did. Their work often went unseen, but it certainly did not go unnoticed.

I would also like to make special mention of our Master of Ceremonies, Jacob Landsmeer. Jacob's professionalism, humour and ability to guide the evening were simply outstanding. As an Association, we are incredibly fortunate to have someone so highly regarded within our community willing to give his time and execute the evening as brilliantly as he did.

Another initiative introduced this season that has proven to be an overwhelming success was the inclusion of two invited clubs into the Protest and Disputes process.

For many years, clubs have naturally been curious about how the process operates. By inviting two clubs each session to observe proceedings and deliberate, we have significantly increased transparency while also giving clubs a genuine appreciation of the factors considered throughout the process.

The feedback has been extremely positive. The discussions have been stronger, the understanding greater, and the confidence in the process has continued to grow. Because of its success, this initiative has now been formally incorporated into our By-Laws and will continue in future seasons.

I'd now like to congratulate all of our Premiership winners for the 2025/26 season.

In particular, congratulations to Cockburn Cricket Club on winning the First Grade Premiership.

Your continued success is a reflection of the strength of your entire club. First Grade was arguably the most competitive it has been for many years, and to come from fourth position to ultimately claim the flag demonstrates just how even the competition was and how deserving your achievement is.

Congratulations also to Jandakot Park Cricket Club on winning the Second Grade Premiership.

I'm not even sure you expected it yourselves.

After losing several key First team players leading into the season, many people questioned how your club would respond. What you showed everyone was resilience, belief and the strength of your club culture.

You developed your younger players exceptionally well, and you've earned your opportunity to compete in First Grade. I have no doubt you'll embrace that challenge.

Unfortunately, there is also one piece of news that brings mixed emotions.

Our South Metro family has reduced by one.

Following the conclusion of the 2025/26 season, Champion Lakes Cricket Club approached CricketWest requesting a transfer to another Association. That request has now been ratified.

While we are naturally disappointed to see Champion Lakes leave the South Metropolitan Cricket Association, we respect their decision and sincerely thank the club for its contribution over the years. On behalf of everyone here tonight, we wish Champion Lakes Cricket Club every success in their future within their new CricketWest Affiliate.

Speaking of our Association family, I'd now like to turn to our umpiring group.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our new Umpires Advisor for the 2026/27 season, Sean 'Chook' Ingram.

Sean will spend the coming pre-season working closely alongside Norm to ensure a smooth transition into the role. I'm sure clubs will quickly get to know Sean as he visits grounds throughout the season.

His focus will be on strengthening our umpiring group, increasing participation, supporting our officials and, importantly, understanding what both clubs and the Association need from our umpiring fraternity moving forward.

I ask that everyone gives Sean a warm South Metro welcome.

While welcoming Sean, it is equally important that we acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Norm.

For the past eight years, Norm has provided exceptional service as our Umpires Advisor. His support to the Executive Committee, his involvement in the P&D process and his commitment to improving umpiring standards have been invaluable.

Fortunately for us, Norm isn't going far.

I'm delighted that he has accepted our invitation to join the P&D Panel alongside David King, Jacob Landsmeer, and others as a Chairperson. We are incredibly fortunate that his knowledge, experience and professionalism will continue to benefit our Association.

Norm, thank you for everything you've done over the past eight years.

Another person I would like to acknowledge tonight is Stephen Kemp.

Stephen has advised me that he will be stepping down as Junior Vice President this evening to dedicate more time to his young family.

Stephen has, however, indicated that he wishes to remain involved as a Committee Member, and I think that speaks volumes about his commitment to South Metro.

Stephen has consistently challenged us to think differently, to look beyond the traditional way of doing things and to continually improve our Association.

Stephen, on behalf of everyone here tonight, thank you for your service as Junior Vice President, and thank you for continuing to be part of our Committee.

I'd also like to congratulate Gary Hartman, Shamez Rashid and Mario Baeli, who have each been reappointed unopposed as Administrator, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for the coming season.

Congratulations to all three of you.

Your commitment, professionalism and support throughout the past season have been outstanding. The advice, encouragement and countless hours you each contribute often happen behind the scenes, but they are fundamental to the success of this Association.

Thank you for everything you continue to do.

To the remainder of our Executive Committee; David King, Jacob Landsmeer, Andrew Ring, Mark Iannello, Ian Del Rosso, Ian Hale, and Joe Covic thank you.

Representing the Association is rarely easy. It requires significant time, commitment and a genuine passion for improving cricket for everyone involved.

Every one of you has contributed thoughtful ideas, robust discussions and an unwavering commitment to making South Metro stronger.

Together we have continued progressing towards our vision of becoming CricketWest's first-choice affiliate, and I genuinely enjoy working alongside each of you.

Your contribution has had a tremendous impact on our competition, and I sincerely thank every one of you.

