



Registered as an Incorporated Association under the
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Reg No A0097119Q (Veterans Cricket Australia (Inc))
ABN 31130956773

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024



AGENDA

Welcome and Attendance

Veterans Cricket Australia acknowledges and pays respects to the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which we are privileged to live, work and play the great game of cricket. We recognise their spiritual and ongoing connection to Country, culture and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Apologies and Proxies

- Jason Hamling (Rob Sims), Neville Crane,

The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting is as follows:

- 1 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 2023
- 2 To receive and consider:
 - The Annual Reports of the Board President and Secretary of the activities of the Association and Board during the preceding financial year
 - The Financial Statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Treasurer on behalf of the Board in accordance with Part 7 of the Act
- 3 To table as read Annual Reports from:
 - Chair of the Women's Playing Group Committee
 - Chair of the Over 40s Playing Group Committee
 - Chair of the Over 50s Playing Group Committee
 - Chair of the Over 60s Playing Group Committee
 - Chair of the Over 70s Playing Group Committee
 - VCA Umpire Liaison Manager
- 4 To elect/appoint the office bearers of the Board (*nominations for President and Vice President come from the floor, as they must be an existing member of the Board. If more than one nomination is received the Board will vote. The President has the option to appoint a secretary and treasurer*):
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- 5 To appoint an auditor as required
- 6 To confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscriptions and joining fee

MINUTES OF AGM, 30 NOVEMBER 2023

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of VETERANS CRICKET AUSTRALIA Inc

Held via Zoom 30th NOVEMBER 2023

MEETING OPENED at 09.00 am

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Rob Sims, Matt O'Mara, Murray Harrison, Neville Crane, Rod Rice, Jess Henry, Kevin Walker, Michael Whitehead, Claude Orlando, John Jewiss

Apologies: Andrew Knight, Chris "Dixie" Daw, David Head, Peter Wilkinson, Scott Tutton

Proxies: Nil

- 1 **WELCOME:** The President welcomed all to the meeting and noted the apologies.
- 2 **MINUTES** from AGM 17th November 2022 had been distributed prior to the meeting.
MOVED: Rod Rice SECONDED: Murray Harrison the minutes be confirmed. CARRIED
- 3 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Rob Sims referred to his report and didn't wish to expand on it and had hoped everyone had read it. He asked if anyone had any comments.
 - b. Rob thanked Neville Crane and Matt O'Mara for their comprehensive reports and also for their support during the year.
 - c. Rob to Murray Harrison I want to thank you for your support and dedication to serving the members and the Board which at times wasn't easy as there were plenty of distractions and also put Murray and myself at odds over the role of the IMC and its chairman Stirling Hamman in world veterans cricket.
 - d. Lastly to the members of the Board past and present I want to thank you for your confidence, counsel and support in my two years in the role
 - e. Murray commented on some references in the report to a difference of opinion, but these were subject to healthy debate and was a good thing to get an outcome. Rob agreed that this was the case and that the beauty of a Board is to be able to express your opinion, all for the betterment of VCA.
- 4 **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Matt O'Mara thanked everyone for the experience as Secretary and referred everyone to the attached report.

Excerpt: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for the opportunity to be VCA secretary over the past two years. I have greatly appreciated the support and

forbearance you have shown me as I 'learnt the ropes'. My thanks especially to President, Rob Sims, Vice President, Murray Harrison and Treasurer, Neville Crane for their advice and generous assistance during this time. Also big thank you to all the Board members and the Playing Group Chairs for your support, too.

Despite the disappointments brought on by Covid-19 in early 2022, 2023 has been a year full of cricket matches with the Board being able to hold and sponsor numerous tournaments - international and national to field further development of Veteran's Cricket. Especially with the advancement of the Women's competitions in all states, the introduction of the O40s/45s and associated split ages in O50s and O60s playing groups. These have been exciting achievements with annual playing numbers increasing by 23% to June 2023. However with the mandatory registration process with the introduction of PlayHQ then the 2024 numbers will be more accurate and assist for future planning.

