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WA Country Cricket Board

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A Message from the Chair

One of the CCB’s strategic priorities is to increase player participation substantially and to inspire the next generation of players. The CSBP Regional Junior Cricket Program has been highly successful in already achieving the 2017 target figure of 38 200.

Great credit is due to our Regional Cricket Managers who have developed inspiring programs and I congratulate and thank them on their outstanding work. They have been well supported by their Regional Boards who have aligned strategic plans and who are operating well. Specialist WACA staff have also offered great assistance.

Our competitions program continues to be an annual highlight. I congratulate Peel for their performances in the senior competitions. Peel won the Toyota Country Cup, qualified for the semi-finals of the Statewide T20 competition and their teams dominated Senior Country Week (winning A & C Sections and being a close runner-up in B Section).

In Junior Country Week, Busselton-Margaret River recorded unprecedented success. Its teams won A Section, the U/14 A & B Sections and were runner-up in B Section.

Our Masters and Seniors programs continue to be highly successful. The Seniors (O/60s & O/70s) have been regular participants in the National Seniors Championships and in November will host over 40 visiting teams in Perth for the Championships.

The Masters (O/40s) program has inspired players from all over the State to participate in the annual 3 day carnival held in Donnybrook & nearby towns. A Masters XI also plays an annual match against the Country Colts for the David Natt Cup.

WACA staff have continued to provide wonderful support for all our programs & competitions. I particularly thank Steve Philippe (Country Cricket Manager), for his dedicated leadership to the Country program.

After having the privilege of serving as Chair of the CCB for the past 12 years, it is time for me to retire from this position. I thank all the volunteers and WACA staff for their support – it has been very much appreciated.

Australian, WA and WA Country cricket have exciting times ahead as we pursue our vision to be Australia’s favourite sport – a sport for all Australians.

Peter Silinger
Chair
Country Cricket Board
July 2016
Country Cricket Board Representatives 2015/2016

Elected Representatives:

- Peter Silinger  Chair
- Craig Wood  GoldFields
- Anthony Middleton  Great Southern
- John Lucas  Wheatbelt
- Kyle Jeffrey  Peel
- Brendon Joss  Mid West
- Rob Marshall  South West
- Morgwn Jones  Pilbara
- Steve Gollan  Independent
- Marlene Renton  Independent

WACA Regional Team:

- Steve Philippe  Country Cricket Manager
- Tim Lees  Country Cricket Co-Ordinator
- Rachel Norman  Regional Cricket Manager – South West
- Paul Reid  Regional Cricket Manager – Wheatbelt
- Jack Little  Regional Cricket Manager – Mid West
- Josh Duane  Regional Cricket Manager – Great Southern
- Brodie Green  Regional Cricket Manager – Goldfields
Country Cricket Board Recognition Award – 2016

Well known Country Cricket identity David Natt was awarded the 2015/2016 Country Cricket Volunteer Recognition award at a ceremony held in the President’s room at the WACA on 22 April 2016. On hand to present the award was WACA CEO Christina Matthews who was joined by the Regional Board Chairs in acknowledging David's outstanding service to country cricket over a period spanning in excess of 40 years. David has held a number of important Country Cricket roles including, but not limited to:

- Goldfield Regional Cricket Board Chairman and delegate to the WACCB
- WA Country Cricket Board Member and Vice Chairman
- Tournament Referee - Junior and Senior Country Week
- Country Colts Manager and Scorer

David’s contribution to Country Cricket is also acknowledged via the annual "David Natt Cup" which is played between the Country Colts and Country Masters teams.

Congratulations David.

David Natt shortly after he was presented with his CCB Recognition Award by WACA CEO Christina Matthews
WA Country Cricket Scholarships – 2016

The WA Country Cricket Board and the WACA offer 2 scholarships annually for talented, young country cricketers as part of the vision to improve the opportunities for young cricketers. Each scholarship is supported by Slater-Gartrell Sports, WACA, Western Warriors, Western Fury and the WA Cricketers Club.

The scholarships have been named in recognition of the achievements and contributions of two former outstanding country players - Geoff Marsh (Male Cricketer) and Charlie Sandstone (Indigenous Cricketer).

