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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Queensland Cricket Association Limited covering the 147th year of cricket administration in Queensland will be held at QCHQ at 6pm on Tuesday 17 September, 2024. Queensland Cricket Association Ltd ACN 010 289 237 ABN 5561 269 5676
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COVER: The Brisbane Heat were triumphant in 2023-24, winning the club's second KFC Big Bash League title.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Queensland Cricket acknowledges and pays respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters encompassing the country where we are privileged to live, work, and play the great game of cricket on the land now known as Queensland.

We recognise and celebrate the spiritual and ongoing connection of the Traditional Owners to culture and Country and acknowledge all Elders past, present and emerging.

We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation, so that together we may bring about equity and equality, fostered by strong and trusting relationships.

We shall cherish shared wisdom and grow with guidance as we walk together towards a reconciled country.



2023/24 CHAIR REPORT

KIRSTEN PIKE – Queensland Cricket Chair

The 2023-24 year encompassed many positives for cricket in the State, whether on field in terms of team and individual performances, or off the field where the game continued to grow.

It was a great honour to be appointed as Chair of Queensland Cricket in October 2023, taking over the reins from Chris Simpson following last year's Annual General Meeting

In his final address at the AGM, Chris recognised the significant contribution of the member body his fellow Board Members, the CEO Terry Svenson, his leadership team and the QC staff, the players and officials of the game and finally the significant support and contribution of the thousands of volunteers across the State that continue to make important things happen.

We also recognised the contribution of Queensland Cricket's two Directors who departed the Board during 2023-24, acknowledging the significant contribution of Mackay-based elected Director Barry Jansen, who served on the Board for almost 12 years and appointed Director Juanita Maiden who had served four years on the Board.

The Nominations committee appointed Bronwyn Atkinson to fill the appointed Director vacancy while the members elected the following directors.

Grant Mitchell was appointed for a three-year term as elected director, Kirby Short was appointed for a three-year term as an elected director and John Salter was appointed to fill the casual vacancy following Barry Jansen's resignation for a one-year term



Allan Border Field set to host a match



Grace Harris meets some keen fans.

Following the AGM, the Board held a special meeting to finalise the appointment of a new Chair and Deputy Chair, with Ian Healy AO announced as our new Deputy.

The annual Queensland Cricket Awards Gala in April 2024 showcased some wonderful representatives of the tireless army of volunteers who brought passion and creativity to their respective roles to give our grassroots the best chance to thrive.

'Kaspa's Crew', the longest running volunteer recognition program in Australian Cricket, was on display with the dozen individuals praised for their efforts on the main stage, with their contributions outlined in detail elsewhere in the report.

Their achievements in supporting juniors, clubs, multicultural, Indigenous and inclusive all-abilities programs make for encouraging reading.

As a Board, our directors are vividly aware of the great contribution the volunteers bring to cricket, attracting and encouraging the very youngest girls and boys to the Woolworths Blast sessions, right through the clubs and grades to the Veterans who continue to play the game that has brought them so much enjoyment.

Learning that Queensland was able to make steady progress in entry-level participation in the Woolworths Blast programs during 2023-24 was heartening, as was the continued surge in growth for women and girls.

With ideal role models like the WBBL Brisbane Heat, Queensland Fire and all-conquering Australian Women's team, and forward-thinking administration to deliver cricket as a strong and viable option for the female stars of tomorrow, cricket is indeed fortunate to be in such an enviable position to inspire future generations.

Equally the bright and exciting brand of cricket delivered by the Australian men's team, and the creation of backyard heroes in the form of the Brisbane Heat in the BBL and Queensland Bulls, means the grassroots of the game is regularly infused with examples of passion and skill.

It is fitting that Queensland Cricket continues to recognise its past champions with naming rights to venues, infrastructure, cricket programs and individual awards, reinforcing the strong ties between those currently involved and those who have gone before us.

One of the outgoing Chair's final tasks was to announce Jimmy Maher as Queensland Cricket's latest Life Member, celebrating his outstanding contribution to the game here.

That effort covers his long-serving ties to Queensland, as a player, past player, administrator, volunteer and direct conduit to Queensland's past male and female players through the Bulls Masters which does wonderful work for our community.

This continued during the season when the Maher-Love Trophy was launched to serve as the incentive for the Under-16 Country match between North and South Queensland. It was named after Jimmy and Martin, who both learned the game in their respective country towns in Babinda and Mundubbera.

Queensland cricketers were again at the fore at the national level, and we congratulate Jess Jonassen, Grace Harris, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Xavier Bartlett, Michael Neser, Ben McDermott on their playing efforts for Australia during 2023-24. Likewise, Hugh Weibgen, Callum Vidler, Lachy Aitken, Tom Campbell, Lucy Hamilton and Bonnie Berry deserve praise for their performances in green and gold.



Michael Kasprowitz and 'Kaspa's Crew'



Leg-spinner Grace Parsons in action for Australia 'A'

The CEO and I have written to cricket stakeholders during the year to outline the facts and future implications of the complexities surrounding the Gabba's future, State Government commitments to Cricket Australia around international cricket in Queensland, and the on-going planning around the Olympics.

A copy of the letter is included in this report. Queensland Cricket will continue to work diligently to achieve a satisfactory outcome that will secure the long-term future of our preferred playing arena.

On behalf of my fellow directors, I thank the committees appointed by the Board that do important work for us in the background.

These committees draw upon a mixture of directors, volunteers, club representatives, staff and other skilled individuals. They operate as vital instruments of review, enable strategic planning, and specialist insights that shape informed decision-making by the Board and Management.

I congratulate the members of the Finance, Governance, Risk and Audit (FGAR) Committee, the Recruitment and Retention Committee, the QCA Nominations Committee, the QC Foundation Committee, First Nations Cricket Advisory Committee, Conducts committee, Appeals Tribunal and Premier Cricket committee.

During the year, the Board was again pleased to have regular interactions with Brisbane-based Cricket Australia Director Greg Rowell. We thank him sincerely for his guidance and advice, and his on-going commitment to Australian Cricket.

There were many significant matters considered by Directors during the year.

These included ongoing discussions on the National Redress Scheme across Australian Cricket, with Queensland Cricket maintaining its stance not to join the scheme as it currently stands.

The Board endorsed minor revisions to the QC Strategic Plan 22-25, including the FY25 Action Plans, as well as endorsing the creation of a Queensland Cricket Competition Model to support affiliate members with competition administration on a fee for service basis.

Working groups were also established to address proposals from the Queensland Premier clubs and Queensland Country Cricket Association regarding additional funding for the next financial year.

I look forward to working alongside our key stakeholders at all levels in the coming year and thank the dedicated members of our Board for the insights, passion and determination as we aspire to make cricket Queensland's leading sport.

GABBA UPDATE

AT A GLANCE

- NO GABBA TEST IN 2026-27
- CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY ON THE GABBA'S FUTURE AND BEING FIT TO HOST INTERNATIONAL CRICKET HAS OTHER INTERSTATE VENUES RANKED AHEAD OF IT
- FUTURE STADIUM NEEDS FOR BRISBANE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED URGENTLY

Dear Club, Association, Affiliate, Player, Coach, Umpire, Volunteer, Sponsor, Fan and Supporter of Queensland Cricket,

A little over 12 months ago, the Chair and I took the opportunity to write to you with a detailed update on Queensland Cricket's approach to the proposed Gabba redevelopment and our options around displacement from the venue in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics.

In the ensuing period since that communication, much has changed in our response and preparations for the coming seasons through to 2032 and beyond.

The State Government's decision to not progress with its commitment to rebuild the Gabba and downgrade its proposed Olympic role has resulted in direct and indirect changes to how we proceed with our business.

The most obvious impact will be that for the first time since 1976-77, a Test Match will not be held at the Gabba in 2026-27.

Major stadiums in other States are now considered more commercially attractive and fan friendly to host cricket compared to the Gabba.

It is deeply disappointing that the 2026-27 Gabba Test has become a casualty of the uncertainty around the infrastructure planning and development ahead of the 2032 Olympic preparations, specifically around the Gabba.

The lack of detail about timings, promised improvements, and actual investment in the Gabba is driving uncertainty and is likely to continue to affect our operations until it is addressed.

And while not being unduly alarmist, the potential outcome of this continuing uncertainty could have a significant impact on participation statewide and fan engagement across men's and women's cricket.

Obviously, such an impact would have a corresponding effect on our business and, importantly, our ability to deliver on our purpose of promoting and growing cricket to ensure all Queenslanders can play, participate, and enjoy the game.

While we acknowledge that there are other economic and social issues at play, at a very minimum we strongly urge Government to bring certainty to the development of a fit-for purpose stadium for the long-term noting that the Government's own assessment has identified that the life span of the Gabba is finite, supported by the Quirk review of Olympic infrastructure.

Queensland Cricket contends that making a definitive commitment also makes a commitment to utilise sport and major stadiums to stimulate economic growth.

We urge our leaders to be bold, innovative, and focussed on the long term.

BACKGROUND

Cricket Australia will shortly announce its long-term international schedule for men's (out to 2031) and women's (out to 2026) home Tests, One Day Internationals and T20 Internationals,

following a process where it sought input and commitments from governments and stakeholders around securing matches.

While the Gabba will host the third Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series this year, and the second Test of next year's Ashes series, a Day/Night match, it will not host a Test in the following season, the first time since the 1976-77 season that this happened, with an unbroken run of 49 Tests by the time the 2026-27 season arrives.

Instead, Queensland Cricket is working with Cricket Australia to host white ball internationals at the Gabba in that season, while the four Test series against New Zealand will be played in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

The one-off, 150 Year commemorative Test will also be played at the MCG.

After 49 Tests in a row at the Gabba, there will undoubtedly be many disappointed cricket

fans who will find themselves questioning the decision-making behind the Gabba's omission from the Test schedule in 2026-27.

As has been outlined previously, State Governments were given the opportunity to bid for international cricket content over the next seven years (i.e. SA Government and SACA have secured a pre-Christmas Test for each season in that period), the WA Government and WACA have a three-year commitment to host the opening Test of the summer in Perth).

These scheduling decisions have been made by Cricket Australia to maximise investment into cricket. Queensland Cricket supports this approach as increased funding can be shared among all States and Territories to further grow the game.

We remain hopeful that Test cricket will return to the Gabba after the summer of 2026-27 despite the current lack of detail and uncertainty surrounding the upgrades to the Gabba.

We are confident that outside of the main stadiums, regional Queensland venues, such as Great Barrier Reef Arena in Mackay, will continue to play an important role in hosting international men's and women's cricket in the future.

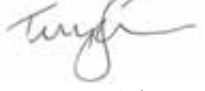
In the short term, we will work closely with Cricket Australia, the Department of Tourism and Sport, Tourism and Events Queensland, Economic Development Queensland, Stadiums Queensland and Brisbane City Council, including the Brisbane Economic Development Agency to ensure the Test Matches against India and England produce outstanding events at the Gabba.

We will continue to provide updates as and when necessary.

Kind regards,



KIRSTEN PIKE - Chair



TERRY SVENSON - Chief Executive Officer



2023/24 CEO REPORT

TERRY SVENSON – Queensland Cricket CEO

Queensland Cricket experienced the full spectrum of highlights and challenges across 2023-24, with the resolve and resilience of volunteers, staff, and management ensuring a satisfactory year overall.

We continue to implement the initiatives within our Strategic Plan and remain confident that our shared commitment to achieving its purpose and vision will keep Queensland Cricket in a sound position.

The delivery of actions tied to our strategic pillars – Grow Participation, Better Teams, Players and Coaches, Entertainment, Organisational Capability and Infrastructure and Facilities – has largely been a success across cricket in the State. While challenges remain, we are again in a stable position to address them.

Queensland Cricket finished 2023-24 in a solid financial position, with prudent budgeting and investment enabling us to fund our cricket aspirations and commitments to our valued stakeholders, which continue to deliver outstanding results at the grassroots level.

There were obvious highlights on the field in elite cricket, infrastructure and facilities kept pace with demands around Queensland, our organisational capabilities proved robust in the face of a sometimes rapidly changing political and societal basis, and we were able to make significant contributions to our communities.

Looking back on the previous year's report, the most obvious pressure point we have faced in the past 12 months has stemmed from the planning and preparation for the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics in south-east Queensland.

The uncertainty around the future of the Gabba has assumed greater significance, with our previous displacement concerns replaced by more immediate disruptions to our business due to the uncertainty created by the Government around the refurbishments of the venue once it was decided not to rebuild it to be the main stadium of the Games.

The most apparent outcome from the uncertainty around the Gabba was the decision by Cricket Australia not to schedule a Test match for Brisbane in the 2026-27 season. In the unveiling of CA's long-term seven-year international cricket content schedule, Queensland is currently only assured Tests for this summer against India in December and the second Test of the Ashes in 2025-26, which will see the Gabba host its fourth Day/Night Test in its history.

While we anticipate hosting white-ball international fixtures during that season, nothing has been locked in for the Gabba beyond the 2026-27 season.

Additionally, Cricket and AFL have both shared our respective concerns about future stadium planning for 2032 and beyond, with the State election in October 2024 an additional complication in this process.

Somewhat ironically during the year, cricket was confirmed as taking its place in the Los Angeles Games in 2028, with the expected consequence of the sport being represented at the 2032 Games.

The Chair and I again briefed Stakeholders in August 2024 about the ramifications facing cricket around the Gabba's future, with a copy of the letter found elsewhere in the Annual Report.

The motivation behind an open letter was to provide transparency and context around our decision-making and was a follow-on from last year when then Chair Chris Simpson and I wrote to the cricket community about the prospect of displacement under the original Gabba redevelopment proposal.

ORGANISATIONAL CAPABILITY

The 2024 winter saw Deputy Chair Ian Healy, Head of Elite Cricket Joe Dawes and I embark on a tour of USA and United Kingdom which encompassed a wide range of meetings and insights.

The interaction included studying high performance programs within other sporting codes and teams in US and UK as well as being briefed on new ideas to support our approach to marketing, fan engagement, sponsorship, and commercial partnerships.

Additionally, solid progress was made to establish and strengthen relationships with US & UK based sporting teams to have ongoing collaboration and possible short-term staff exchanges, as well as to attract players and teams to use our facilities (training and playing) here at Allan Border Field.

Among the organisations that either hosted us or were generous with their time were the LA Lakers,

LA Galaxy, LA Rams, Major League Cricket, NBA, Texas Christian University, Texas Rangers, Seattle Orcas, Surrey Cricket and the London Spirit.

Following on from Queensland Cricket's fact-finding visit to India in 2023, this trip has delivered an array of opportunities and initiatives that we will work to incorporate into our business in 2024-25 and beyond.

Queensland Cricket's inaugural Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) entered its second year in 2024 with sound progress made to date on its key organisational components, including deliverables in each area:

1. Relationships

2. Respect

3. Opportunities

The RAP is championed internally by the RAP Working Group within Queensland Cricket and externally through quarterly meetings with the Queensland First Nations Cricket Advisory Committee.

Another important aspect of Queensland Cricket is the development and growth of the Queensland Cricket Foundation. Its purpose is to make cricket more accessible, and all funds-raised go to the Foundation's 4 Key Pillars:

1. Indigenous Health & Well-Being

2. All-Inclusive, Female and Multicultural programs

3. Infrastructure and Facilities

4. Supporting Experiences for Disadvantaged youth

The on-field prowess in the 2023-24 season that featured the Brisbane Heat crowned as BBL champions for the second time in their history and the WBBL team finishing as runners-up, had an off-field response in a record return for the Queensland Cricket Foundation.

Funds raised across the season came from a variety of sources, including events, on-line auctions, at-match raffles, sale of pickets at Allan Border Field and corporate and individual donations.

Highlights included \$18,000 raised from online auctions of signed WBBL and BBL First Nations playing shirts, with each player from the respective squads signing and donating one of their match shirts from the KFC Big Bash League and Weber Women's Big Bash League seasons.

The funds raised have supported several Indigenous cricket initiatives, including the recent Stan Alberts Shield community cricket competition, Metro First Nations Gala Day and Engagement Carnival with Indigenous Schools in the Metro Regions through Woolworths Cricket Blast.

The QCF also contributed to new nets at Springfield Cricket Club, sponsorship of the Jodie Purves Scholarship for a young female cricketer from regional Queensland, a donation to the Valleys All Abilities program for children with an intellectual disability, a donation to the Nepalese Winter Tournament and funding the Blind Bats all-inclusive sports day featuring Ian Healy.

FINANCIAL

As part of our ongoing commitment to fund our cricket aspirations, Queensland Cricket was again able to achieve its budgeted financial surplus target for the year.

The surplus for the year amounted to \$968,451 (2023: \$863,602), which incorporates an amount of \$442,142 representing gains from the QCA Future Fund. Excluding this amount, which is not available for general use, the net operating surplus for the year was \$526,309.

The Directors carefully considered recommendations for this surplus and opted to again invest the surplus into the QC Future Fund.

The Future Fund, managed by Morgan Stanley, is into its third year, and currently sits ~\$5.5M invested at an interest rate of 11.65% over the lifespan of the Fund.

We remain long term investors and will continue to make selective investments to build further financial sustainability and create an asset to safeguard against financial risk and fund our cricket aspirations.

Cricket Australia opted to maintain, rather than increase its funding to States and Territories for FY25, and Queensland Cricket anticipates that a marginal increase will follow in FY26.

Despite there being no increase in CA funding in FY25, we will continue to provide CPI increases in our funding to affiliates and lift investment to specific areas within the Queensland cricket community.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The 2023-24 Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) saw \$1,537,578.18 committed towards 49 projects across the State with an aim of making cricket more accessible and inclusive for all Queenslanders.

The ACIF is a joint initiative between Cricket Australia, Queensland Cricket and the Australian Cricketers' Association, through its contribution via the Grassroots Cricket Fund, that allows cricket clubs and associations, schools and Councils to apply for funding to build and improve local cricket facilities and grounds, making cricket more accessible and inclusive for all Queenslanders.

Spread across two rounds, the ACIF contributed \$13,043,37.78 in improved cricket facilities and infrastructure.

Approximately 70 per cent of committed funding went to projects within non-metro areas, which included refurbishments, replacements, and upgrades of existing infrastructure.

Additionally, the Queensland Government's Minor Infrastructure funding round committed more than \$1.25 million to cricket to help support community sport and recreation.

Over the course of season 2023-24, Queensland Cricket finalised the State Facility Audit – the organisation's first since 2016 – and a critical project in shaping the development and design of cricket infrastructure into the future.

The facility audit is used by the Queensland Government, Cricket Australia, and Queensland



Cricket to determine which facilities need maintenance work and to prioritise investment.

Queensland Cricket will be able to provide clubs and associations with key outcomes and support, while also understanding opportunities to increase cricket participation and player enjoyment.

COMMUNITY CRICKET

The ongoing efforts in promoting community cricket and enhancing infrastructure in Queensland have yielded some positive results, albeit with challenges to meet in the future.

Woolworths Cricket Blast participation grew overall in Metropolitan Brisbane but declined overall in season 2023-24 across Regional Queensland. Just over 10,500 girls and boys signed up to participate in a Woolworths Cricket Blast program.

Further growth is required in season 2024-25 to keep pace with other sports in Queensland.

Participation in junior club cricket remains flat Statewide and has decreased in some regions, with Cricket Australia and Queensland Cricket set to make retention from Woolworths Cricket Blast into Junior Cricket competitions a priority going forward.

Pleasingly, girl's participation has increased.

The Brisbane North and Bayside East & Redlands (BEARS) regions have seen exponential growth in girls' participation, by 152% and 290% respectively.

The BEARS' region has also emerged as a standout nation-wide, with a 205% increase in overall growth, the fourth highest across the country.

North Queensland has also seen impressive numbers, with over 1,000 participants and a 27% increase on 2022-23.

Continuous growth in the South-East Queensland region for the last two season has also led to Junior Cricket registrations hitting a 4-year high, almost in line with pre-pandemic numbers.

Despite minor fluctuations, Sunshine Coast and Far North Queensland have seen substantial progress, with expansion into remote areas and the introduction of volunteer-led programs.

Allied to the overall drive by Queensland Cricket's community team to grow participation has been the delivery of some innovative and targeted campaigns including Play Cricket Week in August & Women and Girls in Cricket Week in November. Additionally,

Our concerted efforts in the Multicultural space have produced pleasing results, as outlined elsewhere in the report. Stronger ties now exist between Queensland Cricket and our multicultural communities, with a shared love of cricket driving gains in areas such as coaching, partnerships, participation, and international relationships.

Indigenous cricket has been boosted by the introduction of additional representative opportunities, including the Michael Mainhardt Cup between North and South Queensland, a wide-ranging tour of Cape York and Torres Strait by QC staff, and the launch of the Eddie Gilbert Program to generate entry level participation interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

ON-FIELD PERFORMANCE

In the wake of another successful KFC T20 Max competition for men and women in the pre-season, the Queensland Bulls and Fire and WBBL Heat were quickly into action for the first half of the summer.

The WBBL Heat were early front-runners, as they set their sights on winning their third WBBL title.

Grace Harris produced a knock for the ages at North Sydney Oval, hitting an unbeaten 136 no from 59 balls against Perth, to annex the highest individual score in the WBBL with her 11 sixes in the innings, also a WBBL record. Captain Jess Jonassen finished the season with 162 career wickets, the most of any player in Big Bash (BBL & WBBL) history.

The Heat overcame the Sydney Thunder and Perth Scorchers in the finals series to qualify for their first WBBL Final since 2019. The clash against Adelaide Strikers at the Adelaide Oval was a thriller, coming down to the final ball with the Heat ultimately falling three runs short of victory.

The Heat started the BBL off in fine style, building momentum pre-Christmas and being the first time to lock in a berth in the Finals. With the Gabba

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CEO REPORT (CONT.)

TERRY SVENSON – Queensland Cricket CEO

unavailable due to preparations for the Day/Night Test against the West Indies, the Heat played their Qualifier Final against the Sydney Sixers at Carrara Stadium on the Gold Coast.

While the Sixers' victory in that game secured them the Final at the SCG, the Heat bounced back two nights at the same venue later to overpower the Adelaide Strikers, with batter Josh Brown hitting a remarkable 140 off 57 balls, the highest score in a Final and third highest of all time in the BBL.

It was Brown who again led the charge in the Final, hitting a half century, and with Matt Renshaw (40) also among the runs, Brisbane finished with 8-166. A player of the match performance by paceman Spencer Johnson, whose return of 4-26 was the best in a Final, secured a 54-run victory and added a second BBL trophy to the club's cabinet 11 years after its initial title in BBL|02.

In all, the Heat had seven wins, one loss and two No-Results in the regular season and a loss in the Qualifier Final.

The Queensland Fire were another Finalist in 2023-24, with early points in the Women's National Cricket League followed by strong showings in the New Year.

The Fire qualified for the Final in Hobart, with Tasmania chasing a hat-trick of titles. Queensland produced a determined challenge but were unable to defend their total of 7-248 as the Tigers reached 4-249 in the 48th over.

The Queensland Bulls finished fifth in the Marsh One Day Cup and sixth in the Marsh Sheffield Shield. It was an uncharacteristic performance by the Bulls, and a thorough review of the program followed during the off-season. A renewed Elite Cricket department has emerged from his process with encouraging signs ahead for the 2024-25 season.

Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Michael Neser, Matthew Renshaw, Ben McDermott and Xavier Bartlett were all part of Australian men's squads, with Bartlett making eye-catching debuts at T20I and ODI level in 2024.

Earlier, Labuschagne produced a strong run of form in the ODI arena, coming from outside of the squad to finish as one of the first-choice players in Australia's 2023 World Cup victory in India.

Jess Jonassen and Grace Harris were likewise selected for Australian women's squads during the summer.

Jonassen played the one-off Test in India in December, with the home side winning by eight wickets, while she and Harris were in the Australian women's T20 and ODI squads.

Harris toured Bangladesh in April 2024 where she played four matches as a pre-cursor to the 2024 Women's T20 International World Cup.

Elsewhere, there were several notable playing achievements featuring Queensland playing talent.

In Youth cricket, the Queensland Under-19 men's and women's teams finished as runners-up in their respective national titles.

The first month of 2024 saw four Queenslanders feature in the Australian Under-19 team that won the ICC World Youth Cup in South Africa. Captain Hugh Weibgen (Valley), Callum Vidler (Valley), Tom Campbell (Wests) and Lachy Aitken (Gold Coast) were part of the squad that qualified for the decider, with Weibgen and Vidler members of the side that defeated India.

A trio of Queensland pace bowlers in Amy Hunter (ACT), Lucy Hamilton (Qld) and Bonnie Berry (Qld) earned selection in the Australian Under-19 Women's team that toured Sri Lanka in March and April.

Queensland Country's male and female teams went to Newcastle for their national titles, with both the Brahmans and Brolgas victorious over the Christmas-New Year holidays. Congratulations to President Kev Maher and all involved in the success of the Queensland Country Cricket teams.

The Queensland women's Indigenous team finished as runners-up at the National Indigenous championships, unable to repeat their win over NSW in the corresponding Final last season, while the men's team was fifth. Grace Abdy, Tracee Williamson and Carys Underwood were all named in the women's Team of the Tournament while the men's team was awarded the Spirit of Cricket.

ENTERTAINMENT

On the field, the Heat were the most successful club across the Big Bash League and Women's Big Bash League in 2023-24 after finishing runners-up in the WBBL, complementing the club's BBL|13 premiership.

The 54-run victory over the Sydney Sixers marked the Heat's second men's championship.

The club averaged 25,787 attendees for its five BBL home games at the Gabba, a year-on-year increase of 35 percent.

Brisbane set a new membership record with 14,507 members signing on across the WBBL and BBL.

The Heat also attracted a 21 percent increase in corporate support and hospitality.

With the Gabba unavailable for Finals, the Heat continued to grow the club's fan base across Queensland as 20,919 fans attended the club's Qualifier Final against the Sydney Sixers at a sold-out Gold Coast Stadium, setting a new cricket record for the Gold Coast.

Brisbane Heat merchandise also sold-out record levels, with BBL|13 representing the club's biggest season in merchandise sales since BBL|07.

The Big Bash League continued to buck the trend of TV viewership with significant growth in national numbers. The BBL remains the most-watched Australian domestic sporting competition on a per-game basis, with the WBBL the fifth most-watched.

The Heat averaged 759k viewers per game across the BBL season with streaming numbers through Kayo, Foxtel Go and Foxtel Now not included.

Channel Seven's free to air coverage was a particular highlight of the summer with Brisbane viewership for Heat matches increasing by 40 percent and metro TV numbers increasing by 8 percent. Kayo reported earlier in the season that viewing numbers are up 16 percent, while short form BBL content was up 112 percent, making it the most streamed BBL season to date.

The Final was watched by a national average of over 952,000 fans across Channel Seven and Fox Cricket, while Kayo's coverage was the second highest ever streamed BBL game. Channel Seven's coverage also reached over 2.1 million people nationally on free to air TV.

