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BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

2026

Cricket Australia Masters

Presented to the Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27 August 2026



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Agenda

Welcome and Attendance

Cricket Australia Masters wishes to acknowledge the traditional custodians and owners of the lands on which we administer, promote and play cricket. We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present, and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their unique and ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to the land, waters and seas of Australia -
John Jewiss

Apologies and Proxies

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

- 1 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 9 October 2025.
- 2 To receive and consider:
 - a. The Annual Reports of the Board President and Secretary of the activities of the Association and Board during the preceding financial year
 - b. 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:
 - a. Chair of the Women's Playing Group Committee
 - b. Chair of the Over 40s Playing Group Committee
 - c. Acting Chair of the Over 50s Playing Group Committee
 - d. Chair of the Over 60s Playing Group Committee
 - e. Chair of the Over 70s Playing Group Committee
 - f. CAM National Umpire Coordinators
- 4 To declare vacant all Board positions. Board members/Directors to be elected and appointed by the Advisory Group as soon as possible after the AGM, as per the CAM Constitution.
- 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 Previous AGM

Cricket Australia Masters Incorporated 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 9 October 2025

8.00pm AEDT (via video conference)

Welcome

The President welcomed all to the 2025 Annual General Meeting and declared that a quorum was present.

Acknowledgement of Country – John Jewiss

Attendance

Murray Harrison, Michael Whitehead, Michael (Bish) Van Zuyden, Rhonda Foley, Jess Henry, Claude Orlando, Chris (Dixie) Daw, John Jewiss, Guy Randell, Justin Poole, Angus Kingsmill, Rod Rice, Joe Gunning

Apologies and proxies

Neville Crane, Brett Crawford (Justin Poole), Kevin Walker, Jason Hamling

The President asked the meeting if anyone present had a conflict of interest with anything to be covered. None declared.

Ordinary business:

- 1 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 29 November 2024.
Moved Claude, seconded Rod, carried.
- 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
Moved John, seconded Dixie, that the reports above be accepted. Carried.
 - The Financial Statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the past Treasurer Neville Crane, on behalf of the Board in accordance with Part 7 of the Act.
Moved Michael VZ, seconded Dixie, that the financial statements be accepted as a true and correct record of the financial state of the Association. Carried.

The President expressed the Board's appreciation to Neville Crane for the nine years that he has been part of the Board, fulfilling the role of Treasurer with professionalism, wisdom and commitment. Thank you.

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/CAM Umpire Liaison Manager

4 To elect/appoint the office bearers of the Board. Secretary Rhonda Foley took the chair to call for nominations for the role of President.

- **President** – Murray Harrison was nominated by Claude, seconded by Guy, and there being no further nominations Murray was appointed as President.
- **Vice President** – Murray resumed the chair and asked for nominations for the role of Vice President. Murray nominated Michael Whitehead for the role, seconded by Dixie. There being no further nominations Michael was appointed as Vice President.
- **Secretary** – Rhonda Foley was appointed as Secretary.
- **Treasurer** – Michael van Zuyden was appointed as Treasurer.

5 To appoint an auditor as required – Mark Ainsworth was appointed to the Auditor role, pending acceptance.

6 To confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscriptions and joining fee – it was decided to leave the annual subscription to CAM by member states and territories at \$300.00. **MOTION: to leave the annual subscription at \$300.00. Moved John, seconded Claude. Carried.**

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Murray Harrison
President CAM

Rhonda Foley
Secretary CAM

Recorded by Rhonda Foley
12/10/2025

President's Report

Dear Board Members,

As I put together this Annual Report, my first and most heartfelt task is to thank each of you for your tireless work throughout the year. The commitment you have all shown to Cricket Australia Masters — often behind the scenes, and always in addition to your own busy lives — has been the foundation on which every achievement outlined below has been built. On behalf of the membership, thank you.

National Championships

A major highlight of the year has been the successful completion of national championships across every one of our playing groups: the Over 40s, Over 50s, Over 55s, Over 60s, Over 65s, Over 70s, Over 75s and Women. To see all eight groups complete their championships, each run to the high standard our members have come to expect, is a real credit to everyone involved.

None of this happens without an enormous amount of voluntary effort, and I want to specifically thank the Playing Group committees and the State and Territory Organising committees for their conduct of these championships. Their planning, organisation and on-the-ground work throughout the year made these events possible, and I know I speak for every player who took part when I say how much that effort is appreciated.

International Cricket

At the international level it has been an extremely busy year — in fact, one of the busiest and most successful in our history. I would like to take a moment to recognise the achievements of each of our touring groups.

The Over 40s enjoyed a standout year, winning the inaugural Over 40s T20 World Cup, touring New Zealand, and fielding Australia A touring sides to both New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

The Over 50s were similarly active, participating in the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival in Mildura and touring New Zealand, a tour that included the first ever International Masters Test Match. They also took part in the Intercontinental Cup in Houston, USA. I would also like to acknowledge the Australian Over 50s Aboriginal team, who toured New Zealand during the year on their first ever international tour — a significant and proud milestone for the group.

The Over 55s participated in the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival in Mildura and the Cape Town International tournament, as well as touring both South Africa and New Zealand.

The Over 60s completed a series against New Zealand here in Australia and, at the time of writing, are currently competing in the Over 60s World Cup in Toronto.

The Over 65s completed a series against Sri Lanka in Australia, played against the Australian and English Over 70s teams in Adelaide, and took part in a quad series against Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Australia A here at home.

The Over 70s completed a Silver Ashes series against England in Australia and were runners-up in the Over 70s World Cup in New Zealand — a terrific result against strong opposition.

Taken together, this represents an extraordinarily busy and successful year for Australian Masters teams both at home and abroad. My sincere thanks go to all the volunteers — managers, coaches, officials, host committees and support staff — both here in Australia and on tour, who helped make these events such wonderful occasions for everyone involved.

Governance and Constitutional Reform

This year has also seen significant change to our governance, including changes to the Constitution and the implementation of a revised Board structure, both of which have been covered in detail in previous communications from the Board. This has been substantial and important work, and once again I want to thank all those who have contributed to this process — it will leave Cricket Australia Masters better placed for the years ahead.

Looking Ahead

As I look to the future, I remain genuinely excited about what lies ahead for Masters cricket in Australia. Our fixture list continues to grow, our international relationships continue to strengthen, and the appetite among our members to keep playing the game they love shows no sign of slowing.

It is worth pausing to reflect on why that matters. Masters cricket offers our members real and lasting benefits for both physical and mental health — the fitness, discipline and sense of purpose that come from training and competing at any age, along with the mental wellbeing that comes from being part of a team and working towards a shared goal. Just as importantly, it offers the opportunity for social interaction and genuine friendship, whether that is with teammates at a local club, opponents from interstate, or fellow travellers on tour. These benefits, as much as the results on the field, are what make our organisation worth investing in, and they will continue to guide how we plan for the future.

Thank you once again, to every member of the Board, for your dedication and support throughout the year. As I will be stepping down as President at the upcoming AGM, I do so with great pride in

what we have achieved together and every confidence that Cricket Australia Masters is in good hands for the years ahead. It has been a privilege to serve in this role, and I thank you all for the support you have given me throughout my time as President.

Yours in cricket,

Murray Harrison

President, Cricket Australia Masters

Secretary's Report

Nearly 12 months have passed since the last Cricket Australia Masters AGM, and as others have mentioned, much of that time has been spent imagining, planning, creating and most critically embedding into our Constitution how CAM will be governed into the future. There are exciting times ahead for eight CAM members who will ultimately be entrusted to make up the Board, to guide us as we soar, as an organisation, “to infinity and beyond”!

During the last 12 months the Board continued to meet every 6 weeks or thereabouts, using Zoom to facilitate meetings and ensuring that all compliance and governance requirements were fulfilled.

- Our financial reports were lodged with Victorian Consumer Affairs, the body that CAM holds its incorporation under
- Office Bearer details were updated as required
- The new Constitution was lodged with Victorian Consumer Affairs ensuring that the Board restructure could go ahead as planned
- The necessary form, documents and financial statements were lodged with NSW Fair Trading to finalise the cancellation of registration of the Australian Over 40s & 50s Cricket Association Incorporated. Both the O40s and O50s are now operating as Playing Groups, to come under the CAM banner and into line with the Women, O60s and O70s.
- Documents that are mandated to be in the public domain are all available on the website.

Looking at the major projects that had been partially completed as at the last AGM:

Refresh of both the **National Championships Manual** and the **Playing Conditions Consolidated Document**. These documents will always be a work in progress, and a refresh and subsequent publication in a timely manner will continue to be a challenge for the new Board. Both documents are close to being circulated at the time of writing.

A **Website Refresh** has been completed, and in the last month some work has gone into ensuring that the majority of available documents are CAM branded and up to date. Of course there is much work to be done by the new Board on a suite of documents to take CAM into the future. The best part is that Google will find them!

Slowly **Role Based Email addresses** are being rolled out to Board and Playing Group members, but unfortunately there has not always been the take-up that we envisioned. Those who are using a CAM email address find that it allows us to present a professional and united look when communicating with “outsiders”, and it really makes it easy to keep track of emails as they are separated from personal/work/other entity emails.

Cloud Storage is tied up with everyone embracing the Role Based email addresses, which will enable access to the One Drive/SharePoint portal. At this stage use of CAM’s SharePoint is in its infancy and I’m expecting that one of the new Directors will work to put some policy around its use, then eventually enable all to work in this space.

Masters cricket is an incredible “thing”, though it is really more like a dynamic “movement” with the way it’s been barrelling along at such a rapid pace in Australia. Numbers are snowballing and opportunities for involvement are growing, in part due to the work the current Board has accomplished. With a new Board and scope to achieve more, the future ahead looks extremely pink ball rosy.

As the old ways draw to a close, I’d like to put on record how much I have enjoyed working with every member of the current Board. Even though we have met via screens I have been lucky to meet many of you face to face and hope to catch up with others in the future. Your professionalism, wise words, love of cricket and leadership of the Board or your states or playing groups have made this adventure so rich and rewarding for me.