Finally, I'd like to thank the most important people in this room, our member clubs.

Quite simply, you are what makes the South Metropolitan Cricket Association.

Every volunteer, every committee member, every player, every scorer, every coach, every supporter and every umpire contributes to making this competition what it is today.

Your passion, your commitment and your willingness to continually improve this competition is something that should never be taken for granted.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you for your continued support, your trust and your dedication to the South Metropolitan Cricket Association.

I genuinely believe our Association continues to grow stronger every year. We continue to innovate, we continue to lead, and most importantly, we continue to build a competition that our clubs can be proud to be part of.

Thank you all for another outstanding season.

I wish everyone the very best for the 2026/27 season.

Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

See reports attached.

Umpire payments will increase to \$180 per day, and as a result the Semi-Final Umpire Levy will rise by \$10 per team.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Peter Anderson declared all positions vacant and handed over the chair to Mario Baeli.

Patron

Ian Hale was nominated unopposed and accepted the nomination.

President

Peter Anderson was nominated by Phoenix and seconded by Thornlie.

As no further nominations were received, Peter Anderson was declared elected as SMCA President for the 2026–27 season.

Mario then handed the chair to Peter whereby the meeting resumed.

Senior Vice President

Peter called for nominations for the position of SMCA Senior Vice President.

David King was nominated by Jandakot Park and seconded by Kardinya Lakes.

With no further nominations received, Peter declared David King elected as SMCA Senior Vice President for the 2026–27 season.

Junior Vice President

Peter called for nominations for the position of SMCA Junior Vice President.

Jacob Landsmeer was nominated by Maddington and seconded by Kardinya Lakes.

With no further nominations received, Peter declared Jacob Landsmeer elected as SMCA Junior Vice President for the 2026–27 season.

Executive Committee

Peter called for nominations for positions on the SMCA Executive Committee.

Under the SMCA Constitution, the Executive Committee may comprise not fewer than two (2) and not more than six (6) additional elected members.

The following nominations were received and accepted:

Stephen Kemp

Saba Pillai

Ian Del Rosso

Mark Iannello

Andrew Ring

Joe Covic

AGENDA ITEMS:

Maddington raised the following item:

1. That all one-day grades move to ten-team competitions.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt 10-team grades from ODA to ODD, subject to maintaining a 48-team competition in the two-day grades.

2. That an SMCA representative inspect all grounds three times per season — at the start of the season, after Christmas, and before finals — to ensure they are safe and suitable for play.

It was agreed that David King will undertake these inspections and work with clubs and local councils on any required maintenance.

Umpires will also report any issues, and Captains are responsible for passing ground-condition information on to the SMCA.

The meeting also agreed to create an online page for submitting ground-condition issues to streamline reporting and follow-up.

North Baldivis raised the following item:

1. In all 40-over matches, the fielding team may elect to use a new two-piece Red Kookaburra Crown 156g ball.

This proposal was noted as offering significant cost savings for clubs (approximately \$30 per ball) and could be introduced on a trial basis in the 2026–27 season.

It was voluntarily agreed to conduct a trial of the Crown ball in 40-over games for two rounds.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ferndale Lynwood requested that the Windup be opened to all grades.

This was a unanimous decision by all clubs.

To accommodate the larger numbers, the venue will be the Swan Yacht Club.

Kardinya Lakes was thanked for hosting the Windup over the past few years and for doing an excellent job.

Michael Gotti (Willetton) advised that he is keen to nominate a representative for Women's Cricket.

Canning Vale asked whether Formula 15 will be replaced by a Last Man Standing competition. Peter responded that the prospects are being reviewed, and the matter will be discussed further at the next committee meeting. Canning Vale advised that participants prefer the F15 concept over Last Man Standing. This will be taken under consideration.

Ian Del Rosso – Dropping of Players in early rounds

The SMCA to relax the dropping-of-players rule up to the end of the first One-Day fixture.

Under this adjustment, a player who participates in Round 1 of a one-day grade and Round 2 of a two-day grade may subsequently drop to any grade.

This change is intended to reduce early-season selection pressures that many clubs experience in Rounds 1 and 2.