MEETINGS HELD

Face to Face Meetings: 0

Video Conference: 9

ACHIEVEMENTS by BOARD

- a) Successful International tours and National tournaments
- b) Reviewing National Playing Conditions and Playing Group Rules
- c) Upload of MyCricket documents to "Cloud"
- d) ALL Manuals and Policies being reviewed by Board members and updated as appropriate
- e) Renegotiated MOU with CA (contingent of VCA Strategic Plan)
- f) Sponsorship increases from Kingsgrove Sports, Kookaburra and SIXT.
- g) Affiliation with IMC

TASKS AHEAD for BOARD

- a) Promote the Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle
Creation of a paid part time manager/administrator
- b) Finalise the VCA Strategic Plan 2023-2026
- c) Marketing and Promotion to be developed for Social Media/Web
- d) Finalise the development and provision of content of the VCA Website
- e) Continue development of IT Cloud so that all electronic information is removed from personal files and IT systems
- f) Continue Review of National Championships format
- g) Continue Review of the International Tours program

5 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The VCA continues to be in a sound financial position. The extent of a growing international commitment to pay upfront registration and accommodation deposits for World Cups and other International Tours is still unknown but from our experience it is felt that at this time approximately \$80,000 needs to be a minimum balance required to cover possible future commitments in this regard. The overall balance total of the two accounts as at June 30 2003 was \$81,707.

The comparative figures for the last 8 years (attached) highlights the devastating effects the pandemic had on our game. The year ending June 30 2023 was the first 'normal' year for 4 years since the year ending June 30 2019. The main income item of significant change was the amount received from Sponsorships which improved from a pre-pandemic high of \$15,000 to a new high of \$34,313. This was made up of three sponsors — Kingsgrove Sports, Kookaburra Sports, and Exotic Tours. We thank them very much for their great support. This enabled the VCA to have a surplus for the year of over \$10,000. Much of this surplus was earmarked for the new Webpage and the remaining cost for this item will move into the 2023/24 year.

Two significant financial decisions were made during the year that are related. As initial and ongoing financial assistance is no longer needed by states to run Championships, grants from the VCA did not happen this year. On the other side of the ledger there was now no longer a need for Organising Committees to return a Profit Share to the VCA.

Once again the Balance Sheet items 'Prepayments and Accruals/Liabilities' referred to transactions relating to two Ashes Tours that had transactions relating to the 2023/24 year being completed during the 2022/23 year.

As I have done previously I have included for your interest the comparative figures for the last 8 financial years, since the incorporation of the Board.

MOVED: Michael Whitehead SECONDED: Claude Orlando the finance report be received CARRIED

6 PLAYING GROUP REPORTS

- a) Women's Cricket Report: see attachment
- b) Over 50s Report: no report and will be sent later
- c) Over 40s Report: no report and will be sent later
- d) Over 60s Report: see attachment
- e) Over 70s Report: see attachment
- f) ULM Report: see attachment

MOVED: Michael Whitehead SECONDED: Claude Orlando ALL REPORTS TO BE ACCEPTED

7 ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS

R Sims asked for nominations for President and Vice President:

President: Murray Harrison

Moved: R Sims/Seconded: C Orlando - Nominee accepted

Vice President: Michael Whithead

Moved: M Harrison/Seconded: R Rice - Nominee accepted

Secretary: Vacant Matt O'Mara to stay until a new person is nominated

Treasurer: Neville Crane

Moved: R Sims/Seconded: C Orlando - Nominee accepted

Murray wished to express a sincere vote of thanks to Rob for his excellent contribution over the past couple of years which at times were under duress with a couple of items that were unwelcome and coupled with Jill's health, he has handled himself exceptional and given us his all. The Board agreed with Murray's comments.

8 APPOINTMENT of AUDITOR

The Board ratified the appointment of Richard Sykes as Auditor.

9 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

It was agreed that the Annual subscription to remain at \$300.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. MOTION (MOVED Rod Rice SECONDED C Orlando)

- i. the VCA Board appointment amendment – to formalise the 040s and 050s as separate playing groups and each to have the Chairman as a separate appointment to the Board.**
- ii. Also provide clear guidelines as to the Board structure with better clarity on members, affiliates, appointments and invitees.**
- iii. Specific wording of desired outcome will be discussed and formalised at a general meeting.**

iv. MOTION CARRIED

- b. Murray stated that we should have a schedule of meetings and if a Board member cannot attend then they are to be represented by a proxy.**

11 CLOSE of BUSINESS

Meeting closed at 09:46am

The date for the 2024 VCA AGM will be advised at a later date

Signed by President Murray Harrison _____

Dated 6/12/2023

Recorded by Matt O'Mara

Date 30/11/2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my honour to present the President's report for Veterans Cricket Australia for 2024. This past year has been marked by significant achievements, growth, and the unwavering commitment of our members. Our collective efforts have not only strengthened our organization but also further promoted the spirit and camaraderie of veterans' cricket.

