

2025/26

ANNUAL REPORT





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Cricket NSW

Anthony McGettigan Competition Coordinator	Beck Frostick Cricket Manager – Southern Inland	Jerim Hayes Clubs & Competitions Manager – Western NSW
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Representative Coordinators

Rod Guy Senior Representative Coordinator	Chris Tuckett Junior Representative Coordinator	Andy Tonkin Junior Representative Coordinator
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Wagga Wagga District Umpires Association

Steve Carracher President	Anthony McGettigan Secretary/Treasurer
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Honour Role

Life Members

Brian Lawrence	1979/80	Jack Misson	2000/01
Bill Inglis	1979/80	Mick Yarrington	2000/01
Graham Belling	1988/89	Tony Pritchard	2016/17
Artie Davis	1988/89	Jack Jolley	2020/21



Executive Reports

Chairman of the Board

It is my honour to present the CWW Annual Report 2025/26. This year has provided some great challenges for our Association as well as some significant growth in the way we plan and deliver both on and off the field. While this report details all the fantastic work we have accomplished this year, I just wanted to touch on some of the key outcomes we saw and the direction we are taking.

We have taken some significant steps throughout this season in the rejuvenation and development of our Association. In my first year (2024/25) we were focused heavily on our new Competition Administration Support Program (CASP) [Strategic Partnership](#) and the handover of the day-to-day operations of the Competition from something the CWW Board managed to one where CNSW employs a Competition Coordinator to complete this work. The intention has been to alleviate much of the administration function of the Board from its Directors, to enable more time to be spent on Strategic Planning.

This year we hit the ground running, developing an entirely new Strategic Plan, and setting ourselves a series of clear goals on how we would meet this plan. I am proud to say we have made significant progress on this front and I look forward to the outcomes of the first meeting of the Board next year (whether I am elected to it or not) to see what further goals they will commit to for the 2026/27 year.

The O'Farrell Cup turning 100 this year! To celebrate we brought together a number of elder statesman of our game in the area, including Geoff Lawson and Brian Lawrence,

before following it up the next day with a win



in our first challenge over Griffith. The side played extremely well all year and while a loss on the last day to Cricket Albury Wodonga soured things somewhat, we concluded the season with a new drive to build senior representative cricket in the area with plans to expand on this next season.

We launched a new Umpire and Curator Traineeship Program throughout the year and received some relative success in identifying new persons who are keen to learn and take on the support roles which allow us to play cricket.

Some other important work you will be able to read further on below:

- The RJR Ball Trial
- End of Season Survey results
- Code of Conduct performance
- and more

The Board met a total of six throughout the year. I am proud to say that the frequency and structure of these meetings has now taken on a more professional and standardise approach with the intention of improving efficiency and outcomes.



My congratulations to all of our Premiership winning teams and award winning players. Particularly St Michaels Cricket Club whose Club Championship and First Grade Premiership will live long in the annals of their history for a Club that has for so long been the journeyman of the competition. As well as Alex Smeeth, it has been a very long time since a player has dominated the competition so fiercely with both the bat and the ball – he has taken his game to new heights over the last season and the Association is all the better for having these players in our midst.

Lastly, I just wanted to say, the Cricket Administration community is a relatively small one within the area. Some people wear multiple hats, from looking after their

Clubs to additional responsibilities for the Association as a whole. My vision would be that moving forward, people see an opportunity within this community where they could put their hand up and take on some of this role. Myself, and the other members of the Board, Junior and Senior Representative Coaches, and those Clubs also are all volunteers. They love the game and they want to do what they can to improve it. I am certain there are people out there who could lighten this load and continue to build this Association into one that everyone is proud to say they are a part of.

George Burley

Chairman of the Board





Cricket NSW Competition Coordinator Report

Season 2025-26 commenced on 18th October and culminated with our senior Grand finals on 14th March.

A lot happened in and around our competition during this time, both on and off the field, and I reflect upon a number of the events and other interesting moments which occurred;

- The Strategic Partnership arrangement with the CWW Board continued for Cricket NSW to operate and administer the running of the competition.
- Across all grades there were 320 matches played, with over 85600 runs scored and over 3850 wickets taken – this was an increase of 4200 runs and a decrease of 350 wickets from 2024-25 season.
- 10 centuries were scored in 1st grade, and 42 across all senior grades – there were 10 and 26 in 24-25.
- For the 2nd season in a row a double century was also scored.
- In a reversal of last season's result St Michaels won the 1st grade competition – this was only the club's second 1st Grade premiership in their history
- T20 finals were won by South Wagga in 1st Grade and Wagga City in 2nd Grade
- Wagga City was crowned Junior Club Champions and St Michaels were the Senior Club Champions
- The senior representative cricket program was successfully operated. Despite Wagga handing over the O'Farrell Cup to Albury in the last match, Wagga defended the Cup 3

times, commencing with the Cup Centenary match in late November.

- CWW being nominated for and awarded the Community Association of the Year by Cricket NSW.

To everyone involved in Cricket Wagga - the club volunteers (who do a mountain of work), the players, coaches and the Board - I extend my personal "thank you" and appreciation.

These extend further to the other participants of our game who are not always forefront of our minds but also do an important job each weekend to get the games up and running – the curators and groundsmen, the umpires, and anyone else who makes a contribution for this purpose.

My congratulations are also extended to all of the premiership and award winners for 2025-26 and best wishes are extended in advance to all clubs, competitors and participants for the upcoming 2026-27 season.

Recognition and thanks are also extended to my Cricket NSW colleagues for what they do for CWW. Our daily banter is warmly welcomed, our competition and program conversations keep it real, and their involvement and activities with the clubs are very much appreciated.

Incorporating the above, I will continue during the off season in preparing for the season ahead. Like many of you, I am looking forward to the first ball being bowled in October.

Anthony McGettigan

Cricket NSW – Competition Co-ordinator



Umpires Report

With the season fast approaching for the next upcoming summer of cricket it is getting exciting to get the 1st ball bowled.

Having a great summer season for 25/26 with St Michaels winning their 1st grade premiership in about 20 years.