The winners of these prestigious Scholarships for 2017, based on their 2016 performances were:

- Geoff Marsh Scholarship  Bryce Jackson (Great Southern)
- Charlie Sandstone Memorial Scholarship  Craig Jones (Pilbara)

Regional Volunteer of the Year – 2016

The Regional Volunteer of the Year award is presented to a volunteer who embraces Cricket Australia’s vision to make Cricket, Australia’s favourite sport. The winner has demonstrated an ability to actively promote and contribute to participation growth in their region as well as providing leadership and an ability to foster and enhance the Spirit of the Game. The CCB Regional Volunteer of the Year will be awarded a Certificate of Acknowledgement and $500 from Toyota Australia.

The Regional Volunteer of the Year for 2016 was awarded to Brian Evans from Upper Great Southern
Regional Cricket Club of the Year – 2016

The Regional Club of the Year award is presented to a Regional Club which has clearly demonstrated an ability to promote the game of Cricket in their local community by managing and rewarding volunteers as well as actively managing entry level programs. The CCB Regional Cricket Club of the Year will be awarded a Certificate of Acknowledgement and $500 from Toyota Australia.

The Regional Cricket Club of the Year for 2016 was awarded to Railways Cricket Club in Albany.

CSBP Regional Cricket Program – 2015/2016

CSBP continued their magnificent support of the Regional Junior Cricket Program in season 2015/2016. The Lord’s Taverners 14’s and 15’s Regional Talent Carnivals and Talent Development Camps were successfully staged again thanks to CSBP’s support.

There were over 38,200 entry level participants in country WA in season 2015/2016. CSBP’s Regional Cricket Managers were kept busy all season establishing extended skills and T20Blast school cup programs in Regional areas.

The WA Country Cricket Board would like to thank CSBP for its ongoing support of Regional Cricket throughout Country Western Australia.
Commonwealth Bank Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC)

The WA Country XI travelled to Mt Gambier, South Australia to take part in the Commonwealth Bank 2016 Australian Country Cricket Championships and was joined for the first time by the WA Country XI Women’s Team.

The men’s team made a promising start to the tournament winning two out of their first three games, including an outright win against East Asia Pacific. However, losses to Victoria Country and eventual winners South Australia Country saw them finish in fourth place.

Jono Whitney was solid with the bat scoring 187 runs @ 37.40 for the tournament. His highest score against NSW Country of 74 was a highlight. Patrick Butler’s 5/58 against NSW Country in Round 1 set up a successful tournament as he finished with 13 wickets @ 17.46 after the final round. Shayne Bidwell’s figures of 5/46 vs Queensland Country in Round 2 were the best bowling figures of the championships.

The women’s team finished in fifth place in the Inaugural women’s tournament. Their tournament got off to an exciting start with a 4 wicket win over NT Country with 11 balls to spare, but they were outclassed in their final four games. Lauren Mainwaring scored 95 runs for the tournament @ 15.83 including a classy 41 runs against QLD Country. Melinda Knox took 2/9 against NT Country and finished with 4 wickets for the tournament at a very respectful average of 19.25.

The announcement of the Australian Country side in both divisions saw WA with three representatives. Congratulations to the following players on their Australian selection:

- Shayne Bidwell
- Patrick Butler
- Lauren Mainwaring
Above: Lauren Mainwaring takes her place in the 2016 Australian Country XI

Left: Lauren Mainwaring with her Australian Country XI “Baggy Green”
WA Country Colts

The WA Country Colts finished the competition on top of Group C, two games ahead of their nearest rivals Wanneroo to take their place in the Semi Finals against a strong Melville outfit in Harvey.

Winning the toss and batting first, WA Country XI managed to post a score of 10/131 highlighted by a 38 ball 50 from Julian Crudeli. However it was never going to be enough against the eventual competition winners who cruised to victory with 6 wickets to spare. Julian Crudeli (187 runs @ 46.75) and Cameron Burrage (8 wickets @ 21.00) both had solid tournaments with bat and ball respectively.

Waldron Medal

The Waldron Medal is presented to the most outstanding Country XI cricketer on an Annual basis. Terry “Tuck” Waldron represented the WA Country XI in excess of 130 times and Captained the team for 12 seasons. He was selected 4 times in the Australian Country XI team (Captain 3 times). He was selected in the ACCC “Team of the first 25 years” in 2009 and played in 17 Country Week carnivals. Finally, Tuck was selected in the WA Country Cricket “Team of the Century” announced during the celebrations of the Centenary of Country Week Cricket in January 2007.