Our progress would not have been possible without the dedication and support of many individuals and groups. In particular, I would like to thank both Rhonda Foley and Neville Crane for their excellent and tireless work as the Secretary and Treasurer. My thanks also to the Playing Group Chairpersons, Dixie Daws, Claude Orlando, Andrew Knight, Simon Milton and Jess Henry. The challenge of managing both national and international tournaments requires both commitment and dedication and, along with their committees, these folk have done a wonderful job throughout the year.

This year has seen the necessary expansion of venues for National Championships with Mackay, Newcastle, and Dubbo hosting events. With seven National Championships per year and the probability of adding an eighth with the Over 75s, it is essential that we continue to expand the number of venues across the country. It is very pleasing to see significant progress being made on a 3-year Nationals program.

It has been an exciting year at the international level with IMC World Cups held in Cape Town, Chennai and the UK. Our Over 40s finished a creditable 3rd in Cape Town, the Over 70s a little disappointed to lose the final in the UK and of course, the Over 60s bringing home the Cup from Chennai. The England Over 60s team are in Australia as I write this for a Grey Ashes series. Next year sees the Over 50s World Cup in Colombo and an Over 40s T20 tournament in Karachi. In addition to these major events, there has also been a sprinkling of international games across all age groups which will continue next year.

International Veterans cricket is growing dramatically presenting several challenges for the Board. I have no doubt that we will meet those challenges head on. As a member of the International Masters Council Committee (IMCC) I am well placed to manage this growth and as VCA's representative on the International Masters Council (IMC) I hope to represent VCA's interest wisely.

At the administrative level, we have made some significant progress this year. We have renewed our Strategic Plan and tidied up some of our administrative documents. There is still much to do, and the employment of a part time Executive Officer (EO) is designed to assist with this task. The decision to employ an EO is a significant step for our organization, and I have no doubt that we will see the benefits of this decision as we go forward. As you know, I will be proposing a motion at the General Meeting that follows this AGM to amend our Constitution to recognise each of our Playing Group Chairs as full Board members. This has been discussed through the year in the context of rationalising our governance arrangements.

As we look ahead, I am confident that our organization will continue to thrive and make a positive impact on the lives of our veterans. Together, we will build on our successes and address our challenges with the same spirit of determination and teamwork that defines our sport.

Murray Harrison

President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

It was with some trepidation that I agreed to take on the role of secretary this year. I'd been "hooked" on the value of veterans cricket when I was a ground manager when ACT held the O60s National Championships in 2017. I'm sure it was "the vibe". I sat with the better halves and chatted, I sat with the cricketers and chatted, and I met incredibly interesting people from all over the country with unique stories to tell who all shared a common interest with me.

Then my husband, who had played lower grade cricket since his uni days, turned 60 and very quickly put his hand up for an early season fun match in beautiful Benalla. That day the new players received an ACT cap from captain of the day Murray Harrison with the words "be bloody grateful that we're alive and well enough to be running around with our mates playing a game we love". That really resonated with me, and my life hanging out with "old cricketers" truly began.

When too much cricket is never enough... and with grade cricket on Saturdays, Over 45s or Over 60s local comps at least every second Sunday, a couple of National Championships and at least another four or five State and other carnivals each season, that's a lot of cricket to be involved in. No wonder my husband couldn't wait to retire! He still shakes his head that as a plodding low grade, medium pace bowler he can still play cricket, open the bowling and represent his State whilst seeing the country. He was incredibly proud that he was the ACT Captain at the very first O65s Nationals, but I think he'd well surpassed his dream that day in Benalla.

In my family we were brought up to value volunteering, and it's something I've been doing since I was about 12, with Girl Guides since then and dipping my toes in elsewhere when something interests me. About 9 months on volunteering in this role I can say how much I am truly enjoying being part of Veterans Cricket off the field – and it's definitely interesting!

The Board continues to meet approximately every six weeks from February through until late November, using Zoom to facilitate these meetings which brings representatives of the seven states and territories, and five playing groups that make up VCA together. During 2024 we will hold an AGM and 9 General Meetings.

From my perspective there are several admin projects that need to be worked on in the next 12 months, possibly by myself, with other Board and VCA members and with our new Executive Officer.

- We need to review and finalise the National Championships Manual, even though we did roll out a new, but not complete version just prior to this season.
- We need to simplify the various National Championships Playing Conditions, with one common document and a page of Playing Group specific information.