The Heat's WBBL Final against the Adelaide Strikers had an average national viewership of over 410k, the highest rating WBBL match in two seasons.

The Heat continued to lead the way in social media engagement with the club maintaining their position as Oceania's most followed club across all social channels, with engagement growing by 37 percent.

PARTNERSHIPS

Queensland Cricket brought down the curtain on its award-winning, eight-year partnership with Great Southern Bank on 30 June 2024.

The conclusion of the sponsorship saw Great Southern Bank finish as the club's longest-serving Principal Partners, with the initial sponsorship

signed in 2016 between the Heat and Credit Union Australia (CUA), which successfully transformed to Great Southern Bank three years ago.

During Great Southern Bank's association with the club, the Heat won two WBBL titles and were runners-up in the Weber Women's Big Bash League while the BBL side finished the KFC Big Bash League season as champions.

On a similar note, after a 12-year stint as the Brisbane Heat's Major Partner, Betta Home Living concluded their sponsorship, one of the longest agreements in the history of the BBL.

On behalf of all Queensland Cricket, we thank the management and staff from Great Southern Bank and Betta for their wonderful support of cricket in Queensland.

We were delighted to welcome in July 2024, our newest partners. Queensland Country Bank and Poolwerx have signed on as Principal and Major partners respectively and we look forward to joining with them for many fulfilling seasons to come.

Our partners play a critical role in assisting Queensland Cricket live our purpose to promote and grow cricket ensuring all Queenslanders can play, participate and enjoy the game.

Our ongoing partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is highlighted by the high profile WBBL and BBL Innings Break spectacular, while the StreetSmarts campaign extends through schools and community cricket, as well as helping Queensland Cricket to deliver important Road Safety messaging.

We express our thanks to official sponsors National Storage, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Toyota, Primo, Cross River Rail, KFC, Coca Cola, Trip-A-Deal, Carlton United Breweries, Diageo, Containers for Change, Kookaburra, Masuri, Jimmy Rods Barbers, Queensland Music Trails, Brisbane Airport Corporation, Nova, Channel Seven, The Courier Mail and Foxtel.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is appropriate to record a formal note of thanks in this report for several individuals who have devoted themselves to cricket in Queensland.

After more than 30 years as a player, coach and physiotherapist, Martin Love brought down the curtain on his day-to-day involvement with Queensland Cricket. A reassuring presence at matches, training and around the QC offices, Martin has made an incredible contribution to our game and players. We congratulate and thank him.

Likewise, our outgoing head coaches Wade Seccombe and Ashley Noffke deserve praise and credit for the way they conducted themselves during their time in charge of our elite teams. Each has been a positive influence on the way Queensland and the Heat has played, and their dedication should be applauded.

We took the opportunity to publicly congratulate and thank leading umpire Bruce Oxenford on his career at our Awards Gala in April 2024 and a fitting record of his achievements can be found elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Finally, thank you to our cricket community, valued corporate partners and sponsors for your support and help in making the past summer of cricket such a vibrant and memorable one.

We are encouraged to report that our game and organisation remains proactive, ambitious and well-planned. Despite some ongoing market challenges, we are well placed to grow our game in Queensland, and we look forward to working with each of you to secure that future.



The West Indies celebrate their remarkable Test victory at the Gabba



Queensland Country Bank CEO Aaron Newman and QC CEO Terry Svenson



Victorious BBL Final captain Nathan McSweeney holds the trophy aloft before the crowd in Queen Street Mall



The 2023-24 QC Gala Awards Dinner was another spectacular evening



ORGANISATION HIGHLIGHTS

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The 12-month anniversary of the launch of Queensland Cricket's inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan highlights the significant progress that has been made in the past year.

The latest initiatives to emerge from the RAP were unveiled during 2024 National Reconciliation Week, complementing the work already completed.

The 'Innovate' RAP launched last year at Allan Border Field has encompassed a broad range of activities that have helped grow Indigenous cricket opportunities throughout the State.

There has been sound progress made to date on its key organisational components, including deliverables in each area:

Relationships Respect Opportunities Governance

The RAP is championed internally within Queensland Cricket by the RAP Working Group and externally through quarterly meetings with the Queensland First Nations Cricket Advisory Committee.

A popular initiative that took place during the 2023-24 season was the launch of the Harmony Shield, with the Queensland male and female Indigenous teams playing matches against a



Queensland Multi-cultural XI and Queensland Invitational Pathway side respectively at Allan Border Field.

This match followed the introduction during the year of the inaugural Michael Mainhardt T20 Indigenous Challenge that was held at Cairns' Griffith Park.

The three match T20 series saw some of Queensland's most talented Indigenous cricketers, including several current Queensland Indigenous states representatives, clash.

The South Queensland Men's Indigenous team defeated North Queensland to take out the inaugural title.

Indigenous representative cricket is a key deliverable in the RAP and Queensland's male and female Indigenous teams featured in a cap presentation and farewell event in Brisbane prior to the National titles in Alice Springs in February.

Queensland had mixed results. The women's team were the reigning titleholders and again made the Final where they finished runners-up to NSW.

RECONCILIATION
ACTION PLAN (CONT.)

Grace Abdy, in her second tournament, was the leading wicket-taker and Tracee Williamson was the third highest runs-scorer. Those two players, and Carys Underwood, all made the Team of the Tournament.

The men's team finished fifth. After a slow start due to injuries to key players on the eve of the tournament, Queensland became more competitive the longer the tournament went. A highlight was Daley Martin's five wicket haul, while the team claimed the Spirit of Cricket Award.

Also on the national front, the Brisbane Heat club supported First Nations round activities in the WBBL and BBL competitions.

Both teams wore the Heat Indigenous playing strip in home and away matches during the season, while other opportunities also took place around the two home games.

Members of the Queensland Women's Indigenous squad did a jersey presentation to the WBBL Heat players before combining for a joint PR exercise onboard the Sea Link vehicle barge to Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).

The Queensland Women's Indigenous squad also trained with the Heat prior to their First Nations game and took their place alongside the Heat and Renegades players on field for the Welcome To Country conducted by Shannon Ruska from Tribal Experiences.

Both teams performed a Barefoot Circle on arrival at the venue before gates opened on match day.

Members of the Queensland Men's Indigenous squad attended training at the Gabba with the BBL Heat squad prior to the First Nations game against the Hobart Hurricanes.



The Brisbane Heat innings break was First Nations themed; elements included music by Indigenous artists, LED and big screens carried Heat First Nations artwork and animations.

The match also featured the announcement of the Queensland men's and women's squads to compete in the 2023-24 National Indigenous Cricket Championships. Players from both squads attended the game.



Elsewhere, the KFC Queensland Premier Clubs held their Reconciliation Round in February which was well supported by all clubs.

All of the above were key deliverables in the Opportunities Focus Area of the RAP.

Looking ahead, a major outcome to emerge from the RAP will be the re-launch of the Eddie Gilbert Program in 2024-25.

Originally designed to be an entry-level cricket program when it was launched in 1998, it evolved into a Talent ID and specialist training program,

which included the likes of a young Preston White who claimed the Peter Burge Medal this year.

The relaunched Eddie Gilbert program will focus on delivering targeted introductory cricket skills clinics to Indigenous communities.

This will assist with driving participation growth and further building a First Nations playing base in Queensland.

The re-launched Program's logo draws from the artwork created by SEQ artist Aunty Delly McDonald for the Brisbane Heat's inaugural First

Nations playing shirt that the club's teams have worn in the WBBL and BBL since 2021-22.

It illustrates the water holes and water course that gave Woolloongabba its name, 'place of whirling water'. The centre circle represents the Brisbane Cricket Ground (the Gabba) with the 87 strokes in the design paying homage to Eddie Gilbert, representing the 87 first class wickets he took in his 23 matches for Queensland.



2022-2025 STRATEGY PLAN

Queensland Cricket's strategic plan is a comprehensive document outlining the future of the organisation. Key to this are the vision, purpose and values outlined above. Improved engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities aligns with our pillars and will assist in meeting these aspirations.

Key strategic goals under these areas involve: Sustainable Participation growth, Better Teams, Players and Coaches, Entertainment, Organisational Capability, and Infrastructure & Facilities.

Genuine and positive engagement with Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities should feature within each of the outlined goals, they align with Reconciliation Action Plan targets and Queensland Cricket will be well placed to build on this into the First Nations community space.



**GROW
PARTICIPATION**



**BETTER TEAMS,
PLAYERS & COACHES**



ENTERTAINMENT



**ORGANISATIONAL
CAPABILITY**



**INFRASTRUCTURE
& FACILITIES**



QUEENSLAND CRICKET FOUNDATION

An important aspect of Queensland Cricket is the development and growth of the Queensland Cricket Foundation. Its purpose is to make cricket more accessible, and all funds-raised go to the Foundation's 4 Key Pillars;

1. Indigenous Health & Well-Being
2. All-Inclusive, Female and Multicultural programs
3. Infrastructure and Facilities
4. Supporting Experiences for Disadvantaged youth.

Funds raised across the season came from a variety of sources, including events, on-line auctions, at-match raffles, sale of pickets at Allan Border Field and corporate and individual donations.

As well as raising a total of \$166,000 towards its four main pillars in 2023, the QCF also donated over \$29,000 through in-kind donations across membership, ticketing, merchandise, and corporate hospitality.

The on-field prowess in the 2023-24 season that featured the Brisbane Heat crowned as BBL champions for the second time in their history and the WBBL team finishing as runners-up, had an off-field response in a record return for the Queensland Cricket Foundation.

Highlights included \$18,000 raised from online auctions of signed WBBL and BBL First

Nations playing shirts, with each player from the respective squads signing and donating one of their match shirts from the KFC Big Bash League and Weber Women's Big Bash League seasons.

This was the second season that the First Nations shirts had been auctioned, with record sales generated, including notable individual purchases for the likes of Heat BBL captain Usman Khawaja (\$1452), Marnus Labuschagne (\$2,146) and WBBL Heat captain Jess Jonassen (\$462).

The funds raised have supported several Indigenous cricket initiatives, including the recent Stan Alberts Shield community cricket competition, Metro First Nations Gala Day and Engagement Carnival with Indigenous Schools in the Metro Regions through Woolworths Cricket Blast.

The QCF also contributed to new nets at Springfield Cricket Club, sponsorship of the Jodie Purves Scholarship for a young female cricketer from regional Queensland, a donation to the Nepalese Winter Tournament and funding the Blind Bats all-inclusive sports day featuring Ian Healy.

The 11th recipient of the \$2500 Jodie Purves scholarship was Monto's Tarah Staines, a Queensland Under-19 representative who played in the 2023-24 Australian Championships in Brisbane.

The scholarship, which covers cricket and educational expenses, was backed in part by funding via a \$3000 donation to the Queensland Cricket Foundation from the Brisbane Airport Corporation.

The Foundation donated \$10,000 to the Valley District Cricket Club's (VDCC) All-Abilities Cricket Program, a modified training experience that provides children and young adults with intellectual disabilities an opportunity to learn and participate in cricket.

Established in 2021, the tailored, free of charge program allows participants to develop and improve key skills whilst engaging in the social aspect of sport.

Founder and Coordinator Karen "Kaz" Willis initiated the project after a conversation with a friend discussing the noticeable shortage, inequity and lack of opportunity for children with intellectual disabilities to participate in cricket programs within Brisbane.

The Foundation funding also supported the required equipment costs and mentoring for coaches who are involved in training neuro-diverse children.

These programs continue to be beneficial in creating a stronger pathways system for our Special Olympics and QLD Cricket inclusions teams moving forward. Two players who started in the All-Abilities Foundation program were a part of this year's Queensland's Inclusion Team.

The Foundation also helped many organisations and charities such as:

Headspace
Hayley Richmond
Big Dry Friday
Legacy
Family of League Foundation
RUNDIPG
Carbine Club
Taverners Queensland
REIQ
Marburg Cricket Club
RUOK
West End State School
Attitude Dance Academy
Mater Little Miracles
Mother of Boys
Relief for Ratty
MND Foundation
Juiced TV
Ovarian Cancer Australia

SPONSORSHIP





COMMERCIAL PARTNERS

Queensland Cricket remains thankful to the integral role our commercial partners play in supporting our purpose to promote and grow cricket across Queensland. The investment our sponsors make into cricket allows us to reinvest back into our community to run programs, build infrastructure, purchase equipment, and support volunteers.

New partners were welcomed into the QC family in 2023-24 where the on and off field success of the Brisbane Heat saw a growing number of fans engage with our sponsors and their brands.

Some highlights include new partnerships being established with TripADeal, Poolwerx, Queensland Music Trails, the Department of Justice (Forget the Bet), Carlton United Breweries, Jimmy Rods Barbers, Diageo, and Brisbane Airport Corporation.

Great Southern Bank's Principal Sponsorship of the Brisbane Heat continued into an eighth season, with the industry-leading sponsorship highlighted by the sold out Great Southern Bank House Party – the place to be for a Gabba BBL game.



The Department of Transport and Main Roads continued to connect with cricket fans across the state while spreading the important message of road safety through initiatives such as the StreetSmarts Regional Tour, T20 Schools Challenge and Brisbane Heat Innings Break Show.

National Storage and Toyota's partnerships moved past 10-years, making them two of the longest standing sponsorships across the Big Bash Leagues.

Queensland Music Trails came on board as presenting partner of the Brisbane Heat's New Year's Bash game. While the New Year's Bash was weather impacted, Queensland Music Trails were integrated into the Heat's season through a performance by contracted player Jack Wood prior to a game during the season.

KFC's connection to grassroots cricket continued through the ongoing support of the KFC T20 Max and KFC QLD Premier Cricket competitions. T20 Max is widely regarded as one of cricket's leading T20 competitions under the BBL and WBBL, and we are thankful for KFC's support after backing the competition from its inception.

QC has been proud to extend key sponsorships ahead of the 2024-25 summer, with Toyota, KFC, Primo, Cross River Rail and Brisbane Airport Corporation all re-committing ahead of what promises to be another big summer of cricket.

Queensland Cricket would like to recognise the significant contributions and long-standing partnerships of Principal Partner Great Southern Bank and Major Partner Betta Home Living who have finished their sponsorships after eight and 11 years respectively as part of the Heat and QC family. The impact that both partners have made on our organisations goes beyond that of a traditional sponsorship. The partnerships have been built off mutual values, and QC is proud to have played a role in both Great Southern Bank and Betta's growth and success.

QC is equally proud to welcome Queensland Country Bank and Poolwerx as Brisbane Heat and QC Principal and Major Partners ahead of the 2024-25 season.

Queensland Country Bank will feature on the front and back positions of the Heat WBBL and BBL jerseys, with Poolwerx in the chest position. We look forward to working closely with Queensland Country Bank and Poolwerx to deliver success for their businesses.

SUPPORTERS

Queensland Cricket gratefully acknowledges the assistance and backing it enjoys from several organisations of like-minded cricket enthusiasts and supporters.

These groups directly support the growth of cricket across Queensland through performing important tasks within the wider community, as well as providing cricket with enviable role models in terms of their generosity and breadth of spirit.



THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKET SOCIETY (QUEENSLAND)

The ACSQ is an official associate of Queensland Cricket. Its goal is: to provide a convivial "cricket lover's" forum that promotes lasting friendships and a greater understanding of the cricketing world, past and present. It assists several charitable and cricket initiatives.



PETER BURGE XI

We thank the commitment of the Peter Burge XI and its members:

Doug Barton
Peter Bell
Tony Coutts
Peter Evans
John Gowdie
Spencer Grammer
Graham Oldham
John Pearce
Richard Williams
Mick Power AM
Tim Prest
Peter Chisholm



CARBINE CLUB

Originally formed in 1961 in Victoria as a loose collective of like-minded individuals with an interest in sport and good fellowship, it has grown into an international organisation that raises and distributes funds for the benefit of young athletes and organisations serving the community through sport. The Queensland branch was formed in 1981 and for more than a decade, has presented a rising young Queensland cricketer with the Bill Brown Medal on an annual basis. The 2023-24 medal recipient was Sianna Ginger.



THE WANDERERS QUEENSLAND

The Club encourages young people to play and enjoy the game of cricket. It plays mid-week matches each summer, mostly against schools in the state's south-east, and undertakes an annual 12-day playing and coaching tour of country centres. The club also provides regular junior coaching clinics.



THE BULLS MASTERS

The group of past Queensland cricket greats which help foster and develop cricket and assist local charities throughout Queensland regional communities. They play regular matches around Queensland and provide coaching and community outreach at each venue. The Bulls Masters came on board as an official Queensland Cricket sponsor in 2018-19.



Taverners Queensland

The Queensland branch is part of a national network of cricket lovers who raise funds exclusively to help the young and disadvantaged achieve their sporting goals.

This support includes cricket for the blind and visually impaired, cricket for those with a disability, cricket for the deaf and Indigenous cricket.

In 2023-24, Taverners Queensland supported the Under-17 Premier Cricket competition, the Michael Mainhardt T20 State Indigenous Challenge, as well as backing the Outside The Locker Room mental health partnership for Queensland Premier cricket clubs.



AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS' ASSOCIATION

The Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) is the collective and representative voice of past and present male and female elite domestic and international cricketers in Australia. Via the ACA Past Player Game Development Program and the ACA Premier Cricket Program, ACA Members help identify, instruct and inspire talent through both the male and female pathways.



INFRASTRUCTURE



The 2023-24 Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) saw \$1,537,578.18 committed towards 49 projects across the State with an aim of making cricket more accessible and inclusive for all Queenslanders.

The ACIF is a joint initiative between Cricket Australia, Queensland Cricket and the Australian Cricketers' Association, through its contribution via the Grassroots Cricket Fund, that allows cricket clubs and associations, schools and Councils to apply for funding to build and improve local cricket facilities and grounds, making cricket more accessible and inclusive for all Queenslanders.

Spread across two rounds, the ACIF contributed to \$13,043,37.78 in improved cricket facilities and infrastructure.

Approximately 70 per cent of committed funding went to projects within non-metro areas, which included refurbishments, replacements, and upgrades of existing infrastructure.

Among the successful ACIF candidates were

- the Scenic Rim Regional Council that applied for funding for a field of play lighting upgrade at Coronation Park
- Boyne Island Tannum Sands Cricket Club that applied for funding to support a new pavilion including player and umpire changerooms and supporting amenities
- refurbished cricket nets at Morrow Park, Tolga and Morrow Park, Atherton for Atherton Cricket Club,
- new synthetic nets for Yelarbon Cricket Club in the Goondiwindi Cricket Association and Isis Cricket Club in Childers and
- pavilion upgrade works to Kingaroy Sports & Cricket Club's facilities that the club share with South Burnett Saints AFC.

Additionally, the Queensland Government's Minor Infrastructure funding round has committed more than \$1.25 million to cricket to help support community sport and recreation.

Among the successful projects were:

- \$210,632 to Strollers Cricket Club Inc to install new cricket nets at Bundamba,
- \$157,258 to Mackay Cricket Association for a lighting upgrade,
- \$88,736 to Western Suburbs District Cricket Club for an inclusive amenities upgrade at Graceville and
- \$250,000 to Whitsunday Regional Council for a field of play lighting upgrade in Bowen.

Other highlights of the projects which reached completion in the 2023-24 season were the redevelopment of the Noel Gorman Clubhouse at Wynnum-Manly District Cricket Club's field at Carmichael Park, Tingalpa, solar panel installations at Valley District Cricket Club and Sandgate Redcliffe District Cricket Club, to aid in offsetting power usage, practice facility refurbishments at Kim Carroll Sporting fields in Tully, and Gracemere Cricket club and several new synthetic pitches including five in Mackay.



INFRASTRUCTURE (CONT.)



STATE FACILITY AUDIT

Over the course of season 2023-24, Queensland Cricket finalised the State Facility Audit – the organisation's first since 2016 – and a critical project in shaping the development and design of cricket infrastructure into the future.

The facility audit is used by the Queensland Government, Cricket Australia, and Queensland Cricket to determine which facilities need maintenance work and to prioritise investment.

Queensland Cricket will be able to provide clubs and associations with key outcomes and support, while also understanding opportunities to increase cricket participation and player enjoyment.

QUEENSLAND CRICKET INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

In 2023, the Queensland Cricket Infrastructure Team embarked on a comprehensive review and update of the Queensland Cricket Infrastructure Strategy. This strategic initiative aimed to evaluate the current state of cricket infrastructure across the state and outline a roadmap for future development and investment.

Aligning with the Cricket Australia and Queensland Cricket strategic plans, key projects were identified in all 12 regions, with the intent to utilise facilities to increase participation amongst junior players, whilst also providing a safe and inclusive environment for all cricketers including women and girls and cricketers of all abilities.

Projects such as upgrades and new builds of clubhouses and pavilions, change facilities and amenities have been identified in the updated Queensland Cricket Infrastructure Strategy, as priority areas of investment through the various funding models available to clubs, schools, associations and councils.

With the continuing growth of the game, additional facilities and the lighting of facilities is a high priority to enable an equitable opportunity for access to the game of Cricket for all.





GROWING PARTICIPATION



ENTRY LEVEL PARTICIPATION

Australian Cricket has been well served in the foundation blocks of its participation focus through the Woolworths Blast entry-level program.

Nationally, there was significant year-on-year growth in Woolworths Blast (+19%), women's and girls' participation (+18%) and South Asian boys and girls aged 5-12 (+13%) which have been strategic priorities for Australian Cricket.

The Australian Cricket Census for 2023-24 revealed that nationally, participation grew to 66,161 individuals.

Queensland Cricket produced similar results to the national census figures.

Our term 2 programs in schools in 2024 saw unique participants in Cricket Blast eclipse 10,500 participants, a 13.7% growth on 2022-23.

Play Cricket Week in 2023-24 helped build excitement and registrations, with a 'Bluey' backed launch event at Allan Border Field that complemented by activities across the State. It was pleasing to note that the subsequent 2024-25 Play Cricket week roll-out was even more extensive, with early numbers indicating an uptick in registrations.

While growth continues at entry level, there was a drop-off of 3% at national level in junior club cricket participation, a trend that was mirrored in Queensland.



Cricket Australia has acknowledged the challenges all sports now face in ensuring participants continue to play sport for longer and have made retention initiatives a major priority for cricket to safeguard the long-term health of the game.

This will include a new Coach Development Framework to enhance the experiences of players and coaches and the integration of social cricket formats with competitive competition pathways.

It has been identified that the quality of experience with a junior coach is critical in retaining players.

Through our CATS network, we are focusing on the delivery of more coaching courses targeting the age group of Blast and Junior participants.

With the assistance from CA, a priority will be the rollout of e-learning opportunities for more coaches Statewide to increase the upskilling of coaches in this age group.

Such new initiatives to address player retention will continue to drive our strategic goals, and we will tailor our operations accordingly.

COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

Queensland Cricket's expertise in competition administration has increasingly been called upon as volunteers seek additional skills and resources to improve their clubs and associations.

During 2023-24, meetings were held with the committees of Warehouse, Sub Districts, Logan District, Rockhampton Cricket, Wide Bay, Toowoomba and the BNJCA.

Formal proposals to commence competition administration as a partnership has been provided to Queensland Sub Districts, Logan, and Wide Bay associations.



COACH EDUCATION

The second half of the 2023-24 year had some solid gains in Coach Education.

As at July, 69 participants have gone through the Representative Coaching Course, including 32 in the Metro course hosted by QC and the National Cricket Campus and 27 in the Regional course hosted at Cazaly's in Cairns.

There also 74 attendees in the two-day High Performance Coaching Symposium hosted in partnership with Brisbane Boys College.

Attendees were Representative coaches from across Queensland currently looking after those in our talent system, including Premier Cricket, coaches from within Queensland Indigenous & All-Abilities programs and Senior Country and Junior Zone Representative Coaches.



CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

Southern Cross Catholic College in Townsville has been dubbed the nation's elite cricket school by Cricket Australia.

The college took out the Celebrating Cricket in Schools category in the annual Community Cricket Awards announced.

Southern Cross Catholic College, Townsville (SCCC) has long been respected for its commitment to fostering cricket within the school community. However, during the 2023-24 season, the school embarked on some new initiatives taking the promotion and growth of cricket in North Queensland to a new level.

Through initiatives like Sporting Schools, the school collaborates with Queensland Cricket to provide young students with invaluable exposure to the sport.

SCCC's participation in various competitions, including the Primary School Blast Cups and StreetSmarts Secondary School tournaments, underscores its commitment to fostering talent at all levels.

One standout feature of the 2023-24 season was the introduction of new programs.

The after-school Woolworths Cricket Blast program was particularly popular, drawing in participants who were new to the game.

The program's success led to registrations filling up quickly, showing how it sparked a fresh interest in cricket.



2023/24 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR KASPA'S CREW

Far North Queensland
Gerhard Labuschagne
Barron River CC

North Queensland
Darryl Gross
Saints CC

Mackay Whitsunday
Brad Doolan
Souths Mackay CC

Central Queensland
Tracey Slean
Gladstone Brothers Junior CC

Wide Bay
Paul & Holly Sanders
Maryborough District CA

Sunshine Coast
Mel Shelley
Palmwoods CC

Brisbane North
Mandy-Leigh Hackart
Burpengary CC

Bayside East & Redlands
Peter Rose
Mansfield Magpies Junior CC

Metropolitan South-West
Michael Childs
Moggill CC

Darling Downs & South-West
Ian Mills
Toowoomba Girls Hub

Gold Coast
Dave O'Donnell
Helensvale Pacific Pines CC

South East Queensland
Jono Gibbs
Strollers CC

VOLUNTEERS

Queensland Cricket again awarded Volunteer of the Year awards to individuals from throughout the State, formally acknowledging their mighty efforts across the year.

Palmwoods CC president Mel Shelley was named as the Queensland Cricket Volunteer of the Year and presented with her accolade at the 2023-24 QC Gala Awards dinner.

She was joined at the dinner by other members of 'Kaspa's Crew', the Queensland Cricket Volunteer Recognition Program that came into existence 21 seasons ago when Queensland and Australian pace bowler Michael Kasproicz agreed to be the face of the inaugural initiative.

Mel's outstanding contributions to cricket on the Sunshine Coast touch many levels.

Serving as President of the Palmwoods Cricket Club since June 2019, she has showcased exemplary leadership, navigating the club through significant milestones including the construction of a new clubhouse and the management of shared facility use.

Despite facing challenges such as major floods, her composed and consultative leadership style ensured the club's resilience and continued growth.

The dedication extends beyond Palmwoods Cricket Club. She has played a pivotal role in the establishment and expansion of the women's cricket competition on the Sunshine Coast.

Under her guidance, the competition has flourished from four teams to two divisions comprising six teams each. Her inclusive approach, coupled with her emphasis on gradual evolution, has enabled women of all skill levels to participate and thrive in cricket.

In addition to her administrative responsibilities, she actively contributes to the club's operational tasks, including fundraising, facility preparation, and promotion.