Ian Hale asked whether the Second Grade competition had been finalised. Peter advised that the matter is still under review.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 7:56pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 10 August at Thornlie – 6:30pm

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 27 JULY 2026 – THORNLIE

ATTENDANCE (PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

President *PR*
Senior Vice President *W* Junior Vice President *APOLOGY*
Administrator *APOLOGY* Treasurer _____
Umpire's Advisor *S. TS* *SEN INGM*
Executive _____
Armadale *PR*
Canning Vale *TOM HARRIS*
Cannington Tigers *PR*
CBC *James Colette* *Nick Bailey*
Cockburn *JASON GAVANES*
East Fremantle *Todd Nash*
Ferndale-Lynwood *Don Pearson*
Forrestdale _____
Hilton Bicton *W. Forsyth*
Jandakot Park *MARCO BRILL PR*
Kardinya Lakes *912 (I HALE)*
Kelmscott *Kyle Collard*
Kenwick *Matt Arnou Smith / Colby Schorker*
Kwinana *Andrew Trewenack / BRAD KEARNEY*
Leeming Spartan *Mitch Cordner Adam Morgan*
Maddington *W. S. G.*
North Baldivis *G. M.*
Perth Tamil *W. S. G. (W. Waiz) & SIVA KAMAL DILLI*
Phoenix *Neil Benbow, Lisa Gibson*
Piara Waters _____
Riverton Rostrata *W. S. G.*
Roleystone-Karragullen *M. A.*
SJ Blues _____
Thornlie *W. S. G.*
Willetton Crows *W. S. G.*
Umpires Assoc. *MORN HARRIS* *MURDO*
Morris *ROBIN*
Murray



SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET
ASSOCIATION

FINANCIALS FOR THE PERIOD

MAY1 ST 2025 TO APRIL 30TH 2026

INCOME

CLUB AFFILIATION	26000
TEAM AFFILIATION	33250
CRICKET WEST FUNDING	25500
FINES	6420
SEMI FINAL LEVY	14100
WIND UP LEVY	6400

TOTAL INCOME

111670

EXPENSES

MEDALLIONS/PENNANTS	5403.13
TROPHIES	592.90
UMPIRE COSTS	
SEMI FINAL UMPIRES	12360
GRAND FINAL UMPIRES	9344 MID
SEASON ODGF.	2880
F15 UMPIRES.	1200
UMPIRES UNIFORM.	3735
UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT.	9470
	38989.00

HONORARIUMS.

SOCIAL MEDIA	2000
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ADMINISTRATOR.	10000	
SECRETARY	3000	
TREASURER	6000	
UMPIRES ADVISOR.	8000	29000.00

INTER ASSOCIATION

CATERING.	4091.00	
UNIFORM	10932.90	
GAME AND TRAINING BALLS.	2 804.35.	17828.25

MENTAL HEALTH ROUND		4700.00
MEETING EXPENSES.		1548.00
RADIO SHOW		2200.00
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT		3660.00
MISC EXPENSES		60.90

WIND UP INCLUDING 30 YEAR.		10522.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES		114504.18
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NET LOSS		2834.18
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Budget 2026/2027

Income:		Budget		Actual	Budget
		2026/27		2025/26	2025/26
Affiliation:	Club Affiliation	26000	1000 per club	26000	26000
	Team Affiliation	33000	250 per team	33250	32500
	Umpires	200			200
	Total Affiliation:	59200		59250	58700
Other Income:	Bank Interest			0	
	Cricket West Reimbursements				
	Cricket West Develop Grant	25500		25500	25500
	Fines	7000		6420	7500
	Sponsorship				
	Healthway Grants	0		0	
	Kookaburra	0		0	
	Umpire Levy- Semi Finals	15600	130 per team	14100	15600
	Wind Up Levy	9000		6400	10560
	Total Other Income:	57100		52420	59160
		0			0
	Total Income:	116300		111670	117860
Expenses:					
Administration:	Auditor	500		0	500
	Accounting Software	600			600
	Total Administration:	1100		0	1100
	Medallions/Pennants	6000		5403.13	5000
Awards/Gifts:	Trophies	3000		592.9	3000
	Total Awards:	9000		5996.03	8000

Finals Cost:	F15 Umpires	2000	1200	1000
	Grand Final Umpires	11000	9344	10000
	Mid Season One Day Grand Final Umpires	3500	2880	3000
	Semi Final Umpires	15600	12360	15000
	Total Finals Cost:	32100	25784	29000
Honorariums:	Social Media	2000	2000	2000
	Administrator	10000	10000	10000
	Secretary	3000	3000	3000
	Treasurer	6000	6000	6000
	Umpires Advisor	8000	8000	8000
	Total Honorariums	29000	29000	29000
Inter Association:	Catering	4000	4091	3000
	Clothing	5000	10932.9	6000
	Misc	0	0	200
	Game and Training Balls	3000	2804.35	3000
	Management	0	0	
	Umpires	400	0	500
	Total Inter Association Cost:	12400	17828.25	12700
Other Expenses:	RUOK Mental Illness Round	0	4700	1000
	Meeting Expense	1400	1548	1000
	Radio Show	2500	2200	2200
	Website Development	3660	3660	2000
	Forfeit Refund	2000		2000
	General Expenses	1000	60.9	1000
	Total Other Expenses	10560	12168.9	9200
Training And Devel:	Umpires Uniform	4000	3735	3500
	Umpires Coaching/Development	8000	9470	8500
	Total Training And Development	12000	13205	12000

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