The winner of the 2016 Waldron Medal was exciting 20 year old Patrick Butler from Albany Cricket Association who took 13 wickets @ 17.46 at the ACCC in Mt Gambier – best bowling 5/58 against New South Wales in Round 1.
Senior Country Week – 2016

Senior Country Week remained strong with 50 teams attending the week-long tournament in Perth.

Congratulations to Peel Cricket Association who clinched the A and C section finals against gallant sides from Upper Great Southern and Busselton-Margaret River.

A Section Grand Final Winners – Peel Cricket Association after receiving their Award and Medallions.
Senior Country Week 2016 – Grand Final Results

Grand Final results for Senior Country Week 2016:

❖ **A Section Grand Final**

**Peel** 327 (B.Evans 99, A. Peckover 78, B.Wright 7, K.Ballard 3/95, G.Francis 2/51. A. Quartermaine 2/47 **DEF**


❖ **B Section Grand Final**

**West Pilbara** 9/186 (C.Rutgers 67, C.Ford 24, J.Ducker 3/40, D.Morgan 3/42, B.Sharp 2/13) **DEF**

Peel (2) 8/185 (B.Burt 108no, J.Evans 25, M.James 5/58)

❖ **C Section Grand Final**

**Peel (3)** 3/142 (J.Downard 42, J.Yeaple 40, N.Whitney 2/48) **DEF**

Busselton-Margaret River (2) 139 (A.Graham 50, M.Roberts 34, S.Martin 5/37)

❖ **D Section Grand Final**

**Upper Great Southern (2)** 2/74 DEF Wyalkatchem (2) 72

❖ **E Section Grand Final**


**Senior Country Week 2016 – Awards**

**Country Week All-Star Team**

The Country Week All-Star team is determined by the following points system which is applied to both first and second innings:

a) 1 point for each run  
b) 10 points for each catch or stumping  
c) 15 points for each wicket

And in accordance with the following “Section “weightings:

d) A Section: 2.0  
e) B Section: 1.8  
f) C Section: 1.6  
g) D Section: 1.4  
h) E Section: 1.2

Additionally, the Country All-Star Team will consist of five batsmen, one all-rounder, one wicket keeper and five bowlers. Batsmen will be calculated on runs made; bowlers on wickets taken; all-rounders on runs made, wickets taken and catches; and wicket-keepers on catches and stumpings made. If the wicket-keeper position is tied then runs will be the deciding factor.

Only players in the Association’s highest graded team are eligible for selection in the Country Week All-Star team.
Congratulations to the following players who gained All-Star selection at the 2016 Country Week Carnival.

2016 Country Week All-Stars

1. C. Rutgers  
   West Pilbara  
2. J. Derosa  
   Peel  
3. O. Westbury  
   Bunbury and Districts  
4. R. Knoll  
   Bunbury and Districts  
5. B. Crudeli  
   Albany  
6. J. Petersen  
   Peel  
7. K. Ballard  
   Upper Great Southern  
8. C. Marwick  
   Albany  
9. L. Cobley  
   North Midlands  
10. A. Gray  
    Eastern Goldfields  
11. M. Worthington  
    Eastern Goldfields  
12. D. Welsh  
    Geraldton

2016 Barry Shepherd Medal

The Barry Shepherd Medal is named in honour of the former Donnybrook and WA cricket legend and initial inductee into the WACA’s “Gallery of Greats”. The medal is awarded to the most outstanding player at Senior Country Week. The winner for the second year running was Arron Quartermaine from Upper Great Southern who had an outstanding tournament.

The top-order batsman smashed 277 runs for the tournament including a ton against Broome in Round Two, while also taking 12 handy wickets across the week.

The medal is selected by a panel of three nominated by the CCB, as they deliberate on the player who has had the biggest impact on the results of fixtures.

CCA Deputy Chair Rob Marshall presents Arron Quartermaine with the 2016 Barry Shepherd Medal
Junior Country Week 2016

42 Teams descended on Perth for five days of exciting cricket between 4\textsuperscript{th} and 8\textsuperscript{th} January 2016, which saw the return of the T20 format for day 1 of the tournament.