"THE CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERS IS SOMETHING WE NEVER TIRE OF, AND QUEENSLAND CRICKET WILL CONTINUE TO DEDICATE ITSELF TO SUPPORTING THE GRASSROOTS WHEREVER WE CAN."
- CEO, TERRY SVENSON

Supported by her husband Dan, Mel's leadership is characterized by empathy, compassion, and a genuine commitment to fostering unity within the club. Her technical expertise and administrative skills have propelled Palmwoods Cricket Club forward, despite the challenges inherent in community group administration.

As a player, Mel exemplifies her passion for the sport, often taking on the role of captain and participating in prestigious competitions such as the North vs South Competition and the Queensland Vets women's team, which clinched the National title.

As the only female President on the Coast, Mel serves as an inspiring role model, encouraging other women to step up and take leadership roles within the cricket community.

Her leadership, both on and off the field, will undoubtedly continue to shape cricket in Queensland for years to come.

It was also significant to welcome one of Queensland's Multicultural Cricket Ambassadors to the Gala Awards dinner. Amit Lohani, the President of the Queensland Nepalese Cricket Association, was announced by CA during the year as one of its Multicultural Cricket Ambassadors in recognition of devotion to establishing cricket within the Nepalese community.

Queensland Cricket CEO Terry Svenson said the recognition through Kaspa's Crew and Volunteer of the Year awards was a fitting way to highlight exceptional efforts by cricket volunteers.

"It's outstanding to see so many regional achievers acknowledged, and we thank them for their unstinting efforts."

"We are enormously grateful to everyone who volunteers their time at a club or association or committee. Their commitment enables boys and girls and men and women to enjoy the game and ensure quality experiences for all involved."



A SPORT FOR ALL AWARDS

COACH OF THE YEAR

Brad Doolan (Mackay)

SOUTHS SHARKS CRICKET CLUB, MACKAY

WOMEN & GIRLS INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

WILSTON NORTHS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

CLUB OF THE YEAR

ALBERTON ORMEAU CRICKET CLUB

ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

MT ISA DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

QUEENSLAND NEPALESE CRICKET ASSOCIATION

WW BLAST COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

YARALLA CRICKET CLUB (GLADSTONE)

JUNIOR CRICKET INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

DARLING DOWNS & SOUTH WEST QLD

YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

LUKE ABDY NORTH QUEENSLAND

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR

HARRUP PARK & MACKAY CRICKET

MATCH OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

MEL LUTHER NORTH QUEENSLAND

CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

SOUTHERN CROSS CATHOLIC COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

2023- -2024

COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARDS

ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a cricket Association that actively works to create a sustainable competition that provides opportunities for everyone to have the chance to be involved in cricket.

Mt ISA CRICKET

Mt Isa Cricket has been nominated for the Association of the Year award due to their determined efforts to revive cricket in the community. Facing declining participation over the past decade, new leadership in the 2023-24 season, particularly from Junior Coordinator Mischa Gummitt, has led to significant progress. Gummitt introduced the city's first Cricket Blast program, attracting 40 participants, and plans to expand it annually to reinstate junior competitions. Senior competitions have been formalized on PlayHQ with live scoring, and new formats like a 9-a-side T20 and a 30-over competition have boosted participation. Social cricket days have also been organized to attract new members. The drive and commitment from the leadership team at Mt Isa Cricket, has created more opportunities for participation growth in the region, affirming their nomination for this award.

YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a young person, under the age of 25 who positively impacts those around them through their off-field leadership in volunteering.

LUKE ABDY, WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB, TOWNSVILLE

A widely respected member of the Wanderers Cricket Club, Luke has displayed an outstanding level of dedication and passion for grassroots cricket and the development of the next generation of junior cricketers. A talented young player himself, at 17 years old, Luke has taken his talents away from the crease to join the coaching ranks. Starting in the U13's, Luke has been an inspiration to many, wasting no time to receive his qualifications, completing his Community Coach level course to now coach the U11B team. Luke prioritizes engaging drills and positive reinforcement for his players and actively seeks improvement, regularly seeking advice from fellow coaches. Luke's commitment to skill development and mentorship makes him a deserving finalist for the Young Leader of the Year award.



Alberton Ormeau Cricket Club



Wilston Norths Junior Cricket Club



Mel Luther



Mackay Cricket's Terry Doolan and Brad Doolan



Bulls players Liam Guthrie, Matt Kuhnemann and Jack Wildermuth with Darling Downs kids

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

This award acknowledges the outstanding delivery of diverse and inclusive experiences by finding clever and innovative ways to engage and grow their club.

QUEENSLAND NEPALESE CRICKET ASSOCIATION (QNCA)

Based in South-East Queensland QNCA is a growing community, promoting cricket to the wider Nepalese community and beyond. Their annual Nepalese Cricket tournament has become a community fixture, featuring inclusive initiatives like a "Big Bash" style franchise tournament. QNCA actively engages with QLD Cricket, participating in events like the Nations Cup and Multination Challenges Trophy, finishing second in the latter. The Association has actively engaged in developing their junior ranks, entering a team in the Rising Stars junior tape ball tournament which demonstrates their commitment to providing all an opportunity to excel in the sport. Their initiative to introduce a Woolworths Cricket Blast program is a testament to their efforts in developing grassroots and building a strong foundation for the future of cricket within the Nepalese community.

CLUB OF THE YEAR | FINALISTS

This award recognises a community cricket club that actively creates welcoming environments and seeks to create sustainable participation and growth through good governance, volunteer support and inclusive on field programs.

ALBERTON ORMEAU CRICKET CLUB

Since Matthew Yiend assumed the role of Club President, Alberton Ormeau Cricket Club (AOCC) has undergone significant transformation, emerging as one of the Gold Coast's most inclusive clubs. Under Yiend's leadership and with the support of community volunteers, AOCC implemented an inclusivity program, enabling youth participation in cricket. The club's expansion in 2023/24 includes introducing Cricket Blast for juniors, establishing over 40's and over 50's teams, and growing senior teams to six. AOCC hosts the annual Celebrity Cricket Match, donating proceeds to charities like Brave Hearts and the Preston Campbell Foundation. Pioneering the Middle Stump Initiative, AOCC aims to involve Indigenous youth in cricket, proudly showcasing the initiative at every home game. AOCC's commitment to inclusivity and community engagement merits their nomination as a finalist for the Club of the Year award.

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a Woolworths Cricket Blast Coordinator who exemplifies coaching The Australian Way. Someone who has gone out of their way to make sure that participants are supported to develop both their skills and a lifelong love of cricket.

MITCH WOODWARD, MICK SLATTER AND EMILY SLATTER FROM YARALLA CRICKET CLUB

Yaralla Cricket Club has launched a successful Woolworths Blast program this season. Coordinators Mitch Woodward, Mick Slatter, and Emily Slatter tirelessly promoted junior cricket, resulting in a significant increase in participation. Previously without a Blast program for three years, they now host one of the largest programs in the Gladstone Cricket Association, fielding three teams due to high demand. Their efforts fill Gladstone's fields with laughter as kids play cricket under lights every Friday night, making Yaralla Cricket Club a deserving finalist for Woolworths Blast Coordinator of the Year.

WOMEN & GIRLS INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

This award looks to celebrate the outstanding delivery of female-based experiences by finding clever and innovative ways to engage and grow their program.

WILSTON NORTHS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

In 2023, the Wilston Norths Junior Cricket Club Management Committee appointed a Director of Girls Cricket as part of their commitment to growing female participation within the sport. With a female President and over 50% female representation on the Committee, the club fosters inclusivity. Bhumika Chelwani, the newly appointed Director, implements a holistic approach to girls cricket, including coaching, clinics, pathways, representative activities and strategic relationships. Under her guidance, the club hosted its first Girls Academy and facilitated a partnership between Met South West and Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association for an expanded competition. Bhumika also assists female coaches with accreditations and collaborates with schools and Blast programs to boost participation. Her player-centric approach earns her popularity and nomination for the Women & Girls Initiative award.

COMMUNITY MATCH OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a match official such as a scorer, team manager, umpire who leads by example in championing safe, fair and enjoyable cricket for all.

MEL LUTHER

Mel Luther, dubbed the "unsung hero of Townsville and North Queensland cricket umpiring," excels on and off the field. Organizing and rostering local umpires for various competitions, she's dedicated to upskilling and learning, recognized through her selection as an umpire for the Australian Country Cricket Championships. Mel's volunteer work officiating Women's Social League games in Townsville boosts women's cricket in the region. Her commitment to improvement and fostering cricket, especially for women, earned her recognition as a finalist for the Community Match Official award. Mel's tireless efforts make her an inspiration and an asset to the cricket community.

COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a coach who exemplifies coaching The Australian Way. Someone who has gone out of their way to make sure that participants are supported to develop both their skills and a lifelong love of cricket.

BRAD DOOLAN, SOUTHS SHARKS CRICKET CLUB, MACKAY

Brad Doolan serves as a dedicated coach for multiple Souths Sharks teams, including Blasters, Stage Two, and Heat Girls League. His mentorship extends to coordinating and designing training programs for various age groups, ensuring a comprehensive development pathway. Brad's commitment to player retention and enhancement is evident through innovative incentives, such as weekly performance awards sourced from local businesses. Notably, his coaching prowess culminated in his Stage Two team clinching victory in their final match, while his Heat Girls League team exhibited commendable performance despite falling short in the final.

PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the outstanding leadership and support in building community-based partnerships that provide positive outcomes to the cricket community.

HARRUP PARK & MACKAY CRICKET

NATIONAL WINNER

Harrup Park and Mackay Cricket's collaboration for junior cricket in the 2023/2024 season is a prime example of community engagement. Harrup Park's initiatives significantly influenced local cricket by promoting, supporting, and organising junior cricket events. Their localized TV ad raised awareness and interest among young enthusiasts. Harrup Park's giveaways of equipment and subsidies for the Master Blaster program made cricket more accessible and attractive. Their school outreach program actively promoted cricket in the region's schools. Additionally, Harrup Park recognised educators' vital role by providing promotional items. This comprehensive approach had a lasting impact on the community, making Harrup Park and Mackay Cricket deserving finalists for the Partnerships of the Year award.

CELEBRATING CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

This award recognises a school, ambassador or initiative that celebrates the connection between school, student and the broader cricket community.

SOUTHERN CROSS CATHOLIC COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE

NATIONAL WINNER

Southern Cross Catholic College (SCCC) in Townsville has long championed cricket, enhancing efforts in 2023-24. SCCC consistently backs Queensland Cricket programs, entering multiple teams in male and female Blast Cups and StreetSmarts Secondary School competitions, prioritizing participation. Chris Horn, Pastoral Leader and Chief Cricket Coordinator, orchestrates games against local schools, often traveling great distances. SCCC's inaugural Blast Program was hugely popular, attracting new participants, reflecting their commitment to cricket. The College's dedication extends internationally, taking 11 students to New Zealand for a transformative experience. Chris Horn's passion for junior participation and values of respect make SCCC a strong contender for the School of the Year award.

JUNIOR CRICKET INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

This award acknowledges the outstanding delivery of junior cricket experiences by finding clever and innovative ways to engage and grow their junior offering with a focus on education, fun and social connection.

DARLING DOWNS & SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND CRICKET INC.

The Darling Downs and South-West Queensland Cricket Inc. launched a comprehensive Junior Development program in the 2023/24 season, ensuring equal opportunities for male and female players across the region. The program comprises the Zone Challenge Cup, Winter Academy, and participation in representative cricket. It facilitates player identification, development, and monitoring, enhancing structure and coordination. The Winter Academy attracted over 140 players, with Cricket Blast numbers increasing by almost 70%, particularly among females, up by nearly 110%. This initiative significantly improved championship team performance. Recognized for fostering the next generation of Queensland cricketers, they are a distinguished finalist for the Junior Cricket Initiative award.

COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECT OF THE YEAR

This award acknowledges a club, organisation or local government authority that has developed or redeveloped a Community Cricket Facility that has delivered upon Australian Cricket's strategic objectives, incorporated environmentally sustainable design and facilitated successful stakeholder relationships.

VALLEY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Valley District Cricket Club (VDCC) partnered with GPS Rugby Club to construct a new facility, enhancing accessibility for players, umpires, and spectators. The first-class facility includes universal change rooms with showers and toilets, addressing a previous shortfall. The project supports the growth of junior and senior women's programs by providing essential changing facilities at every oval. VDCC, with Brisbane City Council and GPS Rugby, installed 136 solar panels as part of a sustainable clubs' program, reducing electricity bills and dependence on fossil fuels. This initiative aligns with VDCC's commitment to environmental responsibility, making them a deserving finalist for the Community Facility Project award.

INCLUSION

Queensland Cricket's representative inclusion program continued to grow in 2023-24, with an impressive 16 players selected across the national squads for Blind and Low Vision Men, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Men, and Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability.

This remarkable representation highlights the depth of talent, commitment and passion within the Queensland community.

Five Queenslanders – Chris Gould, Jack McAllister, Matt McCarthy, Ollie Fanshawe, and Sean Kendrick – earned their spots in an extended squad of 22 players for the highly anticipated Blind Ashes Series late in 2024.

Queensland's Deaf and Hard of Hearing squad continues to demonstrate its prowess with six returning stars: Liam Prineas, Luke Trudgett, Michael Blight, Nicholas Mahoney, Nick Budden, and Sean Walsh. Joining these seasoned players is rising star, Kezzie Van Rij, making his debut in the 24-man National squad.

The Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability squad features seasoned campaigners Haydn



Brumm and Jamie Phillips, who will be joined by the standout performers from the National Cricket Inclusion Championships, Kyrna Crump and Tom Crump. Their selection in the 2024 19-player training squad was a significant milestone, marking their first step towards national representation.

Brisbane was again a venue of choice, hosting the National Cricket Inclusion Championships for the past two seasons and will welcome the event back in January 2025.

With national campaigns now underway for 2024-25, Queensland Cricket is poised for an action-packed season focused on promoting community opportunities within the inclusion space.

The 2023-24 year also featured the on-going work by the Valley cricket club which successfully delivered another season of its All-Abilities Cricket Program, a modified training experience that provides children and young adults with intellectual disabilities an opportunity to learn and participate in cricket.

Established in 2021, the tailored, free of charge program allows participants to develop and improve key skills whilst engaging in the social aspect of sport.

Founder and Coordinator Karen "Kaz" Willis initiated the project after a conversation with a friend discussing the noticeable shortage, inequity and lack of opportunity for children with intellectual disabilities to participate in cricket programs within Brisbane.

These programs continue to be beneficial in creating a stronger pathways system for our Special Olympics and QC Inclusions teams moving forward. Two players who started in the All-Abilities Foundation program were a part of this year's Queensland's ID Team.

The upcoming season will also provide further development opportunities for identified players, ensuring a continuous pipeline of talent and support for athletes of all abilities.



MULTICULTURAL



Queensland Cricket has benefitted from a concerted effort in 2023-24 to generate greater engagement with multicultural communities to grow and promote cricket.

There were several initiatives developed and delivered over the past 12 months, with Queensland Cricket's efforts complementing Cricket Australia's Multicultural Action Plan that was launched during the year.

As part of the Plan, a Multicultural Ambassador Program was launched with 54 people from diverse backgrounds and experience across government, business, sport, media and community named as the initial representatives

A key action in Australian Cricket's Multicultural Action Plan, the Ambassador Program brings together esteemed leaders from various sectors to advocate for inclusivity and drive positive change within the sport and wider community.

The list of ambassadors includes many past and current players, as well as industry and community leaders, who will champion diversity and support the goals outlined in the Multicultural Action Plan.

Dr Ashutosh Misra, the Project Lead-Multicultural at Queensland Cricket, was named as one of the Multicultural Ambassadors from Queensland.

Other Ambassadors from Queensland include Bulls, Brisbane Heat and Australian player Usman Khawaja, Bulls pace bowler Gurinder Sandhu, Amit Lohani, President of the Queensland Nepalese Cricket Association, Peter N Varghese AO, the Chancellor of The University of Queensland and Ann Sherry AO, the Chancellor of Queensland University of Technology.

Other highlights in the year included a 300% multicultural participation growth through Cricket Blast and Heat Academy programs and PlayHQ registrations for multination competitions.

Queensland Cricket participated in several multicultural engagements through the Harmony Cup, Mosaic Cup, Challenger's trophy, Mosaic, Diwali and Holi activations.

There were celebrations when the Queensland Nepalese Cricket Association won the QC diversity and Inclusion award while another success story was the Bangladesh National community carnival.

QC also fostered some alternate cricket formats, including Multination Cup, Rising Stars Junior Tournament and Corporate Cup, with tapeball and hard tennis ball competitions successfully trialled.

The Multicultural XI chosen was made up of the top 3 players from each side that participated in Queensland Cricket's inaugural Multination Challengers trophy, which saw teams representing India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bangladesh battle it out. Pakistan emerged victorious, defeating Nepal in a thrilling grand final showdown before Christmas.

That team played against the Queensland men's Indigenous team for the T20 Harmony Shield at Allan Border Field.

The match, played as a precursor to the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC), aimed to provide valuable game-based opportunities for both teams, but also as an opportunity to showcase the rich spread of different cultures throughout the game.

The Queensland Indigenous team defeated the Multicultural XI by 115 runs.





BETTER PLAYERS, COACHES & TEAMS

2023/24 QLD TEAM STANDINGS

BRISBANE HEAT
BBL|13 – 1st

BRISBANE HEAT
WBBL|09 – 2nd

QUEENSLAND FIRE
WNCL – 2nd

QUEENSLAND BULLS
One Day Cup – 5th

QUEENSLAND BULLS
Sheffield Shield – 6th

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

MEN

Xavier Bartlett (Gold Coast)

Usman Khawaja (Valley)

Marnus Labuschagne (Redlands)

Ben McDermott (Gold Coast)

Michael Naser (Gold Coast)

Matthew Renshaw (Toombul)

WOMEN

Grace Harris (West)

Jess Jonassen (Valley)



HIGHLIGHTS

Queenslanders tasted green and gold success at team and individual level across 2023-24 in a year that saw a World Cup victory and series wins at home and abroad.

Pace bowler Xavier Bartlett broke through off the back of the Brisbane Heat's BBL triumph to make his One Day International and T20 International debuts, while Matthew Renshaw was recalled to the national Test squad during the summer and for the two-Test tour of New Zealand.

Michael Naser made a ODI appearance in the September 2023 tour of South Africa and like Renshaw, was also called in to the national squad for the Test tour of New Zealand in February 2024.

Marnus Labuschagne and Ben McDermott both earned recalls to the Australian limited overs squads, with Labuschagne making the most of an unexpected call-up to finish as a World Cup winner after playing 19 ODIs in a row on the way to Australia's win in India.

After being scheduled to captain Australia 'A' in the pre-season against New Zealand 'A', Labuschagne was called into the Australia ODI squad for its tour of South Africa as cover for an injured Steve Smith. Thrust into the opening game of the series as a concussion substitute for Cam Green, he provided a match-winning knock before making a career-high ODI century in the next game.

He finished as the leading runs-scorer on that tour and went on to play all of the lead-up games ahead of the World Cup in India.

As well as his batting prowess, Labuschagne was outstanding in the field, with match-defining run-outs and catching.

Jess Jonassen and Grace Harris played matches at home and abroad, including Jonassen playing in her sixth career Test.

In Youth cricket, there were four Queenslanders in the ICC Under-19 World Cup squad that were unbeaten in winning the championship in South Africa, while three Queensland players toured Sri Lanka with the Australian Women's Under-19 squad.

Captain Hugh Weibgen (Valley), Callum Vidler (Valley), Tom Campbell (West) and Lachy Aitken (Gold Coast) were part of the squad that qualified for the decider, with Weibgen and Vidler members of the side that defeated India in the Final.

A trio of Queensland pace bowlers in Amy Hunter (ACT), Lucy Hamilton (Qld) and Bonnie Berry (Qld) earned selection in the Australian Under-19 Women's team that will tour Sri Lanka in March and April.

During the summer, there were competitive men's Test series against Pakistan and the West Indies.

In the Benaud-Qadir Trophy, Australia's 3-0 win in the Tests featured useful contributions from Khawaja (220 at 36.66) and Labuschagne (207 at 41.40).

The drawn two-Test series against the West Indies for the Frank Worrell Trophy saw Khawaja finish as the leading runs-scorer for Australia with 139 runs at 46.33.

Following the BBL, Bartlett was rewarded with debuts in Australia's T20 and one-day international teams and was an instant hit, taking eight wickets in two ODIs and two wickets in his only T20 international – all against the West Indies.

Bartlett took a wicket in his first over and another in his second before adding two more to finish with 4-17 off nine overs in his ODI debut. It put him second only to Tony Dodemaide's 5-21 at the WACA Ground in 1988 for the best start with the ball to an Australian one-day career, with his feat even more remarkable for the fact that it was his first 50-over match since September 2022.

In his first season back with Queensland, Ben McDermott played for Australia against India at T20 International level in December, scoring 54 off 36 in the final T20I in Bengaluru. He was also recalled to the ODI squad late in the summer against the West Indies.

Jonassen played the one-off Test in India in December, with the home side winning by eight wickets, while she and Harris were in the Australian women's T20 and ODI squads across the summer.

Harris toured Bangladesh in April 2024 where she played four matches as a pre-cursor to the 2024 Women's T20 International World Cup in the same country.



2023/24 OLD BULLS SQUAD

Usman Khawaja
Marnus Labuschagne
Michael Naser
Xavier Bartlett
James Bazley
Max Bryant
Joe Burns
Jack Clayton
Blake Edwards
Liam Guthrie
Aryan Jain
Matthew Kuhnemann
Ben McDermott
Jimmy Peirson
Matthew Renshaw
Gurinder Sandhu
Mark Steketee
Bryce Street
Connor Sully
Mitch Swepson
Jack Wildermuth

ROOKIES:
Will Prestwidge
Jack Sinfield
Hugo Burdon
Hugh Weibgen
Tom Whitney

BULLS SEASON WRAP

The 2023-24 season was one that, on balance, was a rare disappointment for the Queensland Bulls.

The finishing positions of sixth in the Marsh Sheffield Shield and fifth in the Marsh One Day Cup were in sharp contrast to the success of the Brisbane Heat in the BBL.

As a team, missed opportunities and narrow losses in the first half of the season proved fateful in the back half of the summer as spots in the Finals became out of reach.

On the flip side, there were several notable individual efforts by Bulls players which provide promise for the season to come.

The opening game of the Shield was a draw against NSW at their Cricket Central venue. Allrounder Michael Naser's 140 in the second innings was a highlight. The second match was held at Great Barrier Reef Arena in Mackay, a rare foray into the region for first class cricket.

The Bulls produced one of their best efforts with an outright win over Victoria in a well-matched clash. After dismissing the visitors for 253, a solid first innings 135 from Matthew Renshaw helped the Bulls to 9-501, before disciplined bowling led by 5-39 from leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson bowled Victoria out for 144.

If there was a turning point in the season, it came in the next two rounds.

The first came against Tasmania in Hobart, where a record-breaking run chase from the Tigers stymied Queensland's momentum from the previous match.

Joe Burns (133) produced his 15th career century for Queensland as the Bulls made the running for much of the game, despite losing Naser for periods of the match due to the imminent arrival of twins back in Brisbane.

Set an imposing run chase of 432 to win, Tasmania completed the highest successful run chase in their Sheffield Shield history to emerge victors by three wickets with just 10 balls left on the final day.

The next round, against South Australia at the Gabba, produced similar record-making headlines, with the Redbacks winning a see-sawing thriller on the final day.

Batting first, South Australia scored 5-359 declared, with the Bulls producing a first innings score of 238. A determined effort in the field reduced SA to 151 in their second innings and with the home side needing 273 to win, the Bulls would have fancied their chances in the chase.

At 2-179, with captain Usman Khawaja (114) and Burns (91) seemingly putting them on track to chase down the required 273, the scene was set for a morale-boosting result.

Instead, the SA attack struck regularly, taking 8-90, with the final thrilling overs playing out to an alternate outcome. SA paceman Jordan Buckingham (later to be part of the Heat championship squad), bowled Khawaja to clinch victory.

It was just the fifth time in Shield history that a winning margin has been three runs or fewer and the first since NSW beat Western Australia by two runs in Newcastle in January 2003.

Round five resulted in a loss to Victoria at the MCG, with left-arm quick Liam Guthrie taking a career-best 6-60 for Queensland, the best figures for the season by a Bulls bowler, and then the round six clash against WA at the Gabba finished in a draw.

Leading into the BBL break, points for Queensland were a must. Rain on the opening day made it trickier, despite another classy Khawaja century. Gurinder Sandhu (5-77) kept the home side in the game but no result was forthcoming.

The resumption of the first class competition after the euphoria of the BBL championship did not change the team's fortunes, despite individual efforts which caught the eye.



Joe Burns and Usman Khawaja out in the middle of a Shield clash.

Ben McDermott, in his first season back with Queensland after seven years in Tasmania, hit a majestic 146 no against his old team at the Gabba, with Jack Clayton (102) also reaching triple figures in the same game.

There was a bright patch in the return clash with South Australia in Adelaide, with the Bulls recording their second win of the season. Player of the match Mark Steketee took six wickets on the way to eventually finishing as the team's leading wicket-taker with 35 for the season.

Left-hander Clayton finished as the team's leading runs-scorer with 555 runs.

The limited overs area had a similar feel to it for the Bulls, with stand-out performances invariably coming from the opposition, aside from a remarkable win over NSW in Sydney.

After a loss and a wash-out, Queensland travelled to North Sydney Oval looking for a positive change. Dismissing the home side for 217, the Bulls were in a pickle in the chase until Sandhu and experienced international player Kane Richardson produced a final wicket stand for then ages.

Sandhu scored 46no and Richardson 36no, including the match-winning six, as they combined for a 73-run partnership that yielded 12 boundaries and eclipsed the competition's previous best 10th-wicket stand of 61.

McDermott led the run scoring with 316 while Sandhu picked up nine wickets.

The off-season saw coach Wade Seccombe elect not to re-apply for the role, with former South African limited overs captain Johan Botha appointed to the head coaching role encompassing the Bulls and Heat.



Kane Richardson celebrates a six to win their Marsh One Day Cup match



A watchful Bulls cordon at Allan Border Field



2023/24 OLD FIRE SQUAD

Jess Jonassen
Grace Harris
Bonnie Berry
Zoe Cooke
Sianna Ginger
Lucy Hamilton
Nicola Hancock
Laura Harris
Mikayla Hinkley
Kira Holmes
Ellie Johnston
Ruth Johnston
Charli Knott
Grace Parsons
Georgia Redmayne
Courtney Sippel
Georgia Voll

FIRE SEASON WRAP

A familiar refrain during the pre-season from members of the Queensland Fire squad revolved around 'from bronze to gold', as a summary of their aspirations for the 2023-24 season.