Congratulations to Jeff Egan for officiating his first game in the Women's National Cricket League (WNCL), NSW versus WA. It was a privilege to have the match televised, allowing us to observe Jeff's technique from the comfort of our lounge rooms. Jeff has also achieved his first of many appointments in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL), marking an impressive start to his top-level umpiring journey

The Pink Round, in which umpires wore pink shirts to support Steph Muir, was a standout event this season. All umpires looked fantastic in their pink shirts, and many continued to wear them in subsequent rounds, helping to foster a positive atmosphere. This approach, combining feeling good and looking good, may even have contributed to improved decision-making out on the field

Throughout the season, we experienced a shortage of umpires. There were no umpires available for 2nd grade at round 8, emphasising the ongoing need to recruit new members. To cover these gaps, Mick Marien and Paul McKelvie stepped in to umpire a 1st grade game, and by all accounts, thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

WWCUSA is in recruit mode again and are looking for anyone who would like to get to umpire games of cricket. Wagga is holding laws of cricket seminar this year a Training

course in late July are we have been busy asking players and spectators if they would like to give it a go. It does give you the best position on the field to watch a game of cricket.

Some matches were cancelled per the heat policy, a decision which was well received by both players and officials

Congratulations to all umpires who facilitated the grand finals. Reports indicated that the finals ran smoothly and trouble-free. Additionally, those who officiated in the Tumut and Tumba grand finals and preliminary finals experienced genuine bush cricket, which is always relaxing and pleasant thanks to the down-to-earth atmosphere. I encourage more umpires to put up their hands to officiate these games as it is always memorable.

We're seeking help to compile and document the WWCUSA's history, including records dating back to the Pre-World War II era. We're also keen to assign every umpire—past, present, and future—an official Umpire Number to be worn on a shirt or hat, helping build pride in officiating at all levels across country NSW and Sydney. This has been a difficult task with much input from umpires and players but still need to dig deeper into old score books, newspaper cuttings etc. We only have about 80 names on our list which is going back to the 1980s and anticipate there is probably 60 plus names still to find going back pre WWII.

Steve Carracher

President Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association

Representative Reports



Juniors

Firstly, I would like to thank George and the association for their support in appointing Andrew Tonkin and myself to this role. Representative cricket should lead the way in cricket development and embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, mateship, and a caring yet competitive environment. I believe the coaches and managers involved with Cricket Wagga this past season truly embodied these values.

A huge thank you to Andrew Tonkin, who came on board to assist in managing representative cricket. Andrew has a genuine passion for helping all players succeed and carried a significant portion of the workload in this space. Without people like Andrew, as well as our dedicated coaches, cricket in Wagga would struggle to thrive.

Our vision is to continue growing representative cricket in Wagga, making it accessible to all players and not just a select few. Every cricketer develops at different stages, and it is our responsibility to identify emerging talent, provide opportunities, and support players to flourish in a more competitive environment.

The Wagga Wagga junior representative cricket program enjoyed another strong and competitive season across all age groups. Participation was particularly strong in the Under 14s, allowing Wagga to field two teams. The Under 12s and Under 16s each fielded one team.

Developing new players within the representative pathway remains a key focus for Cricket Wagga, with the aim of making representative cricket vibrant and inclusive once again. The team spirit across all three age groups was outstanding, and we look

forward to leading the program through the full 2026/27 representative season.

Under 16s

The Under 16 squad, comprising 17 players, put together a strong campaign throughout the season. After playing two matches leading into the finals, the team demonstrated resilience and continual improvement with each outing, ultimately earning a place in the Grand Final against the Southern Steers.

In what promised to be a closely contested match, the decider was unfortunately impacted by rain and determined using the Duckworth-Lewis system. Despite a determined effort, Wagga Wagga were narrowly defeated. While the result was disappointing, the team can take great pride in reaching the Grand Final and competing at such a high level.

Under 14s

The Under 14 age group fielded two teams this season, each consisting of 14 players. Although neither team progressed to the Grand Final, the season was still considered a success, particularly from a development perspective.

The competition provided valuable exposure for several players new to representative cricket. These emerging players gained important experience, building confidence and skills that will benefit them in future seasons. Across both teams, players demonstrated strong enthusiasm, teamwork, and a clear commitment to improving their game.

Under 12s

The Under 12 squad, consisting of 15 players, enjoyed an excellent season,



advancing all the way to the Grand Final. The team played an exciting brand of cricket and showed great determination throughout the campaign.

In the Grand Final, they faced a strong Southern Steers side. Despite a spirited performance, Wagga Wagga were ultimately defeated. Nevertheless, reaching the Grand Final is a significant achievement, and the players should be extremely proud of their efforts across the season.

Across all age groups, the Wagga Wagga representative program continues to grow, highlighting the strength and depth of junior cricket in the region. With Grand Final appearances in both the Under 16s and Under 12s, and strong development within the Under 14s, the future of cricket in Wagga Wagga remains bright.

The continued commitment of players, coaches, and families has been instrumental in delivering another successful year, both on and off the field.

Chris Tucket & Andrew Tonkin

Junior Representative Coordinators

Seniors

The centenary celebration of the O'Farrell Cup provided a fantastic opportunity for us to begin the season as the reigning holders. While some rules have evolved over time, the prestige of winning and defending the Cup remains unchanged.

Our lead-in to the opening match didn't go entirely to plan, with the event held the night prior unfortunately being poorly attended. However, once we shifted focus to the on-field action, things quickly turned positive as we welcomed Griffith to town.

As became a regular theme throughout the season, we were able to assemble a highly

competitive side—one that blended youthful energy with experienced representative players. This balance proved effective, as we secured our first successful defence in a tightly contested match.

Across the next two Cup defences, the group continued to build strong camaraderie. While Saturdays saw us as fierce competitors, Sundays became an opportunity for friendships to grow through both on-field battles and off-field interactions. This unity was reflected in consecutive victories over Hume and Hay.

Attention then turned to the much-anticipated clash against Cricket Albury Wodonga, a fixture that had been circled from day one. In yet another closely fought contest, our defence of the Cup ultimately came to an end.