As the new ways sprint into view, I wish the new Board and Advisory Group the best of success, measured I’m sure in a contemporary fashion using KPIs and dashboards 😊

In your new roles don’t forget that volunteerism is the glue that makes a functional society work. Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless... and

don't ever lose sight of why you're in this volunteer role – because we are all passionate about the game of cricket and believe wholeheartedly in the movement that is Masters cricket.

Rhonda Foley

Secretary

Cricket Australia Masters

Treasurer's Report

The audited Financial Reports are reported below.

Another successful season for Masters cricket. Our states successfully hosted eight Nationals on behalf of CAM for all the age groups and both genders. Our Australian teams were busy touring all parts of the world. New Zealand in particular hosted the O40s, O50s and the O70s World Cup. This kept my role humming throughout the season, assisting financially and keeping the teams supplied with baggies, ties, CAM blazer pockets, Helmet covers and CAM lapel pins. CAM continues to support new Australian players by providing CAM blazers.

CAM's Bank accounts remain in a healthy position, assisted by the executive levy collections. Our prepayments are represented by baggies, ties, CAM blazer pockets, Helmet covers, CAM lapel pins and ICON caps and floppies held in stock for future tours. Prepaid Income holds Executive Officer wages for the next two seasons and O60s Team registration fees for the Quad series that was held in Queensland this July.

This season CAM invested in SharePoint and role based email addresses for all, and upgrading our website which influenced our financial result. Kookaburra continues to sponsor CAM (\$10,000), and RJR Sports also contributed \$8,000. Stephen Fildes and Guy Randell sponsored \$3000 towards our Nationals Umpires Shirts. Another \$3000 received for Bank Interest. CAM contributed to each age group Team Managers for their service provided.

I will recommend to the new Board that for season 2027-28 CAM removes the executive levy because we will have accumulated three seasons of future wages.

Kind Regards

Michael Van Zuyden

CAM Treasurer

Profit and Loss

Cricket Australia Masters

For the year ended 30 June 2026

2026

INCOME

Sponsorships	21,000.00
State/Territory Affiliation Fees	2,400.00
Bank Interest	3,083.34
Total INCOME	26,483.34

Gross Profit	26,483.34
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Operating Expenses

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Wages and Salaries	25,000.00
Superannuation	3,120.00
Executive Officer Levy	(28,120.00)
Total EXECUTIVE OFFICER	-

INTERNATIONALS

International Tours in Australia Expenses	32,787.44
International Tours in Australia	(34,161.15)
International Tour to New Zealand Expense	7,206.00
International Tours to New Zealand	(4,716.85)
International Tour in South Africa	26,572.07
International Tours to South Africa	(25,561.71)
International Tours in UK Expenses	3,500.00
International Tour in USA	21,823.93
International Tours to USA	(20,555.25)
World Cups Overseas	15,252.26
World Cup Overseas	(4,952.64)
International Tour Apparel	269.79
Total INTERNATIONALS	17,463.89

NATIONALS

National's Umpire Shirts	7,122.45
Umpire Shirts Nationals contribution	(6,527.46)
Total NATIONALS	594.99

Xero Accounting Fees	849.75
Audit Fee	110.00
Compliance/Consumer Affairs	200.30
Bank Fees	60.00
Meeting Expenses - Telephone & Video Conferencing	246.29
Consultation expenses	3,667.40
Technology Initiatives	14,355.00
Subscriptions	1,498.35

General Expenses	588.00
Total Operating Expenses	39,633.97
Net Profit	(13,150.63)

Balance Sheet

Cricket Australia Masters As at 30 June 2026

30 JUNE 2026

Assets

Bank

Bendigo Bank - Cricket Australia Masters (operational a/c)	40,665.48
Bendigo Bank - Cricket Australia Masters Investment a/c	93,999.76
Total Bank	134,665.24

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	4,828.43
Prepayments	12,330.30
Total Current Assets	17,158.73

Total Assets	151,823.97
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

PAYG Withholdings Payable	264.00
Superannuation Payable	720.00
Total Current Liabilities	984.00

Non-current Liabilities

Prepaid Income	55,787.58
Total Non-current Liabilities	55,787.58

Total Liabilities	56,771.58
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Net Assets	95,052.39
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Equity

Current Year Earnings	(13,150.63)
Retained Earnings	108,203.02
Total Equity	95,052.39

CAM - Accounts Receivable

18/11/2023 # 134	WA Bunbury o33s	\$ 800.00	Umpire's Shirts
14/04/2026 # 173	Aust o63s	\$ 821.10	Baggies, Ties ?
20/04/2026 # 175	NZ	\$ 300.00	Affiliation
22/04/2026 # 176	Aust o40s	\$ 1,361.25	Caps, Sunhats
7/06/2026 #180	CAM o30s	\$ 208.00	Debut baggies
7/06/2026 #181	Aust o30s	\$ 941.40	Apparel supplies
		<u>\$ 4,431.75</u>	

Tuesday, 30 June 2026

CAM - Prepayments

APPAREL/SUPPLIES

SUPPLIER	ITEM	PURCHASED			ISSUED				STOCK	
					40s	50s	60s	70s		
Wise Schools	Ties	30	495.00	\$ 9.90	25	25			0	-
Designer Helmet Covers	Helmet Covers	30	1,100.00	\$ 22.00	6	44			0	-
Baggy Caps	Baggies	39	2,950.00	\$ 30.00		44		15	0	-
Designer Helmet Covers	Helmet Covers	30	1,100.00	\$ 22.00	20	10	15	5	0	-
ICON 1427	Caps = yellow	100	2,805.00	\$ 28.05	25	75			0	-
ICON 1427	Caps = green	30	1,402.50	\$ 28.05	15	35			0	-
ICON 1643	Caps = green	30	1,402.50	\$ 28.05	11	25	14		0	-
Alibaba	Gift pins	3000	2,400.00	\$ 0.48	350	565	400	150	3535	1,696.80
Baggy Caps	Baggies - Gold	40	1,960.00	\$ 49.00	14				26	1,274.00
Baggy Caps	Test Baggies	30	1,508.00	\$ 50.27		13			17	854.53
Baggy Caps	Baggies	30	2,538.00	\$ 50.76	15	7	25	1	2	101.52
Designer Helmet Covers	Helmet Covers	30	1,100.00	\$ 22.00		7	5		38	836.00
Wise Schools	Blazer pockets	62	1,023.00	\$ 16.50	18	3	9	2	30	495.00
Wise Schools	Ties	160	1,584.00	\$ 9.90		10	29	4	117	1,158.30
Wise Schools	Spare Blazers	9	2,108.70	\$ 234.30					9	2,108.70
ICON 1595	Caps = yellow	100	2,805.00	\$ 28.05	11	41	47		1	28.05
ICON 1595	Sun Hats	30	1,485.00	\$ 29.70	9	15	17		9	267.30
ICON 1664	Caps = yellow	30	1,402.50	\$ 28.05					30	1,402.50
ICON 1676	SunHats	30	1,485.00	\$ 29.70					30	1,485.00
ICON 1772	Caps = green	25	797.50	\$ 31.90		4	2		19	606.10
		22,196.70								
		<u>22,196.70</u>							<u>12,313.80</u>	
									12330.3	
									16.50	

What we ACTUALLY have on hand:

Yellow Caps: x12

Green Caps: x0 (but x25 on order and arriving soon) - but to be allocated out to the over 65s for their Maroochydore trip. There will be approx 7 left over I think.

Wide Brims: x57

In Jan, the 65s had an event (before they had really switched over to Icon). However we sent them 11 x caps for that event and shipped 2 x caps to you at the same time

Prepaid Income

24/25 State Funds re Executive Officer	27,781.93
25/26 Funds usage Executive Officer	(27,781.93)
25/26 State Funds re Executive Officer	44,092.63
25/26 Funds usage Executive Officer	(338.07)
July 2026 o60s Brisbane NZ challenge	9,633.00
25/26 Womens Levy - WA !!!	2,400.00
	<u>55,787.58</u>

Audit Opinion

I have audited the financial report of **Cricket Australia Masters Inc** which comprises the:

- Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026
- Profit and Loss Statement for the year then ended 30 June 2026

Based on the information provided, in my opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2026 and their financial performance for the year then ended 30 June 2026.

James Morris CPA 2031947

Executive Officer's Report

Overview

The 2026 reporting year has been an important and defining year as Veterans Cricket Australia seamlessly transitioned into Cricket Australia Masters (CAM). We are a year into the Masters' re-brand and it is universally accepted that we now play our cricket under a more professional, credible, unified and commercially aspirational banner.

18 months ago, upon appointment to the Executive Officer's role, alongside President, Murray Harrison, and VP, Michael Whitehead, we outlined a vision to re-imagine our brand, align more tightly with Cricket Australia, unify the playing groups through a smaller and more dynamic skills-based board, and build a commercial engine capable of funding the game's growth at the age bracket that needs it most. Twelve months on, I am pleased to report that vision is now ostensibly a reality.

The re-brand from Veterans Cricket Australia to Cricket Australia Masters was never just a new coat of paint — it was a statement of intent. All 8 playing groups now compete under a single, unified identity, and the early evidence suggests the market agrees with us: our social following has grown by several hundred percent in engagement, our Facebook community page has passed 7,000 followers, and our total footprint across playing groups, state pages and regional communities is closing in on 60,000. A huge thanks to all managing those social media pages. Further to this the standard of cricket continues to elevate and then filter across the playing groups attracting enormous new interest across the globe watching streamed fixtures. This is also attested by our O40s and 60s men being holders of their respective World Cups.

Behind the scenes, the harder work of institution-building has progressed in parallel. The Board has committed to a disciplined transition from 16 members to a leaner, more agile 8-person, skills-based Board - a reform the current Board deserves considerable credit for embracing. On

the commercial front, with some great work from Guy Randell and Justin Poole in particular, as well as our own in-house work, we have welcomed several new commercial partners to the CAM fold in this foundation stage. We expect the opportunities to grow exponentially in the coming years.

Cricket Australia Masters enters its next stage, better governed and more commercially credible than at any point in its history.

Year at a Glance

BUILDING THE CRICKET AUSTRALIA MASTERS (CAM) BRAND

CAM has enjoyed great success in creating a consistent, aspirational and appealing brand that all playing groups are proud to play for and under.