Ultimately, they claimed silver, with Tasmania's victory in the Women's National Cricket League Final meaning the Tigers became the only State other than New South Wales to win three WNCL titles in a row.

Queensland took a squad to the Final that contained five players from their 2020-21 championship team, with Georgia Redmayne, the player of the match in that decider, again leading the team.

But despite missing the chance to claim the Ruth Preddey Cup for the second time, the Fire's overall summer was strongly positive.

Queensland picked up seven bonus points in their eight wins from 12 games during the summer to provide a handy buffer from the other teams.

Squad depth helped cover the absence of key players such as Australian allrounders Jess Jonassen and Grace Harris and Laura Harris for the Final, as did the late season addition of experienced English international Lauren Winfield-Hill.

Acting captain Georgia Redmayne hit one of three centuries scored by the team, with Australia 'A' batter Georgia Voll hitting two tons to finish as the leading run-scorer with 449 runs.

Leg-spinner Grace Parsons was the leading wicket-taker with 20 dismissals while pace bowler Courtney Sippel nabbed 17 wickets.

Individual selection at higher levels were a welcome addition to the overall season wash-up with Queenslanders well represented in the two squads chosen for the end of season Green v Gold' three-day, red ball match in Adelaide.

Charli Knott, coming off a stand-out WBBL season for the Heat, was give additional leadership responsibilities for that match, which also featured Voll, Sippel, Ginger and Parsons.

Voll hit a stirring double century in the match, which was designed to emulate the additional demands of longer form women's cricket such as Test matches.

Young pace bowlers Bonnie Berry and Lucy Hamilton were named in the Australian Under-19 squad that toured Sri Lanka in April 2024, while batter Mikayla Hinkley represented the Australian Indigenous team that toured Vanuatu in 2023.

The off-season saw championship winning coach Ashley Noffke depart, taking on the head coaching role with the Otago men's program in New Zealand.



Charli Knott claims a run out



Allrounder Sianna Ginger in action with the ball



Charli Knott and Georgia Voll build a partnership



2023/24 BBL|13 SQUAD

Usman Khawaja (c)
Sam Billings (England)
Colin Munro (NZ)
Paul Wilson (England)
Xavier Bartlett
Josh Brown
Max Bryant
Spencer Johnson
Usman Khawaja
Matthew Kuhnemann
Marnus Labuschagne
Nathan McSweeney
Michael Naser
Jimmy Peirson
Will Prestwidge
Matthew Renshaw
Mitchell Swepson
Jack Wildermuth
Jack Wood
Jordan Buckingham
Hugo Burdon
Callum Vidler
Charlie Wakim



HEAT BBL SEASON WRAP

The second KFC Big Bash League title won by the Brisbane Heat proved a memorable highlight of Queensland Cricket's elite cricket program.

After going desperately close in BBL|12, losing to Perth Scorchers in Perth, the Heat were front-runners for much of BBL|13, culminating in triumph at the SCG over the Sydney Sixers.

After making just one finals series in the five summers prior to BBL|12, the Heat captured the imagination of the fans in their unexpected surge to a decider, as outlined in last year's Annual Report.

The 2023-24 campaign was a comprehensive performance, adding the BBL|13 title to the BBL|02 trophy.

Dominant in the home-and-away season winning their first seven completed matches, the Wade Seccombe-coached side were upset by Sydney Sixers in a home Qualifier final on the Gold Coast but used the double chance to their advantage.

Josh Brown's record-breaking 140 in the subsequent Challenger Final against Adelaide Strikers two nights later propelled the Heat into the Final, earning a rematch against the Sixers – this time at the SCG.

The Sixers' home support didn't rattle the Heat, however, who posted a competitive 8-166 before tearing through the hosts for just 112 to seal their first Big Bash title in 11 years.

The Heat won the Challenger and Final by a margin of 54 runs.

Pace bowler Spencer Johnson finished with the best figures in a BBL Final, winning Player of the Match for his return of 4-26 from four overs.

While the likes of Brown and New Zealander Colin Munro bookended the tournament with starring batting efforts, it was the Heat bowlers who arguably proved most crucial to their success.

Bar one over delivered by Final captain Nathan McSweeney, the Heat used just six bowlers across the entire campaign – all six of which finished with 10 or more wickets.

Xavier Bartlett (the competition's leading wicket-taker with 20), Johnson (second with 19) and English recruit Paul Walter (equal-third with 17) dominated the competition throughout and gave the club's three captains in the season (Usman Khawaja, Munro and McSweeney) reliable pace options throughout.

Home grown spinners Matthew Kuhnemann and Mitch Swepson took regular wickets and applied pressure to opposition batting line-ups to defend or restrict totals.

Bartlett's promise saw him springboard into the international scene, taking 10 wickets in three games for Australia against West Indies across the 50-over and 20-over formats post the BBL.

The Heat took Colin Munro with their first pick in the International player draft after he had impressed for the club throughout BBL|12, and the New Zealander immediately repaid them, scoring an unbeaten 99 in a season-opening thrashing of the Stars at the Gabba. Munro finished his stint with 224 runs at 37.33 before missing the Finals campaign.

Their second pick – also a proven performer at the club – was English wicketkeeper Sam Billings, who took on a flexible and selfless role in the middle order, epitomised by his crucial 40 from 29 balls on a tricky Marvel Stadium track in Melbourne.

But it was the Heat's third and final pick, English allrounder Paul Walter, who had the biggest impact of the three. Selected after a strong UK Hundred campaign with Manchester Originals, Walter finished equal-third on the BBL|13 wickets tally with 17 scalps.



Champions celebrate – the victorious squad at the SCG



Xavier Bartlett and Mitch Swepson enjoy a Gabba moment



The Heat welcomed Johan Botha as the new BBL coach in 2024

He also chipped in with some valuable lower-order runs to be selected in the coach-selected BBL Team of the tournament. Off the field, he proved a popular teammates and garnered cult status among fans.

The Heat will pursue further success in BBL|14, with a new coach in Johan Botha after Seccombe opted not to reapply for the dual Heat and Bulls coaching roles during the off-season.

BBL|13 RESULT: CHAMPIONS (7 WINS, 1 LOSS, 2 NO-RESULTS), DEFEATED SYDNEY SIXERS IN FINAL

MOST RUNS: JOSH BROWN (366)

BEST STRIKE RATE (MIN 50 RUNS): MAX BRYANT (164.91)

MOST WICKETS: XAVIER BARTLETT (20)

BEST ECONOMY (MIN 10 OVERS): MATTHEW KUHNEMANN (6.56)



2023/24 WBBL|09 SQUAD

Jess Jonassen
Mignon du Preez (South Africa),
Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
Bess Heath (England)
Lucy Hamilton
Nicola Hancock
Grace Harris
Laura Harris
Mikayla Hinkley
Ellie Johnston
Charli Knott
Grace Parsons
Georgia Redmayne
Courtney Sippel
Georgia Voll
Sarah Glenn (England)
Bonnie Berry



The Heat enter Allan Border Field during WBBL|09



Charli Knott hits out



HEAT WBBL SEASON WRAP

The Brisbane Heat made the WBBL Finals series for the sixth time in succession in 2023-24, going agonisingly close to adding a third title to the club's trophy cabinet.

Instead, the Adelaide Strikers went back-to-back, winning the decider off the final ball to claim victory by three runs.

The Heat needed 13 runs from the Final over, and when Mikayla Hinkley hit the first ball she faced for six from the fourth ball of the over, there was hope. She went again from the next ball, only for ex-Heat player Jemma Barsby to take the catch on the boundary denying the match winner.

The Heat had one more chance, but Nic Hancock was unable to land the boundary that would have won the game.

The Heat had gone into the Weber Women's Big Bash League Final on a roll, beating the Sydney Thunder at home and then smashing the highest score (5-197) in a finals game to sink the Perth Scorchers by 67 runs at the WACA.

Grace Harris threatened to repeat the pyrotechnics of her record-breaking 136 in her early season meeting against the Scorchers as she raced to a 26-ball fifty including 10 fours and a six.

Charli Knott, who delivered her highest WBBL score with 32 from 14 balls as the Heat clubbed 58 off the last four overs of the innings to register the fourth-highest score of the tournament.

Part-time off-spinner Voll, who had just five WBBL wickets to her name entering the clash, claimed 4-19.

The win over the Thunder in the final regular season game was characterised by a captain's haul from spinner Jess Jonassen to inspire the Heat to a 22-run win over Sydney Thunder.

Chasing 160 for 8, Thunder fell short with Jonassen snaring four wickets in Friday's fixture at Adelaide Oval. Heat's victory in their last regular-season game ensured they reached the finals - they were in third spot on 16 points.

Individually, WBBL|09 featured a record-breaking effort from Grace Harris at North Sydney Oval against the Scorchers.

The Heat opener blasted an unbeaten 136 off 59 balls, beating the previous high score of 114 – scored by both Ashleigh Gardner and Smriti Mandhana – in the process.

She hit 11 sixes, the most in a single WBBL innings, and her tally of 114 runs from fours and sixes was the most in the history of the tournament, with one of her sixes memorably being hit with a broken bat.

Not surprisingly her strike rate of 230.50 was the fourth-best in the WBBL where a batter has faced at least 20 balls in an innings.

Harris was the team's leading runs-scorer with 501 runs while Jonassen finished with 24 wickets to be the second leading wicket taker in the competition. Pace bowler Nic Hancock was one behind her captain with 23 scalps.

The off-season saw championship winning coach Ashley Noffke depart, taking on the head coaching role with the Otago men's program in New Zealand. Former Australian women's coach Mark Sorell took over the role with the Heat and Queensland Fire.



Grace Harris celebrates her bat-breaking century

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MATCHES
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INCREASE
IN CLUB
FUNDING

MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAMS DELIVERED
TO ALL BOYS U17 &
GIRLS U16 TEAMS

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UMPIRES
DEBUTED

NEW
REGULATIONS
& PLAYING
CONDITIONS

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WOMENS
COMPETITION
DEVELOPMENT

Female Action Plan developed
and implemented

Funding tripled

Median 1st Grade player age
increased from 18 to 18½

PETER BURGE MEDALLIST
**PRESTON
WHITE**
[TOOMBUL]

KATH SMITH MEDALLIST
**RUBY
STRANGE**
[WESTERN SUBURBS]

STRATEGY

NEW MENS UNDER 19
T20 COMPETITION
CREATING A PATHWAY TO
KFC T20 MAX & W/BBL

**KFC T20
MAX**

NEW WOMENS
COMPETITION
ALIGNED WITH MENS

**STRONGEST
T20 COMP**
IN AUSTRALIA OUTSIDE W/BBL

7 PLAYERS RECEIVED
BIG BASH CONTRACTS

BRISBANE HEAT
WBBL09 RUNNERS UP BBL13 CHAMPIONS

TRUST
IN

↑ **7%**

PLAYER
EXPERIENCE
94%
INCREASE
+25

COACH
EXPERIENCE
98%
INCREASE
+12

VOLUNTEER
EXPERIENCE
94%
INCREASE
+7

*Results as per 2023/24 Stakeholder Survey

**PREMIER
CRICKET
UPDATE**

A pair of allrounders have emerged as the winners of the KFC Queensland Premier Cricket competition peak awards at tonight's annual trophy presentation event at the Gabba.

Western Suburbs captain Ruby Strange won her second Kath Smith Medal in three years, while evergreen Toombul allrounder Preston White claimed the Peter Burge Medal off the back of a dominant season in all formats.

White, 32, becomes the sixth Peter Burge Medal winner from Toombul, with the most recent being Chris Lynn in 2009-10, and the first Indigenous player to receive the award.

A hard-hitting right-hand batsman who can bowl left arm medium pace and spin, White was the leading runs-scorer across all formats with 1054 runs at an average of 50.19 as well as taking 43 wickets at 22.86.

He was named in the Team of the Tournaments for all three formats in Men's First Grade, that being for KFC T20 Max, Kookaburra One Day, and Bulls Masters Two Day competitions.

Strange, who previously won the Kath Smith Medal while playing for University of Queensland in 2021-22 when she shared with Tara Wheeler, capped off an impressive year that also saw her recognised at representative level.

The 21-year-old Gladstone product captained the Queensland Country Brolgas team to an undefeated title at the Toyota Australian Country Championships and was one of four Queenslanders named in the Australian Country XI.

She was ultra-consistent for Wests in the Katherine Raymont Shield and KFC T20 Max competitions scoring 859 runs at 40.9 to be the leading runs-scorer as well as taking 15 wickets.

The last Wests player to claim the Kath Smith Medal was Australian and Queensland allrounder Grace Harris in 2015-16.

The awards night saw club representatives officially receive the major season trophies, including Valley receiving the Club Championship and Ipswich taking out the Damien Mullins Cup as Overall Champions across all three formats in the Men's First Grade competition.

The Men's First Grade Premiership honour roll included Ipswich winning their first KFC T20 Max title and Northern Suburbs claiming the John McKnulty Cup (Kookaburra One Day champions) and Cam Battersby Cup as two-day champions.

The women's competition featured Sandgate-Redcliffe winning the KFC T20 Max title, University of Queensland taking out the T20 Shield, and Valley finishing as Katherine Raymont Shield one-day premiers.

New Queensland Bulls rookie contracted squad member Jem Ryan (Ipswich) and Queensland Fire allrounder Sianna Ginger claimed the Bob Spence and Loretta Moore Trophies respectively as the most-improved players 21 and under in the competition.

Queensland Cricket Chair Kirsten Pike made a special presentation for Services to Premier Cricket to long-serving Sandgate-Redcliffe identity Ken Dixon for his decades of commitment to the club as a player, coach, administrator, selector and volunteer.

2023/24 TEAMS OF THE YEAR

BULLS MASTERS MEN'S FIRST GRADE TWO DAY COMPETITION:

Bryce Street (University of QLD)
Lachlan Hearne (Toombul)
Max Bryant (Valley)
Steven McGiffin (Western Suburbs)
Callum Taylor (Gold Coast)
Preston White (Toombul)
Dylan McLachlan (Valley)
Benji Floros (Valley)
Noah McFadyen (Northern Suburbs)
Jem Ryan (Ipswich)
Jackson Smith (Gold Coast).
Coach Ash Holznagel (Northern Suburbs)

KATHERINE RAYMONT SHIELD WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE ONE DAY COMPETITION:

Emma Jackson (University of QLD)
Kira Holmes (Valley)
Tara Wheeler (University of QLD)
Georgia Voll (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
Sianna Ginger (Valley)
Anlo van Deventer (University of QLD)
Mikayla Wrigley (Sunshine Coast)
Nicola Hancock (University of QLD)
Olivia Winter (Gold Coast)
Clodagh Ryall (Wynnum-Manly)
Lilli Hamilton (Western Suburbs).
Coach Letysha Randall (Valley)

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A victorious Northern Suburbs squad with the Cam Battersby Cup

MEN'S PREMIER CRICKET

The 2023-24 season for men's premier cricket produced a pleasing spread of outcomes.

On any given day across the summer, Australian Test and limited overs stars could be spotted rubbing shoulders with State and BBL contracted players, regular first grade players, up and coming youngsters and experienced hands enjoying the thrill of another contest.

Throughout the grades, clubs worked diligently to provide matches in safe, professional and competitive environments. The spread of two-day, one-day and T20 cricket between September and March ensured there were opportunities for all clubs to grow and develop their playing talent.

By season's end, premierships had been run and won.

The big winner throughout the grades was Northern Suburbs, winning first, third and sixth grades in the two-day and one-day competition formats, while it was runners-up in the KFC T20 Max competition.

Valley, Redlands and Wests also had two-day premiership teams, with Redlands also winning the one-day title for fourth grade.

In the Final of the Cam Battersby Cup cricket at Allan Border Field, Norths and Ipswich fought out another tough encounter between the two clubs.

Noah McFadyen was awarded the Andy Bichel Medal after his 7-96 (17.4) bowling performance in the second innings clinching the win for the Vikings as the Hornets were dismissed for 225.

The Vikings needed just a handful of overs to clinch the victory, with Josh Brown smacking 26 from 11 to ice the premiership for Norths.

The victory sees the Cam Battersby Cup return to Shaw Road for the first time since the 2017-18 season.

Valley capped off a dominant performance in Second Grade at Yoku Road against Norths. Captain Jack Beath (115 off 77) launched 8 maximums and 6 boundaries in his brutal innings. Beath helped extend Valleys already healthy lead to beyond 500 runs.

Ethan Du Payne (82 off 89) also contributed strongly to their second innings total of 339. Norths were 2-133 when hands were shaken on Sunday. The Alan Pettigrew Shield win was Valley's first Second Grade Two Day title in 20 years.

Playing on the next field over at Valley DCC at Ashgrove, Norths managed to flip the Second Grade result and secure their second premiership of the season. Resuming Saturday, Valley were 5-109 needing a further 107 for victory. It was a steady start to the day's play

as Valley captain Kade Horan (18 off 94) looked to settle in. Norths captain Haydn Murray then opened the game up, his direct hit leaving Valley 7-129.

Queensland Indigenous fast bowler Daley Martin (5-35) then rolled through the Valley batting order, his seam bowling unplayable as Valley lost 5-24 to be all out 133. Norths, led by Ryan Miskella (67 off 122) and Michael Lloyd (44 off 50), then reached 5-226 at stumps Saturday. No play was had Sunday as teams shook hands and Norths fittingly claimed the Norm McMahon Shield on Norm McMahon Oval.

A magnificent run chase saw Redlands claim the Bob Spence Shield on Ian Healy Oval. Resuming 4-46, Redlands managed to only lose one wicket before passing the century mark in their pursuit of 187. Redlands skipper Matt Fay (82 off 138) and experienced campaigner Adam Pearson (39 off 99) combined before Pearson fell, Redlands 6/106. Norths then looked in control at 7-131, however Fay and Harley Friske (16 off 67) managed to withstand the pressure.

Fay then began to capitalise, hitting 4 sixes and 8 fours in his match winning innings. His innings led the Tigers past Norths score 7 wickets down, before eventually being dismissed for 213. Norths finished their second innings 5-70 when the match was called.



Josh Brown



Matthew Willans

It was a satisfying win for Redlands, their second against Norths in finals in this grade this year. This this match was certainly a great addition to the catalogue of finals these teams have played against each other across recent seasons.

In fifth grade, Wests managed to hold onto victory against a surging University of Queensland side to win the Roy Tanner Shield.

The Jack McLaughlin Oval proved difficult for batting as Uni fought their way from 1-32 to all out 209. Lower order players James Klaasen (40 off 16) and Senith Dissanayake (30 off 35) helped to set Uni a lead of 146. Wests were 2-18 off 9.1 overs when players left the field, weather inhibiting any further play. While the second innings may have been thrilling, Wests were minor premiers and deserving winners.

Norths Sixth Grade managed to quickly wrap up the last three Souths wickets to claim first innings. Veteran duo Darren Roy (5-34) and Craig Holmes (3-37) managed to stifle Souths batting, the Magpies all out 105 chasing 186. The match looked to have taken an almighty turn, Norths quickly slipping to 5-20 in the second innings. However, the young pair of Will Illott (33* off 173) and Tom Stubbin (42 off 139) settled into their innings and pushed the lead to 200 when rain stopped play.

The win is Norths first Sixth Grade victory since the Prestwidge/Healy/Ovenden father/son side won the WEP Harris Shield in 2010-11.

The Kookaburra One Day Cup Final was won by Northern Suburbs.

Norths had to fight hard to overcome a dogged Valley line-up that refused to lie down in the Final at Ian Healy Oval.

Norths were bowled out for 173 in the 33rd over, with the in-form Scott Palombo top-scoring with 47 and BBL all-rounder Nikhil Chaudhary hitting 28 as the Valley attack successfully reined in their opposition.

The experienced Cameron Boyce was again a factor, claiming 2-33 from nine overs while Australian Under-19 quick Callum Vidler fought hard to claim 4-67.

But Valley were on the back foot early, with wickets tumbling in the chase before a steadfast 47 from Patrick Cotter stabilised the chase.

Boyce then held the key to reaching the target but player of the match Will Prestwidge ensured the home side would clinch the title.

Prestwidge was awarded the Jimmy Maher Medal for his return of 4-42 from 10 overs, wrapping up the lower order to leave Boyce stranded on 33 not out as Valley were dismissed for 154.

In Second Grade, Gold Coast snared the one-day title defeating Ipswich in a high scoring clash at Ivor Marsden Park.

Allrounder Caleb Ziebell led the charge for the Dolphins, as he did last season for the Gold Coast in their Kookaburra One Day title win.

The Cudgen product hit 105 as the Gold Coast scored 260. They then defended the total to dismiss the Hornets for 247 with the experienced Levi Thomson-Matthews hitting 79.

The Under-19 competition Final was won by Gold Coast, which defeated the Sunshine Coast in a low-scoring decider while the Taverners Queensland Under-17 competition was claimed by University of Queensland.

In a see-sawing Final, Blake Armstrong and Alex Walduck top scored in a gripping decider which saw University inch to a four wicket win over the Gold Coast.

Allrounder Armstrong and gloveman Walduck scored 43 and 46 respectively as Uni made 6-164 in reply to Gold Coast's 160, which saw the Dolphins recover from 4-32.

Valley celebrates the Katherine Raymont Shield title



WOMEN'S PREMIER CRICKET

The Katherine Raymont Shield will be celebrated at Ashgrove headquarters of Valley DCC for the next 12 months after a classy win by their women's first grade team over University of Queensland.

Valley clinched the title by overcoming UQ in the Final at WEP Harris Oval, with pace bowler Megan Jones winning the Julia Price Medal for player of the final courtesy of a superb haul of 4-21 from 10 overs.

The right-arm swing bowler took key wickets with the new ball, including UQ trump cards Charli Knott (16) and Tara Wheeler (0) after the Students had won the toss and batted. It meant that she finished with 15 wickets for the season.

A defiant 47 from 73 balls from Nic Hancock held the UQ innings together, but the efforts of Jones plus two wickets each to Chris Coulson, Meghan McCartney and Eleanor Swanepoel meant the home side was dismissed for 109.

Despite the loss of Kira Holmes early, classy knocks from promising opener Lucinda Bourke (31no) and Queensland Fire allrounder Sianna Ginger (42no) meant Valley reached the target inside 30 overs to finish 2-110.

However, University of Queensland saluted in the second T20 Final to be staged during the season, defeating the Sunshine Coast at Allan Border Field to claim the Katherine Raymont T20 Shield.

The Jodie Purves Second Grade Shield was won in exciting fashion by Ipswich, defeating Western Suburbs at Graceville Memorial Park by one run.

The match was in the balance until Ipswich skipper Hannah Tucker's bowling swung momentum in her team's favour as she finished with four wickets to ensure the Hornets defended their total of 111 by bowling out the home side for 110.

Ipswich also claimed the Taverners Queensland Under-16 competition, winning the Paul Pink Shield with victory over Valley in the Final.

The 2023-24 season was the first to played under Queensland Cricket's Premier Cricket Female Action Plan and has provided an ideal launch pad towards meeting its 2027 targets

The Action Plan was created and launched at the start of the 2023-24 season to assist with delivering the overarching Premier Cricket Strategy for Queensland Cricket.

Nick Stuart, Head of Premier Cricket, Integrity & Projects for QC, said the most obvious initiative in the initial stage of the Action Plan was to develop a women's KFC T20 Max competition to align with the men's competition at the start of the season.

"Our aim with bringing the two competitions into line was to ensure we created an environment to enable our female cricketers to enjoy the same timing advantages as their male counterparts, attracting elite players across Australia."

"The post competition survey confirmed that we had achieved our ambition to provide players with the strongest T20 competition in Australia outside of the WBBL."

"That was the most visible and encouraging outcome, but there were other success stories. We tripled funding for Premier Club's women and girls' coaches, assisting female coach development and supporting the development of our future Fire and Heat players.

"It was very encouraging to have our post season survey return an increase of seven percent in female participant satisfaction level to 95%. That says it all really when it comes to this important aspect of our Premier Cricket Strategy."

Queensland Cricket Chair Kirsten Pike congratulated the Premier Clubs for embracing the Action Plan and delivering on the many improvements created through its introduction.

"We aim to have our Premier Cricket competition be Australia's leading pathway for aspiring and current elite cricketers, specifically for our female competitions and participants," she said.

University of Queensland claimed the Katherine Raymont T20 trophy



Kira Holmes hits out for Valley





**KFC T20
MAX**

2023/24 SEASON WRAP

The second staging of the KFC T20 Max competition in 2023-24 delivered emphatically as Ipswich and Sandgate-Redcliffe were crowned champions of the men's and women's competitions respectively.

Ipswich defeated Northern Suburbs in a high-quality clash at Allan Border Field while Sandgate-Redcliffe swept to victory over Valley.

The Hornets claimed their maiden T20 title in style as they chased down Norths total of 168, finishing 5-169 after 17 overs.

Fans were treated to some stunning fielding and big hitting displays, while bowlers also played a match-defining role, with promising Toowoomba quick Jem Ryan awarded the Andrew Symonds Medal as player of the final.

Ryan (4-35) and fellow paceman Sean Lutter (4-17) helped Ipswich peg back the Vikings, after Brisbane Heat opener Josh Brown had produced a typically free-flowing innings of 55 from 40 balls and semi-final hero Nikhil Chaudhary scored a quickfire 35 from 18 balls.

Brown fell to a brilliant diving outfield catch by Bryn Llewellyn off Ryan.

Ipswich again benefitted from clean-hitting at the top of the order, with Harry Sheppard and Jack Wood laying the ideal platform for the chase.

Sheppard hammered 38 from 18 balls while Wood smacked 42 from 24 balls.

The pursuit was completed in emphatic fashion by wicket-keeper Jake Cross (37 from 19) and long-serving captain Anthony Wilson (24 no from 18 balls).

A superb player of the match performance by Georgia Voll inspired Sandgate-Redcliffe to their title at Allan Border Field.

As the Weber Women's Big Bash League International player draft was unfolding in Melbourne, the Brisbane Heat and Queensland Fire star demonstrated her potential with a blazing century and four-wicket haul against a gallant Valley outfit.

Voll and Adelaide Strikers batter Katie Mack were devastating, as the Gators piled on 1-215 against Valley, which had earlier been strong in their semi-final win over University of Queensland.

Mack finished 90 not out from 55 balls, but that was shaded by Voll's emphatic 118 from 65 balls. In a T20 rarity, she did not hit a six, but that was not an issue as she hit a remarkable 19 fours in her innings.

With Valley facing a mighty chase, Voll then made sure the T20 Max trophy would find its way to Deagon, snapping up 4-19 from four overs as her opponents were held to 6-156.

Experienced NSW player Lisa Griffith (31), Fire allrounder Sianna Ginger (28), Warwick product Lucinda Bourke (28) and South Australian Emma de Broughe (25) all did their best in the chase for Valley but Voll and Mack had made the task near insurmountable.