Rather than detailing each match, it's worth highlighting some standout individual performances. A very young Vaughn Jenkins impressed on debut with the bat, while the ever-reliable Josh Staines contributed consistently behind the stumps and with the bat. Skipper Beck Frostick was, as always, at the centre of the action, capping off a superb season by being named the Bill Inglis Representative Player of the Year.

In higher representative honours CWW had two players go on to play for Riverina Opens side at the Championships. Beck Frostick and Rupert Lilburne both from St Michaels Cricket Club went away and performed with great results. In which other than the impending birth of his first child Beck would of been selected in the CNSW Bush Blues.

It would be remiss of us not to thank some people who really helped out throughout the season. Shaun Perry who took on the role of game day managers/selectors and Tom



Perry as scorer. Without these guys our job would be much harder.

Looking forward to season 2026/27 we will look to place a challenge into CAW to reclaim the O'Farrell Cup and also look into

another nearby challenge cup with the eye to play with an Under 21's team.

Rod Guy

Senior Representative Coordinator





Strategic Plan

The CWW Board put a large degree of effort this year in re-establishing and building a new Strategic Plan that seeks to identify some of the largest areas of need across our association as well as aspirations on where we see our association in the future.

The CWW Strategic Plan 2025/26 can be found by all members on our website, and the below sets out of some the key Short Term Goals and their outcomes we have achieved this year.

Short-term (One Year)

2025.1.1 Develop and implement refreshed Strategic Plan

Status:	Complete
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This was the first and primary focus which has been completed.

2025.1.2 Recruit Operations Manager role to drive non-CNSW tasks

Status:	Complete
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The CWW Board was able to invite person interested in applying for an Operations Manager role to complete tasks such as sponsorship drive, representative cricket management, etc. Unfortunately, the successful individual has to resign from the position earlier than hoped due to personal reasons. At the time the CWW Board elected not to proceed to readvertise for this role and instead sought to complete the required tasks in house for the remainder of the season. As decision is yet to be made on whether this role would be required in future.

2025.1.3 Draft and agree on MOU between CWW, WWCC, and LMS on shared cost for ground maintenance

Status:	At risk
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CWW has made attempted to re-engage with the team now managing the LMS Wagga Wagga franchise, however has been unsuccessful at the time of writing. CWW will continue to meet regularly with Council however to plan necessary works.

2025.1.4 Design and publish website to greater access to resources and information for players and members

Status:	Complete
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Over the last year we engaged JAM Digital to assist in the building of a centrally managed website. This website is now live and can be accessed via cricketwaggawagga.com, the website includes information on our history, clubs in our association, and resources people can access such as the current By-Laws and Playing Conditions.

2025.1.5 Create Ground Management Subplan to support budgeting and grant applications

Status:	Complete
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See section **Infrastructure and Equipment**.



2025.1.6 New sponsorship drive to increase association revenue

Status:

Complete

As part of a need to generate further revenue to support the required operational and capital expenditure required for our association, we moved to complete a new process to engage local businesses to sponsor our association. While we did not achieve the full scope of our ambition here – due to reasons noted on Goal 2025.1.2, we were able to secure a new major sponsor, Designer Appliances, re-sign Cobrapparel for our T20 competitions, as well as Bush & Campbell Accountants and Walsh & Bliar Lawyers who both provide in-kind services.

2025.1.7 Undertake social media engagement expansion

Status:

Complete

CWW was fortunate enough to make sure of a one-year trial subscription for use of the new Fixtura online platform. This platform utilise automated data transfer from PlayHQ results directly into a series of standardised templates. This allowed a more streamlined approach for direct upload of these graphics onto CWW social media pages. Our thanks are extended to Trent from Fixtura also who has been very helpful in the receipt of our feedback. As a result of this work, we have seen a 27% increase in followers on our Facebook page over the year and over 530,000 views. The CWW Board has voted to proceed with a paid subscription for the site moving forward into next season.

2025.1.8 Increase use of Google Drive for document management between Board members

Status:

Complete

The CWW Board now utilises a centralised Google email address and cloud drive for the filing and management of records. This is the first steps in developing a structure of business rules and processed to improve the succession of Boards year-over-year as well bring a greater sense of professionalism into the management of our association.

Medium-term (Three to Five Years)

2025.2.1 Program girls only competition to increase female participation in the association

Status:

Commenced

CWW has tried in the past and not succeeded in the creation of a girls-only competition. At this time, we have a number of girls in the Blasters, Junior, and Senior levels. We know there is more than can be done here and we plan to take the learning from past unsuccessful attempts try again in a manner that we hope this time will be successful.

2025.2.2 Ensure each club has at least one team in all junior grades

Status:

Commenced

CWW has included some questions related to juniors as part of the End of Season Survey



as an initial data collection point. A more detailed plan for how we may implement an approach to achieve this goal is yet to be developed.

2025.2.3 Expand sponsorship base for greater opportunities in association

Status:	Commenced
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As an extension of Goal 2025.1.6 above, it is recognised that in order to continue to build a model of growth for our association, so too must we find ways to greater increase and expand our revenue through sponsorship. While this season focused on a revitalised approach, the next step to be taken is understanding what opportunities CWW has in order to future provide expose for local businesses.

Long-term (10 Years)

2025.3.1 Secure viable sixth home ground for First/Second Grade competition

Status:	Commenced
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See section **Infrastructure and Equipment, Gissing Oval.**

2025.3.2 At least 50% graduation rate between those moving from junior programs to senior cricket

Status:	Commenced
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This goal following from 2025.2.2 above where we acknowledge one of the key pillars for a strong graduation rate is an expansive base of juniors that both enjoy their time through this program as well as drivers to encourage their continued participation in our association.

2025.3.3 Secure WBBL game in Wagga Wagga

Status:	Commenced
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CWW has held early discussion with CNSW on our goal to host a WBBL game in Wagga Wagga. Early advice received suggests we should target first a WNCL game which we have accepted. We have requested further information from CNSW on a standardised approach on the association requirements and planning to host such as event and at the time of writing we are still awaiting a response to progress further.

It is acknowledged in the past the less than ideal experience between CWW and CNSW in the hosting of a Sheffield Shield game in the past. CWW is driven strongly in the view that a well run series of achievable events shall rebuild our reputation in this area as we hope one day to host another match at that level.