- I'd love to get on top of our cloud storage, moving documents from the last three years there into an archive, making it easy to find what you need, and making it the go to place to store day to day files for VCA but also records from championships and further afield.
- Lastly, our website. Working with Bill Kidd, we need to make the navigation more intuitive and user friendly, it needs to be viewable on devices (not just a computer) and we need to ensure all our documents on it are the latest versions possible.
- I'd also love to investigate if/how we can hang pages for each National Championships off it as an easy method of communication, similar to the page the Women had for their Nationals this year in Adelaide. Of course that means more volunteer time to write, format and upload the information... we shall see!

Thanks to Murray for asking me to take this position on (no regrets yet!), and to other executive members for providing guidance when needed. I'd also like to thank everyone else on the Board for your timely contributions for each meeting, your welcome to the new outsider on the block, your patience, generosity of time and friendliness. Hopefully I'll meet more of you in person this year.

Rhonda

Rhonda Foley

Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

VETERANS CRICKET AUSTRALIA INC

Treasurers Report for 2023/24 Season

AGM November 29 2024

The audited accounts for the season are attached.

The extent of a growing international commitment with tours to pay upfront registration and accommodation deposits continues to threaten but has not yet materialised. The need to keep a minimum balance of \$ 80,000 to cover this aspect needs to be maintained however. The overall balance total of the two accounts as at June 30 2024 was \$ 107,114.

Our only stand-alone income generating items are Cricket Australia Grants, Sponsorships, Affiliation Fees and Bank Interest. Our thanks to Cricket Australia and our Sponsors - Kingsgrove Sports, Kookaburra Sports and Exotic Tours for their continued support.

Discussions have been held at Board level on the possible paid appointment of an Executive Officer. An appointment is planned for early 2025, and a levy on each registered player in Australia of \$ 10 has been approved to cover this cost.

During this season the Board, on my recommendation, appointed Michael Van Zuyden as an assistant Treasurer. This was purely Succession Planning, the aim being that Michael will take over the Treasurers role as soon as he is able to do so. This is expected to be within the next 12 months

The Balance Sheet item "Prepayments and Accruals/Liabilities" shows an amount of \$ 11,900 that is represented by two clothing subsidy payments being made during the current season but relating to the previous season.

I have included with this report a spreadsheet showing the comparable figures for the last 8 years since the incorporation of the board.

My apologies for my non-attendance at this meeting as I am holidaying overseas. Michael will be standing in for me.

My regards



Neville Crane

Treasurer

10/11/24

MANN, SMITH & ASSOCIATES

CPA

Public Accountants - Registered Tax Agents

Reg. Tax Agent 76229006

ABN 62 377 937 573

VETERANS CRICKET AUSTRALIA INC.

REPORT TO MEMBERS

From a review of the financial records of Veterans Cricket Australia Inc. and information provided, I have formed the view that the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, to be circulated to members, present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at that date and the operations for the year then ended.

Signed



Richard Sykes CPA

14th September 2024

Profit and Loss

Veterans Cricket Australia

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Trading Income		
Bank Interest	2,514.40	1,017.67
Cricket Australia Grants	20,000.00	15,000.00
International Tours in Australia	-	15,010.00
International Tours in UK	55,986.22	-
International Tours to West Indies	-	18,154.00
Kookaburra Royalty Program	4,646.40	6,813.60
Sponsorships	29,500.00	27,500.00
State/Territory Affiliation Fees	2,400.00	3,300.00
Toyota 'Good for Cricket' Raffle	2,319.14	-
VCA Annual Championships Profit Share	-	19,214.95
World Cup Overseas	5,951.09	-
World Cups in Australia	-	30,947.00
Total Trading Income	123,317.25	136,957.22
Gross Profit	123,317.25	136,957.22
Operating Expenses		
Audit Fee	104.00	54.80
Bank Fees	-	2.00
Compliance/Consumer Affairs	108.90	-
Executive Honorariums	3,800.00	3,000.00
International Tour Apparel Subsidy	25,900.00	12,400.00
International Tour to New Zealand	1,600.00	-
International Tours in Aust Ashes Subsidy	-	2,500.00
International Tours in Australia Expenses	-	16,536.93
International Tours in UK Expenses	58,486.22	-
Kookaburra Royalty Program Rebates	3,871.40	3,248.00
Meeting Expenses - Telephone & Video Conferencing	230.89	-
Meeting Expenses - Travel/Air Fares	-	200.80
Overseas Tour in West Indies	-	18,154.00
Overseas Tour to Canada	2,500.00	-
Telephone & Internet	3,948.43	159.72
Trophies	-	681.85
VCA Championships Grants	-	25,000.00
World Cup in Australia	-	40,847.00
World Cups Overseas	17,034.96	3,125.50
Xero Accounting Fees	725.16	672.60
Total Operating Expenses	118,309.96	126,583.20
Net Profit	5,007.29	10,374.02