Valley's semi-final win over UQ earlier in the day came off the back of excellent work by de Broughe (63 no) and captain Kira Holmes, who top-scored with 65 from 55 balls as the pair made light work in the pursuit of University's 4-142 to finish 1-143 with two balls to spare.

Maddy Darke (43) and Brisbane Heat pace bowler Nic Hancock (33) did the hard yards with the bat for the Students in their innings.

Both men's and women's competitions again provided an outstanding vehicle for players to further develop their skills, play quality T20 cricket and showcase their potential for WBBL and BBL teams.

Interstate and overseas players again linked with Queensland Premier Cricket clubs, while contracted Brisbane Heat, Queensland Bulls and Queensland Fire players joined in for the three-week pre-season competition.

Ipswich allrounder Jack Wood (Heat), Gold Coast allrounder Hugo Burdon (Heat), Redlands spinner Lloyd Pope (Strikers) each picked up BBL13 playing deals in the aftermath of the tournament.



KFC T20 MAX MEN'S TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT

Mackenzie Harvey (Sunshine Coast)
Jack Wood (Ipswich)
Hugo Burdon (Gold Coast)
Scott Palombo (Northern Suburbs)
Nikhil Chaudhary (Northern Suburbs)
Preston White (Toombul)
Liam Scott (Sunshine Coast)
Jay Lenton (Sunshine Coast)
Wilson McGillivray (Wynnum-Manly)
Benji Floros (Valley)
Lloyd Pope (Redlands)
Coach: Brendan Creevey (Ipswich)



KFC T20 MAX WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT

Georgia Voll (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
Katie Mack (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
Mikayla Hinkley (Valley)
Maddie Penna (University of QLD)
Charli Knott (University of QLD)
Sianna Ginger (Valley)
Kira Holmes (Valley)
Jess Jonassen (Valley)
Jemma Barsby (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
Shikha Pandey (Wynnum-Manly)
Meagan Dixon (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
Coach: Tony Dudgeon (Sandgate-Redcliffe)

YOUTH CRICKET UPDATE

2023/24 QUEENSLAND UNDER 16 FEMALE TEAM

- Ayaka Stafford (Western Suburbs)
- Chelsea Sonter (Western Suburbs)
- Abbie Trevethan (Western Suburbs)
- Lila Atkinson (Rockhampton)
- Astrid Muniandy (Wynnum-Manly)
- Lauren Patterson (Ipswich)
- Mia Croucamp (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
- Lilli Hamilton (Western Suburbs)
- Rebecca Storrs (Western Suburbs)
- Karina Guglielmi (Innisfail)
- Filippa SueSee (Western Suburbs)
- Evie Baker (Sunshine Coast)
- Mahli Rae (Sunshine Coast)

2023/24 QUEENSLAND UNDER 17 MALE TEAM

- Angus McLean (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
- Charles Lachmund (Ipswich)
- Damon Bass (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
- Ben Gordon (Sunshine Coast)
- Harley Malpass (Wynnum-Many)
- Henry King (Cairns Rovers)
- Jackson Steinhardt (Gold Coast)
- Joe Sippel (Ipswich)
- Lakshdeep Singh (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
- Michael Neumann (Western Suburbs)
- Steven Hogan (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
- Will Noffke (Sunshine Coast Scorchers)
- Zac Robinson (Sunshine Coast Scorchers)



Queensland enjoyed a successful and rewarding summer in 2023-24, with its youth teams and players excelling at several levels.

Queensland had four members involved in the successful Australian campaign at the ICC World Under-19 Cup in South Africa. Captain High Weibgen and pace bowler Callum Vidler played in the Final win over India, while Lachy Aitken and Tom Campbell also saw action during the tournament.

Vidler finished as Australia's leading wicket-taker with 14 dismissals while Valley teammate Weibgen's 304 runs at 50.66, which included a knock of 120 against Ashes rivals England, was the champions' second highest scorer with the bat.

A trio of pace bowlers also enjoyed their opportunity during the year, with Queensland Fire pace bowlers Lucy Hamilton (Bundaberg) and Bonnie Berry (Anakie) and ACT Meteors quick

Amy Hunter (Atherton) touring Sri Lanka with the Australian Under-19 Women's team to play in a multi-format tri-series with Sri Lanka and England.

The three teenagers have all emerged from regional centres and come through the Queensland youth pathway system.

At National championship level, Queensland was among the leading teams across the board.

The men's Under-19 side finished as runners-up, after winning all its lead-in matches at the titles in Albury.

Queensland was defeated by NSW Metro in a rain-affected clash that was determined by DLS.

The young Maroons had finished the regular competition undefeated and then overcame Vic Metro in the semi-final to book their clash with NSW.

Vidler, Campbell, Aitken and Weibgen, who missed the titles due to a back injury, were then named in the Under-19 World Cup squad along with Gold Coast paceman Cody Reynolds who was chosen as a non-travelling reserve.

West's batter Campbell finished as the tournament's leading runs-scorer with 290 runs at 58 while Redlands spinner James Pullar was the team's leading wicket-taker and second overall with 12 dismissals.

In the Under-17 men's titles, a youthful Queensland line-up was fiercely competitive in the titles in Ballarat, finishing fifth.

Maroon batter Steven Hogan scored 417 runs including three centuries, and was awarded 'Player of Championships', 'Top Run Scorer' and named in the U17 Australian Merit Team. He and Alexander Procopis were subsequently selected in an Australian Under-19 Development squad.

Sandgate-Redcliffe leg-spinner Lakshdeep Singh was the second leading wicket-taker in the tournament with 11 dismissals.

Brisbane hosted the National Under-19 women's championships in 2023-24 and Queensland finished runners-up to NSW Metro in a rain-affected match at Allan Border Field.

Queensland Fire and Brisbane Heat player Lucy Hamilton was the team's leading scorer with 192 runs while spinner Lilli Hamilton (13) and Lucy Hamilton (12) were the leading wicket-takers.

The Queensland Under-16 female team finished fourth in the national titles in Hobart, with allrounder Filippa SueSee (249 runs) and Mia Croucamp (10 wickets) and Ayaka Stafford (9 wickets) the team's best performed.

2023/24 QUEENSLAND UNDER 19 FEMALE TEAM

- Grace Abdy (Valley)
- Lily Bassingthwaighe (Western Suburbs)
- Bonnie Berry (Sunshine Coast)
- Trinity Doyle (Ipswich)
- Sianna Ginger (Valley)
- Abby Harris (Valley)
- Lilli Hamilton (Western Suburbs)
- Lucy Hamilton (Sunshine Coast)
- Holly Hogan (Valley)
- Darcey Johnson (Sandgate-Redcliffe)
- Felicity Koch (Ipswich)
- Tarah Staines (Sunshine Coast)
- Taylor Stumer (University of QLD)
- Naiya Varidel (Western Suburbs)

2023/24 QUEENSLAND UNDER 19 MALE TEAM

- Alexander Procopis (Northern Suburbs)
- Angus Tolhurst (Western Suburbs)
- Ashton Gumm (Gold Coast)
- Brayden Meegama (University of QLD)
- Callum Vidler (Valley)
- Cody Reynolds (Gold Coast)
- James Pullar (Redlands)
- Lachlan Aitken (Gold Coast)
- Luke Wegner (South Brisbane)
- Matthew Wilkins (Mulgrave CC, Cairns)
- Rex Tooley (Western Suburbs)
- Tom Campbell (Western Suburbs)
- Zac McDermott (Gold Coast)

INDIGENOUS
CRICKET
UPDATE

2023
QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL
& TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
WOMEN'S SQUAD

- Christina Coulson (c)
Valley District Cricket Club
- Clodagh Ryall (vc)
Wynnum Manly District Cricket Club
- Courtney Fewquandie
Valley District Cricket Club
- Emily Wilson
Sandgate-Redcliffe District Cricket Club
- Grace Abdy
Valley District Cricket Club
- Grace Warson
Caboolture Cricket Club
- Kameryn Bray
Wynnum Manly Cricket Club
- Lucy Neumann
Gold Coast District Cricket Club
- Mikayla Hinkley
Valley District Cricket Club
- Shareene McGuinness
Valley District Cricket Club
- Tamika Hansen
Norths Cairns Cricket Club
- Carys Underwood
Sunshine Coast Cricket Club
- Temeika Wilson
Toombul District Cricket Club
- Tracee Williamson - Sarina Cricket



Queensland Cricket again ensured it had a significant presence in Indigenous cricket in the 2023-24 season.

The National Indigenous championships in Alice Springs in February 2024 provided opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait men and women to represent Queensland, with both State teams delivering strong efforts on the field.

The Queensland players also benefitted through cultural experiences and learning on country in and around Mparntwe (Alice Springs) during the championships.

The Queensland women's side fell 42 runs short of back-to-back NICC titles, defeated by keen rivals NSW in the Final.

After finishing second in the round games and losing both encounters against NSW, Queensland fought valiantly to defend their trophy.

The bowling attack led by Grace Abdy, Tracee Williamson and Shareene McGuinness all collected two wickets to restrict NSW to just 121 runs.

However, a top-order collapse hindered their chase, with vice-captain Clodagh Ryall's resilient 29 runs not enough to secure victory, as Queensland fell short.

The men's team entered the tournament as underdogs due to a shortage of batters in the squad following some late withdrawals.

This was compounded by the unavailability of regular wicket-keeper and batter Dylan McLachlan, who became the State's latest Indigenous player to be selected for the Queensland Bulls, making his Marsh One Day Cup debut against South Australia in February.

Despite missing out on early wins, Queensland fought hard to defeat South Australia in the round games. They faced South Australia again for the fifth-place play-off and finished their campaign on a winning note, securing a six-wicket win.

Queensland also won the men's Spirit of Cricket Award.

Despite the challenging campaign, the Queensland playing group produced some spectacular results, with several players featuring across the top performers of the tournament.

Grace Abdy took the most wickets in the tournament, with 12 at an impressive average of 9.17, while Tracee Williamson was the third-highest run-scorer, contributing 157 runs at an average of 26.17.

In the men, Daley Martin took the third-most wickets, with 12 at an average of 11.25, including a five-wicket haul, while Cruz Baker was the ninth-highest run-scorer, with 115 runs at an average of 19.17.

Queensland players Tracee Williamson, Grace Abdy and Carys Underwood were chosen in the women's NICC team of the championship.

Daley Martin celebrates his five-wicket haul at the NICC



Action from the inaugural Michael Mainhardt Trophy match between NQ and SQ



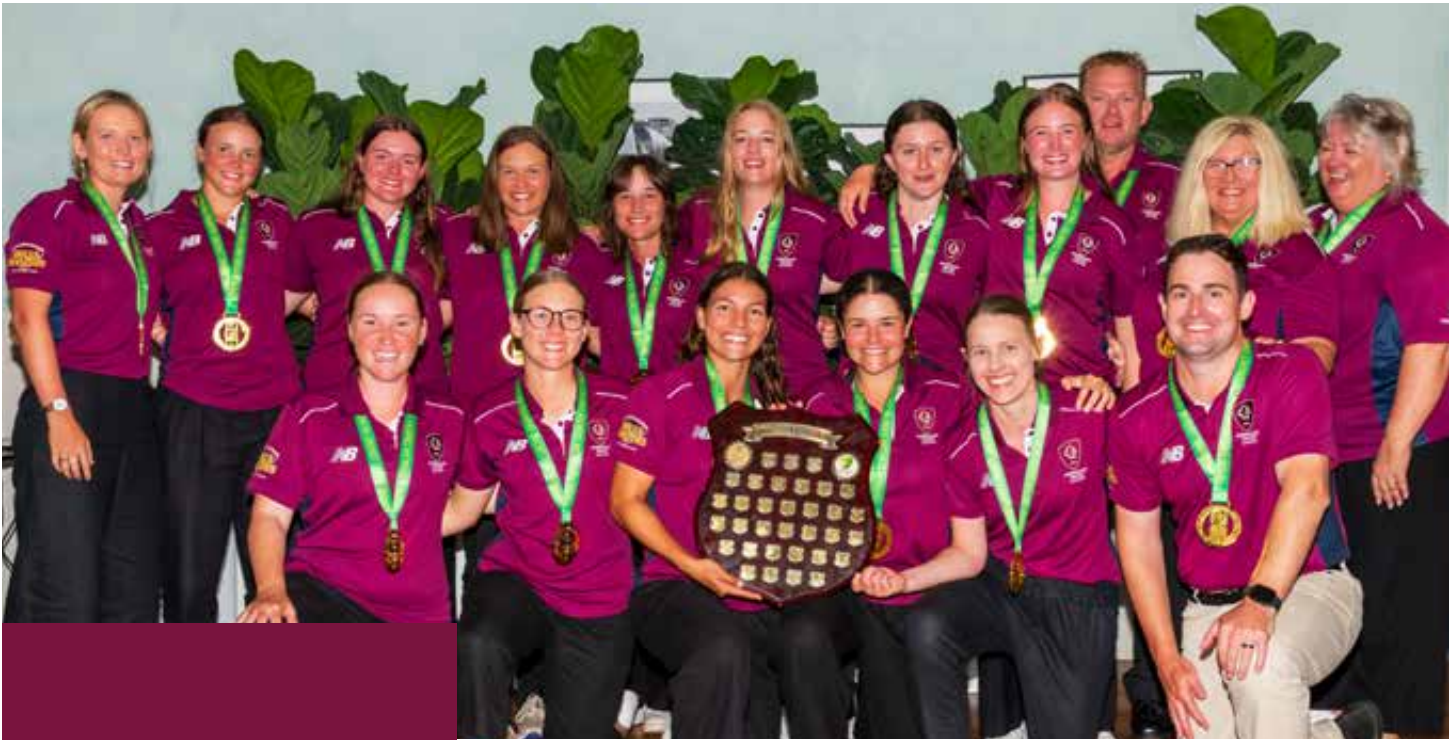
Dylan McLachlan on debut for the Queensland Bulls



2023
QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL
& TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
MEN'S SQUAD

- Ashley White
Norths Cairns Cricket Club
- Banjo Seaniger
Metropolitan Easts Toowoomba Cricket Club
- Cruz Baker
Norths District Cricket Club
- Daley Martin
Norths District Cricket Club
- Ethan Du Payne
Valley District Cricket Club
- Jaecob Prien
Western Suburbs Townsville Cricket Club
- Jake Coolwell
Toombul District Cricket Club
- Jake Turner
Norths District Cricket Club
- Jamieson Allen
Clermont Bulls Cricket Club
- Kodi Gilbert
Bracken Ridge Cricket Club
- Lachlan Mark
Toombul District Cricket Club
- Noah Vojinov
South Brisbane District Cricket Club
- Steve Roser
Gracemere Cricket Club





COUNTRY CRICKET UPDATE

Queensland Country cricket enjoyed a season to savour in 2023-24, with national success for its representative teams and high levels of engagement in regional centres.

The Toyota Australian Country Cricket Championships were held in Newcastle, with Queensland triumphant in both the male and female competitions for the first time.

The QCC Brahmans ended a recent drought to win the men's title in an exciting final round finish, while the QCC Brolgas were undefeated in winning their first women's trophy since entering the competition.

The Brolgas provided the batter and keeper of the tournament in Mikayla Wrigley, as well as the bowler of the tournament in Tarah Staines.

In a thrilling final match, the Brahmans faced off against the ACT, ultimately defeating them with five overs to spare. Jake Roach's remarkable bowling performance (5-29) and solid batting contributions from Joshua Nelson (43), Andrew Phelps and Roach (35) secured Queensland's victory in the 45th over.

The championship, however, hinged on NSW defeating Victoria, which they couldn't achieve, that eventually saw the Brahmans claim their first championship win in seven years.



The Brolgas overcame a challenging start in their final, chasing their biggest target of the tournament. Early wickets put Queensland under pressure but a resilient middle-order contribution from Wrigley (46) and Taylor Stumer (61) led the team to a nail-biting victory in the final over.

Australian Country selection was achieved by Grace Abdy, Tarah Staines, Jamie-Lee Strang and Mikayla Wrigley in the women's competition.

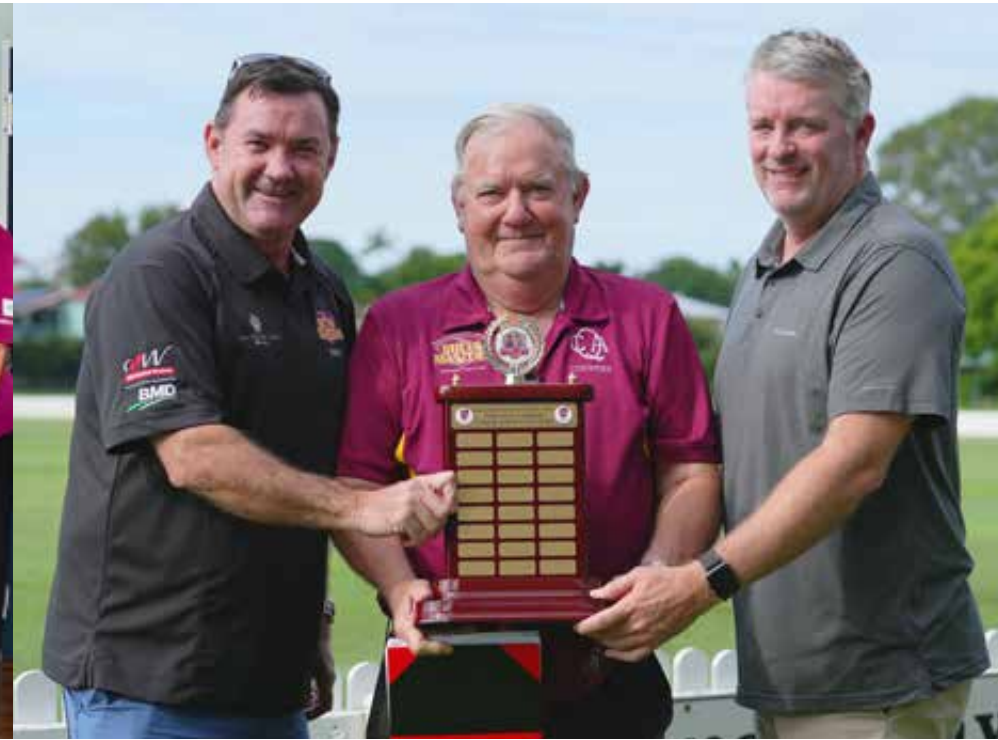
In the men's Australian Country team selection, Queensland captain and player of the year Sam Lowry was joined by Claye Beams, Matt Wilkins and Logan Whitfield.

The 2024-25 Championships have been allocated to Barossa Valley, in South Australia

The annual North Queensland v South Queensland match saw NQ take out the XXXX Cup while in the women's series, South Queensland won the Jonassen- Kimmence Shield. Both competitions were staged in Gatton.

The Bulls Masters again backed T20 competitions at open and under-16 level.

The Under-16 Youth Cup played between the eight Country based Zones was affected by Cyclone Jasper. A decision was made to abandon Cairns as a venue with the North and South Zone teams broken into hubs and hosted by Townsville and Bundaberg.



The Bulls Masters Country Challenge was completed with Central Queensland Seamers convincingly defeating Far North Fusion in the final match at the Gabba.

Finally, 2023-24 saw the introduction of the inaugural Maher-Love Cup competition.

The tournament, which was championed by Queensland Country Cricket President, Kevin Maher, featured anNorth Queensland side playing their South Queensland counterparts.

The new competition was named after Queensland cricket legends Jimmy Maher (Cairns) and Martin Love (Mundubbera), who both started their careers in Northern and Southern Country towns respectively.

Fittingly, North Queensland won the first ever Maher-Love Cup.

This inaugural Youth competition was a milestone for country cricket in Queensland, providing a platform for talented young players to shine and potentially pave their way to future cricketing success.

While this is the first year of the tournament, Queensland Cricket, and the Queensland Country Cricket Association are hopeful that it will become a regular fixture, further highlighting the depth of talent in country cricket.

2023/24 QLD COUNTRY TEAMS

2023-24 QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BRAHMANS

Sam Lowry (c)
Luke McInnes
Joe McGahan)
Justin Dixon
Logan Whitfield
Sam Yabsley
Jake Roach
Matthew Wilkins
Lachlan Ford
Travis Busch
Claye Beams
Andrew Phelps
Josh Nelson
Aidan Watterson

2023/24 QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BROLGAS

Ruby Strange (c)
Mikayla Wrigley (v-c)
Ryleigh Wotherspoon
Abby Toshach
Emma Jackson
Meghan McCartney
Taylor Stumer
Tarah Staines
Chloe Murphy
Grace Abdy
Felicity Koch
Abbey Harvey
Jamie-Lee Strang
Courtney Hewitt

2023/24 QUEENSLAND CRICKET AWARDS

AWARD WINNERS

IAN HEALY TROPHY
Ben McDermott

JODIE PURVES TROPHY
Charli Knott

PIKE-MAHER MEDAL
Mikayla Hinkley

QUEENSLAND FIRE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Georgia Voll

MARSH SHEFFIELD SHIELD PLAYER
OF THE YEAR
Jack Clayton

MARSH ONE DAY CUP PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Ben McDermott

ANDREW SYMONDS MEDAL (BULLS
PLAYERS' PLAYER)
Jimmy Peirson

QUEENSLAND FIRE PLAYERS' PLAYER
Georgia Redmayne

BRISBANE HEAT WBBL MVP
Amelia Kerr

BRISBANE HEAT BBL MVP
Xavier Bartlett

QLD COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR
(MALE)
Sam Lowry

QLD COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR
(FEMALE)
Mikayla Wrigley

QUEENSLAND CRICKET VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR
Mel Shelley
(Palmwoods CC, Sunshine Coast)

GRAHAM DIXON AWARD FOR STAFF
ACHIEVEMENT
Trent van Hout



Hannah Knott, twin sister of Charli, accepts the Jodie Purves Trophy from Jodie



Ben McDermott receives the Ian Healy Trophy from past winner Andy Bichel



Members of the championship Brisbane Heat squad are presented to the audience



Host Ben Davis chats with Jack Clayton after he won the Shield Player of the Year



Michael Kasprowicz with Queensland Volunteer of the Year Mel Shelley



QC Hall of Famer Melissa Davies with Fire Player of the Year Georgia Voll

A host of first-time winners were the highlight of the 2023-24 Queensland Cricket Awards Gala at Brisbane City Hall.

Prodigal son Ben McDermott capped off an eye-catching return season to his home State, winning the Ian Healy Trophy and Queensland's Marsh One Day Cup player of the year awards for the first time.

Rising allrounder Charli Knott claimed her inaugural win in the Jodie Purves Trophy for performances across the season with the Queensland Fire and WBBL Brisbane Heat.

Knott, who spent much of the 2024 off-season playing in England before returning to captain Australia 'A', was joined as a maiden winner by fellow allrounder Georgia Voll, who was awarded the Queensland Fire player of the year trophy.

Continuing the first-time trend, Bulls batter Jack Clayton took out the Marsh Sheffield Shield award while wicket-keeper Jimmy Peirson was presented with his inaugural Bulls players' player honour.

In acknowledgement of his achievement, Peirson received the Andrew Symonds Medal, which was presented for the second time since the untimely passing of the Queensland and Australian allrounder.

BBL13 championship winner Xavier Bartlett's effort in finishing as the competition's leading wicket-taker was further highlighted with his inaugural win as the BBL Heat MVP to cap off a memorable campaign.

Breaking the trend, New Zealand star Amelia Kerr was awarded the WBBL Heat MVP award for the second season in a row, producing key innings across the competition including top scoring in two Finals matches.

McDermott, 28, had been clear that he wanted to revitalise his game at first class level with his return to his home State after eight years in Tasmania, and his efforts late in the Sheffield Shield season to score 146no were clear signs that he had a red ball game to match his successful limited overs career.

The right-hander, Queensland's leading runs-scorer in the Marsh One Day Cup including a top score of 143 and two half centuries, played for Australia against India at T20 International level during the year and was recalled to the ODI squad late in the summer against the West Indies.

Knott, 21, took out the premier women's cricket award that was launched last year to recognise the contribution of former Queensland and Australian captain Jodie Purves.

Knott flourished in the Weber Women's Big Bash League and Women's National Cricket League, taking her to the fringes of national selection.

Playing predominantly as a middle to lower order finisher for the Heat, she scored 220 runs at a strike rate of 147.65, while taking 10 wickets, often bowling with the new ball.

She was named as the WBBL Young Gun award – for players aged 21 or under during the tournament – by the National Selection Panel.

In the WNCL, her stand-out innings came in the Final, hitting 11 fours in a career-best one-day knock of 73 from 61 balls as the Fire made 248.

She was also named captain of the CA Gold team that played a three-day match at the end of the summer.

Other awards presented on the night included the Pike-Maher Medal to Fire and Heat batter Mikayla Hinkley for her strong commitment to advancing the growth and impact of Indigenous cricket.

Hinkley, a proud First Nations woman, featured in the development of Queensland Cricket's inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan launched last year and the on-going education and promotion process around the Brisbane Heat's Indigenous playing strip worn in the WBBL and BBL that she helped to design.

She again was a passionate advocate for the Heat club's First Nations story-telling contained on the playing shirts, taking part in jersey presentations

to the WBBL squad this season which incorporated members of the Queensland Women's Indigenous team.

Hinkley, who toured with the Australian Indigenous team last year to Vanuatu where she filled a mentoring role within the squad, spent valuable time with young female Indigenous players across the season to help them successfully navigate a pathway in their chosen sport.

The Pike-Maher Medal is named in honour of former Queensland and Australian players Kirsten Pike and Jimmy Maher and presented to a Queensland male or female player who has played a major role in creating a positive difference in their communities through charitable and community contributions.

Wicket-keeper Georgia Redmayne capped off a triumphant return from a serious Achilles injury with the Queensland Fire voting her their Players' Player in light of her determination to return to the playing arena, culminating in her captaincy of the Fire in the WNCL Final.

In other representative cricket recognition at the dinner, Queensland Country Cricket's feat of winning both the male and female titles at the Toyota Australian Country championships for the first time was acknowledged.

Experienced Townsville batter Sam Lowry and Sunshine Coast wicket-keeper Mikayla Wrigley each received the respective male and female player of the year awards for the success enjoyed by the Brahmans and Brolgas at the championships.

The enormous contribution of volunteers to cricket was again celebrated at the event, with Palmwoods CC president Mel Shelley named as the Queensland Cricket Volunteer of the Year.

She was joined at the dinner by other members of 'Kaspa's Crew', the Queensland Cricket Volunteer Recognition Program that came into existence 21 seasons ago when Queensland and Australian pace bowler Michael Kasprowicz agreed to be the face of the inaugural initiative.



ENTERTAINMENT



The championship winning Brisbane Heat capped the summer's victorious KFC Big Bash League season in 2023-24 with a series of on and off field records.