GROWING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Masters cricket and the 40 plus age category continues to be cricket's fastest growing age demographic across Australia. Our growth can only be bounded by the number of grounds that can cater to the popularity of this juggernaut.

UNDERSTANDING CAM's EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT AT ALL LEVELS OF CRICKET

After undertaking research into the role Masters' cricketers have played in the coaching, mentoring officiating and influencing of cricketers, it is apparent that our demographic and CAM specifically, over-indexes exponentially in playing a pivotal role in the future of cricket in Australia. Our community has coached over 2 million junior boys

UNIFYING THE PLAYING GROUPS UNDER THE ONE BRAND WITH A NEW AGILE, EFFICIENT BOARD STRUCTURE:

CAM is much more commercially attractive to prospective sponsors and partners with all eight playing groups working together, rather than one to four groups working separately as we have had in the past.

EXPANDING OUR MEDIA SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

Our collective social media has almost doubled in size and grown by several hundred percent in engagement in the last 18 months. CAM's Facebook page has hit 7,000 followers, and our total Masters' following including playing groups, state Masters' pages, regional areas etc approaches 60,000 followers. While the number of sets of eyeballs watching Masters' cricket on YouTube plus other platforms has exploded to an extraordinary 40,000,000 viewing peak, at last December's Over 40s Men's WC triumph in Pakistan.

CRICKET AND THE CAM COMMUNITY LITERALLY SAVES AND IMPROVES LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS

Our CAM survey and the stories of many of our members illustrate the profound impact of playing cricket in a team and within this wonderful community. Over 97% of respondents noted that playing Masters' cricket has had a positive impact on their mental

and girls as well as senior players at the highest international level. This is exceptional.

health. Many have expressed that it has changed their lives. Some have gone further.

Strategic Priorities and Organisational Performance

Completing the Transition to the Cricket Australia Masters Brand

Following its launch, the CAM identity has been rolled out consistently across all 8 playing groups, digital channels and member-facing materials. The priority for the year was to create a refreshed, consistent and credible brand, one that was more closely aligned to Cricket Australia – one of the world’s most successful sporting brands: We sought to become an organisation that all playing groups would genuinely want to compete under, toward a common goal. That work is now largely done — CAM is recognised, is being actively adopted at all levels, and is delivering measurable gains in social reach and engagement, giving the organisation a far stronger platform from which to pursue sponsorship and broader commercial opportunities.

Board Governance Reform

A 16-member Board, however well-intentioned, was never going to move at the pace a modern national sporting organisation requires. Late last year the Board endorsed a restructuring timeline that reduces membership from 16 to 8 replacing broad representational appointments with a smaller, skills-based composition aligned to CAM's strategic priorities in governance, commercial and sport development. The rationale behind this was that none of the top companies in the world has a board approaching 16 directors. To cite two examples, Cricket Australia has a ten member board of directors while the multi trillion dollar “Apple” company has eight directors (half of CAM to date) on its board.

This has been a genuinely significant piece of organisational change, and the outgoing Board members (who will continue to have important input in their advisory capacity) have handled the process with professionalism and the game's best interests at heart.

Building Commercial Momentum and the Road to the Lord's Ashes

With a unified, larger brand and a stronger governance base to point to, CAM has begun converting credibility into commercial support. We have engaged Whitewall Sport, and early sponsor interest suggests this is only the beginning of what a professional CAM can offer commercial partners. The new structure ensures a more tailored and focused skill-set to growing our Masters game financially and putting back into the playing groups from the 40 – 80 plus grassroots of our men’s and women’s club cricket right through to our Nationals and International representative players.

Membership, Participation and Pathways

Masters cricket remains the fastest growing demographic in the sport. All 8 playing groups are now competing under the CAM banner, and our engagement with the community — including a member survey conducted during the period — confirms that participation delivers benefits well beyond the boundary rope, with the overwhelming majority of respondents (97%) reporting a positive impact on their mental health from playing Masters' cricket.

It also came as no surprise, given the enormous array of talent and generosity within our CAM community that beyond organising, officiating, administering and playing our own brilliantly organised championships, our membership has been critically important to Australian cricket's past, just as we will be to its future – through the coaching, mentoring, umpiring, scoring, sponsoring and administering of all levels of cricket.

Strategic Priorities for 2027

- Complete the transition to the 8-member skills-based Board and embed new governance and committee structures.
- Work closely with Cricket Australia regarding our new MOU, a minor change to our branding and working together to be introduced to potential appropriate partners.
- Maximise the Events Travel Spectator Tours and Legends Playing Tours opportunities to drive member and sponsor engagement and important funding to CAM.
- Grow the CAM commercial partnerships base systematically across multiple categories including: Cricket Clothing and Equipment, Travel, Airlines, Telecommunications, Regional Councils, Local and International Tourism, Pharmacy, Aged Care, Health and Longevity, Food and Drink, Health Insurance, Auto etc. with a defined strategy in concert with the President and Director of Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships.
- Super charge membership, social media channel growth across CAM, the playing groups and the states as well as introducing CAM's LinkedIn page (thanks Dixie) to talk to our corporate audience.
- Work with highly connected CAM players in the corporate world to connect with aligned businesses.
- Continue to focus on helping coach and mentor junior and senior cricketers and build on the mental health benefits identified in the CAM member survey.

Acknowledgements

From a personal viewpoint I want to express my sincere thanks to President, Murray Harrison. It has been a great pleasure knowing and working with him through this transitional period. Similarly, Vice President, Michael Whitehead, Rhonda Foley, Guy Randell and the entire Board for their excellent leadership and willingness to back genuine reform, and for the service given in guiding CAM (and VCA) for several years. Thanks also to Kookaburra, RJR, Events Travel, Icon, and to the incredible volunteers across all playing groups who make Masters cricket possible.

Angus Kingsmill

Executive Officer
Cricket Australia Masters

Playing Group Reports

Women

Women's National Playing Group Committee

- Jessica Henry – NSW/ Chair
- Gail Schmidt – VIC
- Shellee Hereora - VIC
- Lynn Hendley – TAS
- Rosemary Gan – QLD
- Mel Shelley - QLD
- Kelly Naisbitt – SA
- Sarah Fowler - NT
- Jenn Macklin – ACT
- Kylie Dolliver – WA

During the year Joanne Posgate (SA & NT) retired from the committee. Joanne was integral to bringing NT to the table and we are grateful for her contribution.

National Championships 2025

Our 4th annual national championship was held in Perth 8-13 November 2025 and was a huge success. Thank you again to the WA Organising Committee.

Winners

- Div 3 – WA Quokkas
- Div 2 – VIC Sapphires
- Div 1 – NSW Blues

National Championship 2026

We are excited to be holding our 5th annual championship in Launceston and Devonport 15-20 November. ACT will feature for the first time giving us a “full house”!

The carnival will feature Over 40 divisions, and for the first time, one Over 50 division. 24 teams will join the carnival; an increase of 4 teams from 2025 and 300% growth since the first nationals held in 2022.

Inaugural International Series

We are in conversations with New Zealand to join a proposed Tri-or-Quad Series to be held in Christchurch from 21 February 2027.

Challenges

1. *Money!* - Typically, our cohort is at the younger end of the scale, earning less than their male counterparts, hence have lower financial security. The cost of tours means players are being left on the sideline.
2. *Leave from Work* – Linked with #1.
3. *Carer responsibilities* – A large percentage of the cohort are the primary carer for family members, and it is incredibly challenging for them to take time away from family.
4. *More cricket* – In our start-up phase, typically any player who expressed interest made their way to Nationals. Most S&T are now selecting for Nationals and need to create intra-S/T playing opportunities to capture those not selected or unable to play Nationals. A good challenge of growth!

Acknowledgements and Appreciation

- *Women's National Playing Group* - As chair of the women's committee, I extend my enormous thanks to my fellow committee members.
- *CAM Board* – Murray Harrison, Rhonda Foley, and the entire Board for your fabulous encouragement and support over the past 12 months.

With the inclusion of ACT in 2026, Women's Masters is represented across the country, and we are excited for the future.

Jessica Henry

Women's Cricket Representative

On behalf of the Women's Playing Group Committee

Over 40s

From the President

What a year it has been for the Cricket Australia Masters Over-40s program.

The past 12 months have delivered significant achievements both on and off the field, including our National Championships in Adelaide, international tours involving Australia and Australia A, and continued growth in the opportunities available to players across the country.

The undoubted highlight was Australia's outstanding victory at the inaugural IMC Over-40s T20 World Cup in Karachi.

Winning a World Cup is an extraordinary achievement at any level. To travel to Pakistan, adapt to unfamiliar conditions and perform under the pressure of an international tournament required tremendous preparation, commitment and belief from everyone involved.

Australia met Pakistan in the Final at the National Bank Stadium in Karachi, with the host nation entering the match undefeated. After Pakistan posted 150 for nine, Mark Cleary delivered a magnificent performance, taking five wickets for 22 runs and setting up Australia's run chase.

Steve Nottle's composed 47 and Steven Paulsen's important 42 provided the foundation before Nasir Jalil produced an explosive unbeaten 25 from just 10 deliveries. Australia reached the target with an over to spare, securing a memorable seven-wicket victory and becoming the first IMC Over-40s T20 World Champions.

This was a proud moment for every player, coach, manager, selector, supporter and volunteer connected with the team. The way the group represented Australia—through its professionalism, discipline, sportsmanship and respect for the host nation—was every bit as important as the result itself.

Congratulations to the entire Australian squad and support team. You have created a special chapter in the history of Australian Masters cricket, and your achievement will inspire those seeking to represent Australia in the years ahead.

Closer to home, the National Championships held in Adelaide in February 2026 once again demonstrated the strength and depth of Over-40s cricket throughout Australia. The event brought together players from across the country and delivered an excellent standard of cricket, strong competition and the camaraderie that remains central to Masters cricket. I thank the South Australian organising committee, participating states, officials, volunteers, venues and supporters for their contribution to the championships.

Our international program also continued to expand. The New Zealand tours involving both Australia and Australia A provided valuable competition against one of our closest cricketing

partners. These tours strengthened the relationship between our two countries while creating further opportunities for players to experience international Masters cricket.