Congratulations to Busselton-Margaret River Junior Cricket Association who went “back to back” as winners of A Section in 2016.

In an exciting development to this longstanding tournament, the recently established Under 14s competition has now grown to two divisions and sixteen teams.
Junior Country Week 2016 – Section Winners

❖ 16s A Section
   Busselton-Margaret River Cricket Association  50.07 points
   Runners Up: Wellington – 43.20 points

❖ 16s B Section
   Esperance Junior Cricket Association  55.44 points
   Runners Up: Busselton-Margaret River(2) – 44.25 points

❖ 16s C Section
   Bunbury and Districts Cricket Association(2)  56.82 points
   Runners Up: Avon – 55.84 points

❖ 16s D Section
   Central Midlands Junior Cricket Association  50.71 points
   Runners Up: Wellington(2) – 42.90 points

❖ 14s A Section
   Busselton-Margaret River Cricket Association  57.75 points
   Runners Up: Wellington – 45.30 points

❖ 14s B Section
   Busselton-Margaret River Cricket Association(2)  56.34 points
   Runners Up: Central Midlands – 48.85 points
Peel Cricket Association won their first Toyota Country Cup in 13 years after overcoming Upper Great Southern Cricket Association in the Grand Final at Breckler Park on 7th March 2016.

Brad Hogg medallist Ben Wright scored 41 in the decider as Peel posted 8-120, before restricting Upper Great Southern to 9-106 in reply.

The triumph was Peel’s sixth Country Cup success in the tournament’s 35-year history.

Peel went undefeated throughout the four-team finals weekend, proving too good for Esperance, Port Hedland and Upper Great Southern in the round robin.
Brad Hogg Medallist – 2016

Ben Wright was awarded the 2016 Brad Hogg medal after some solid performances in the 2016 Toyota Country Cup.

Wright was a stand-out, with 81 runs and six wickets for Peel, while team-mate Bryce Evans scored 82 runs.

Port Hedland’s Matt Michael was the runner-up for the Brad Hogg medal with six votes – behind Wright with nine votes – while Upper Great Southern’s David Head was third on four votes.

Wright was presented with his medal by Brad Hogg at the Country Cup Finals weekend.
Girls Country Cricket Carnival - 2016

The Girls Country Cricket Carnival saw teams and players from all over Country WA enjoy the opportunity of participating in and experiencing competitive cricket in a carnival atmosphere. The carnival includes a mix of Indoor, Super 8s and T20 formats.

From a Country point of view previous Girls Country Cricket Carnivals have been very successful in identifying many talented players, including 2 who have represented Australia in the Shooting Stars.

The CCB is grateful to the WACA for its support and organisation of this Carnival. In particular, thanks to Chloe Nella (Female Competitions Officer), Janelle Cuthbertson (Female Game Development Coordinator) and Roy McNamara-Smith (Community Engagement Manager) for their commitment to making this a successful experience for the players.

The winners of this year’s carnival was the team from South-West (pictured below) who had an exciting 2 run win on the final ball of the match against a galant Wheatbelt team.

The victorious team from South West with their well earned 2016 GCCC Shield
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**Please note:** The regional affiliations are approximate and may differ based on the specific context or competition.
# Regional State Indigenous Representatives – 2015/2016

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**WA Country Masters**

The WA Country Masters Program highlights include the annual carnival – the Arthur Marshall Cup which has been hosted in Donnybrook and surrounding areas since 2013. The WA Country Masters also play representative matches including the annual “Natt Cup” against the WA Country Colts.

There have been a total of 4 Masters Carnivals played since 2013 – the winners have been:

- **2013**  Bunbury/Marist
- **2014**  Harvey – Leschenault
- **2015**  Bunbury and Districts Cricket Association – Blues
- **2016**  Harvey - Leschenault

**Over 60s and Over 70s**

The 2015/2016 Seniors Cricket Championships were held in Hobart between 16\textsuperscript{th} and 20\textsuperscript{th} November 2015. WA fielded 2 teams in the Over 60s division and 1 team in the Over 70s division.

The Championships have been running since 2012 as follows:

- **2012**  Adelaide  WA – 1 Team
- **2013**  Sunshine Coast  WA – 1 Team
- **2014**  Melbourne  WA – 2 Over 60s Teams and 1 Over 70s Team