On the field, the Heat were the most successful club across the Big Bash League and Women's Big Bash League after finishing runners-up in the WBBL, complementing the club's BBL13 premiership. The 54-run victory over the Sydney Sixers to claim the BBL title marked the Heat's second men's championship.

Heat fans responded to the performances on the pitch with support at record levels.

The club averaged 25,787 attendees for home games at the Gabba, a year-on-year increase of 35 percent. The club also set a new membership record with 14,507 members signing on.

The Heat enjoyed corporate support to match with a 21 percent increase in corporate hospitality guests enjoying the season in luxury.

With the Gabba unavailable for Finals, the Heat continued to grow the club's fan base across Queensland as 20,919 fans attended the club's Qualifier Final against the Sydney Sixers at a sold-out Gold Coast Stadium, setting a new cricket record for the Gold Coast.

Brisbane Heat merchandise also sold-out record levels, with BBL13 representing the club's biggest season in merchandise sales since BBL07.

The Big Bash League continued to buck the trend of TV viewership with significant growth in national numbers. The BBL remains the most-watched Australian domestic sporting competition on a per-game basis, with the WBBL the fifth most-watched.

The Heat averaged 634k viewers per game across the BBL season with streaming numbers through Kayo, Foxtel Go and Foxtel Now still to be added.

Channel Seven's free to air coverage was a particular highlight of the summer with Brisbane viewership for Heat matches increasing by 40 percent and metro TV numbers increasing by 8 percent. Kayo reported earlier in the season that viewing numbers are up 16 percent, while short form BBL content was up 112 percent, making it the most streamed BBL season to date.

The Final was watched by a national average of over 952,000 fans across Channel Seven and Fox Cricket, while Kayo's coverage was the second highest ever streamed BBL game. Channel Seven's coverage also reached over 2.1 million people nationally on free to air TV.

The Heat's WBBL Final against the Adelaide Strikers had an average national viewership of over 410k, the highest rating WBBL match in two seasons.

The Heat continued to lead the way in social media engagement with the club maintaining

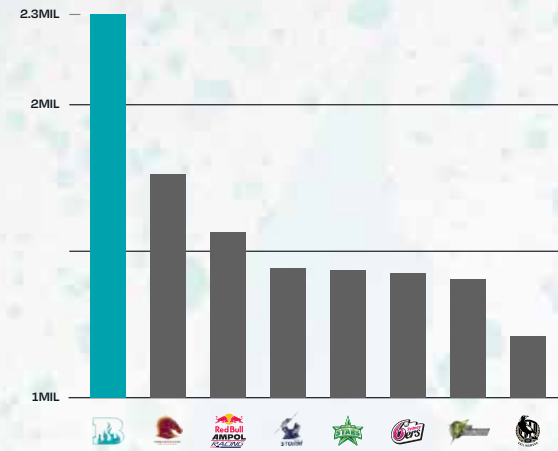
their position as Oceania's most followed club across all social channels, with engagement growing by 37 percent.

The Heat also continued to support community initiatives to assist in the growth of grassroots cricket and community clubs with \$166,000 raised for the Queensland Cricket Foundation to assist the Foundation's purpose of making cricket more accessible. The Foundation also contributed \$29,000 of in-kind support to community groups and charities through ticketing and merchandise requests.



QUICK SINGLES

7 YEARS IN A ROW
THE MOST FOLLOWED SPORTING CLUB IN OCEANIA



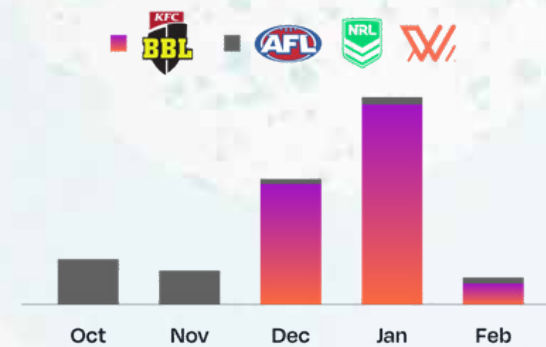
SOCIAL MEDIA LEADERS

- Brisbane Heat - most followed sporting club on social media in Oceania (7 years in-a-row)

Source: Nielsen's

WE ARE SUMMER

- 537M total audience reach 2023-24 - Brisbane Heat media coverage (print, online, TV, radio)
- Big Bash owns Australia's summer sporting window



TV Hours Viewed Per Match
Source: Nielsen's, 2023

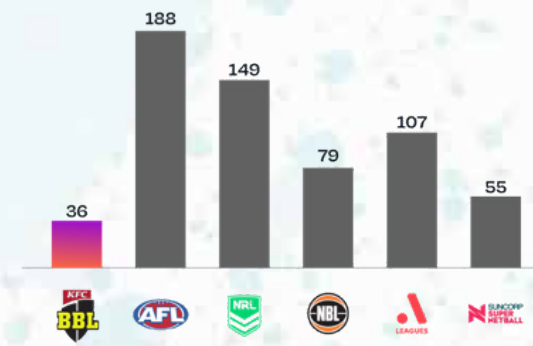
NATIONAL FOOTPRINT

- Men's Big Bash (BBL) - most-watched domestic competition (per-game basis)
- Women's Big Bash (WBBL) - fifth most-watched domestic competition (per-game basis)

Source: Nielsen's

CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

- Big Bash provided the most clutter-free environment for sponsors



Commercial partners at Tier 2 or Above
Source: Analyst Economy, 2023

ON-FIELD



4 TIME CHAMPIONS

3RD MOST SUCCESSFUL BIG BASH CLUB ALL-TIME



BBL|13 CHAMPIONS

SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP

BBL|13 MINOR PREMIERS

FIRST-TIME

2X BBL CHAMPIONS

3RD MOST SUCCESSFUL TEAM



WBBL|09 GRAND-FINALISTS

2X WBBL CHAMPIONS



WBBL Win Percentage

Source: Emplifi

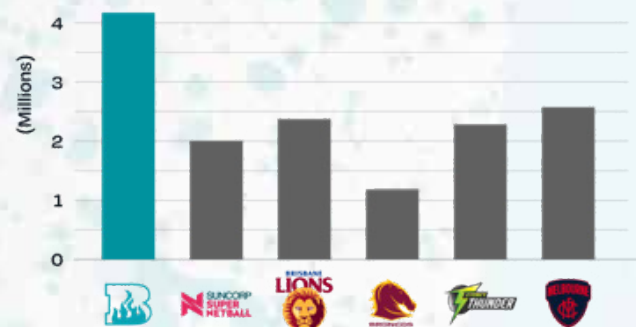
OUR BROADCAST AUDIENCE



↑112%_{YOY} Kayo short-form BBL content (2023-24)

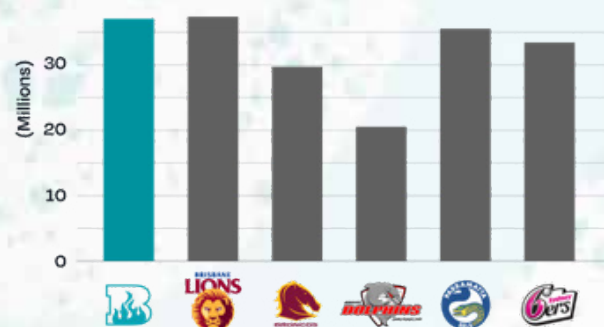
N0.1 Most-streamed BBL season ever (2023-24)

2ND Most-watched league in every state (2023-24)



Cumulative TV Viewership - Women

Source: Nielsen's, 2023



Cumulative TV Viewership - Mens

Source: Nielsen's, 2023



28.8M+ QI Media Value (combined men's & women's)

HEAT MEN'S

↑19%_{YOY} 759K average TV audience
LEAGUE AVERAGE

↑40%_{YOY} Brisbane FTA audience

↑8%_{YOY} AUS metro TV audience

↑45.8%_{YOY} \$2.61M QI value per game

HEAT WOMEN'S

↑2.38%_{YOY} 166,184 average TV audience

↑48%_{YOY} WBBL final TV audience

Source: Nielsen's



OUR DIGITAL AUDIENCE

SOCIAL MEDIA INSIGHTS

2.3M+

Cross platform followers

- Only club in Oceania
- ↑8% YoY

357M+

Impressions 2023-24

- ↑92%

251M+

Video views 2023-24

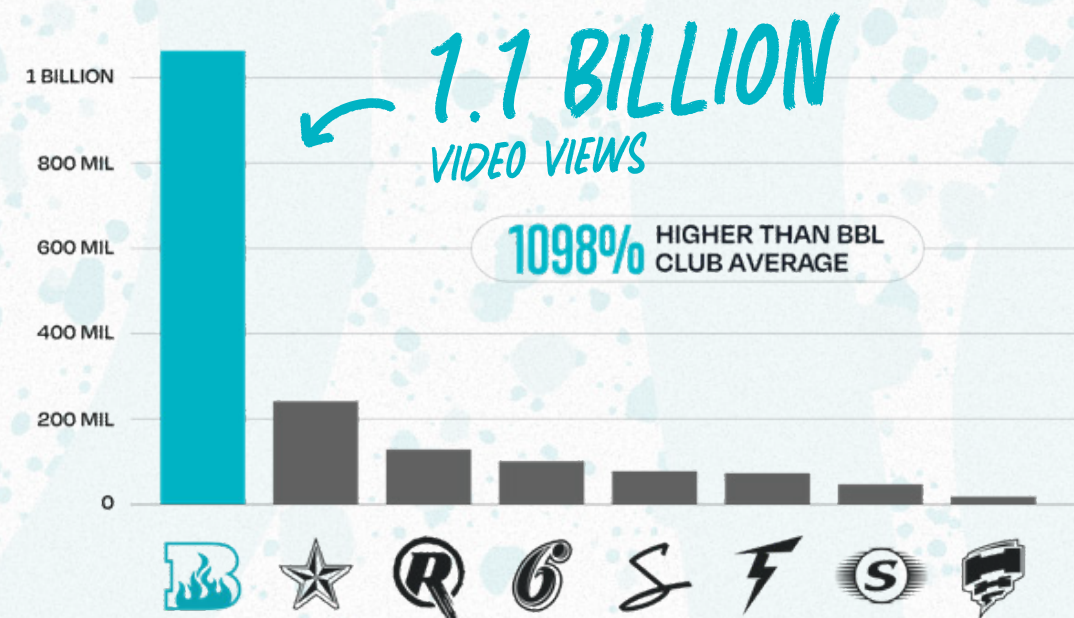
- ↑67% YoY

↑19%
YOY

31% of posts aligned to sponsors

WINNER

2023 Australia and New Zealand Sports Technology, 'Social & Fan Engagement' award



BBL CLUB VIDEO VIEWS SINCE 2017

Source: Emplifi

OUR FANS

1.1 MILLION FANS

- Brisbane Heat is the most popular BBL franchise
- 773k avid fans representing 68% of fan base

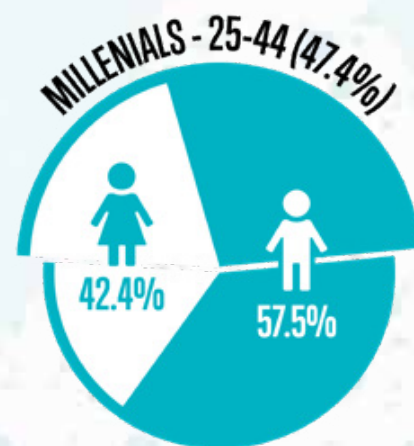


BBL club fans

Source: Nielsen Sportslink, 2023

WE ARE FAMILIES

- 57.5% male & 42.5% female
*2022-23 ticket purchases
- Millennials are the largest demographic
*26.9% of ticket purchases are 25-44yo males & 20.5% are 25-44yo females



Heat ticket purchases

Source: Nielsen Sportslink, 2023

HEAT FANS RECEPTIVE TO SPONSORS



48%

OF HEAT FANS ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BROUGHT PRODUCTS/SERVICES OF BRANDS THAT SPONSOR THINGS THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT
(ix. 31% Nat Pop.)



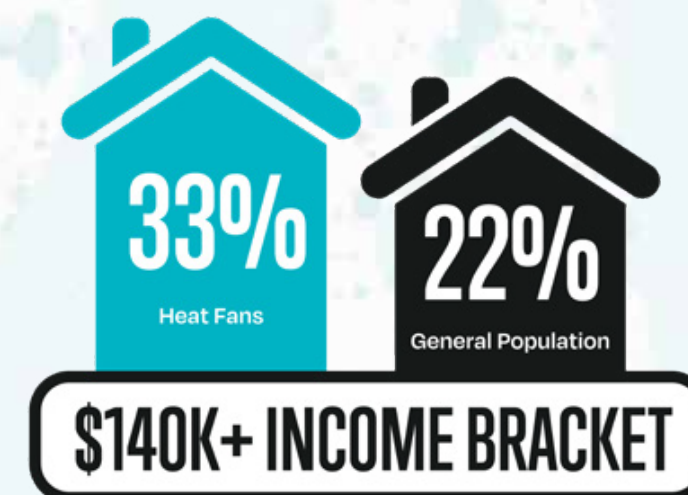
54%

OF HEAT FANS ARE MORE LIKELY TO RECOMMEND PRODUCTS/SERVICES OF BRANDS THAT SPONSOR THINGS THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT
(ix. 36% Nat Pop.)

Source: Nielsen Sportslink, 2023

HIGHER HOUSEHOLD INCOME

- 33% of Heat fans are in the \$140k income bracket, compared to 22% of the general population



Heat fans over index with higher household income

Source: Nielsen Sportslink, 2023

WBBL|09 SUMMARY



5TH

MOST-WATCHED

Domestic league
(per-game basis)

Source: Nielsen's

HIGHEST PAID

FEMALE DOMESTIC ATHLETES

Salary cap doubled



\$4.67M

TOTAL Q1 MEDIA VALUE

↑36% YoY

Source: Nielsen's

↑46%

WBBL MEDIA COVERAGE

163M total audience media reach

Source: Isentia





BBL13 HEAT SUMMARY

25,763

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

↑34.3% YOY
↑21.8% BBL average
Source: Ticketek

↑40%

BRISBANE FTA AUDIENCE

AUS Metro TV Audience ↑8%
Source: Nielsen's

759K

AVERAGE TV AUDIENCE

↑19% BBL average
Source: Nielsen's

↑45.81%

PER GAME MEDIA VALUE

\$2.61M per game QI Media Value
\$24.13M Total QI Media Value
Source: Nielsen's



ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW

121,763 Total BBL attendance (excl. Finals)

- ↑4.1% YoY
- x2 less games

14,507 Membership record

- ↑69% YoY

SOLD OUT BBL Qualifier Final

- New Gold Coast Cricket attendance record (20,919)

**↑55.8%
YOY** Corporate hospitality

- 2x games sold-out



HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN



 **10.5M+** Combined social media audience

 **3.4M+** Video views on 'celebrity' content
*Brisbane Heat social media

 **102** Influencers attended Heat games

 **6.1M** Total audience reach

 **299** Social media posts



QUEENSLAND CRICKET FAMILY

CLUB, DIVISION OR ASSOCIATION

- > Cricket Ipswich Inc
- > Gold Coast Cricket District Cricket Club
- > Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club Inc
- > Redlands Cricket Inc
- > Sandgate-Redcliffe District Cricket Club Inc
- > South Brisbane District Cricket Club Inc
- > Sunshine Coast Cricket Association Inc
- > Toombul District Cricket Club Inc
- > University of Queensland Cricket Club Inc
- > Valley District Cricket Club Inc
- > Western Suburbs District Cricket Club Inc
- > Cricket Far North Inc
- > Wynnum-Manly District Cricket Club Inc
- > Queensland Country Cricket Association Incorporated
- > Queensland Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association Inc
- > Queensland Junior Cricket Inc
- > Queensland Sub Districts Cricket Association Inc
- > Warehouse Cricket Association Queensland Inc
- > North Queensland Cricket Association Inc
- > Mackay-Whitsunday Cricket Inc
- > Central Queensland Cricket Inc
- > Wide Bay Cricket Inc
- > Darling Downs and South West Queensland Cricket Inc
- > South East Queensland Cricket Inc
- > Queensland Veterans' Cricket

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Queensland Cricket Scorers' Association Inc.
- Queensland Deaf Cricket Association
- Australian Cricket Society (Queensland) Inc.
- Queensland Blind Cricket Association Inc.
- Queensland Primary Schools' Cricket Association
- The Associated Schools Inc. (TAS)
- Queensland Secondary School Cricket
- The Great Public Schools' (GPS) Association of Queensland Inc.
- The Lord's Taverners (Australia) QLD Incorporated
- Wanderers (Q) Club Inc
- Queensland Police Cricket Association Inc

JIMMY MAHER AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The presentation of our latest Life Member weaves together many threads in the history of Queensland Cricket.

As a former Queensland captain, then Founder and Managing Director of the Bulls Masters, Jimmy Maher has dedicated much of his life to cricket.

The Far North Queensland product made his initial appearance for Queensland in a one-day game when he was a teenager, famously running out Allan Border. Despite that setback he went on to make his first-class debut against South Australia in 1993-1994.

When he retired in 2008, his last game was also against South Australia.

Maher amassed 9,993 first class runs for Queensland – behind only long-time teammate Martin Love.

He remains Queensland's all-time leading one-day runs-scorer with 4789 runs.

Maher led Queensland to the 2005-2006 Pura Cup title with a man-of-the-match knock of 223.

He was also part of Queensland's famous breakthrough Sheffield Shield win in 1994-1995,

as well as playing in the 1996-97 Shield triumph and the hat-trick of Pura Cup titles between 1999 and 2002.

Maher played 26 one-day internationals for Australia, averaging 25.76, and was part of the 2003 World Cup championship squad as well as touring with Australia to the West Indies and India. Sometimes filling the role as back-up wicket-keeper, Maher was a popular and lively tourist.

He is a member of The Hundred club, one of 16 players to have registered 100 first class career matches for Queensland.

In his post playing days, he turned his passion to the development of regional cricket across the State.

As part of that, he was the inaugural Managing Director of the Bulls Masters.

The Bulls Masters organisation was formed in early 2010 with Jimmy one of the founders along with Andrew Bichel, Martin Kent, Michael Kasprovicz and Ian Healy.

The Bulls Masters use their status as past legends of the game to grow cricket with a focus on regional Queensland, while raising money for local cricket associations.



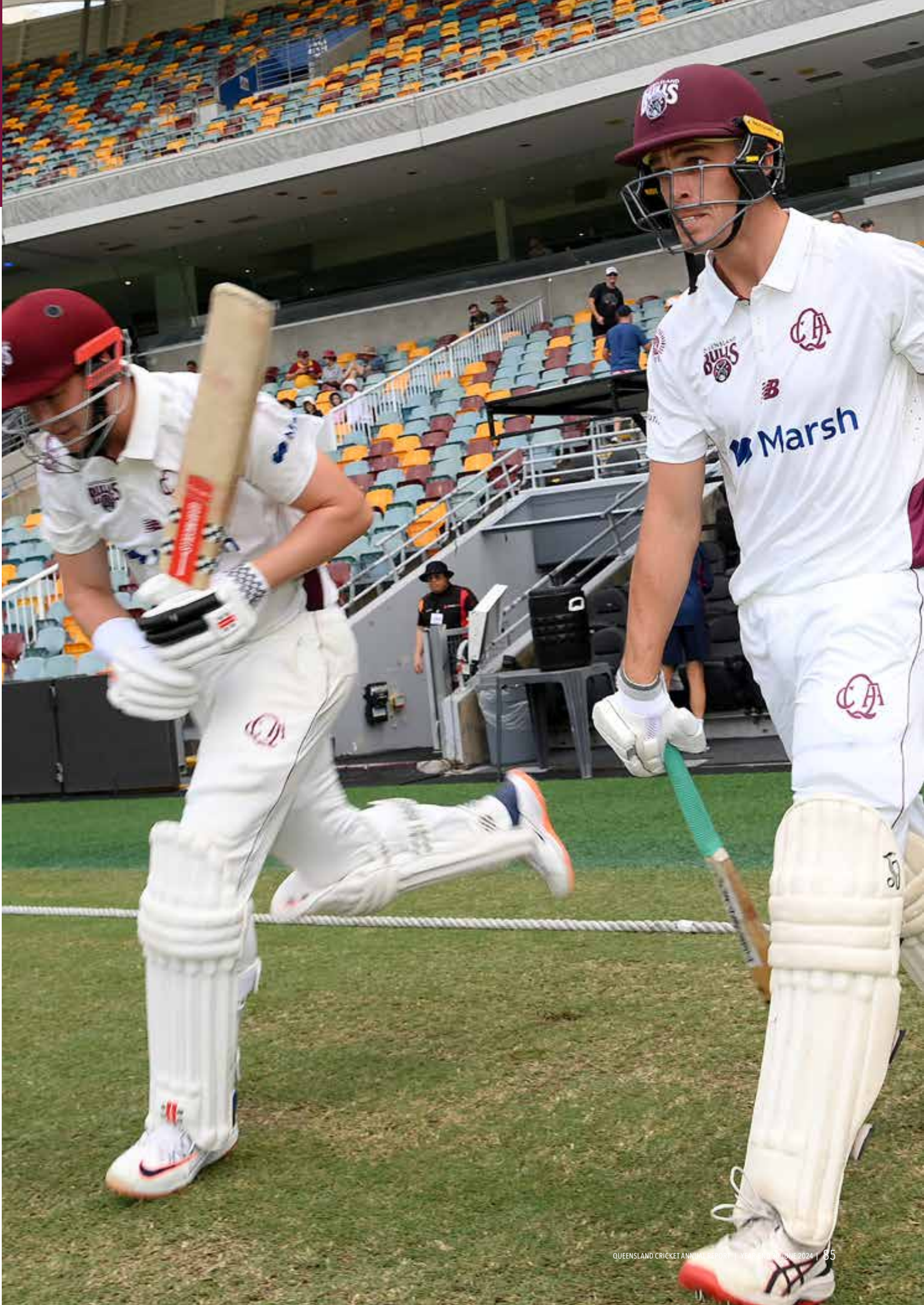
In acknowledgement of his dedication to cricket, both as a player (he remains active as a lower grade premier cricket) and an administrator, he was chosen to be one of the two past players recognised for the naming of the Pike-Maher Medal, presented for the first time in 2023.

The award is presented to a Queensland male or female player who has played a major role in creating a positive difference in their communities through charitable and community contributions.

Jimmy becomes the second member of the Maher family to be awarded Life Membership of Queensland Cricket, with Uncle Kevin recognised in 2020 for his devotion to regional and country cricket.



G Down 1908	JT Bale 1942	CE Anstey OAM 1983
BR Bale 1908	NJ Plaisted 1945	PJ Mullins OAM 1984
R Doran 1908	TE Williams 1946	R Littledike 1985
WB Slade 1909	PJ Frawley 1947	RD Harris 1986
TMW McWilliam 1909	PM Hornibrook 1948	AC Battersby AM 1987
GM Colledge 1909	CF Moroney 1949	RP Easton OAM 1988
J Allen 1911	GE Lax 1950	PJ Burge AM 1989
SC Whittred 1911	VC Schaefer 1951	WEP Harris 1990
WT Evans 1911	TJ Burge 1952	RR Lindwall 1991
AE Oxenham 1912	FP Malone 1953	WA Brown OAM 1992
WJ Lewis 1913	BH Shaw 1954	JJ McLaughlin OAM 1996
Col The Hon JFG Foxton 1913	WJ Scott 1956	SC Trimble MBE 1997
T Muir 1913	QF Rice 1957	JA Maclean MBE 1998
EJ Beard 1919	R McGhee 1958	RT Pascoe 1999
MF McCaffrey 1919	MJ Whalley 1959	RG Archer AM 2000
WH Carvasso 1919	LDA England 1960	JN McKnulty AM 2001
RA Alexander 1920	IH Townsend 1962	GJ Madsen OAM 2002
WH Henley 1920	NT McMahon 1963	TV Hohns OAM 2003
JN Horton 1921	CO Apps 1964	SG Law OAM 2004
GW Ward 1922	KLM Mossop 1965	TR Veivers 2005
HTA Wetzig 1922	CL Saunders 1966	DG Mullins SC 2006
MJ Hartigan 1923	TS Redgrave 1967	P Stathis 2007
JS Hutcheon 1923	C Jones AO 1968	L Moore 2008
CL Mossop 1925	JG Cooke 1969	B Phelan OAM 2009
AE Wyeth 1925	EA Toovey MBE OAM 1970	AR Border AO 2010
RA Alton 1926	EC LaFrantz MBE 1971	MW Johnson 2011
WJ Fehlberg 1926	R Spence 1972	CG Rackemann 2012
JP Orr 1927	RG Teske 1973	G J Dixon 2013
LPD O'Connor 1928	GI Hornsby BEM 1974	LD Cooper 2014
FC Thompson 1929	RA Young 1975	IA Healy AO 2015
JRD Mahoney 1930	KD Mackay MBE 1976	KG Rayment 2017
RK Oxenham 1934	AC Pettigrew 1977	N Grout 2018
JH Holdworth 1935	OD Driscoll 1978	B Gaskell 2019
PJ Carter 1936	VW Holland 1979	K Maher 2020
LL Gill 1937	CR Richards 1980	P Evans 2021
TM Barber 1938	HR Tanner 1981	M Kasprowicz 2022
JW Hoelscher 1940	BS McCahon 1982	J Maher 2023



IN MEMORIAM

RAY REYNOLDS

Queensland Cricket has paid tribute to former Queensland player, selector and coach Ray Reynolds who passed away on 24 September 2023 at the age of 87.

Born George Raymond Reynolds, he was widely known as ‘Sugar’ Ray Reynolds, with the Bundaberg product well-regarded throughout the State for his skill as a player and later his knowledge and experience as a coach and selector. He was one of five boys, and also had a younger sister.

A product of the Anglican Grammar School, he made his first-class debut for Queensland in the 1955–56 season, batting at number seven after impressing for Western Suburbs.

A compact right-hander, he was promoted to the opening position during that season, which is where he played the bulk of his career.

He missed the first two matches in 1956–57 but returned to the side to open the batting and finished the season with 371 runs at an average of 53.00, including his first century, (110 not out against South Australia after Queensland had followed on).



His reputation grew in 1957–58, leading Queensland’s batting with 698 runs at 63.45.

His season included three centuries, carrying his bat for his highest score of 203 not out against South Australia, when he batted throughout the innings.

He formed a strong opening partnership with his Western Suburbs teammate Sam Trimble over the next three seasons; scoring 500 runs at 38.46 in 1958–59, 671 runs at 39.47 in 1959–60, and 549 runs at 36.60 in 1960–61.

A stint playing in England was followed by a final season with Queensland in 1963–64, producing 815 runs at 58.21, with four centuries, and an opening partnership of 256 with Trimble against South Australia.

He retired from the game, at the age of 27, to take up sugar cane farming near Bundaberg and later retired to the Gold Coast.