The Australia A tour of Sri Lanka was another important step in the development of our pathway. Touring the subcontinent presents unique cricketing and cultural experiences, and the opportunity to compete in Sri Lankan conditions was invaluable for everyone involved. I congratulate the players and officials who represented Australia A and thank our Sri Lankan hosts for their hospitality.

These events do not happen without an enormous amount of work behind the scenes. Our program is administered almost entirely by volunteers, and the hours contributed by committee members, selectors, coaches, managers, state representatives and event organisers are substantial. Their dedication allows our players to participate in professionally managed national and international programs.

I sincerely thank our current committee for its continued support and commitment. I also acknowledge those who have completed their service or assisted the program during the year.

Our attention now turns to another busy period. The upcoming IMC One-Day World Cup, Launceston National Championships in February 2027 and World Series Cup in April 2027 provide exciting opportunities for the continued development of the Over-40s program.

The AGM planned for 7 September will bring our annual governance cycle into line with Cricket Australia Masters requirements. It will also provide an opportunity to confirm our committee structure and commence a new selector appointment cycle. The selector positions will be advertised to ensure a transparent process and attract suitably experienced candidates from across the Cricket Australia Masters community.

There is much to celebrate, but there is also a great deal of work ahead. Our responsibility is to build on the achievements of the past year, support our players and volunteers, strengthen our governance and continue developing a program of which the entire Australian Masters cricket community can be proud.

To everyone who has contributed during the year—thank you.

Most importantly, congratulations once again to our IMC Over-40s T20 World Champions. The victory in Karachi will be remembered as one of the defining moments in the history of our program.

Year at a Glance

Reporting period 2025-2026

Players represented

- 14 Australia Players for IMC T20 World Cup – 10 Debutants
- 13 Australian Players – NZ Tour – 8 Debutants
- 13 Australian A Players – NZ Tour
- 13 Australian A Players – Sri Lankan Tour

Teams / squads

Australia and Australia A

National and international events

- 2025 IMC T20 World Cup – Karachi, Pakistan
- 2026 CAM Nationals Championships – Adelaide
- 2026 Australia and Australian A Tours – Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2026 Australia A Tour of Sri Lanka
- 2026 Toot Byron Cup

Major highlight

World Cup Champions – IMC T20 World Cup, Karachi

Committee Members & Structure

Current Executive Committee

Role	Name	State
President	Justin Poole	QLD
Secretary	Craig Mackay	QLD
Nationals Manager	Tony Wilson	NSW
Treasurer / International Manager	Mark Leard	NSW
Player Liaison Officer	Andrew Frick	SA

We recently welcomed Craig Mackay onto the Executive, having utilised temporary secretaries over the last 12 months. Craig brings a wealth of experience to the role and has been heavily involved with Masters cricket since 2023. Craig represented the Australian 40s Team in Karachi in 2023 and was a member of the 50s Australian A side that toured the US in May this year. We welcome Craig and his experience to the executive team.

State and Territory Representatives

State/Territory	Representative
ACT	Tim Thomson
New South Wales	Tony Wilson
Queensland	Chris White (just replaced Justin Poole)
South Australia	Andrew Frick (just replaced Nathan Green)
Tasmania	Brad Green
Victoria	Damian Jordan (just replaced Paul Attfield)
Western Australia	Despite various attempts, WA remain unrepresented

The work these representatives do to keep the executive accountable and get Nationals up and running is outstanding. Nathan Green and Andrew Frick did an outstanding job for the Nationals in Adelaide. The depth and quality of the 40s playing group around the country is remarkable and continues to improve with each national event.

I would like to thank Nathan Green and Paul Attfield for their service to this committee over the last 12 months, and give a special mention to Paul, who has been a major part of this committee since its inception in 2023.

I hope these guys aren't lost to Masters cricket.

I would like to officially welcome Andrew Frick to the committee representing South Australia and Chris White representing Queensland.

Governance, AGM & CAM Alignment

Item	Detail
Planned AGM	7 September 2026
Purpose	Align the Over-40s annual governance cycle with CAM requirements
Meeting format / venue	Teams
Notice issued	10th August 2026
Nominations close	31st August 2026

CAM alignment

The 40s Committee has moved its AGM forward from February to align with new CAM requirements. As of 7th September, all executive positions will be vacant and a new executive will be elected.

Selectors and New Selection Cycle

Item	Detail
Current Chair of Selectors	Trent Ryan
Current selectors	Trent Ryan, Nathan King and Tony Wilson
Current cycle ends	Ended
New cycle begins	2nd November 2026
Length of appointment	Until IMC ODI World Cup scheduled for 2029

National and International Cricket

New Zealand Tour – Australia A

Field	Detail
Tour dates	27–29 March 2026
Location	Christchurch, New Zealand
Opposition	New Zealand A Over 40s
Format	Three-match 45-over series
Tour manager / coach	Brad Green
Captain	Ryan Snape
Series result	Australia A won 3–0

Tour Summary

The Australia A Over 40s tour of New Zealand was conducted from 27–29 March 2026, comprising three consecutive 45-over matches against New Zealand A Over 40s in Christchurch.

From a results perspective, the tour was an outstanding success. Australia A won all three matches to complete an emphatic 3–0 series victory.

The leadership of captain Ryan Snape was another significant feature of the tour. His previous experience representing Australia was evident throughout the series, and he led from the front with his performances, enthusiasm, energy and commitment to the group.

Overall, the tour achieved both its performance and player-development objectives.

Series Outcome

Match	Result
Match 1	Australia A 257/9 defeated New Zealand A 199/9 – won by 58 runs
Match 2	Australia A 293/7 defeated New Zealand A 122 – won by 171 runs
Match 3	Australia A 123/4 defeated New Zealand A 121 – won by 6 wickets

Future Australia A Recommendations

The Australia A program should continue to play an important role within the Australian Masters pathway.

Future tours should remain focused on providing players on the edge of higher representative selection with genuine international opportunities.

Players should continue to be challenged through different batting positions, bowling responsibilities and match situations. This allows selectors and coaches to assess not only statistical performance, but also adaptability, temperament, teamwork and the ability to perform within a defined role.

The tour also demonstrated the benefit of having experienced Australian representatives involved within the Australia A environment. Ryan Snape's contribution highlighted the value of having an experienced player who understands Australian representative standards leading and mentoring players attempting to reach that level.

A balance between players seeking to progress and experienced Australian representatives capable of providing leadership and guidance should therefore be considered for future Australia A programs.

Performances at Australia A level should also carry genuine weight when considering future Australian selections. Players who perform strongly against international opposition have demonstrated their ability in an environment that domestic competition alone cannot replicate.

Based on this tour, there are several players who have strengthened their case for continued consideration within the Australian Masters pathway.

Where possible, regular Australia A international fixtures against New Zealand and other appropriate opposition should be encouraged. These tours provide invaluable opportunities to assess players under touring conditions and provide a genuine pathway towards higher honours.

Overall Assessment

The 2026 New Zealand tour should be considered an outstanding success for the Australia A Over 40s program.

A 3–0 series victory, achieved through contributions from throughout the squad, demonstrated the depth currently available within Australian Over 40s Masters cricket.

More importantly, the tour provided players with a genuine opportunity to experience international cricket, develop their games and demonstrate their readiness for further representative opportunities.

The playing group embraced the opportunity and represented Australia extremely well.

The variety of performances across the three matches, the depth displayed with both bat and ball, and the outstanding leadership provided by Ryan Snape made the tour a highly successful component of the Australian Masters development pathway.

Several players enhanced their claims for higher honours, and the tour reinforced the importance of maintaining a strong Australia A program that provides a genuine stepping stone towards Australian selection.

From a coaching perspective, I was extremely proud of the way the group approached the tour, supported each other and performed across the three matches. While the 3–0 result was an outstanding achievement, equally pleasing was the manner in which the group represented Australian Masters cricket both individually and collectively.

The tour demonstrated that there is significant depth within Australian Over 40s cricket and provided further evidence that the Australia A pathway can play an important role in identifying and preparing the next group of Australian representatives.

Brad Green

Coach – Australia A Over 40s

New Zealand Tour – March 2026

Sri Lanka Tour – Australia A

Tour Overview

Item	Detail
Tour dates	18 June – 26 June 2026
Location	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Tour manager	Paul Attfield
Co-captains	Peter Atkinson and Ryan Armstrong
Leadership group	Peter Atkinson, Ryan Armstrong, Damien Jordan and Andrew Frick
Playing squad	14 players

Matches	6 matches across T20, 30-over and 45-over formats
Official records	Match venues, results and individual performances recorded on PlayHQ under the Cricket Masters Representative section

Match Results

Format	Result	Key Performances
T20	Australia A 3/185 defeated Vintage Masters 6/157	Anthony 3/33; Frick 3/23; Thomas 55; Armstrong 61
T20	Australia A 6/161 lost to Cavaliers CC 8/161	Atkinson 3/20; Armstrong 38*
45-over	Australia A 6/319 defeated Colombo Masters 133	Curyer 3/6; Khera 90; Lane 78*
45-over	Australia A 228 defeated Sri Lanka Over 40s 204	Frick 3/37; Wallcroft 50; Anthony 41
45-over	Australia A 3/282 defeated Sri Lanka Over 40s 9/277	Anthony 3/30; Wallcroft 53; Armstrong 92*: Lane 72
30-over	Australia A 8/221 defeated Mercantile Masters 118	Armstrong 4/16; Thomas 76

The five wins from six matches represented an excellent overall result. Of particular significance were the consecutive victories against Sri Lanka Over 40s after Australia A had already completed several days of cricket. The second Sri Lankan match was especially strong given the opposition introduced four fresh players.

Operational Lessons and Areas for Improvement

Pre-tour communication: Maintain regular communication between CAM, the touring company, team management and players well before departure. Clear timelines, expectations and responsibilities reduce uncertainty.

Player communication and inclusion: Use a dedicated WhatsApp group from an early stage to build connection, inclusiveness and tour culture, particularly where many players have not previously met.

Selection and role clarity: Where possible, communicate team selection and anticipated roles in advance of each match. Players should understand whether they are playing, where they are likely to bat and their expected bowling or fielding role.

Managing expectations: Australia A players are often highly motivated and may place considerable pressure on themselves. Clear and early communication can reduce mental fatigue and allow players to enjoy and perform within the tour environment.