Balance Sheet

Veterans Cricket Australia

As at 30 June 2024

Accrual Basis

	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
Assets		
Bank		
Bendigo Bank - e-Banking Savin	63,812.35	41,297.95
Veterans Cricket Australia	43,301.47	40,408.58
Total Bank	107,113.82	81,706.53
Current Assets		
Prepayments	4,000.00	40,590.00
Total Current Assets	4,000.00	40,590.00
Total Assets	111,113.82	122,296.53
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Wages Payable - Payroll	11,900.00	-
Total Current Liabilities	11,900.00	-
Non-current Liabilities		
Prepaid Income	-	28,090.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	-	28,090.00
Total Liabilities	11,900.00	28,090.00
Net Assets	99,213.82	94,206.53
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	5,007.29	10,374.02
Retained Earnings	94,206.53	83,832.51
Total Equity	99,213.82	94,206.53

Veterans Cricket Australia Inc

Profit & Loss

Year Ended

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>30 6 17</u>	<u>30 6 18</u>	<u>30 6 19</u>	<u>30 6 20</u>	<u>30 6 21</u>	<u>30 6 22</u>	<u>30 6 23</u>	<u>30 6 24</u>
State/Territory Affiliation Fees	\$1,200	\$2,100	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$3,300	\$2,400
Australian Championships Profit Share	\$0	\$8,056	\$7,977	\$15,089	\$0	\$0	\$19,215	\$0
Australian Championships Player Levy	\$0	\$15,230	\$11,520	\$19,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sponsorships	\$0	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$34,313	\$34,147
International Tours in Australia	\$30	\$121,087	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,957	\$0
International Tours Overseas	\$13,163	\$1,007	\$144,328	\$5,380	\$0	\$0	\$18,154	\$61,937
Cricket Australia Grants	\$5,485	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Cricket Apparel Profit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,157	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Donations Received	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,319
Bank Interest Received	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12	\$117	\$151	\$1,018	\$2,514
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$20,278	\$172,480	\$196,225	\$73,278	\$20,017	\$27,551	\$136,957	\$123,317
<u>LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES</u>								
International Tours in Australia	\$0	\$113,875	\$300	\$0	\$220	\$0	\$57,384	\$0
International Tours Overseas	\$13,163	\$1,450	\$147,293	\$10,218	\$0	\$0	\$21,279	\$79,622
VCA Australian Championships Grants	\$3,500	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
International Tours Apparel Subsidy	\$0	\$2,800	\$11,000	\$7,482	\$0	\$0	\$12,400	\$25,900
Intern'l Tours in Aust State Subsidies	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$5,480	\$2,500	\$0
CEO Salary	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Executive Honorariums	\$0	\$2,300	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$600	\$3,000	\$3,800
Meeting Expenses - Accommodation	\$0	\$2,840	\$2,552	\$846	\$0	\$1,116	\$0	\$0
Meeting Expenses - Air Fares/Travel	\$1,837	\$3,482	\$4,285	\$2,282	\$0	\$3,182	\$201	\$0
Meeting Expenses - Catering/Room Hire	\$471	\$782	\$321	\$311	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bank Fees	\$0	\$8	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$0
Compliance/Consumer Affairs	\$0	\$0	\$58	\$0	\$185	\$152	\$54	\$213
Kookaburra Royalty Rebates to States	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,248	\$3,871
Administration Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Donations Paid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising/Marketing/Promotions	\$0	\$0	\$5,664	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Awards	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$874	\$452	\$0	\$682	\$0
Insurance Championship Players	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,222	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Planning Conference	\$0	\$4,070	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Printing & Stationery	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Telephone & Internet	\$175	\$1,203	\$247	\$0	\$114	\$231	\$160	\$4,179
Travel Domestic	\$0	\$0	\$580	\$319	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Xero Expense	\$0	\$356	\$570	\$570	\$570	\$593	\$673	\$725
Memberships/Affiliations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Expense	\$19,546	\$150,666	\$184,372	\$59,124	\$1,541	\$11,354	\$126,583	\$118,310
<u>NET PROFIT</u>	<u>\$732</u>	<u>\$21,814</u>	<u>\$11,853</u>	<u>\$14,154</u>	<u>\$18,476</u>	<u>\$16,197</u>	<u>\$10,374</u>	<u>\$5,007</u>

WOMENS PLAYING GROUP REPORT

VCA AGM 29 November 2024 – Women's Report

Women's National Organising Committee

- Jessica Henry – NSW/ Chair
- Gail Schmidt – VIC/ Deputy Chair
- Shellee Hereora - VIC
- Jennifer Riatti – WA
- Lynn Hendley – TAS
- Rosemary Gan – QLD
- Joanne Posgate – NT
- Glenni Gabb – SA

3rd Women's Veterans National Championships

Our third National Championship was hosted by South Australia in Adelaide 27-31 October.