End of Season Survey

Introduction

As part of our need for continual review and improvement of the Association, this year we introduced an End of Season Survey that was open to all members. The survey was advertised for responses on social media and also emailed to members for maximum exposure.

Ultimately 67 responses were received, out of the registered 138 Blasters, 400 Juniors, and 458 Seniors, this represents approximately 7% - this does not account for overlap of those that provided responses for multiple programs.

Nevertheless, CWW will be exploring opportunities on how we may improve this rate next season as it provides vital feedback as well as the ability to measure trends year-over-year.

Results

Junior Competition Cricket

There were 27 participants who provided feedback in relation to the Junior Competition who noted an average of 3.9/5 for overall satisfaction, 3.7/5 for format, 4.1/5 for match scheduling, 3.3/5 for ground quality, and 3.4/5 for player development.

Key themes participants raised in working well this season were those still in favour of Friday evenings for matches and the focus on participation for players. While many felt that improvements needed to be made in education on Junior Coaches and parents in regard to the rules, as well as underserved maintenance of our grounds from Wagga Wagga City Council.

There remains mixed results relating to Under 16's playing two-day cricket and finding the right balance here for older ages to gain exposure to different forms of cricket and the speed at which lower grade matches are played with some offering options for changes to rules to facilitate bettering this.

Junior Representative Cricket

There were 14 participants who provided feedback in relation to the Junior Representative program who noted an average of 3.1/5 for overall satisfaction, 3.2/5 for trial and selection, 3.3/5 for coaching, 2.6/5 for match scheduling, 3.4/5 for time commitment, and 2.6/5 for player development.

Some noted the opportunity for juniors playing on turf wickets being a positive, however CWW acknowledges many expressed disappointment that there were not enough games scheduled. CWW is committed to advocating for better planning here and encouragement from our partner associations within Northern Riverina Cricket Council (NRCC) to nominate additional teams here.

The feedback also suggests there is more work required in the back-end stages of the representative season in planning trials and information available for parents on the format of the NSW pathways programs.

Senior Competition Cricket

There were 49 participants who provided feedback in relation to the Senior Competition who noted an average of 3.5/5 for overall satisfaction.

Consistent themes across the competition – from all grades – were given in relation to the quality of umpiring, the suitability of current



grounds, the balls (discussed further below), and desire to play more cricket.

First Grade participants strongly expressed views for a separate T20 competition from the One Day, with the latter remain at an 11:00am start time (75%) and 50 overs not 40 (75%). While many were also keen to keep the Fourth Grade structure similar to others rather than a T20 only style competition at 67%.

All lower grades expressed a desire to play a separate T20 final, 75%, 70%, and 56% for Second, Third, and Fourth Grades respectively.

Cricket Blasters

There were 5 participants who provided feedback in relation to the Cricket Blasters program which flags initially there is a need to better seek this feedback for a stronger data set. The program noted an average of 4.2/5 for overall satisfaction, 4.2/5 for session structure and length, 4.4/5 for coaching delivery, and 4.4/5 for participant enjoyment and engagement, 4.0/5 for organisation and supervision, 3.8/5 for communication, and 2.8/5 for pathways from Cricket Blasters to Junior Competition.

Survey participants expressed the variety of sessions, and focus on kids enjoyment as positives, as well as the Pop-up Blast post-Christmas which gave the opportunity for players to put the skills they had learnt in the club managed sessions into practise as part of the mini matches.

It remains one of the key focus areas of the competition for better guidance and support

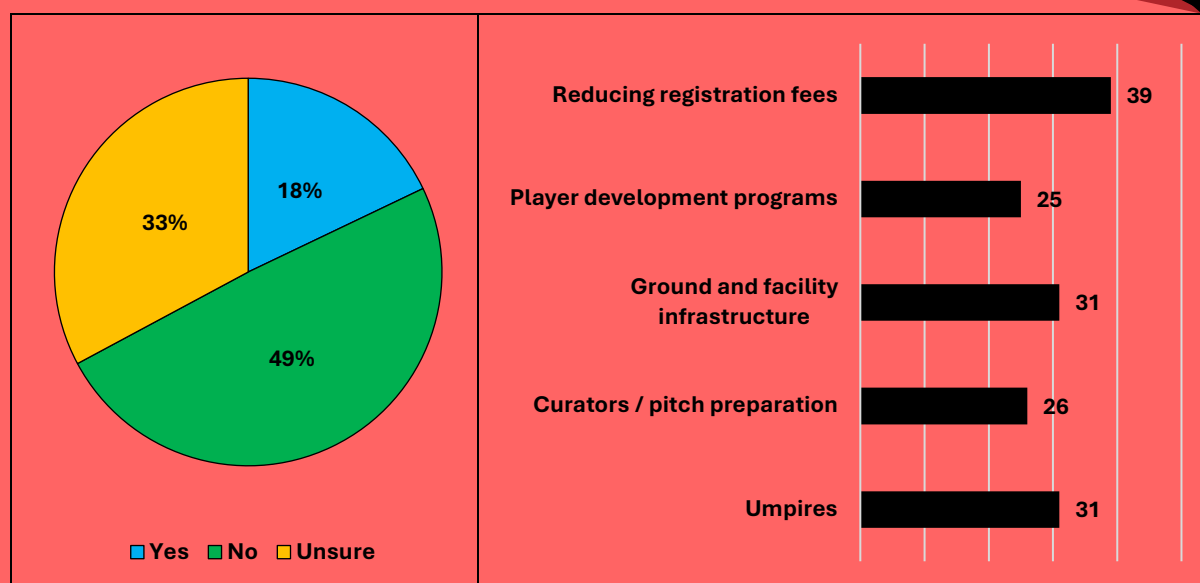
when transitioning those from Cricket Blasters to the Junior Competition once of age.

Equipment, Umpiring & Facilities

The RJR Ball Trial has naturally generated much interest across the Association this year, participants of this survey favoured a return to Kookaburra, as seen in the chart below. Further discussion on this matter is also provided in the **RJR Ball Trial** section in this report.