Recovery time: The condensed schedule was physically demanding in the heat and humidity. Additional recovery days would improve player welfare and allow more time to experience the destination.

Variety of conditions: Future Sri Lankan tours should consider matches outside Colombo. If time permits, playing in locations such as Galle could expose players to more spin-friendly wickets and provide a broader cricket development experience.

Physiotherapy and medical support: Retain dedicated physiotherapy support for all match days and consider recovery planning as a formal part of future tour programs.

Recommendations to Cricket Australia Masters

1. Continue to support and develop the Australia A concept as an important pathway between State representation and the primary Australian Over 40s team.
2. Maintain a developmental philosophy that gives genuine opportunities to emerging players and does not assess an Australia A tour purely on wins and losses.
3. Consider SS Sports Tours as a preferred organising partner for future Australian Masters tours to Sri Lanka based on their communication, local knowledge and logistical performance.
4. Establish structured pre-tour communication, including a dedicated WhatsApp group, to build culture and provide players with timely information.
5. Provide team selections and anticipated player roles as early as practical to improve preparation, reduce uncertainty and manage expectations.
6. Build additional recovery days into future itineraries where possible, particularly in hot and humid destinations.
7. Consider playing in multiple regions of Sri Lanka, including locations offering different wicket characteristics such as Galle, to increase the developmental value of the tour.
8. Continue to provide physiotherapy and appropriate player-welfare support throughout international Masters tours.
9. Continue match vision and professional photography where practical, recognising their value for review, development and the experience of representing Australia.

Toot Byron Cup

Event detail	Information
Dates	9–12 July 2026
Location / venues	Northern Suburbs Cricket Club and Ian Healy Oval, Shaw Park, Brisbane. Queensland
Teams	10 franchise teams: Canes, Cattlemen, Crocs, Eagles, Knights, Manta Rays, Prawns, Rampage, Surfers and Vipers
Event status	Completed
Event lead	Justin Poole

Event Summary

The Toot Byron Cup is Queensland's premier franchise-based Over-40s T20 cricket tournament. The 2026 competition was conducted over four days and brought together 10 teams selected through a player-draft model.

The draft was run during the Nationals in February. This was a great night — CAM engaged Tom Rehn, a local Channel 9 presenter, to be the MC for the evening. The event was livestreamed to over 4,000 people.

Matches used a modified T20 format, including 12-player teams and compulsory retirement at 50 runs, with retired batters able to return after the remaining batters have been dismissed. The structure provides participants with competitive, high-quality cricket while retaining the social and festival qualities central to Masters cricket.

The Cup occupies an important position in the Australian Over-40s pathway. Cricket Australia Masters describes it as a leading domestic Over-40s T20 competition and identifies it as an opportunity for players to demonstrate their credentials for Australian selection and future IMC World Cup campaigns. Interest extends beyond Queensland, supported by the national player-draft process and participation from established masters cricketers.

Engagement and Reach

The official platform reports 276 player profiles, including 59 new additions during the 2026 season. This growth, together with interest from players across Australia, indicates strong demand for a competitive national-level Over-40s T20 product.

Content was also distributed through Queensland Veterans Cricket and Cricket Australia Masters channels. The availability of match replays, photography and live statistical information strengthened engagement with players, families and the broader masters-cricket community. The event was watched by over 10,000 people through the CAM YouTube channel.

In the two weeks leading up to the event and during the event, the CAM 40s Facebook Page and Toot Byron Cup Facebook page generated the following results:

Metric	CAM 40s Page	Toot Byron Cup Page
Views	237,113 (Up 117%)	20,531
Engagement	19,988 (Up 136%)	1,447 (Up 15,978%)
Net followers	178 (Up 100%)	76 (Up 850%)

This clearly demonstrates that events in CAM 40s attract interest and viewers.

Treasurer's Report

The financial year ended 30 June 2026 has been reviewed, with the financial position and results for the year outlined in the accompanying financial statements.

The financial result reflects the income received and expenditure incurred during the financial year, including costs associated with the operation and activities of Cricket Australia Masters Over 40s.

The financial position as at 30 June 2026 is outlined below. The accounts remain subject to the finalisation of several outstanding matters and the receipt of information relating to certain transactions.

These matters will need to be resolved to ensure the accounts accurately reflect the financial position of Cricket Australia Masters Over 40s as at 30 June 2026.

Measure	As at 30 June 2026
Total Income	\$262,960.01
Total Expenditure	\$237,973.40
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$24,986.61
Cash at Bank	\$17,151.21

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 are below.

The 2025/2026 financial year was once again a busy year for the Over 40 age group, with successful tours to Karachi, Pakistan (T20 World Champions) in November/December 2025 and an Australia A tour to Sri Lanka in early 2026.

2026/2027 will be just as busy, as preparations are well underway for the upcoming One Day World Cup in Guyana in October 2026 and another World Series Cup in early 2027.

Should there be any questions regarding the financial statements, please feel free to contact me directly.

Mark Leard - Treasurer

Cricket Australia Masters Over 40s

Profit and Loss

CAM Over 40's

For the year ended 30 June 2026

2026

Trading Income

2026 Tours	65,699.17
Brisbane World Series 2025	9,378.12
CAM 40's Nominations (Toot Byron etc)	44.00
Ricky Ponting Wines Raffle 2026	4,280.00
Sales	11,540.68
Sponsorship	2,500.00
T20 World Cup - Karachi 2025	100,839.34
Toot Byron Cup Accommodation	11,581.79
Toot Byron Cup Nomination Fees	3,136.00
Toot Byron Cup Registration	37,370.00
Toot Byron Cup Sponsorship	16,590.91
Total Trading Income	262,960.01

Gross Profit

262,960.01

Operating Expenses

2026 Tour Expenses	56,216.42
Australian 40's Uniforms	8,198.62
Bank Fees	209.27
Consulting & Accounting	14,844.50
Freight & Courier	634.59
General Expenses	4,151.00
IMC ODI World Cup Guyana	3,357.55
Office Expenses	142.20
Stripe Fees	3,250.80
Subscriptions	2,062.95
T20 World Cup - Karachi 25 Expenses	92,187.35
Telephone & Internet	492.26
Toot Byron Cup Expenses	32,600.95
Travel - National	1,361.94
WSC Expenses	18,263.00
Total Operating Expenses	237,973.40

Net Profit

24,986.61

Over 50s

President’s Overview

The 2026 reporting year has been one of the most significant periods of renewal, ambition and structural reform for Cricket Australia Masters (CAM). The international program expanded through Mildura, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States, while the organisation completed the transition of the Over 50s program into one national CAM governance structure.

On the field, the year demonstrated the strength of Australia’s established players and the depth of emerging talent. Australia and Australia A produced high-quality performances, the Over 55s program continued to expand internationally, and the inaugural annual trans-Tasman series introduced the first-ever Over 50s Test match.

Off the field, CAM implemented its national brand, aligned team and competition naming, strengthened Board representation, upgraded governance and financial systems, expanded sponsorship and communications, and created clearer high-performance pathways from National Championships through Australia A to Australian selection.

These achievements reflect substantial contributions from Board members, state representatives, selectors, coaches, managers, volunteers, sponsors, players and families. They also provide CAM with a stronger platform from which to prepare for the Over 50s World Cup in Hyderabad in January 2027.

2026 Year at a Glance

MILDURA INTERNATIONAL SERIES Australia defeated Australia A in a tight final after both sides progressed through a program involving Canada and the USA.	INAUGURAL NEW ZEALAND SERIES The Over 50s and Over 55s toured together for the first annual trans-Tasman trophy series, including the first Over 50s Test.
SOUTH AFRICA OVER 55S Australia contested a pioneering three-day match against the South African Rhinos and then won the one-day competition.	LANDMARK USA TOUR Australia and Australia A completed an exceptionally successful Houston tour and built a strong bilateral relationship with Masters Cricket USA.
HIGH-PERFORMANCE REFORM The 110-player national camp, Australia A pathway and evidence-based assessment model produced new international-quality talent.	ONE CAM STRUCTURE The separate Over 50s board was resolved and folded into CAM under unified branding, governance, systems and national strategy.

Playing and International Program

Mildura International Series - Australia, Australia A, Canada and USA

The Spirit of Cricket international series in Mildura brought together Australia, Australia A, Canada and the United States in a high-quality Over 50s program. The event provided meaningful international exposure, contrasting styles of cricket and an important opportunity to assess established and emerging players under tournament conditions.

Australia and Australia A both progressed to the final, demonstrating the depth now available across the national pathway. In a closely contested match, Australia completed the chase in the 44th over with two wickets in hand. Brian May's unbeaten century was the defining innings, while Australia A's overall performance confirmed that a substantial group of players is capable of competing at international level.

The result was an important validation of the national training and selection reforms introduced during the previous year. New players were identified, given genuine opportunities and able to perform under pressure. That depth will be critical to the 2027 World Cup campaign and to the continuing development of Australia A as a genuine international pathway.

First Annual Australia-New Zealand Series - Over 50s and Over 55s

In February 2026, Australia toured New Zealand with both the Over 50s and Over 55s teams for the first annual bilateral series between the two countries. The tour introduced a points-based series and trophy structure, with the intention that the nations will host in alternate years and build a permanent annual fixture across both age groups.

The Over 50s series was exceptionally competitive. Australia won the opening 45-over match by reaching 277/3 in reply to New Zealand's 275/3. The teams then contested the first Test match ever played at Over 50s international level. Australia scored 302 and declared at 262/5, while New Zealand made 324 and finished 70/4 in a drawn match. The final one-day match ended in a tie at 197, reflecting the closeness and quality of the inaugural series.

The Over 55s program further strengthened the pathway and showcased the depth available in the age group. With a South African tour following soon afterwards, the playing group was effectively divided across two touring squads, giving a broader group of players the opportunity to earn international selection through National Championship performance and the new assessment process.

Historic milestone

The first-ever Over 50s Test created a new long-form benchmark for masters cricket. It tested concentration, tactical planning, resilience, role discipline and sustained performance in a way that cannot be replicated in one-day matches.