He served as a Queensland selector from 1979 to 1985 and was a Queensland Sheffield Shield team coach for several seasons after his selection term had finished, including the 1988 Shield Final in WA that Queensland lost.

The Reynolds name has extended through the generations, with Ray’s son Dean a State squad member and Australian Under-19 captain during the 1980s, and his grandson Cody an Australian Under-19 representative in 2023.

KAYE LANGSFORD

Queensland Cricket received news during 2024 that former State women’s player Kaye Langsford had passed away.

She represented Queensland at national championships in Sydney and Melbourne in 1960 and 1961.

According to research conducted by former player and historian Margaret Ready, the 1961 squad was one of the last teams to represent the State at national level until Queensland Women’s Cricket Association was reformed in 1976.

Kaye attended the 90th anniversary function at Allan Border Field in 2020.



Guests at the 90th anniversary of women’s cricket in Queensland, (L-R), Marg Ready, Madelaine O’Dea, Kaye Langford and Katherine Raymont

JOHN McMAHON OAM

A work transfer to Lismore during the 1950s for Sydney-born John Terrence McMahon proved life-changing.

He met his wife Joan in the northern NSW city and continued a promising cricket as a left arm wrist spinner and handy batsman.

McMahon made an immediate impact in local cricket and was soon selected to play for the Far North Coast representative team. He was selected to represent NSW Country against Metropolitan in Sydney in the 1955-56 season and took two wickets in the game.

Back in the day, the Far North Coast teams played in the Queensland Country Week carnivals and John snared an impressive 45 wickets in a week. In 1959 John was transferred to Brisbane in his employment where he joined the South Brisbane club in the Brisbane Grade competition.

In his first season with South Brisbane, he took a competition high of 48 first grade wickets. He was selected in the Queensland Sheffield Shield team for the annual southern tour in 1959-60, where it was hoped his prowess on the slower, lower wickets of the time would benefit the touring team.

He played two first class games for Queensland on that tour. Looking back on his brief Sheffield Shield career, he noted: “I was unable to change from being an attacking spinner to being a stock bowler in the Shield games as my stock ball was not accurate enough for first class cricket at the time.”

He returned to Lismore and forged an enviable career in the game as a player, coach and administrator. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2008 Birthday Honours for service to cricket in New South Wales.

He died on 22 January 2024, at the age of 91.

A TRIBUTE

BRUCE OXENFORD

The 2023-24 cricket season marked the end of a long and illustrious career in the middle for Queensland umpire Bruce Oxenford.

The Marsh Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and Queensland at the WACA

Ground from March 1-4, 2024, was Oxenford’s final first class game, with the curtain also falling on fellow umpire Paul Wilson’s career in the same match.

Oxenford, a veteran of 62 Tests and 97 ODIs, spent 13 years on the ICC Elite Panel before returning to finish his illustrious career on the Cricket Australia National Umpiring Panel.

He officiated in 75 first-class matches including two Sheffield Shield finals, 50 List A matches and 43 BBL games, including two finals.

His international career included standing in the 2011, 2015 and 2019 ICC World Cup competitions, as well as officiating in 20 T20 Internationals which included the 2012, 2014 and 2016 T20 World Cups.

Oxenford also took part in eight Women’s Tests, 12 Women’s ODIs and 15 Women’s T20 Internationals.

He made the transition to umpiring with the Queensland Cricket Umpires and Scorers’ Association in 1998 after representing his State at first class level.

A leg-spinner, he was involved with the inaugural Gold Coast Dolphins team that entered the Premier Grade Cricket competition in 1990.

He played eight matches for Queensland during the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons.

Oxenford was made a Life Member of the Queensland Cricket Umpires and Scorers’ Association in 2016.



DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd
Review of operations and activities
30 June 2024

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Review of operations and activities

The surplus for the year amounted to \$968,451 (2023: \$863,602), which incorporates an amount of \$442,142 representing gains from the QCA Future Fund. Excluding this amount which is not available for general use, the net operating surplus for the year was \$526,309.

This financial year saw a return to a normal operations across Queensland and Australia, with a full elite schedule in both the men's and women's game, full schedule of the pathway competitions and a number of inclusion championships reinstated during the cricket season.

The Brisbane Heat's second BBL title was a highlight of the season, while the WBBL Heat went within a hair's breadth of claiming the WBBL trophy only to finish as runners-up. Queensland teams experienced mixed results throughout the summer, although national player representation was again solid. In an uncharacteristic showing, the Queensland Bulls finished sixth in the Marsh Sheffield Shield and fifth in the Marsh One Day Cup. The Queensland Fire turned bronze to silver in the Women's National Cricket League. After finishing third in 2022-23, the team made the final only to lose to Tasmania which completed a hat-trick of titles.

During the reporting period, there were six Bulls players and two Fire players who played for Australia. In Youth cricket, there were four Queenslanders in the ICC Under-19 World Cup squad that were unbeaten in winning the championship in South Africa, while two Queensland players toured Sri Lanka with the Australian Women's Under-19 squad.

The Queensland Under-19 men's and women's teams finished as runners-up in their respective national titles. Queensland Country won the men's and women's National Country championships while the Queensland Women's Indigenous team finished as runners-up at the National Indigenous championships.

The Board were very proud of the performance of the Brisbane Heat during what could be considered the best season since the formation of the franchise. Both on-field and off-field performances during the 23/24 season were spectacular, with the Board keen to recognise the efforts of our players, coaches, staff and fans for their many achievements.

The men finally attaining their second championship winning the BBL13 final against the Sydney Sixers in Sydney and the women's WBBL team finishing runner up to the Adelaide Strikers in Adelaide.

The off-field results were also amazing with record sponsorship with the biggest sponsorship portfolio in the BBL, ticket sales and the second highest attendances across BBL13.

The funding for the organisation improved during the financial year with strong sponsorship income achieved and an improved funding agreement with Cricket Australia during the year, which delivered an estimated improved income outcome of \$2,050,000. Whilst operational costs increased in-line with realised revenue improvements, the executive continued to drive a strong cost control focus.

The Board is appreciative of the support of our many sponsors of the Brisbane Heat and Queensland Cricket, in particular the long-term support and investment by our principal partner of both QCA and the Brisbane Heat, the Great Southern Bank for the past eight years. The formal end of the partnership on 30 June 2024 means the financial institution will finish as the club's longest serving principal partner, with the initial sponsorship signed in 2016 between the Heat and Credit Union Australia (CUA) which successfully transformed to Great Southern Bank three years ago.

During the WBBL09 the Brisbane Heat played 5 games at Allan Border Field with strong support from the fans and we were able to take one match to the Great Barrier Reef stadium in Mackay where the Heat beat the Strikers in a close result.

The Heat averaged 25,787 attendees for home BBL games at the Gabba, a year-on-year increase of 35 percent. The club also set a new membership record with 14,507 members signing on. With the Gabba unavailable for finals, the Heat continued to grow the club's fan base across Queensland as 20,919 fans attended the club's qualifier final against the Sydney Sixers at a sold-out Gold Coast Stadium, setting a new cricket record for the Gold Coast. In the WBBL, the Heat sold the most tickets across the competition for all clubs.

The second season of the KFC T20 Max competition continued to grow and was strongly supported by the Premier Clubs with an influx of 92 interstate players joining the men and women competition during the season. The KFC T20 Max 2023 saw the Women's competition develop, featuring interstate/overseas players and played concurrently with the Men's competition.

In addition to player career progression, the development of KFC T20 Max can be closely linked to the turnaround and success of the Brisbane Heat Men's team. Player experience survey results continue to be strong, highlighted by the opportunity to play on excellent facilities and competition quality. Congratulations to the competition champions, Ipswich (Men's Champion) and Sandgate-Redcliffe (Women's Champion).

The Board considered a request from the Premier Grade Cricket clubs for a new 5-year funding agreement to cover the additional costs required to build financial sustainability and certainty within the key pathway competition.

Following a review, the Board advised the Clubs that given the QCA's funding agreement with CA, at that time, was only until the end of FY24 and until a longer-term agreement was in place, we were unable to commit beyond a one-year agreement.

Following a review with the Premier Clubs, the Board approved a revision of the FY24 funding agreement and provided an increased commitment for FY24 of \$334,000 for one-year, based upon a move to a more strategic funding approach. The Clubs accepted the new agreement for season 23/24.

The ongoing efforts in promoting community cricket and enhancing infrastructure in Queensland have yielded positive results. The growth in the Woolworths Cricket Blast program of 13.19%, successful funding presentations, thorough club audits, and the establishment of new partnerships with associations for competition administration partnership reflect our commitment to fostering cricket at the grassroots level.

Whilst strides have been made across the season, further growth is required in season 24/25 to keep pace with other sports here in Queensland. Participation in junior cricket remains flat statewide and has decreased in some regions. Pleasingly, girl's participation has increased. To combat this, a greater focus will be replaced on the retention of kids from Woolworths Cricket Blast into Junior Cricket competitions.

The Board also considered the challenges of the current model of Junior Cricket in metropolitan Brisbane and commenced discussions with the Brisbane metropolitan associations to consider joining the QCA as affiliate members whilst also maintaining their affiliation to Queensland Junior Cricket Association.

The need for improved Infrastructure and facilities investment in the game remains a high priority of the Board to ensure the game grows and prospers in both regional and metropolitan areas. Across season 2023/24, 50 projects were funded through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF). A total of \$1.4m of ACIF funding was allocated in season 2023/24 providing hugely important seed funding for clubs statewide as we look to improve facilities for all cricket participants.

With the announcement from the IOC that Cricket will join the Olympic Games from the 2028 LA Games, Queensland Cricket continues to work closely with the Queensland Government and the Brisbane Olympic Games Committee to ensure the game leverages the opportunity and ensures the pre-planning and development of infrastructure to deliver a lasting legacy for the game, in areas including, participation, infrastructure and facilities.

The Board held seven meetings during the year and continued the Regional Visits program with a visit to Townsville. The visit was also a good opportunity to meet with local affiliates and their members, along with key government stakeholders, to better understand and witness local playing grounds and facilities and hear first-hand the opportunities and challenges confronting the growth of cricket in North Queensland.

The AGM was held 19 September 2023 in person, with arrangements for electronic attendees. It was fitting occasion for the appointment of QCA Life Membership awarded to former Queensland Bulls and Australian player and now CEO of the Bulls Masters Jimmy Maher, for his significant contribution as an elite player, administrator and supporter of the game in Queensland. The OGM was held on 19 March 2024 was held as an electronic only meeting.

During the AGM, a Special Meeting was held to consider a Special Resolution for members to approve a recommendation from the QCA Board to approve two new members to the Association Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association (BNJCA) and Metro South West Cricket Association (MSW) and to also approve two votes of each of new member.

Two motions were put to members requiring a 75% approval vote of members to be successful.

1. To approve BNJCA and MSW as new Affiliate Members - was carried by members.
2. To approve the provision of two votes for each new member - this matter was not approved by members.

Given the unsuccessful count for the second vote, members were advised that the Constitution reflects that the voting rights for new members must be approved by the members. The future voting entitlements for both BNJCA and MSW will need to be taken back to members via a Special Resolution, at a future meeting of members.

At the AGM, the QCA Chair Chris Simpson advised the meeting of his decision not to seek re-election and to allow the Board the opportunity to appoint a new Chair to lead QCA into the future. Chris recognised the significant contribution thanking the QCA members, his fellow Board Members, the CEO and his leadership team and the QCA staff, the players and officials of the game and finally the significant support and contribution of the thousands of volunteers across the state that make things happen.

The Chair also recognised the contribution of QCA's two Directors who departed the Board during the year, acknowledging the significant contribution of Mackay based elected Director Barry Jansen, who served on the Board for almost 12 years and appointed Director Juanita Maiden who had served 4 years on the Board.

The Chair confirmed the QCA Board had approved the recommendation by QCA Nominations Committee to appoint Bronwyn Atkinson to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of former appointed director Juanita Maiden.

The QCA members, in line with the Constitution approved the following appointments to fill the vacancies for elected directors on the Board.

Grant Mitchell was appointed for a three-year term as elected director, Kirby Short was appointed for a three-year term as an elected director and John Salter was appointed to fill the casual vacancy following Barry Jansen's resignation for a one-year term.

Following the AGM, the QCA Board held a special meeting to finalise the appointment of a new Chair. At that meeting the Board appointed Kirsten Pike as the new Chair of the Board. Ian Healy AO was appointed Deputy Chair of the Board at the October 2023 meeting.

The Board continued to support a number of Committees to provide the Board and the organisation with greater skills, experience and oversight.

In accordance with the responsibilities of its charter, the Finance, Governance, Risk and Audit (FGAR) Committee continued to provide the Board with valuable oversight of the key strategic, financial, risk and governance issues confronting the business. The Committee also provided advice on management of the QCA Future Fund investment through Morgan Stanley.

During the year FGAR Committee was pleased to welcome Bronwyn Atkinson from UQCC initially as a new external Member of the Committee and following her appointment to the Board Bronwyn was appointed as a Board representative on the Committee along with the current Chair Mark Gray and Director Darren Frakes.

The Board received regular updates from the Chair of the Recruitment and Retention Committee, Ian Healy AO, on the progress of player retention and recruitment strategies and actions across both the Men's and Women's program. Deputy Chair/Chair Kirsten Pike also served as a member of the Committee.

The QCA Nominations Committee consisting of QCA Chair Kirsten Pike and Affiliate Members elected at the September 2023 AGM of Brendan Gibson (SBDCC) and Kevin Maher (QCCC). An Interim Independent Chair of the Committee, Katie Simpson from Directors Australia was appointed following the support of the QCA Nominations Committee and the QCA Board. The QCA Board endorsed current director Grant Mitchell as the second QCA representative on the Committee.

The QC Foundation Committee chaired by David Conry continued to support the growth and investment opportunities through fundraising initiatives, to help raise funds for the QC Foundation to invest into the following key priority areas:

- Indigenous health and well-being through cricket
- Female, multi-cultural and all-inclusive participation in cricket
- Infrastructure and facilities
- Supporting experiences for disadvantaged youths to play the game.

Key fundraising initiatives of the QC Foundation included the successful Summer of Cricket Launch function at the Queensland Cricketers Club and the launch of the Buy a Picket Campaign at Allan Border Field.

The Board recognised the quality and the significant work that has been undertaken by the executive with the support of the First Nations Cricket Advisory Committee and the proposed actions undertaken during the year ended 30 June 2024.

During the year, Queensland nominated Cricket Australia Director, Greg Rowell attended both the AGM and OGM to brief members on key matters on CA's radar and answering members questions. The Board welcomed the opportunity to also keep Greg informed on Queensland Cricket matters.

The Board considered a range of key matters during the year including;

- The continued support of funding for Infrastructure investment in conjunction with the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF).
- The progress of the QC Future Investment fund through funds managers, Morgan Stanley.
- The success of the Premier Cricket T20 Max competition to bolster player performance in the short form game and the proposed initiatives for the third season.
- The impact on the Cricket Infrastructure in the lead up to the 2032 Olympics including the Gabba, Allan Border Field and alternative venues.
- Approved eleven Conduct Commissioners and added two new members to the Conducts Committee.
- Considered and endorsed the QC Elite Cricket review including structure and building a winning culture and performance.
- Endorsed the development of a proposed Competition Model by QCA to support affiliate members with competition administration on a fee for service basis.
- Established two working groups to consider proposals from both QCCA and Premier Clubs for additional funding in FY25 above the 4% approved increase included in the FY25 approved budget.
- Approved the signing of a two-year CA funding agreement, noting that year one FY25 will see nil increase to CA funding of State and Territory Cricket funding and FY26 providing a 4% increase in funds.
- Endorsed a small revision for the QC Strategic Plan 22-25 including the FY25 Action Plans.
- Considered whether QCA should join the National Redress Scheme across Australian Cricket.
- CA/Australian Cricket Cyber Security - presentation was made to Board by CA.
- The Board were briefed on the recent review and proposed changes to the Privacy Act.

Strategic plan and direction

During the year, the Board and executive reviewed the progress made during the current 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan considering what was working well and what changes were required for FY25. The Board approved the proposed priority actions and success metrics for FY25 at the June 2024 Board meeting. The key focus continues to be on:

Success Metrics

- Participation Growth - Highest registered Club participation growth (Cricket Blast participants).
- Better Teams, Players and Coaches - Australia's leading elite cricket system.
- Financial Sustainability - Grow new and existing revenue to fund cricket aspirations.
- Staff Engagement - Continuous reflection and improvement.
- Infrastructure - Deliver State Infrastructure Plan.

The key elements of the plan include,

Our Vision

To be Queensland's leading sport

Our Purpose

To promote and grow cricket ensuring all Queenslanders can play, participate and enjoy the game.

The Plan provides five key strategic priorities:

- Grow Participation
- Better Teams, Players and Coaches
- Entertainment
- Organisational Capability
- Infrastructure and Facilities

The Plan also articulates the four key Values:

- We Care
- We Lead
- We Deliver
- We Innovate.

The Directors present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd ("QCA") and the entity it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2024. Throughout the report, the consolidated entity is referred to as the Group.

Directors

The following persons were Directors of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

C Simpson (resigned 19 September 2023)
KE Pike
I Healy AO
AM Gray *
JA Salter
J Dooley *
D Frakes
J Maiden (resigned 1 July 2023)
B Atkinson * (appointed 19 September 2023)
K Short (appointed 19 September 2023)
G Mitchell (appointed 19 September 2023)

The QCA Board consists of six elected members and three members who are appointed directors on the recommendation of the QCA Nominations Committee and approved by the Board. The appointed directors are identified above by an asterisk*.

Nature of operations and principal activities

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd is a not-for-profit association and any surplus income or property must be applied to promote its principal activities.

The Group's principal activities are the promotion, development and governance of cricket at all levels, from grassroots to elite, in Queensland.

The Group is a member of the national body, Cricket Australia (CA) and works closely with CA and its officers in the development of strategies to improve the delivery of cricket programs.

Given the geographical distances in regional Queensland, the Group's resources are strategically located to support community cricket and talent pathways across the state, working closely with the various regional associations and clubs.

In recent years the Group has focused greater emphasis in building participation in the game for women, girls and all diversity groups and increasing the focus and investment in the improved infrastructure and facilities for the game in Queensland.

The Group has also focused upon building the support and engagement with fans through the Brisbane Heat. This has delivered improved revenue incomes through sponsorship and ticket sales, but also delivered great player support in taking the game throughout the state.

Review of operations

The surplus for the year amounted to \$968,451 (2023: \$863,602), which incorporates an amount of \$442,142 representing gains from the QCA Future Fund. Excluding this amount which is not available for general use, the net operating surplus for the year was \$526,309.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group during the year.

Event since the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected the Group's operations, results or state of affairs, or may do so in future years.

Environmental regulation

The Group is not affected by any significant environmental regulation in respect of its operations.

Information on Directors

The Board consists of six elected Directors and three appointed Directors.

Chris Simpson - Chair (resigned September 2023)

Mr Simpson was elected to the Board in September 2017 and was reappointed in 2020 for a further three year term. He has a Masters in Finance from the London Business School and an MBA from Queensland University of Technology. He is currently Managing Director of investment firm, Cultivate Agri Partnerships. Mr Simpson is a former Queensland Bulls player and Captain, retiring in 2011. Mr Simpson serves as a member of the Finance, Governance, Audit and Risk Committee, a member of the QC Foundation Committee and as a member of the QCA Nominations Committee. Mr Simpson decided to stand down from the QCA Board at the September 2023 Board meeting after serving six years on the Board including four years as Chair.

Kirsten Pike - Deputy Chair/Chair (appointed September 2023)

Ms Pike was elected to the Board in September 2017 and has a Bachelor of Laws and a Diploma of Legal Practice from Queensland University of Technology. She is a partner in the Real Estate team at Thomson Geer. Ms Pike is a former Queensland Fire and Australian medium-fast bowler, retiring in 2014. Ms Pike was appointed Deputy Chair in July 2019. Following the decision of Chair Chris Simpson to stand down from the Board at the September 2023 AGM, Ms Pike was appointed Chair of the QCA Board at a Special Board meeting following the AGM. Ms Pike is a member of the QCA Nominations Committee and the Recruitment and Retention Committee of the Board.

Ian Healy AO - Deputy Chair (appointed September 2023)

Mr Healy was appointed as Director to the Board in July 2019 initially to cover a casual vacancy and was appointed as an Elected Director at the September 2019 AGM and reappointed again in September 2021. He has a storied career as a player, commentator, administrator and a successful businessman. He represented Queensland from 1986-1999, represented Australia from 1988 to 1999, Channel Nine Cricket commentator from 1999-2019. Held the position of Chair of the Australian Cricketer's Association from 2001-2005 and Chairman of the Bulls Masters from 2010 onwards. Mr Healy is a founding shareholder of the Australian Premier League and Brisbane Premier League now known as Century Cricket, which is a new amateur competition providing 800 extra playing opportunities for players. He is Chairman of the Recruitment and Retention Committee of the Board and the honorary Chair of Brisbane Heat. Mr Healy was awarded Life Member of Queensland Cricket Association in 2015. Mr Healy AO was appointed by the Board as Deputy Chair at the 10 October 2023 Board Only meeting.

Mark Gray FAICD

Mr Gray was appointed as an Appointed Director to the Board in December 2014, reappointed in February 2019 and reappointed again in January 2022. Mr Gray is Chairman of the QCA Finance, Governance, Audit and Risk Committee. He is a Company Director, and currently Chair of Data#3 Limited and Sugar Terminals Limited. He also serves on other Non-Executive Director roles in government and community sectors. He is a former Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Treasury, the Queensland Competition Authority and the Queensland Independent Commission of Audit and has also held senior executive roles with Macquarie Group and BDO. He holds an Honorary Doctorate from Griffith University, as well as a Bachelor of Economics (First Class Honors) from the University of Queensland.

John Salter

Mr Salter was elected as a Director to the Board in March 2017 and was reappointed in 2020 for a further three-year term. He is a Director of Accord HR, a specialised human resources and industrial relations consultancy. He is a Fellow of the Australian Human Resources Institute and has held senior management and advocacy roles within employer associations and private sector corporations. Mr Salter played grade cricket in Brisbane with the Eastern Suburbs club for 27 seasons, captaining its first-grade side in the 1980's. He is also a former chair of the QCA Grades Committee and was awarded Life Membership of the Easts/Redlands Cricket Club in 1989. A resident of the Gold Coast he is still active as a player in Veteran's cricket and administrator, a local umpire and a junior coach. Mr Salter is a member of the Premier Grade Committee. At the September 2023 AGM, Mr Salter was re-elected to fill the one-year vacancy caused by the resignation of Barry Jansen from the Board.



Queensland Cricket Board Members
(L-R): Chris Simpson, Kirsten Pike, Ian Healy, Mark Gray, John Salter

Information on Directors (continued)

Jonathan Dooley FAICD

Mr Dooley was appointed as an Appointed Director to the Board in December 2019 following a long-standing association with cricket as a player, coach and President of Western Suburbs District Cricket Club. Between July 2013 and December 2019, Mr Dooley was an Independent Member of the Finance, Governance, Audit and Risk Committee. Mr Dooley is co-founder of Vincents, a Financial and Economic Advisory firm and is currently their Executive Chair. He is also Chair of ART Life Insurance Limited and a Director of Redkite (a National Children's Cancer Charity). Mr Dooley was reappointed as an Appointed Director in December 2023.

Darren Frakes

Mr Frakes was elected a member of the QCA Board at the September 2022 AGM. Mr Frakes has been heavily involved in cricket as a player, coach and administrator for most of his life. He served as Treasurer of the Queensland Country Cricket Association from 2016 to 2022. Mr Frakes is the Owner Manager of the BOQ in Aitkenvale and has a long career in the Banking and Finance industry. Mr Frakes is currently serving on the Finance, Governance, Audit and Risk Committee.

Bronwyn Atkinson (appointed - September 2023)

Ms Atkinson has been a member of the Finance, Governance, Audit and Risk Committee since September 2022 and was appointed to the Board in September 2023. Holding a Master of Laws, she is currently working as a project manager and has significant experience in project delivery and governance. Ms Atkinson was instrumental in introducing the girls' program at the University of Queensland Cricket Club and is actively engaged in coaching junior teams. She is a member of the Finance, Governance, Audit and Risk Committee.

Kirby Short (appointed - September 2023)

Ms Short captained Queensland during a career that spanned from 2005 to 2020 and led the WBBL Brisbane Heat to back-to-back championships. Holding a Master of Education (Leadership/Management), she has been a school teacher, deputy principal and principal and more recently, executive coach and corporate consultant in leadership and high performance. In conjunction with commentary for Channel 7 and FOX Sports, she has worked as an athlete leadership mentor and consultant for the Queensland Women's State of Origin team, Queensland Firebirds and Lawn Bowls Australia. Ms Short is a member of the QC Foundation Committee and the Premier Cricket Committee.

Grant Mitchell (appointed - September 2023)

A long serving stalwart of Valley District Cricket club where he was awarded Life Membership in 2014, Grant Mitchell joined the Board in September 2023. From Gladstone originally, he was a Premier Grade player with Wynnum-Manly and Valley and has coached men's and women's cricket at Premier and junior level. Mr Mitchell is the owner/director of Reliance Precision Australia which operates in the aerospace, space, defence, medical and scientific industries. He is a member of the QCA Nominations Committee.

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Terry Svenson

Mr Svenson was appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer at Queensland Cricket in June 2019 and was confirmed as Chief Executive Officer by the Board in August 2019.

Company secretary

Mr Ian Mitchell was appointed to the role of Company Secretary in August 2019.

Directors' remuneration

The total amount paid to Directors for the year ended 30 June 2024 was nil (2023: nil).

Queensland nominee on the Cricket Australia Board

Mr Greg Rowell was nominated as the Queensland representative Independent Director in early 2021 and was appointed by CA in June 2021 for a three-year term. Mr Rowell attended both the QCA AGM and OGM's during the financial year.



Queensland Cricket Board Members (cont.)
(L-R): Jon Dooley, Darren Frakes, Bronwyn Atkinson, Kirby Short, Grant Mitchell

Meetings of directors

The number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors held during the year ended 30 June 2024, and the number of meetings attended by each Director were:

Director	Full meetings of directors	
	Number of meetings attended	Number of meetings eligible to attend
C Simpson (Chair)	2	2
K Pike (Deputy Chair/Chair)	9	9
I Healy AO (Deputy Chair)	7	9
AM Gray	9	9
JA Salter	9	9
J Dooley	7	9
D Frakes	9	9
B Atkinson	7	8
K Short	8	8
G Mitchell	7	8

During the year ended 30 June 2024, the Board held 7 Board full meetings as well as the AGM on 19 September 2023 and the OGM on 19 March 2024.

At the time of reporting the following Committees are operating under the auspices of the QC Board:

- Finance, Governance, Audit and Risk Committee;
- Recruitment and Retention Committee;
- Nominations Committee; and
- QC Foundation Committee.