Standard of umpiring, and ground/pitch quality was scored at 3.5/5 and 3.2/5 respectively. As expected then from the commentary also of previous sections, reducing registration fees, followed by ground and facility infrastructure, and umpires, were the top preferences for where any cost savings should be focused. It is acknowledged that they survey should have specified that in this context, the potential cost savings related to this question would come from a continued use of the RJR Balls.

Anecdotal comments pointed to outfield quality rather than the pitches themselves as an issue, in particular with lower grounds. It is clear more focus needs to be made in these areas. Other comments pointed to the growing need for more umpires. CWW intends to run the Umpire and Curator Traineeship that was started last year to try and further this cause and work closely with the Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association (WWCUA) to assist in improving their numbers available for our engagement.



Communication & Social Media

Participants rated communication 3.5/5 and social media presence 3.5/5 for the season. Most appeared happy in regard to the presence of the Senior Competition on social media and expressed a wish that this was expanded to include more content relating to the Junior Competition. People also requested more content in the Daily Advertiser, particularly scorecards.

Events & Engagement

Interest in potential off-field events organisation from an association level was scored at 3.4/5. Some were happy with the current status and others noted they preferred this to remain a matter for clubs to arrange. Some feedback included requests to bring back varying forms of elite level cricket (i.e, Sheffield Sheid, BBL) to the area, this is discussed further in Goal 2025.3.3 of the **Strategic Plan** section of this report.

Conclusion

The results of the survey are welcome feedback for the association, and many provided responses in the spirit of its intent and not as a platform for personal attacks.

Delegates of the clubs and the wider volunteer community were given the chance to review this information also as part of the End of Season Review process to best formulate actions for those items that are not currently within the Strategic Plan or its association goals, as well as to reinforce those items that are already included.

Participants are also welcome – encouraged even - to provide follow up feedback or to discuss their previously submitted responses directly to the association via email (cricketwaggawagga@gmail.com).



Events

O'Farrell Cup Centenary Celebration

CWW held two events for the season, hosting of the O'Farrell Cup (OFC) Centenary Celebration and the Brian Lawrence Medal Night.

It was an historic year as the O'Farrell Cup was held for its 100th year. While the OFC may have lost some of its prestige over the years, rules have changed significantly – most notably over the last few years since COVID-19 resulted in a period where no challenges were contested – and participating associations have evolved, the importance of its history is not less than the most significant driver for Riverina community crickets to build on their skills, network with other players, and the chance to get one up on our neighbouring towns.

Some highlights of the night included attendance of Geoff Lawson, former Wagga

Wagga representative and later Australian Test cricketer. As well as Brian Lawrence – who was a long standing coordinator of the OFC – and John Scascighini, who co-authored *The O'Farrell Cup: The Quest for the Holy Grail of Riverina Cricket*, the comprehensive history of the challenge cup.

The association also hosted the annual Brian Lawrence Medal night. The event is a culmination of the season and a chance for us to reflect on the fantastic results of our high performers this year.

This year, we were proud to reintroduce Juniors and the respective age group award winners. The Board is keen to continue to build the interest in this event outside of those invited as an anticipated recipient of an accolade and more so and chance to come together and celebrate the year that was.

See **Awards** section for more details.





Board Meetings

The Board Met six times this year, including the AGM. This year we have reset the expectation of these meetings in which we now run on a reoccurring schedule of the first Monday of every two months. It is anticipated this more rigid structure will ensure the driving of critical actions of the Board.

Meetings Attended

George Burley (C)	6
Owen Thompson (VC)	6
Rod Guy	6
Brenton Crawford	6
David Loneragan	5
Nathan Brookes	6





RJR Ball Trial

CWW elected this year to move away from the traditionally used Kookaburra balls and trial the use of a new product from RJR. This has been one of the biggest risks we have taken in recent year, however with the cost of managing the Association increasing each year – plus the pressures on families away of from cricket, we elected to try something new.

There were initially some quite strong opinions against the balls, most specifically the feedback we received was:

- The lack of swing during early overs
- The smaller seam which made it challenging for some bowlers to utilise
- The pattern of cracking as opposed to scuffing and greater softening of Kookaburra balls

The trial was decided to be completed in two phases. The first between the start of the