Highlights:

- 20 teams across 3 divisions, an increase from 15 teams in Wollongong 2023.
- With support from SAVCA, Northern Territory entered a team for the first time.
- Meet and Greet held for the first time on the Saturday night with around 250 attendees.
- Sunday evening 27th – Hosted by Cricket Australia, all teams attended the WBBL Renegades v Sixers match at the Adelaide Oval. We had the opportunity to have team photos on the ground during the innings break. Jess Henry was also interviewed by Ch 7's Emma Freedman during the Sixers innings.
- Almost 300 people attended the Presentation dinner on Thursday night 31st.
- The carnival website was the hub of all information making it easy to provide updates to all players leading into the carnival. [2024 Womens O40 Nationals | SAVCA](#)
- In short, the Championship was an outstanding success, and the SAVCA Women's Organising Committee is to be congratulated.

Title winners:

- Div 1 – QLD defeated NSW.
- Div 2 – Victoria Emeralds defeated Victoria Sapphires.
- Div 3 – NT Cros defeated Victoria Opals

Future Women's National Championships

- 2025 – Under discussion – Hoping to resolve by the end of November.
- 2026 – TAS
- 2027 – TBC
- 2028 - TBC

Acknowledgements and Appreciation

- *Women's National Organising Committee* - As chair of the women's committee, I extend my enormous thanks to my fellow committee members, and particularly Joanne Posgate for bringing Northern Territory to the Nationals.
- *SAVCA* – Delivered an outstanding and largest championship to date.
- *VCA Board* – Murray Harrison, Rhonda Foley, Dixie Daws (SAVCA support of the 2024 Nationals), and the entire Board for your fabulous encouragement and support over the past 12 months.

The Women's Vets journey is gathering pace, and we are excited for the future.

Jessica Henry

Women's Cricket Representative

On behalf of the Women's Organising Committee



OVER 40S PLAYING GROUP REPORT

No report submitted

OVER 50S PLAYING GROUP REPORT

Playing Summary

In ambitious program to prepare for the 2025 World Cup, the Australian side participated in 3 Tournaments

1. **New Zealand – Quad series** Australia, USA, New Zealand and New Zealand A
After losing a warm up Game to the USA – the team went up a notch to claim the Quad series undefeated to claim the title. Following the quad series wins against USA made the tour an overwhelming success.
2. **UK Tour –**
Games vs Ireland (W) , Wales (L) and England (L,L)
Essex (W), Sussex(W) saw the team enter the Marlborough Cup with high expectations
Wins against India, England and Wales saw us win the Marlborough Cup.
3. **Spirit of Cricket Festivale – Tri Series –** Australia, New Zealand, Australia A
A tremendous tournament and to have Australia A participant showed the good depth we currently enjoy. With both teams playing off in a closely contested final was great to watch

Overall during 2024 the Australian team has Played 22 matches – winning 18
25 players were used during the year plus an additional 10 for Aust A

Board Matters

All states were again represented on the Board plus 2 non voting positions of Player Liaison and Marketing and media. It is likely that there will be a high turnover of positions in the coming year
Indigenous proposal for inclusion in National championships at the expense of NZ – Well discussed and a more workable solution provided.

2025 and Beyond

February 2025 – World Cup in Sri Lanka
April 2025 – Australia Over 55s to Play Australian Aboriginal over 50s in Mackay
September 2025 – Spirit of Cricket Festivale – Likely to involve New Zealand, USA and possibly Canada. Potential to Have 50s and 55s from All 4 Countries
September 2026 – Spirit of Cricket Festivale – Likely to involve New Zealand, TBA. Potential to have 50s and 55s from all 3 Countries

NZ keen to explore more Internationals in a regular time slot in Feb/Mar for both 50s and 55s.