During the year ended 30 June 2024, the following operational Committees have been in operation:

- Premier Cricket Committee;
- Conducts Committee;
- Appeals Tribunal; and
- First Nations Cricket Advisory Committee.

Contributions on winding up of the Company

No option to acquire shares in the Group has been granted to any person. No shares have been issued during the financial year or since the end thereof by virtue of the exercise of any options. There are no unissued shares under option at the date of this report.

In the event of the Queensland Cricket Association Ltd being wound up, ordinary members are required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each.

Insurance of officers and indemnities

(a) Insurance of officers

During the financial year, Queensland Cricket Association Ltd paid a premium of \$17,845 to insure the Directors and Secretaries of the Group.

The liabilities insured are legal costs that may be incurred in defending civil or criminal proceedings that may be brought against the officers in their capacity as officers of entities in the Group, and any other payments arising from liabilities incurred by the officers in connection with such proceedings. This does not include such liabilities that arise from conduct involving a willful breach of duty by the officers or the improper use by the officers of their position or of information to gain advantage for themselves or someone else or to cause detriment to the Group. It is not possible to apportion the premium between amounts relating to the insurance against legal costs and those relating to other liabilities.

Insurance of officers and indemnities (continued)

(b) Indemnity of auditors

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd has agreed to indemnify its auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, to the extent permitted by law, against any claim by a third party arising from Queensland Cricket Association Ltd's breach of their agreement. The indemnity stipulates that Queensland Cricket Association Ltd will meet the full amount of any such liabilities including a reasonable amount of legal costs.

Proceedings on behalf of the Group

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Group, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Group is a party, for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Group for all or part of those proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the Group with leave of the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 11.

Rounding of amounts

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Legislative Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the directors' report. Amounts in the directors' report have been rounded off in accordance with the instrument to the nearest dollar.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



KE Pike
Chair

Brisbane
15 August 2024

AUDITOR’S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION



Auditor’s Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd and the entities it controlled during the period.

Darren Jenns
Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Brisbane
15 August 2024

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd
Corporate governance statement
30 June 2024

Corporate governance statement

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd is a public company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001*. The ultimate responsibility for the governance of the Company rests with the Board of Directors. This Governance Statement outlines how the Board meets that responsibility.

During the year, the Board continued to access the Board Charter and Guidelines through the Board Manual via the Diligent Portal Resource Centre.

The Charter and Guidelines provides the Board, the governance framework for how the Board operates. It details the main corporate governance practices and key policies in place for the organisation and to which the Board collectively and the Directors individually are committed. It was updated to reflect the change in the QCA Constitution and approved by the Board at the December 2022 meeting.

The Charter and Guidelines are an important section of the Queensland Cricket Board Manual, and provides an important framework, governance and reference for the effective operations of the Board and the organisation as a whole. As a top-level process, the Charter:

- Defines the Board’s role and responsibilities, composition, structure and the overall governance principles and practices that apply to the Board and the organisation;
- Contains relevant operational details concerning the manner of how the Board operates, including meetings, establishment of committees and key policies which the Board are required to oversight for the effective and efficient operation of the Board and the Executive;
- Encourages the Board to focus on how they can continuously improve their governance processes for the benefit of the organisation;
- Provides a forum for discussing ‘hard-to-mention’ governance issues; and
- Serves as a team development vehicle for both the Board and the senior management team, helping to clarify roles and expectations.

In line with the Constitution the Board has an established Finance, Governance, Audit and Risk (FGAR) Committee who meet at least five times a year and has oversight of the organisations governance.

During the year all new Directors undertook a comprehensive QCA Induction as well as attended a Cricket Australia Induction for all new State directors.

At present the Board includes five members who have successfully undertaken the AICD Company Directors Graduate program.

Directors have been encouraged to undertake the AICD Company Directors course for their individual development.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This financial report is the consolidated financial report of the consolidated entity consisting of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd and its subsidiary. A list of subsidiaries is included in note 20. The financial report is presented in the Australian dollar (\$).

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Queensland Cricket Association Ltd's wholly owned subsidiary, Brisbane Heat Pty Ltd, is an Australian proprietary company, limited by shares. The Group's registered office and principal place of business is:

1 Greg Chappell Street,
Albion, Queensland, 4010.

A description of the nature of the consolidated entity's operations and its principal activities is included in the review of operations and activities on page 1 and in the directors' report on page 6, both of which are not part of this financial report.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 15 August 2024. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd
Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue	2	36,943,792	34,099,039
Other income	3	6,088,925	5,375,134
Expenses	4	266,114	184,319
Other gains/(losses) – net		(24,317,728)	(21,227,264)
Employee benefits expense		(3,803,255)	(4,314,909)
State cricket match expenses		(3,333,826)	(2,801,833)
Grants to associated bodies		(1,713,324)	(1,855,644)
Travel expenses		(2,577,449)	(2,334,032)
Plant and equipment related expenses		(1,601,699)	(1,709,207)
Awards, promotion and advertising expenses		(1,342,485)	(1,299,788)
Consultants expense		(1,330,249)	(1,418,346)
Field and facilities expenses		(745,958)	(595,403)
Depreciation expense	9, 10	(395,032)	(327,190)
Catering and corporate hospitality expenses		(37,712)	(35,648)
Finance expenses		(1,131,663)	(875,626)
Other expenses		(42,064,266)	(38,610,571)
Total expenses			
Profit for the year		968,451	863,602
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		968,451	863,602

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd Consolidated balance sheet As at 30 June 2024			
	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	10,969,479	11,340,262
Trade and other receivables	6	1,865,372	641,451
Inventories	7	34,446	39,704
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	5,007,599	3,499,518
Total current assets		17,876,896	15,520,935
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	6,410,081	6,808,999
Right-of-use assets	10	1,012,815	758,360
Intangible assets	11	2,513,179	2,847,756
Total non-current assets		9,936,075	10,415,115
Total assets		27,812,971	25,936,050
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	5,441,901	5,110,857
Lease liabilities	10	141,944	48,816
Provisions	13	488,350	256,506
Employee benefit obligations	14	764,576	740,221
Total current liabilities		6,836,771	6,156,400
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	10	662,075	345,839
Provisions	13	158,474	237,575
Employee benefit obligations	14	131,926	140,962
Total non-current liabilities		952,475	724,376
Total liabilities		7,789,246	6,880,776
Net assets		20,023,725	19,055,274
EQUITY			
Reserves	15(a)	238,986	240,250
Retained earnings	15(b)	19,784,739	18,815,024
Total equity		20,023,725	19,055,274

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd Consolidated statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2024			
	Reserves \$	Retained earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	247,864	17,943,808	18,191,672
Profit for the year	-	863,602	863,602
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	863,602	863,602
Transfer between reserves and retained earnings	(7,614)	7,614	-
Balance at 30 June 2023	240,250	18,815,024	19,055,274
Balance at 1 July 2023	240,250	18,815,024	19,055,274
Profit for the year	-	968,451	968,451
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	968,451	968,451
Transfer between reserves and retained earnings	(1,264)	1,264	-
Balance at 30 June 2024	238,986	19,784,739	20,023,725

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd
Consolidated statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Notes	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers and grants	41,383,774	38,642,674
Payments to suppliers and employees	(35,341,099)	(32,346,108)
	6,042,675	6,296,566
Payments to members	(2,922,394)	(2,567,714)
Net goods and services tax paid	(2,710,422)	(2,502,288)
Interest received	508,686	266,172
Interest paid	(37,712)	(35,648)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	880,833	1,457,088
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(167,756)	(594,822)
Payments for investments	(1,223,284)	(1,302,833)
Proceeds from sale of non-current assets	54,545	76,365
Dividends from investments	182,482	116,992
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities	(1,154,013)	(1,704,298)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Principal elements of lease payments	(97,603)	(309,237)
Net cash (outflow) from financing activities	(97,603)	(309,237)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(370,783)	(556,447)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	11,340,262	11,896,709
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	5 10,969,479	11,340,262

Queensland Cricket Association Ltd
Notes to the consolidated financial statements
30 June 2024

1 Summary of material accounting policies

This note provides a list of all material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this consolidated financial report. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial report is for the Group consisting of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd and its wholly owned subsidiary, Brisbane Heat Pty Ltd.

(a) Basis of preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Queensland Cricket Association Ltd is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial report.

(i) Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements

The consolidated financial report of the Group complies with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

(ii) Historical cost convention

The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis.

(iii) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

(iv) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Certain new accounting standards, amendments to accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2024 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Group. These standards, amendments or interpretations are not expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

(v) Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial report requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies.

(vi) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial report are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial report is presented in Australian dollars (\$), which is Queensland Cricket Association Ltd's functional and presentation currency.

(b) Rounding of amounts

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Legislative Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the financial report. Amounts in the financial report have been rounded off in accordance with the instrument to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

(c) Principles of consolidation and equity accounting

The consolidated financial report incorporates the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd ('Company' or 'parent entity') as at 30 June 2024 and the results of the subsidiary for the year then ended. Queensland Cricket Association Ltd and its subsidiary, together, are referred to in this financial report as the Group or the consolidated entity.

(i) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity where the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of the subsidiary have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised by reference to each distinct performance obligation in the contract with the customer. Revenue from contracts with customers is measured at its transaction price, being the amount of consideration which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer, net of goods and service tax, returns, rebates and discounts. Transaction price is allocated to each performance obligation on the basis of the relative standalone selling prices of each distinct good or services promised in the contract. Depending on the substance of the contract, revenue is recognised when the performance obligation is satisfied, which may be at a point in time or over time.

The Group recognises other revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of the Group's activities. The Group bases its estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

(e) Government grants

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligations is satisfied, in accordance with AASB15. The performance obligations are varied based on the agreement. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others. Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract. Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

Assets arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 are recognised at the assets fair value when the asset is received or over the construction period. The Group considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard. Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

(f) Income tax

The consolidated entity is exempt from the payment of income tax under the provisions of section 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(g) Leases

The Group leases various equipment and vehicles. Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods of one year to 5 years, but may have extension options as described below. The Group leases the Allan Border Precinct at Albion, which is leased from the Brisbane City Council (BCC) for a 20 year term from 1 April 2017 with a 20 year option thereafter.

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Group allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of real estate for which the Group is a lessee, it has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components and instead accounts for these as a single lease component.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(g) Leases (continued)

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable,
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date,
- amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual value guarantees,
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Group, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Group:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third-party financing was received,
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, eg term and security.

The Group is exposed to potential future increases in variable lease payments based on an index or rate, which are not included in the lease liability until they take effect. When adjustments to lease payments based on an index or rate take effect, the lease liability is reassessed and adjusted against the right-of-use asset.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability,
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received,
- any initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life.

Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and vehicles and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

Extension and termination options

Extension and termination options are included in a number of property and equipment leases across the Group. These are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing the assets used in the Group's operations. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the Group and not by the respective lessor.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(i) Impairment of non-financial assets

Intangible assets are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting year.

(j) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. They are generally due for settlement within 30 days and are therefore all classified as current. Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value.

The Group holds the trade receivables with the objective of collecting the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Due to the short-term nature of trade and other receivables, their carrying amount is considered to be the same as their fair value.

The Group applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables.

(k) Inventories

Inventories held for distribution are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The cost of inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, is the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition.

(l) Investments and other financial assets

(i) Classification

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through OCI or through profit or loss), and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or OCI. For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

(ii) Measurement

Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are three measurement categories into which the Group classifies its debt instruments:

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(l) Investments and other financial assets (continued)

(ii) Measurement (continued)

Debt instruments (continued)

- Amortised cost: Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss and presented in other gains/(losses) together with foreign exchange gains and losses. Impairment losses are presented as separate line item in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.
- FVOCI: Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest income and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in other gains/(losses). Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in other gains/(losses) and impairment expenses are presented as separate line item in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.
- FVPL: Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVPL. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at FVPL is recognised in profit or loss and presented net within other gains/(losses) in the period in which it arises.

Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in OCI, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVPL are recognised in other gains/(losses) in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

(iii) Impairment

The Group assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost and FVOCI. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by AASB 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables, see note 1(j) for further details.

(m) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any component accounted for as a separate asset is derecognised when replaced. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the reporting year in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line and diminishing value methods to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives or, in the case of leasehold improvements and certain leased plant and equipment, the shorter lease term as follows:

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|--------------------------|------------|
| • Leasehold improvements | 4.3% |
| • Plant and equipment | 6.7% - 33% |
| • Motor vehicles | 22.5% |

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(m) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting year.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (note 1(i)).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in profit or loss.

(n) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at cost less amortisation and any impairment. The method and useful lives of finite life intangibles are reviewed annually. Changes in the expected pattern of consumption or useful life are accounted for prospectively by changing the amortisation method or period.

Right to access National Cricket Centre facilities

Under the conditions of a Queensland Government Grant, Queensland Cricket made a contribution to the National Cricket Centre construction costs of \$5,000,000 and raised an Intangible Asset, representing its Right to Access the National Cricket Centre. This right facilitates Queensland Cricket's use of the National Cricket Centre for a minimum of 2 days a week at commercial rates until the value of the Asset is extinguished. Accordingly, this Intangible Asset has a finite life. The National Cricket Centre opened on 12 November 2013.

The amortisation method used reflects the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the consolidated entity (i.e. the amortisation charge reflects the access and usage charges per year).

(o) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months from the reporting date. They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(p) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in profit or loss over the year of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the draw-down occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a prepayment for liquidity services and amortised over the year of the facility to which it relates.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting year.

(q) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting year. The discount rate used to determine the present value is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(r) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and accumulating sick leave that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liabilities for wages and salaries are presented as accruals in the consolidated balance sheet. The liabilities for annual leave are presented as current employee benefit obligations in the consolidated balance sheet.

(ii) Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liabilities for long service leave and annual leave are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service. They are therefore measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period of corporate bonds with terms and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Remeasurements as a result of experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognised in profit or loss.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(iii) Post-employment obligations

The Group pays contributions to publicly or privately administered defined contribution superannuation plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The Group has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

(iv) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date, or when an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Group recognises termination benefits at the earlier of the following dates: (a) when the Group can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits; and (b) when the entity recognises costs for a restructuring that is within the scope of AASB 137 and involves the payment of terminations benefits. In the case of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy, the termination benefits are measured based on the number of employees expected to accept the offer. Benefits falling due more than 12 months after the end of the reporting period are discounted to present value.

(s) Reserves

Reserves are created from retained earnings and are set aside for specific purposes. Two current reserves exist, being for the future maintenance of the Allan Border Precinct and the National Cricket Campus Masterplan. The movement in reserves each year represents either amounts set aside or money expended. Reserves are held in cash at bank (note 5) but the use of this cash is restricted and can only be expended on approval from the Board.

(t) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the consolidated balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(u) Parent entity financial information

The financial information for the parent entity, Queensland Cricket Association Ltd, disclosed in note 25 has been prepared on the same basis as the consolidated financial report, except as set out below.

(i) Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost in the financial report of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd.

2 Revenue from contracts with customers

The Group derives revenue from the transfer of services over time as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue from Cricket Australia	29,534,745	27,028,116
Revenue from cricket matches	3,523,405	3,440,211
Sponsorship	3,885,642	3,630,712
	36,943,792	34,099,039

3 Other income

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Rental income	76,212	144,263
Dividends	182,482	116,992
Donations	173,466	282,116
Interest income	508,686	266,172
Registrations	154,006	136,285
State Government grants	175,000	460,300
Tournament fees and levies	44,718	65,000
Miscellaneous recoveries	2,994,733	2,162,726
Other grants	922,958	718,164
Other income	856,664	1,023,116
	6,088,925	5,375,134

4 Other gains/(losses)

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Net (loss)/gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment and right-of use assets	(18,683)	36,635
Net fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	289,682	158,028
Net loss on sale of available-for-sale financial assets	(4,885)	(10,344)
	266,114	184,319

5 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash at bank	5,969,479	5,340,262
Deposits at call and investment account	5,000,000	6,000,000
	10,969,479	11,340,262

5 Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

(a) Restricted cash

The cash and cash equivalents balances include amounts which are held as restricted reserves. These deposits are subject to restrictions and are, therefore, not available for general use by the Group, as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
QCA Foundation unused balance	72,128	123,724
Peter Burge unused grant	744,219	635,999
Allan Border Asset Maintenance Reserve	238,986	240,250
Total restricted cash	1,055,333	999,973

6 Trade receivables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current assets		
Trade receivables	786,294	593,877
Loss allowance	(12,989)	(30,989)
	773,305	562,888
Other receivables	703,315	7,207
Prepayments	388,752	71,356
	1,865,372	641,451

7 Inventories

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current assets		
Cricket material on hand - at cost	34,446	39,704

8 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVPL include the following:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current assets		
Managed funds	5,007,599	3,499,518

The managed fund portfolio holds a variety of investments which generate a return based on income from those investments and changes in the market value of the investments. The Group's investment portfolio can be redeemed on an at call basis at the market value of the investment at the date of redemption less certain fees and charges.

8 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

(a) Amounts recognised in profit or loss

During the year, the following gains/(losses) were recognised in profit or loss:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Fair value gains on investments at FVPL recognised in other gains/(losses) (see note 4)	289,682	158,028

9 Property, plant and equipment

	Plant and equipment \$	Motor vehicles \$	Leasehold improvements \$	Total \$
Non-current				
At 1 July 2022				
Cost	2,235,724	567,757	14,652,163	17,455,644
Accumulated depreciation	(1,408,506)	(433,836)	(8,839,121)	(10,681,463)
Net book amount	827,218	133,921	5,813,042	6,774,181
Year ended 30 June 2023				
Opening net book amount	827,218	133,921	5,813,042	6,774,181
Additions	388,087	-	206,735	594,822
Disposals	(39,729)	-	-	(39,729)
Depreciation charge	(152,376)	(31,686)	(336,213)	(520,275)
Closing net book amount	1,023,200	102,235	5,683,564	6,808,999
At 30 June 2023				
Cost	2,495,694	548,702	14,857,393	17,901,789
Accumulated depreciation	(1,472,494)	(446,467)	(9,173,829)	(11,092,790)
Net book amount	1,023,200	102,235	5,683,564	6,808,999
Year ended 30 June 2024				
Opening net book amount	1,023,200	102,235	5,683,564	6,808,999
Additions	97,593	-	70,163	167,756
Depreciation charge	(169,504)	(48,212)	(348,958)	(566,674)
Closing net book amount	951,289	54,023	5,404,769	6,410,081
At 30 June 2024				
Cost	2,593,286	548,702	14,927,556	18,069,544
Accumulated depreciation	(1,641,997)	(494,679)	(9,522,787)	(11,659,463)
Net book amount	951,289	54,023	5,404,769	6,410,081

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10 Leases

(a) Amounts recognised in the balance sheet

The consolidated balance sheet shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Right-of-use assets		
Properties	311,416	306,627
Equipment	701,399	451,733
	<u>1,012,815</u>	<u>758,360</u>
Lease liabilities		
Current	141,944	48,816
Non-current	662,075	345,839
	<u>804,019</u>	<u>394,655</u>

Future lease payments in relation to lease liabilities as at year end are as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Within one year	141,951	48,816
Later than one year but not later than five years	424,718	118,299
Later than five years	520,320	506,964
	<u>1,086,989</u>	<u>674,079</u>

Additions to the right-of-use assets during the 2024 financial year were \$506,969 (2023: \$71,603) and disposals during the year were \$73,228.

(b) Amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss

The consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets		
Properties	9,262	8,536
Equipment	170,022	66,592
	<u>179,284</u>	<u>75,128</u>
 Interest expense (included in finance cost)	 <u>23,838</u>	 <u>19,844</u>

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11 Intangible assets

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Right to access to National Cricket Centre facilities		
Opening balance	2,847,756	3,224,704
Amortisation (National Cricket Centre usage for the year)	(334,577)	(376,948)
Closing balance	<u>2,513,179</u>	<u>2,847,756</u>

Queensland Cricket (QC) received a Queensland Government grant of \$5,000,000 for the construction of Cricket Australia's National Cricket Centre in a previous reporting period. The National Cricket Centre opened on 12 November 2013. A condition of the grant is that QC has a right to access the National Cricket Centre facilities until the \$5,000,000 has been fully extinguished. As at 30 June 2024, QC had used \$2,486,821 (2023: \$2,152,244) of the grant.

12 Trade and other payables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current liabilities		
Trade payables and accruals	5,160,197	4,788,876
Goods and services tax payable	242,522	213,547
Deferred income	39,182	108,434
	<u>5,441,901</u>	<u>5,110,857</u>

(a) Deferred income

Deferred income includes sponsorships and grant funding received where the performance obligations contained within the contracts have not been met at reporting date.

13 Provisions

	Current \$	2024 Non- current \$	Total \$	Current \$	2023 Non- current \$	Total \$
Grants to affiliates and community cricket provision	488,350	-	488,350	256,506	200,000	456,506
JP Maher Bursary provision	-	12,660	12,660	-	12,660	12,660
ACR surcharge provision	-	145,814	145,814	-	24,915	24,915
	<u>488,350</u>	<u>158,474</u>	<u>646,824</u>	<u>256,506</u>	<u>237,575</u>	<u>494,081</u>

All movements in provisions have been recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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14 Employee benefit obligations

	Current	2024 Non- current	Total	Current	2023 Non- current	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Leave obligations	764,576	131,926	896,502	740,221	140,962	881,183

Leave obligations

The leave obligations cover the Group's liabilities for long service leave and annual leave which are classified as either other long-term benefits or short-term benefits, as explained in note 1(r).

15 Reserves and retained earnings

(a) Reserves

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Allan Border Asset Maintenance reserve	238,986	240,250
	2024 \$	2023 \$

Movements:

<i>Allan Border Asset Maintenance Reserve</i>		
Opening balance	240,250	247,864
Facility expenses	(1,264)	(7,614)
Balance 30 June	238,986	240,250

(i) Nature and purpose of other reserves

National Cricket Campus Masterplan Reserve

This reserve was created in November 2016. This reserve is Queensland Cricket's contribution to the \$18 million National Cricket Campus Masterplan. Queensland Cricket allocated National Cricket Campus Masterplan Reserve funds were drawn down during the year ended 30 June 2022, when the project commenced.

Allan Border Asset Maintenance Reserve

This reserve was established in June 2016 for funding future maintenance of the Allan Border Precinct.

(b) Retained earnings

Movements in retained earnings were as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance 1 July	18,815,024	17,943,808
Profit for the year	968,451	863,602
Transfer between reserves and retained earnings	1,264	7,614
Balance 30 June	19,784,739	18,815,024

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16 Remuneration of auditors

During the year, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor and its related practices:

PricewaterhouseCoopers

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Audit of financial statements	53,500	57,000
Other non-assurance services	12,900	12,600
	66,400	69,600

17 Contingent liabilities and assets

(a) Contingent liabilities

The Group had no contingent liabilities at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

(b) Contingent assets

The Group had no contingent assets at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

18 Contingent rentals

Contingent rentals relate to a facilities usage charge to Cricket Australia for its use of Allan Border Precinct. Only the base rental is disclosed in the commitments receivable, as the facilities usage charge cannot be reliably estimated and, consequently, has been disclosed as contingent rental.

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Future minimum payments in respect of contracted lease revenues according to the time they elapse and the expected date of receipt, receivable:		
Within one year	198,318	297,789
Later than one year but not later than five years	463,068	644,718
Later than five years	1,116,898	1,222,535
	1,778,284	2,165,042

19 Related party transactions

(a) Subsidiaries

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 20.

(b) Key management personnel compensation

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Key management personnel compensation	1,338,030	1,355,603

The Directors of Queensland Cricket were reimbursed \$52,500 (2023: \$39,408) for general expenses and this amount is included in the above.

19 Related party transactions (continued)

(c) Transactions with other related parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Distributions to members *	<u>2,922,394</u>	2,567,714

* In accordance with Queensland Cricket's By Laws, payments are made to members to assist with their costs. The level of distributions made to members reflect funding of activities undertaken by members in delivering cricket in Queensland. Queensland Cricket undertook transactions with each of the members during the year in the normal course of business.

(d) Outstanding balances arising from distributions

The following balances are outstanding at the end of the reporting year in relation to transactions with related parties:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current payables		
Amounts payable to members at balance date	<u>485,350</u>	460,006

20 Interests in other entities

The consolidated financial report incorporates the assets, liabilities and results of the following principal subsidiary in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 1(c):

Name of entity	Place of business/ country of incorporation	Ownership interest held by the group 2024 %	2023 %
Brisbane Heat Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100

21 Members liability

The Company is limited by guarantee. The Constitution of the Company limits the liability of members to the sum of \$10 in the event of the Company being wound up.

22 Arthur Dibdin Memorial Fund

The Arthur Dibdin Memorial Fund is included in the balance of Members Funds but is not available to be used for the benefit of members. The fund had a balance of \$500 as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$500).

23 Economic dependency

The Group is economically dependent upon Cricket Australia in respect to grants received. The funding agreement with Cricket Australia is in place until 30 June 2026.

24 Events occurring after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to year end that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group or economic entity in subsequent financial years.

25 Parent entity financial information

(a) Summary financial information

The individual financial report for the parent entity, Queensland Cricket Association Ltd, shows the following aggregate amounts:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance sheet		
Current assets	17,888,038	15,520,934
Non-current assets	<u>9,936,076</u>	10,415,116
Total assets	<u>27,824,114</u>	25,936,050
Total liabilities		
Current liabilities	6,847,913	6,156,397
Non-current liabilities	<u>3,214,125</u>	2,147,403
	<u>10,062,038</u>	8,303,800
 Net assets	<u>17,762,076</u>	17,632,250
 <i>Shareholders' equity</i>		
Reserves	238,986	240,250
Retained earnings	<u>17,523,090</u>	17,392,000
	<u>17,762,076</u>	17,632,250
 Profit for the year	<u>131,091</u>	1,073,323
 Total comprehensive income	<u>131,091</u>	1,073,323

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Queensland Cricket Association Ltd
Directors' declaration
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Name of entity	Type of entity	% of share capital	Country of incorporation	Australian resident or foreign resident
Queensland Cricket Association Ltd	Body corporate	n/a	Australia	Australian #
Brisbane Heat Pty Ltd	Body corporate	100	Australia	Australian #

the entity is exempt from the payment of income tax under the provisions of section 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

DIRECTORS'
DECLARATION

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial report and notes set out on pages 13 to 34 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards - General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date, and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable, and
- (c) the consolidated entity disclosure statement on page 35 is true and correct.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



KE Pike
Chair

Brisbane
15 August 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



Independent auditor's report

To the members of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd

Our opinion

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of Queensland Cricket Association Ltd (the Company) and its controlled entities (together the Group) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What we have audited

The financial report comprises:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2024
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- the consolidated entity disclosure statement as at 30 June 2024
- the directors' declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.



Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon through our opinion on the financial report.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar3.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Darren Jenks
Partner