South Africa Over 55s Tour

The Over 55s then completed a second international program within a matter of weeks, touring South Africa with a substantially different playing group. The tour included a pioneering three-day match against the South African Rhinos. Although Australia did not win the long-form match, the concept was strongly supported by players and provided valuable lessons on match duration, squad numbers, playing conditions and the future structure of multi-day masters cricket.

Australia subsequently won the one-day competition, supported by several exceptional individual performances. More importantly, the results demonstrated that the broader selection and preparation model was producing competitive depth across multiple touring squads rather than relying on a narrow group of established players.

Australia and Australia A Tour of the United States

The final international program of the reporting period was the May 2026 tour to Houston by Australia and Australia A. The tour was an outstanding success on and off the field and represented a major step in the relationship between CAM and Masters Cricket USA.

The Australian national side played a hard-fought series against the USA. After the hosts won the opening match with 242/9 against Australia's 224/9, Australia responded strongly, winning the next match after making 198/7 and dismissing the USA for 99. Australia then completed the series with 223/6 in reply to 220/9. Australia A provided further competitive cricket and meaningful international opportunities for players on the national pathway.

The hosts were exceptionally welcoming and appreciative of the Australian visit. Masters Cricket USA promoted the program as its first international touring series, and the visit generated substantial goodwill, personal relationships and international credibility. Touring with both Australia and Australia A also demonstrated how CAM can broaden opportunity while maintaining strong competitive standards.

High Performance and Player Development

National Training Camp and New Performance Standards

A landmark initiative underpinning the year's results was the National Training Camp held at the Cricket Australia National Cricket Centre in Brisbane. The two-day program involved 110 players from all states across the Over 50s and Over 55s cohorts and introduced a level of specialist coaching, sports science and structured assessment not previously available at this scale.

The coaching and specialist panel included Chris Lynn, David Saker, Chris Hartley, Nathan Hauritz, Rian Crowther, Simon Gould and Stuart Smith. Players received targeted work in batting, pace and spin bowling, wicketkeeping, movement, strength and conditioning, sports psychology, game scenarios and role clarity.

- reset national selection benchmarks, fitness expectations and preparation standards;
- identified high-quality players who had not previously received sustained national exposure;
- created a consistent environment in which selectors could compare skill, fitness, adaptability and team balance;
- introduced player-specific programs, movement analysis and performance feedback; and
- linked National Championship performance more clearly to Australia A and Australian selection.

The outcomes were evident at Mildura, in New Zealand, South Africa and the United States. Players selected through the broader assessment process performed successfully at international level, and the depth of both the Over 50s and Over 55s programs increased materially.

Selection Reform and the Australia A Pathway

Selection processes were broadened so that all eligible players could be considered rather than relying solely on state nomination pathways. Selector and appointed positions were progressively filled through open submission processes, supported by clearer role statements, nomination forms, player databases, assessment tools and documented reporting by captains, managers and umpires.

Australia A was expanded as a deliberate development and assessment pathway. Its presence at Mildura and in the United States gave emerging and fringe players the opportunity to represent Australia, experience touring standards and force their way into future national squads through performance rather than reputation alone.

Formal selection letters were also introduced, incorporating deposits, codes of conduct, social media expectations, tour obligations and behaviour standards. These documents establish clearer expectations before selection is accepted and reduce uncertainty for players, families, managers and CAM.

Next National Training Camp

A further national training camp is being prepared as a central component of the 2027 World Cup campaign. It will provide a final evidence-based assessment environment and will focus on fitness, movement and recovery; specialist batting, pace, spin and wicketkeeping; fielding and decision-making; leadership and role clarity; team balance; player welfare; and tour readiness.

The date, venue, coaching panel and final invitations will be confirmed separately. The core objective is to ensure that World Cup selection is transparent, performance-based and supported by consistent national benchmarks.

National Championships and Domestic Pathways

2025 Over 50s National Championships - Brisbane

The Over 50s National Championships were held in Brisbane in November 2025 across three divisions. Queensland won Division 1. Although the event was affected by rain, it was staged at high-quality grounds and was strongly delivered by Queensland Masters. The championships remained the principal domestic platform for national assessment and player progression.

2025 Over 55s National Championships - Bunbury and Busselton

The Over 55s National Championships were held in Bunbury and Busselton across three-and-a-half divisions, with New South Wales winning the Division 1 final. The event showcased the rapid growth of the age group and the value of staging championships in regional centres with strong local support and high-quality facilities.

The Northern Territory was included in the Over 55s championships, supporting national reach and creating a pathway toward fuller CAM affiliation and future hosting opportunities. New Zealand participation continued under the existing arrangement through the end of 2026.

- live streaming of all Division 1 games;
- continued work to standardise playing conditions, umpiring, balls, reporting and event delivery;
- review of division numbers so that championships remain competitive, affordable and capable of being hosted by different states; and
- greater attention to cost sharing, inclusions, annual timing and support for host associations.

Governance and Organisational Integration

Completion of the CAM Integration

The planned disestablishment of the standalone Over 50s board was completed during the reporting period, with its responsibilities, assets, systems and programs folded into the broader CAM structure. This major governance reform delivers one national organisation for Australian Masters cricket while preserving appropriate age-group expertise and representation.

The unified model reduces duplication, creates clearer accountability and allows international tours, championships, selection, player welfare, insurance, procurement, sponsorship, finance and communications to be managed under a common governance framework.

Board Renewal and National Representation

Three new directors joined the CAM Board during the year: Jamie Pitt from Queensland, Todd Zani from Western Australia and Jon Kerr from Victoria. Their appointments strengthened state representation and brought additional capability to the transition toward a genuinely national operating model. We have recently lost Jamie Pitt as he cannot commit the time to the State Delegate for QLD role due to work, so Simon Milton returns to replace him.

We have also recently lost Guy Randell, our 50's Board President, and I (Matt Lewis) will act as an interim President until the CAM Board has its AGM.

The new executive structure is being supported by clearer portfolio responsibilities and appointed roles, including Tours Manager and Sponsorship Manager. The objective is for directors and appointed officers to have defined responsibilities, measurable outputs and collective accountability to the CAM Board.

One organisation - clearer pathways

The completed integration enables CAM to connect state participation, national championships, Australia A development, international tours and World Cup teams within one coherent pathway and one national identity.

Strategic Reform, Systems and National Standards

A comprehensive planning framework identified more than 50 priority issues and initiatives requiring attention across CAM. The program has focused on national purpose, governance alignment, selection transparency, sponsorship, brand consistency, financial control, communication, document management and digital systems.

- CAM email accounts, a common SharePoint environment and improved document control;
- Xero accounting, improved oversight, consolidated banking arrangements and GST compliance;
- standard templates for Board, national championship, tour and state correspondence;
- national nomination systems, player records, age eligibility data and selector assessment information;
- captain, manager, player and umpire reporting and assessment forms;

- policies covering selection exclusions, conduct, social media, uniforms, baggy-cap protocols and the sharing of relevant suspensions; and
- ongoing review of constitutions, by-laws, role statements, state alignment and real or perceived conflicts of interest.

These systems are intended to improve consistency and institutional memory, reduce reliance on individual volunteers, strengthen member confidence and provide a more professional interface with Cricket Australia, the International Masters Cricket community, sponsors and state associations.

CAM Brand, Procurement and Communications

The CAM brand and aligned naming were implemented across national teams, apparel, the website, social media, official correspondence and international programs. This was not simply a visual change: a single identity creates greater credibility with players and partners and allows every age group to benefit from a common national proposition.

Common procurement arrangements were established for baggies, caps, pins, blazers, clothing and ties, including agreed stockholdings and sponsored or no-cost items for Australian players. Rebates and support arrangements were also introduced for national team managers and selectors, recognising the substantial time and expense associated with these roles.

Communications improved through a new website, more consistent marketing services and stronger social media coverage. The President's end-of-year report recorded a 98% increase in Facebook subscriptions, the introduction of Instagram, improved sponsor advertising and the development of social media as a potential revenue stream.

Sponsorship and Financial Management

Commercial support grew substantially during the period. The President's end-of-year report recorded an increase of approximately 2,500% from the earlier sponsorship base and documented the following cash sponsorship commitments and support:

PARTNER	REPORTED SUPPORT	PURPOSE / TERM
AuditCo	\$20,000 per year	Gold major sponsor - two-year commitment
DMV Consulting	\$10,000 per year	Bronze sponsor - two-year commitment
Burgess Rawson	\$10,000	National Training Camp sponsor
ICON	\$8,500	Program sponsorship
EV2	\$2,700	Program support
BeaconPoint	\$1,000	Program support

Figures are reproduced from the President's end-of-year report and remain subject to confirmation in the final CAM financial statements.

The report also records \$10,000 in direct player support, approximately \$2,200 in player and sponsor items, and a \$5,000 short-term Burgess Rawson loan. Final accounts should confirm the loan treatment and continue the GST, budgeting, reconciliation and cash-flow reforms.

Balance Sheet

Australian Over 50's Cricket Inc As at 30 June 2026

	30 JUNE 2026	30 JUNE 2025
Assets		
Bank		
VCA Over 50's	12,205.55	7,911.44
Total Bank	12,205.55	7,911.44
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	4,075.18	-
Total Current Assets	4,075.18	-
Total Assets	16,280.73	7,911.44
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	-	1,755.60
Rounding	-	(0.02)
Total Current Liabilities	-	1,755.58
Total Liabilities	-	1,755.58
Net Assets	16,280.73	6,155.86
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	10,124.87	6,155.86
Retained Earnings	6,155.86	-
Total Equity	16,280.73	6,155.86

Profit and Loss

Australian Over 50's Cricket Inc For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Trading Income		
International Tour Australia - Player contribution	130,115.73	-
Other Revenue	-	37,135.68
Player Nomination Fee	77.00	-
Sales	-	105,431.10
Total Trading Income	130,192.73	142,566.78
Cost of Sales		
Cost of Goods Sold	-	81,726.65
Total Cost of Sales	-	81,726.65
Gross Profit	130,192.73	60,840.13
Other Income		
Sponsorship	32,078.86	-
Total Other Income	32,078.86	-
Operating Expenses		
Advertising	-	5,000.00
Bank Fees	16.42	22.00
Consulting & Accounting	3,000.00	2,000.00
Entertainment	-	12,514.40
Freight & Courier	22.55	97.60
General Expenses	290.08	3,693.00
International Tour Australia	142,816.78	-
International Tour New Zealand	1,625.32	-
International Tour USA	208.00	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	1,452.61
Stripe Fees	66.74	-
Training Camp	1,870.00	-
Travel - National	-	29,347.77
Xero Licence	2,230.83	556.89
Total Operating Expenses	152,146.72	54,684.27
Net Profit	10,124.87	6,155.86

Acknowledgements

CAM acknowledges the commitment of the players, coaches, selectors, managers, medical and support staff, Board members, state representatives, volunteers, partners and families who made the year possible. Particular thanks are extended to the organisers and hosts in Mildura,

New Zealand, South Africa and the United States for their hospitality and contribution to the growth of international masters cricket.