Sponsorship

In conjunction with the Over 40s – a tender process for the supply of Clothing was conducted and ratified by the VCA Board – the Successful Bid can from ICON Sports QLD. The main focus was on cost to players and overall benefit to the age groups. The agreement is for 2 years.

Other playing groups are able to participate should they wish – ICON and the over 60s have held a preliminary meeting.

National Championships

50s Newcastle – November

55s ACT – December

Moving forward

O50s

2025 – Brisbane Qld

2026 -Perth WA

O55s

2025 – Tasmania venue TBC

2026 -Queensland – Looking at Mackay

Finance

AUSTRALIAN OVER40 & OVER 50S CRICKET ASSOCIATION			
STANDARD FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
OVER 50's 2025			
Statement of Income and Expenditure			
Period 01 July 2024 to 1 November 2024			
Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
interest	\$ 37.53	Stumps England	\$ 290.00
SOC - Tri series	\$ 2,000.00	ties and caps	\$ 1,036.00
Aust A balls	\$ 329.00	banners Tri series	\$ 733.70
		Training balls	\$ 654.00
		bank fees	\$ 0.80
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,366.53	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,714.50
Operating Surplus	\$ (347.97)		

AUSTRALIAN OVER40 & OVER 50S CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet

OVER 50's 2025

Period 01 July 24 to 1 November 2024

Cash At Bank	\$
Opening Balance 01 July 24	14,413.94
	\$
receipts	2,366.53
	\$
expenditure	2,714.50
	\$
Balanced cash	14,065.97
	\$
cash at Bank1/11/24	14,065.97
	\$
variance	-

Other

NZ Inclusion in championships – the current arrangement is in place until end of 2026

Currently NZ have been guaranteed places in DIV 1 and 2 in both 50s and 55s should they wish to take them up

Discussions are currently underway with Northern Territory for inclusion in 50s in 2025.

Andrew Knight

Board Chairman

Australian Over 50s

OVER 60S PLAYING GROUP REPORT

Over 60's Report **AGM Friday 29th November 2024**



The year 2024 was an exciting time for o60's Australian Veterans Cricket.

During February and March, the second IMC World Cup was held in Chennai India.

Australia after 2 weeks and 5 pool matches eventually topped their group following a shock loss to the West Indies.

Australia then defeated New Zealand in the qualifying final and eventually were able to defeat England in the final and become world champions.

The inaugural o65's championships were held in Mackay Qld.

The winners were

- Division 1 NSW Blue
- Division 2 NSW Waratahs

This year it was Brisbane Qld that hosted the o60's championships of 3 divisions.

The winners were

- Division 1 NSW
- Division 2 VIC
- Division 3 VIC

Going forward we have on the international calendar

- Australian tour of New Zealand – March 2025 – Confirmed
- Australian tour of the UK – July 2025 – Highly likely
- Tri series in Pakistan (Sept – Dec 2025 ???)(Aust, Eng, Pak) – in discussion stage only
- Tri series in Australia - March 2026 (NZ, Aust, Aust A) – Highly Likely
- IMC World Cup Toronto – August 2026 – Confirmed.



Claude Orlando
Chair of Over 60s Committee

OVER 70s PLAYING GROUP REPORT

Over 70s Committee:

Serving the Over 70s Veterans Cricket community during the last twelve months have been Phil Lambert (Queensland), Greg Tideman (NSW), Roger Edmunds (Tasmania), Noel Sharpe (Victoria), Ron Axelby (ACT), and Michael Boyd (WA). These gentlemen exude a love of cricket and exemplify the spirit of cricket. I thank them all for their endeavour, support and, above all, for their wonderful friendship. This simple committee form of governance serves the VCA exceptionally.

National Championships:

Bunbury 2023: Michael Boyd headed the team which conducted last year's Championships, an event which showcased the delights of the Southwest of WA. The carnival was extremely successful, with great competitive cricket being played and treasured friendships shared. Victoria Blue won Division 1, while first time winners were Tasmania in Division 2 and ACT Yellow in Division 3. A very full Partners Program enhanced the proceedings, and we thank the Western Australian team for running such a successful event.

Dubbo 2024: All indications are that this year's Championships will be equally as successful as last year's, with Greg Tideman, David Head, Phil Smith and the NSW Organizing Committee doing an exceptionally thorough job of preparing for this two division, sixteen team competition.

Review: The playing conditions of the 2024 Championships have been changed slightly. For the first time, batters will retire after 40 balls faced and will be able to return to the crease as long as ten wickets have not fallen. Unlimited runs may be scored. Players, managers and umpires will be surveyed at the end of the carnival, enabling a review of all aspects of the Championships.