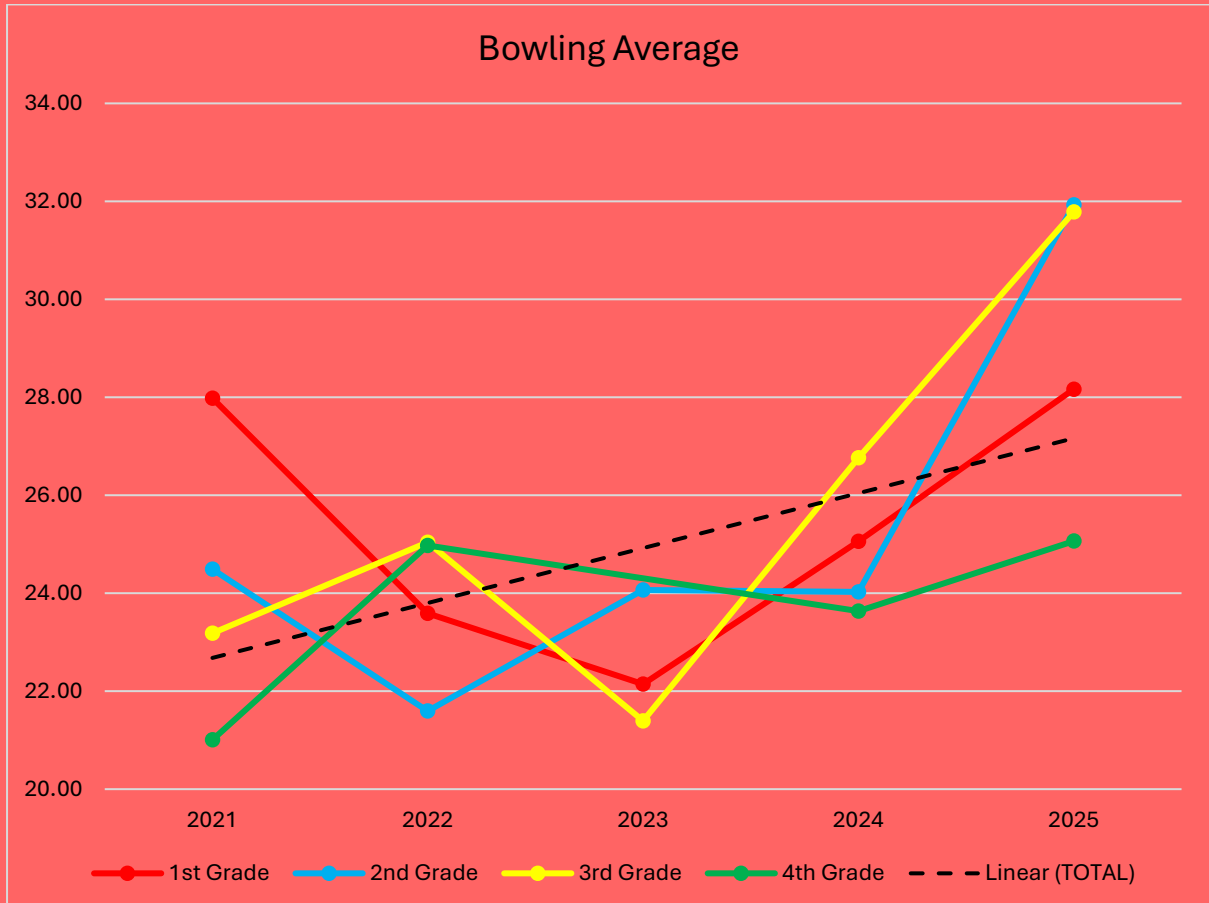
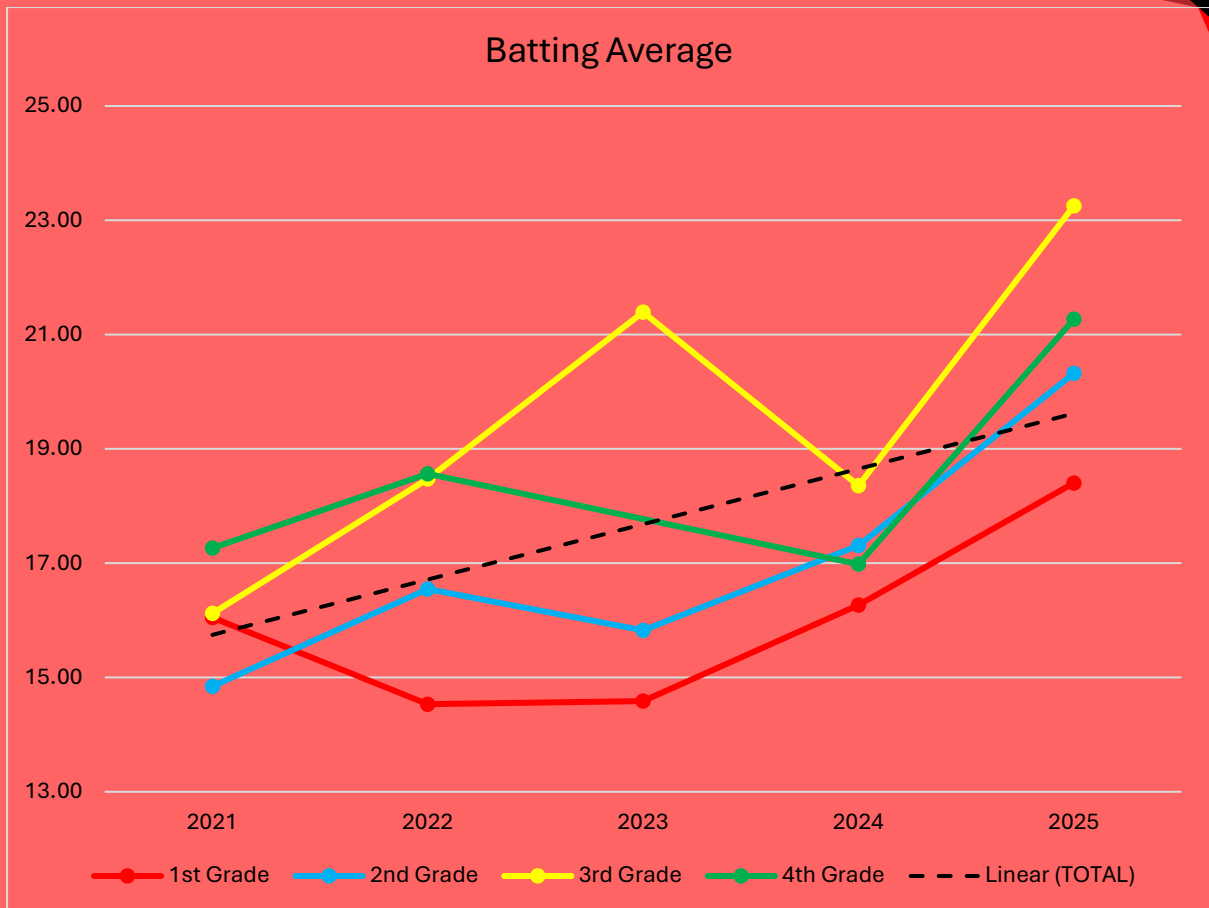
seasons and the Christmas Break. At this time the Board met together and compared some sourced feedback and stats of the current competition, and it was unanimously decided to proceed with the trial to the second stage – from the Christmas break until the end of the season.

Ultimately we saw an overall increase in the batting and bowling averages throughout the Association and once the change settled in, become a more palatable option.

As noted, one of the key drivers for this trial is the rising cost of offerings for the association. A comparison of cost found that CWW saved a total of \$13,483 for the season by this product.

The Board shall, as one of their first actions for the new season, be tasked with a vote on whether the association shall enter into a longer-term contract with RJR, revert back to Kookaburra, or explore further options.







Code of Conduct

We are now in the second year of CNSW taking over responsibility for Code of Conduct proceedings for our association (under the CASP Agreement). It was great to see one two (2) instances of players being reported this year into the [CNSW Code of Conduct Register](#) – outside of those deemed ‘no case to answer’.