Special acknowledgement is also given to Guy Randell, Jacq Dawes, Michael Van Zuyden and Simon Milton for their exceptional efforts during a demanding period of renewal and organisational growth, and to every person who contributed to the national camp, championships, tours, governance reform, sponsorship and integration process.

The year combined historic playing milestones with substantial organisational reform. CAM enters the 2026-27 season with greater depth, a clearer identity, stronger systems, broader commercial support and one national governance structure. The task ahead is to convert that platform into sustained participation, stronger pathways and World Cup success.

Matt Lewis

Interim President

Cricket Australia Masters O50s Playing Group

Audit Opinion

I have audited the financial report of **Australian Over 50's Cricket Inc** which comprises the:

- Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026
- Profit and Loss Statement for the year then ended 30 June 2026

Based on the information provided, in my opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2026 and their financial performance for the year then ended 30 June 2026.

James Morris CPA 2031947

Over 60s

The 2025–26 season was another excellent one for Over 60s and Over 65s Masters Cricket in Australia.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Board for their assistance throughout the year.

I am also grateful to the members of each Over 60s state committee for their collaborative spirit, feedback, and advice over the past 12 months, particularly Don Boyes and Graeme Tysoe (WA), Frank Sergi and Darren Cheek (SA), Clive Welti (VIC), Doug Murphy and Tony Panecasio (NSW), Miles Boak (ACT), and Keith Bridgen and Bob Menzies (QLD).

Since the last AGM:

- A highly successful Over 60s National Championship was held in the Wollongong/Illawarra region, with divisional titles won by New Zealand (Division 1), Victoria (Division 2), and New Zealand (Division 3).
- For the first time, the Over 65s Nationals were held overseas in Christchurch, New Zealand, with Queensland winning Division 1 and Victoria winning Division 2.
- The inaugural Over 65s national team played warm-up matches in Adelaide against the England and Australia Over 70s teams in February, followed by matches against Sri Lanka in Tamworth in March. This culminated in the June quad series on the Sunshine Coast against Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and Australia A, although days 3 and 4 were unfortunately abandoned due to wet weather. The 65s initiative has been wholeheartedly embraced by the playing group and there are plans to expand the opportunities with more internationals on the drawing board.
- The Over 60s World Cup squad played a 3-game ODI series against New Zealand in Brisbane as a warm-up to their defence of the IMC World Cup to be played this year in Toronto, Canada. (At the time of this report the 60s World Cup team are in good shape having won 3 of their first 3 games in Toronto.)

The nationals this year will be in Victoria's Gippsland region for the O60s with 3 divisions competing and in Launceston, Northern Tasmania for the O65's over 2 divisions.

We look forward to the implementation of the new board structure over the coming months and the growth of Masters Cricket in Australia overall.

Claude Orlando

Chair of Over 60s Committee

Over 70s

Introduction

In preparing this report, I reflected on the achievements of our players during the past year. These thoughts steered me to “Our Cricket Compass”, the principles which guide, unite and define us in Masters Cricket. It is worth re-stating them here as they are at the heart of what we are about; what makes us special; what must be treasured.

- **Spirit:** Cricket pulse beating through every play.
- **Respect:** We honour the game and fellow players.
- **Opportunity:** Cricket for all, regardless of age.
- **Connection:** Bridging generations through shared passion.
- **Competition:** We play hard with heart and skill.
- **Joy:** We celebrate cricket’s pure pleasure.

It is most apposite that the Over 75s national championships are called “The Celebration of Cricket.” As we get further into the second half of our lives, it is the joy of still playing the game we love and sharing the treasured friendships it brings that sustains us. We still must negotiate the mundane, but joy and celebration should be our relentless aim.

Over 70s Committee

Again, the Over 70s Masters Cricket community have had a wonderful group of gentlemen serving them during the last twelve months. My thanks for their excellent efforts and splendid friendships go to Rod Rice (Queensland), Neville Castle (NSW), Rod Headlam (Tasmania), Gary Adams (Victoria), Ron Axelby (ACT), and Gordon Jeffrey (WA). These blokes exude a love of cricket and exemplify the true spirit of cricket, serving CAM brilliantly.

Over 70s National Championships

The 2025 carnival was held in August/September and was recounted at the last AGM. However, it is worth revealing from the final report that over 320 cricketers played matches in the three divisions and Over 150 partners attended. With that influx of people to the area, the Sunshine Coast Council were happy sponsors of the event.

A thorough survey of the tournament was conducted after the event confirming that it was a huge success and providing useful information for those conducting future championships.

Special thanks are due to Kerry Emery for his outstanding organisation of the event along with his excellent Organising Committee of John Bourke, Greg Deuble, Greg Searle, Nick Taylor, Rod Rice

(QVC President), Nelma Grout, (QVC Umpires Coordinator), Steve Geils, (Treasurer) and Ross Madsen, (Play Cricket tech guru).

The results were:

Doug Turbill Trophy winner: Div 1 NSW Blues 5/177 def NZ 10/105

Robert “Dutchy” Holland Trophy winner: Div 2 VIC Blue 7/183 def NZ 3/182

VCA Over 70’s Div 3 trophy winner: NSW Boomers 2/164 def Vic Blue 6/162

Preparations for the 2026 edition to be held in the ACT from 28th November to 3rd December are well underway. Three newsletters have been distributed, a budget has been drafted, sponsorship has been sought and a program developed. The ACT Dementia Alliance will be supported.

Over 75s Committee

Thank you to the blokes with an unquenchable love of cricket and zest for life who plan the Celebration of Cricket: Kevin Pike, Gil McGrath, John Granata, Noel Sharpe, Greg Johnson, Malcolm Farmer, Ron Axelby, Rod Headlam, Gary Adams, Gordon Jeffrey and Rod Rice. Their efforts are appreciated greatly by the oldest Masters cricketers in our fraternity.

Over 75s Celebration of Cricket - National Championships

These highly successful championships were held in Albury/Wodonga from 23rd to 27th November 2025. The tournament was expanded from one division of eight teams from four states, in 2024, to two divisions with four teams in Division 1 and six in Division 2, with five states being represented in 2025. The Celebration has been so successful that this year there will be seven states plus New Zealand competing, with a total of eighteen teams participating. This amounts to an increase of 225% in two years, a huge credit to the enthusiasm and spirit of the gentlemen mentioned above.

Over 80s State Matches

Last year, as part of the Celebration, Victoria and New South Wales played two matches for players Over 80, sharing the spoils. This year three teams have entered the competition. It’s a case in life where too much cricket is barely enough.

Silver Ashes Tour and World Cup

A very successful tour by the English was held in January/February, with three lead-up games and an ODI being played in Adelaide, and one lead-up game and two ODIs in Sydney. Our team comprised of:

- Doug Trigg: Captain
- Leigh Hardham: Vice-Captain
- Asoka Wijeratne: Third Selector
- Rex Bennett
- Gary Budden
- Roger Boyd
- Chris Carr
- Ian Davis
- Murray Harrison
- Rob Henry
- Wasantha Hettiarachchi
- Glenn Richardson
- Mike Riley
- Don Skinner
- Ray Smith
- Ian Southall
- Greg Stagg

The One Day International Matches were played in Adelaide on the Karen Rolton Oval, and the New South Wales games on Howell Oval, Penrith and Joe McAleer Oval, Bankstown, all wonderful venues. The competition was tight, but the English kept the Silver Ashes with a three-nil victory.

Of special note, the game in Adelaide was the one hundredth played for Australia by Murray Harrison – an amazing performance.

Many thanks to Graeme Oliver, the SACA and the South Australian team for their labours in making their leg of the tour so successful, and to David Head and his NSW team, including those workers at Penrith and Bankstown, for their excellent support.

The same team continued to Christchurch for the World Cup and were undefeated in the seven qualification games, including a win against the English. In a close grand final, the ubiquitous English again came out victorious.

Special thanks are due to:

- The magnificent Management Team of Ian Gibson and Heather Farley for their steadfast, thorough and positive support of the team.

- Garry Zealand, the hardworking Sports Trainer.
- Travel and accommodation expert extraordinaire Dina Bagust for her brilliant behind the scenes efforts.
- The Selection Panel of John Stackpoole, Ian Gibson, Bill Kidd, Phillip Smith and Ron Axelby for their diligent efforts with the arduous task of squad selection.

Coming Events

At the time of writing this report, three international tours are in the pipeline. In January there is planned a quad series for an Over 70s Australian team to play in Cape Town against, South Africa, England and the Rest of the World. A Silver Ashes tour to England and Wales is due in the northern summer.

For the first time an Over 75s International is planned: a three ODI Trans-Tasman series. This is an exciting development and great opportunity for the mature players.

It is hoped that there will be concurrent social, supporters' tours alongside these three official tours.

Conclusion

Cricket Australia Masters can be proud of all its diverse accomplishments in every Playing Group. The players at the aged end of our spectrum contribute splendidly to this, with their achievements bringing joy to many. When we were in our teens, we would never have thought that our grandparents in their seventies and eighties would still have been playing cricket, let alone doing so nationally and internationally. Well done to all concerned!

Dixie

Christopher Daw
Chair of the Over 70s Committee

Other Reports

Australian Aboriginal Over 50s Team

New Zealand Tour - Tour from Saturday 28 March to Monday 6 April 2026

Team rocked by the passing of John Jewiss (plans were made to commemorate him on the tour), but also by players pulling out (Bert Pearce, Mark Smee and Billy Moggs). We bought in two players (from the squad initially picked in February 2025 - Mark Lewis (Cap 15) and Chris Proctor (Cap 16). Eventually only touring with 11.