Future National Championships are planned to be held in the Sunshine Coast during September of 2025 and in the ACT at the end of 2026.

The World Cup:

The Australian team performed brilliantly, dominating the lead up games and minor rounds, only to be beaten narrowly in the final. Detailed reports have been made previously but it is of value to reiterate:

- The Selection Panel of one member from each state/territory worked collegiately and excellently, deserving great credit for their undertakings.
- The managerial team of Ian A Gibson and Heather Farley worked meticulously and brilliantly, deserving great credit and thanks for their efficient and effective conducting of the tour.
- The leadership of Kevin Lanigan was exceptional, as he captained the squad excellently.
- Including four lead-up games in the tour program was extremely valuable and should become a part of future tours.
- All players contributed to the team and shared a wonderful camaraderie.

Future International Tours:

The National Over 70s team will tour New Zealand in March 2025. The team will be based in Christchurch and play three One Day Internationals.

Negotiations have begun for the English Over 70s team to visit Australia for a Grey Ashes tour to be held in November/ December of 2025

Over 75s:

In 2023 and 2024 an Over 75s Celebration of Cricket has been held in Albury/Wodonga. It has been a huge success with teams from NSW, Victoria and the ACT playing. Optional rules have been applied to encourage the youthful aged to compete. It is hoped that teams from other states will participate in the Carnival during March of 2025, thus laying the foundation for its recognition as a full National Championship in 2026. Thank you to Kevin Pike and the NSW Committee for their fine leading work in this area.

Conclusion

Over 70s cricket is flourishing and growing across the country. It is a joy. It allows for fierce competition at all levels from local events to World Cups. It delivers opportunities for the mature athlete to be tested. It enables men and women to continue participating in the game they love at their chosen level, from grassroots to international. It provides opportunities for all involved to share precious friendships. Its positive impact on the physical health and emotional well-being of players cannot be understated. Well done to the VCA and state associations for facilitating this. Long may it thrive!

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Christopher Daw

Chair of Over 70s Committee

UMPIRE LIAISON MANAGER REPORT

(a) VCA Helmet Policy

"In any circumstance, umpires do not accept responsibility for a batter's decision to not wear a compliant protective helmet."

(b) Umpires for VCA Events in 2024

The VCA Umpire Coordinator network has provided umpires for the seven VCA National Cricket Championships being conducted. In total, more than 180 umpiring positions were available, and filled this year by 127 different male and female umpires from across all Australian states and territories, as well as New Zealand and South Africa. The anticipated standard VCA umpire field shirt is an obvious saving of resources. Perhaps it won't be long before we also have a National Championship for the Over 75 cohort.

(c) Development and Finalisation of Playing Conditions

Numerous suggestions have been made by umpires, with some adopted and many rejected. The wording of extreme heat and helmet policies still appear to vary across the Playing Groups. Progress in updating PCs has been slow in general. PCs for Nationals are often embraced by states for their own State Championships, under the rationale that their players should be familiar with playing under the PCs which many of them will encounter at National Championships. VCA PCs affect more people than just the elite players competing in National Championships. Playing Group or Age Committees will hopefully finalise any amendments being considered in a timely manner, with a view to improving consistency across the Playing Groups where appropriate, incorporation of relevant VCA decisions, and removal of any duplication of The MCC Laws of Cricket and unnecessary contradictions with The Laws. **All VCA Playing Groups are challenged to review and simplify their PCs to match these criteria.**

(d) Vote of Thanks

I would like to thank the VCA Executive and Board for your confidence and support. It has been a great opportunity and an interesting endeavour. And for their cooperation and assistance, thanks to the VCA Championship Umpire Coordinators and Organising Committees, and the Playing Groups. Particular thanks to VCA Secretary Rhonda Foley for helping to review Sections 11 and 17, and Appendices B, E and G in the VCA Championship Manual (September 2024 edition) – hopefully to be implemented by all Playing Groups very soon. And a very special thanks to the network of Veterans Cricket State and Territory Umpire Coordinators for their input, not only in the recruitment of interstate umpires to help resource VCA events and to accompany VCA touring teams, but also in reviewing current practices, including umpire officiating allowances and the effectiveness of Playing Conditions. They are: Shane Boyle (Western Australia), Stephen Brown (South Australia), Mike Gandy (Tasmania), Nelma Grout (Queensland), Ian Pryde (NSW), Bill Ruse (ACT), Mike Slattery (Victoria) and Robert Stewart (Northern Territory).

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