This is a fantastic improvement from the previous season (2024/25) of 17 cases, and is starting the trend early and in the right direction that players understand and meet their on field obligations.

All players, officials, and spectators deserve to feel safe and secure when participating in CWW matches and we will continue to drive meaningful change in this area.

Infrastructure and Equipment

As one of CWW’s five key priorities of our Strategic Plan 2025/26, as well as attracting significant feedback during our End of Season Survey, infrastructure and equipment forms a significant part of the Board’s working throughout the season.

During the year we have developed and established a Ground Management Subplan in order to effectively capture the knowns of our grounds, and where we need to improve to create a sustainable suite across the association

at a consistent standard. We invite all members to click on the link above and understand for yourself how we are working to deliver this vital plan.

Harris Park

CWW was able to successfully apply for a grant through the October round of Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) for \$25,000 to assist in the rehabilitation of the wicket square at Harris Park. This ground currently utilises Portland Soil material, in which is now no longer available. Through Wagga Wagga City Council we were able to procure a small stockpile of this material but

there is a need to transition all turf wickets to another product moving forward due to the well documented difficulties in blending of these clays.

Unfortunately, there was a delay in the notification outcome of the grant which resulted in a need to delay the delivery until next summer. Nevertheless we believe this has set us on a strong first step for a yearly program to move these wickets to the new Northfield Soil material going forward.

Wagga Cricket Ground

CWW sought again to apply for a new project during the March round of the ACIF for a new digital scoreboard to be installed at Wagga Cricket Ground.

Gissing Oval

CWW continues to advocate with Council for a Masterplan to be created for Gissing Oval. As the traditional home ground of the South Wagga Blues Cricket Club, we see this as the preferred option for a new First Grade appropriate ground. This would see all clubs return to a system of ‘designated home grounds’ and also enables us to further push



for more representative carnivals to be held in Wagga Wagga.

Curating Equipment

The CWW Board voted this year to proceed also with a plan to slowly transition to acquiring and owning all curating equipment used for the association. This will enable greater flexibility for us to move equipment to grounds as needed, plan repairs and replacement aging plant (i.e. rollers and mowers), and take the burden of this

responsibility off clubs to manage moving forward.

As part of this transition, we have also reintroduced the End of Season Ground curator Audit. This will now become a standardised process for all curators moving forward to complete at the end of the season to capture what equipment they now have in hand, its condition, and any repairs that need to be completed over the offseason to ensure there is a lower risk of unusable equipment throughout the season when it is needed at all times.





Awards

Junior Season Results

Club Championship

St Michaels Cricket Club

First Grade Premiers

St Michaels Cricket Club

Cobrapparel T20 Cup Premiers

South Wagga Blues Cricket Club

Third Grade Premiers

Koorinal Colts Cricket Club

Fourth Grade Premiers

Lake Albert Bulls Cricket Club

Junior Award Winners

Contribution to Junior Cricket

Derek & Katrina Nightingale

Batting

		Runs	Average
Under 16's	Toby Willis	168	93
Under 14's	Baxter Jaeger	268	268
Under 12's	Cooper Nicoll	315	105

Bowling

		Wickets	Average
Under 16's	Blake Guy	13	12.54
Under 14's	Zephyr Hoey	14	8.21
Under 12's	Eli Poole	12	8.25

All Rounder

		Points
Under 16's	Joey Maloney	458
Under 14's	Rex Benecke	478
Under 12's	Cooper Nicoll	525





Senior Season Results

Junior Club Championship

Wagga City Cats Cricket Club

Under 16's Premiers

Wagga City Cats Cricket Club

Under 14's Premiers

South Wagga/St Micks All Stars

Under 12's Premiers

Wagga City Cats Cricket Club

Under 11's Premiers

Non-competitive

Under 10's Premiers

Non-competitive

Senior Award Winners

Volunteer of the Year

Brian Robinson

Tony Hackett Spirit of Cricket Award

Myles Guy

Geoff Lawson

Vaugh Jenkins

Under 19's Player of the Year

Over 40's Player of the Year

Michael Andrews

Batting

		Runs	Average
First Grade	Alex Smeeth	775	77.5
First Grade T20	Alex Smeeth	332	83
Second Grade	Jonathan Nicoll	812	270.67
Second Grade T20	Jonathan Nicoll	284	-
Third Grade	Neeraj Pathak	639	91.29
Fourth Grade	Vivek Patel	350	87.5

Bowling

		Wickets	Average
First Grade	Nathanael Money	30	11.87
First Grade T20	Sam Williamson	8	9.5
Second Grade	Harrison Angel	21	16.71
Second Grade T20	Connor McGinn	10	9.9
Third Grade	Job Raju	25	13.04
Fourth Grade	Dean Hoare	21	9.71

All Rounder

		Points
First Grade	Alex Smeeth	1135
Second Grade	Jonathan Nicoll	1172
Third Grade	Neeraj Pathak	759
Fourth Grade	Rowan Hoare	846

Wicketkeeper

		Catches	Run Outs	Stumpings
First Grade	Brayden Ambler	18	1	8



Representative Award Winners

Junior Representative Player of the Year
Senior Representative Player of the Year

Robert Buik
Beck Frostick

Team of the Year Lists

First Grade

Alex Smeeth – South Wagga
Beck Frostick – St Michaels
Joel Robinson – South Wagga
Nicholas Cawley – St Michaels
Nathanael Mooney – Koorungal
Vaughn Jenkins – Wagga City
Brayden Ambler – South Wagga
Braith Gain – RSL
Aaron Maxwell – Wagga City
Rupert Lilburne – St Michaels
Jared Taylor - RSL

Second Grade

Jonathon Nicoll – Wagga City
Scott Nicoll – Wagga City
Luke Friedlieb – St Michaels
Nathan Dohl – St Michaels
Ryan Girling – RSL
Nicholas Fahey – St Michaels
Harry Hastie – St Michaels
Harrison Angel – Wagga City
Ian Donohue – Wagga City
Connor McGinn – St Michaels
Jack Williamson – St Michaels