Emma Downey was appointed as Manager and did an awesome job.

Game 1 vs Auckland - very difficult pitch we were all out for 77 (Les Raveneau 29, Matt Lewis 15), Auckland 9/78 (Alf Newman 4/20, Steve Jennings 2/15, Rob Hyatt 2/28). Felt a little disrespected given the state of the pitch, but the Auckland side were wonderful people, with several ex-first class players, but only one Maori player. Dropped catches were our problem in this game.

Game 2 vs Rotorua - no pitch preparation meant we were forced to play on synthetic. We batted slowly to be honest, getting 7/191 (Matt Lewis 79, Chris Proctor 48). Our bowling and catching again was woeful, as the home side were virtually untroubled, passing 1/195. Their side contained 6 NZ Veterans representatives. But again, no excuses for poor play.

Game 3 vs Masterton, featuring no less than 8 NZ Veterans representatives, was on a wonderfully prepared pitch and everything was taken care of by Chris Jeffries who was one of the initial brainchild's of this tour. We bowled first and after having them in early trouble, we dropped a few catches and allowed some of those NZ reps (Pender, Grant, Jeffries and Stewart) to capitalise and amass 7/275 (Alf Newman 2/31, Mark Lewis 2/50). Our run chase began brightly but became sour quickly when we lost wickets in clumps, eventually completing our 45 overs at 8/175 (Mark Lewis 34*, Les Raveneau 23, Matt Lewis 19). Dropped catches again.

Game 4 vs The New Zealand Maori O45s team. Another well prepared pitch and a day that started with cultural dance from both sides, adding to the enormity and historical nature of the event. The Australian)50s Aboriginal team needed to pull out and enormous performance considering the earlier games. We did just that, with openers Al Bougoure and Peter Lee putting on 0/69 in the first 15 overs, but the Maori fought back taken 2 wickets for only 51 runs in the second session. The last session saw cameos from Matt Lewis and Percy Raveneau to escalate the score to 227, 107 runs in the last session (Peter Lee 57, Al Bougoure 50, Percy Raveneau 34*, Darrel Smith 29, Matt Lewis 22).

Our bowlers started magnificently, putting plenty of pressure on the Maori batsman, Steve Jennings and Alf Newman just too good in what was excellent partnership bowling. But it was one of those games where ascendancy ebbed and flowed between the teams. A fighting 80 from

former first class player Leigh Kelly and 39* by Hamma Stewart, meant the Maori got home with 3 balls to spare. (Steve Jennings 3/32).

All up, a great experience culturally and strong bonds have been made. our commemorations of JJ were very well received and respected by each side and the last game's cultural aspect and the standard of cricket played was very high. The NZ Maori team would like to tour in 2027, further details to come soon.

NZ Tour	Games	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Runs	Wkts	Catches				
Matt Lewis	4	15	79	19	22	0-2	135@33.75	~	3			
Darrel Smith	4	0	4	5	1-34	30	1-15	39@9.75	2@24.5	2		
Allan Bougoure	4	3	10	13		51		77@19.25	~	2		
Rob Hyatt	4	0	2--28	0--33	4*	0--56	0--38	4@4	2@77.5			
Steve Jennings	4	6*	2--15	0--49	3	1--41	3--32	9@9	6@22.83	1		
Mark Lewis	4	5	1--12	5	0--41	34*	2--50	7*	1--41	51@25.5	4@36	
Chris Proctor	4	1		48					49@24.5	~		
Peter Lee	4	1		10*	12		57		80@26.67	~	1--1	
Alf Newman	4	5	4--20	6*	0--23	18	2--31	0--53	29@14.5	6@21.17		
Les Raveneau	4	29		0	0--13	23	1--24	0		52@13	1@37	
Percy Raveneau	4	2		18	1--34	6	0--25	34*	1--41	60@20	2@50	1

Future National and International Program

National Aboriginal Over 50s Cricket Championships – Jan 2027

Plans are underway for a National Aboriginal Over 50s Cricket Championships, to be played in Maryborough, QLD between Tuesday 12 January and Thursday 14 January 2027.

The intent, through the research the Committee has conducted, is to form teams from NSW, Victoria and Queensland, and then with the nominations we may get from ACT, WA, SA, Tasmania and NT, form a Barbarians side.

Each side plays each other over the course of the three days. The outcome of the tournament is important, but moreover, is the selection of an Australian side to take on the NZ Maori side for a return series.

Nomination forms have been created, and the Committee requests the links to be shared on the CAM Facebook page in the first instance, to be shared by State Media contacts on State Facebook pages, then hopefully shared by regional co-ordinators, who in turn will email regional contacts. Hopefully, this will reach a maximum of participants keen to play at the Nationals.

The Committee will move forward with a process to select a group of selectors to attend the National Championships, with a very similar selection process document that has been used by the CAM O50s Board.

Given the time of year in Maryborough, some thoughts have already been given to the structure of the competition. 40 over games with 3 breaks after 10 overs has been suggested, as has retirements of batsman, to see more from the players at these championships.

The venue at Maryborough has 2 pitches (enough for the 4 teams) and are curated by Darrin Rasmussen, O55s Australian player, who will also act as Carnival Manager for the 3 days.

Series vs New Zealand Maori O50s team – May/June 2027

After our tremendously successful NZ Tour in April 2026, discussions are underway to have a 3 match series against the NZ Maori O50s team at Maroochydore QLD, in May/June 2027. NZ Maori player, Graham Stewart has been the conduit between our Committee and NZ's committee.

The format will be three 45 over matches, but of course, having selected the last Australian Aboriginal team in April 2025 to be used for matches in Mackay and New Zealand, it is time for a new process to choose a new team, hence the National Championships.

Grant applications / Funding

National Training Camp and New Performance Standards

We are yet to attract any funding or grants at this stage. Therefore, we have had to keep costs to a minimum when planning events. We have invested into the Grants Professional program, but this is yet to yield any funding. Recognised is the overall CAM Board's assistance with Blazers and Baggy Greens, for our players so that we can uphold the traditions and respect for representing Australia, and not just our culture.

We continue to work in this space.

Acknowledgements

The committee acknowledges the commitment of the players, selectors, managers, Board members, state representatives, volunteers, partners and families who made the year possible. Particular thanks are extended to the organisers and hosts in Mackay and New Zealand, for their hospitality and contribution to the growth of international masters cricket.

Special acknowledgement is also given to Committee members Darrel Smith, Rob Hyatt, Les Raveneau, Peter Lee and Craig Trindall for their efforts to get these inaugural events up and running. They are very passionate about Aboriginal Cricket and I value their contributions immensely.

Matt Lewis

Chairperson
Australian Over 50s Aboriginal Cricket Committee

Umpire Liaison Manager

Early in 2026 and after the completion of the various 2025 National Age Championships, Kevin Walker stood down as the National Umpire Liaison Manager due to health reasons. On behalf of all associated with Cricket Masters across Australia and New Zealand, we would like to express our sincere thanks for the effort, commitment and passion with which Kevin carried out the role of National ULM during the last few years. We also wish Kevin all the best with his health moving forward.

After an approach from Murray Harrison, both Nelma Grout (QLD UC) and Ian Pryde (NSW UC) agreed to step into the role on an interim basis to ensure that Umpire Coordination for the 2026 season was able to progress in the early stages.

Unfortunately, with Kevin's health concerns, he didn't have access to all his records of the 2025 season as well as other relevant information to assist in a handover. Following information is therefore based on information available.

2025 National Championships

Appointments of Umpires to all age championships were provided with 2 umpires per game being appointed to each game (to the best of our knowledge)

The initial process to identify umpires resulted in 98 umpires across Australia & New Zealand applying. The breakup from States was -

QLD	21
NSW	33
VIC	6
TAS	2
ACT	6
SA	10
WA	4
NT	2
NZ	14

These numbers were then complemented with additional local umpires for each championship to form the relevant Championship Umpire Panel. Appointments were then coordinated through the local umpire coordinator for the championship.

The 2025 season saw the initial consolidated Playing Conditions across all age groups. From an umpiring perspective this was a great initiative and with ongoing tuning will be a great benefit for all concerned.

The 2025 season also saw the introduction of a standard Umpire Field Shirt that was worn by all umpires in all games across the various age groups. This was a professional step up rather than seeing umpires standing in different shirts based on their local associations. Our thanks to sponsors, NRS, Taxfiles P/L and Burgess Rawson for their contributions.

The initiative was driven by Nelma Grout who coordinated the required sizes and ordering process. Facilitating the logistics of arranging to get the shirts to the various championships and distribution to each umpire was a challenge that with the assistance of a number of people – the shirts found their mark and looked great on field.

The same shirt will be used during the 2026 season. Based on current submissions of umpire interest, we will be looking at an order reaching approximately 50% of the Umpire Panels for this season.

2026 National Championships

The recruitment process for identifying umpires for the various Age Championship Umpire Panels is well underway.

The EOI process that had been used over the past few years was revamped to replace the cumbersome forms and amount of retyping required from both the CAM ULM and the relevant coordinators. A 'Google' Forms link has been provided to all umpires to complete and submit with the output being able to be exported into a spreadsheet. Completed Forms will remain available to each of the coordinators. This will also enable a further objective where the coordinators have a better opportunity to work as a team and share information on their local state umpires to the advantage of state coordinators hosting championships that coming season.

Thanks are extended to the CAM Board for requesting a proposal for an increase in the umpiring allowance. This matter was duly considered and the allowances for the forthcoming championships are \$180 (standing with a partner) and \$250 (standing alone)

Status of State Coordinator positions

Leading into the 2026 season, there has been movement with the state coordinator roles. For ACT, SA, WA, QLD, NZ & NSW – there is no change.

VIC – Michael Slattery has resigned, with no current replacement in place.

TAS – Mike Gandy has resigned, On 31st July, Geoff Jackson was confirmed as the state coordinator for Tasmania

NT – John Ginnane will be resigning his role due to a job relocation.

Nelma Grout & Ian Pryde (Interim CAM Liaison Managers)