Third Grade

Benjamin Joy – Koorungal
Simon Blacka – Lake Albert
Nathan Roberts – Koorungal
Nathan Brookes – Lake Albert
Michael Andrews – Koorungal
Neeraj Pathak – South Wagga
Job Raju – Koorungal
Robin Dhanju – South Wagga
Nathaniel Woods – Koorungal
Navi Singh – South Wagga
Ramandeep Singh – South Wagga

Fourth Grade

Michael Cox – South Wagga
Jason Weir – Lake Albert
Rowan Hoare – Lake Albert
Brett Dohl – St Michaels
Vivek Patel – RSL
Dean Hoare – Lake Albert
John Orr – St Michaels
Michael Ingold – South Wagga
Adam Shephard – Koorungal
Luke Henderson – Wagga City
Ryan Bourke – RSL





Brian Lawrence Medal – Top 5



30 VOTES – Alex Smeeth – South Wagga

16 VOTES – Nathanael Mooney - Koorungal

13 VOTES – Beck Frostick – St Michaels

10 VOTES – Sam Gainsford - Koorungal

10 VOTES - Joel Robinson – South Wagga

10 VOTES – Vaughn Jenkins – Wagga City





Brian Lawrence Medal Honour Role

2025/26	Alex Smeeth	South Wagga
2024/25	Beck Frostick	St Michaels
2023/24	Aaron Maxwell	Wagga City
2022/23	Josh Thompson	Wagga City
2021/22	Blake Harper	South Wagga
2020/21	Jonathon Nicoll	Wagga City
2019/20	Jonathon Nicoll	Wagga City
2018/19	Jonathon Nicoll	Wagga City
2017/18	Max Harper	Wagga City
2016/17	Jonathon Nicoll	Wagga City
2015/16	Jonathon Nicoll	Wagga City
2014/15	Jonathon Nicoll	Wagga City
2013/14	Jonathon Nicoll	Wagga City
2012/13	Luke Oakley	RSL
2011/12	Luke Oakley	RSL
2010/11	Brett Davies	Lake Albert
2009/10	Luke Oakley	RSL
2008/09	Ethan Bartlett	RSL
2007/08	Ethan Bartlett	RSL
2006/07	Neville Jolliffe	Koorungal
2005/06	Danny Webber	Lake Albert
2004/05	Danny Webber	Lake Albert
2003/04	Scott Lovell	South Wagga
2002/03	Mark Grigg	Leagues Club
2001/02	Scott Dunshea	Lake Albert
2000/01	Scott Billington	Lake Albert
1999/2000	Terry Willis	South Wagga
1998/99	Peter King	South Wagga
1997/98	Mal Noack	Mt Austin
1996/97	Anthony Baker	South Wagga
1995/96	Mark Vincent	Koorungal
1994/95	Mark Grigg	Leagues Club
1993/94	Peter Gerhard	Koorungal
1992/93	Frank Grigg	Leagues Club
1991/92	Brett Page	Mt Austin
	John Brayne	Lake Albert
1990/91	Peter Engelbrecht	St Michaels
1989/90	John Brayne	Lake Albert
1988/89	Anthony Baker	RSL
1987/88	Jason Young	Leagues Club
1986/87	Greg Mclay	RSL
1985/86	Chris Smith	South Wagga



1984/85	Bruce Mathew	South Wagga
1983/84	Alan Johnston	Marian
1982/83	Mark Grigg	Wagga
1981/82	Brian Sprake	Lake Albert
1980/81	Bruce Mathew	South Wagga
1979/80	Roger McInerney	Wagga
1978/79	Geoff Davies	RSL
1977/78	Derek Rogers	Lake Albert
1976/77	Derek Rogers	Lake Albert
1975/76	Brian Lawrence	Leagues Club
1974/75	Bruce Mathew	South Wagga
	Kevin Scanlon	Leagues Club





Financials

Balance Sheet

Wagga Wagga & District Cricket Association Inc
As at 30 April 2026

	30 APR 2026	30 APR 2025
Assets		
Bank		
Development Fund	36,708.35	23,174.16
Junior Development Fund	25,574.29	25,360.41
Working Account	523.99	8,884.60
Total Bank	62,806.63	57,419.17
Current Assets		
Trade Receivables	54,052.00	28,622.47
Total Current Assets	54,052.00	28,622.47
Total Assets	116,858.63	86,041.64
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	35,000.00	-
Total Current Liabilities	35,000.00	-
Total Liabilities	35,000.00	-
Net Assets	81,858.63	86,041.64
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	(4,183.01)	7,374.01
Retained Earnings	86,041.64	78,667.63
Total Equity	81,858.63	86,041.64



Profit and Loss

Wagga Wagga & District Cricket Association Inc For the year ended 30 April 2026

	2026	2025
Trading Income		
Affiliation, Ground Fees, Levies & Insurance	56,300.00	12,600.00
Affiliation, Ground Fees, Levies & Insurance - Cricket NSW reimbursements	54,000.00	21,422.47
Development Funds Contributions - Cricket NSW reimbursements	-	9,600.00
Development Funds Contributions	20,068.80	3,351.99
Representative Contributions	3,912.28	7,037.02
Other Income	1,213.88	361.71
Sponsorship	16,792.00	3,148.20
Total Trading Income	152,286.96	57,521.39
Gross Profit	152,286.96	57,521.39
Operating Expenses		
Administration Costs	1,252.00	655.68
Affiliation Fees	-	3,080.00
Apparel	6,672.38	990.00
Council fees	35,000.00	-
Curating Expenses	7,756.88	19,156.25
Equipment Purchases	27,190.00	534.98
Ground Marking	-	6,327.71
Livestreaming	3,300.00	-
Marketing	2,940.34	-
Repairs & Maintenance	28,276.60	1,825.47
Representative Matches Expenses	2,890.57	4,131.40
Sponsorship expenses	-	4,832.89
Trophies and Presentation	6,453.20	73.00
Umpires Fees	25,490.00	8,540.00
Other Expenses	9,248.00	-
Total Operating Expenses	156,469.97	50,147.38
Net Profit	(4,183.01)	7,374.01



Sponsors



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