



**WACUA**

## Committee Reports

General Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## President's Report

Welcome members to the 2017-18 Season!

As you can probably already tell we're doing things a little bit differently this season to help speed up our general meetings. This should allow more time for us to socialise and for the WACA, thanks to Matthew Hall, to provide us with more training and development. I hope you find the layout of this report beneficial so you know exactly what the committee has been up to!

I've been told by a couple of committee members to slow down, but I'm very passionate about this association and I want to make sure I'm doing everything I can for the members. So, with that, here's everything that's going on:

### 1. Sponsorship From Perth Metro Property Group



I'm really pleased to announce that the Perth Metro Property Group, owned by our very own Life Member Mick Martell is back for another season to be our exclusive major sponsor! The sponsorship agreement is:

- \$1000 in merchandise. This money has already been spent on the new shirts!

In addition to this, this is a very lucrative bonus sponsorship available to us that we need you, our members, to get involved with! The deal is:

- For every WACUA Member who transfers their property to Perth Metro to manage, Perth Metro will provide the WACUA with cash equalling the first week's rent!
- For every WACUA Member who sells their property with Perth Metro, the WACUA receives 15% of the commission!

How good is that!?

I promise you if any of our members do the above for us, we'll make sure we ourselves recognise you and repay you for your generosity in some way! If we honestly just get one sale, or a couple of rentals on Perth Metro's books we can possibly get all our members a WACUA bag and much, much more! So please, if you have property or are looking to buy, rent or sell, go to Mick and his wonderful team at Perth Metro Property Group!

## 2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between WACUA and WACA

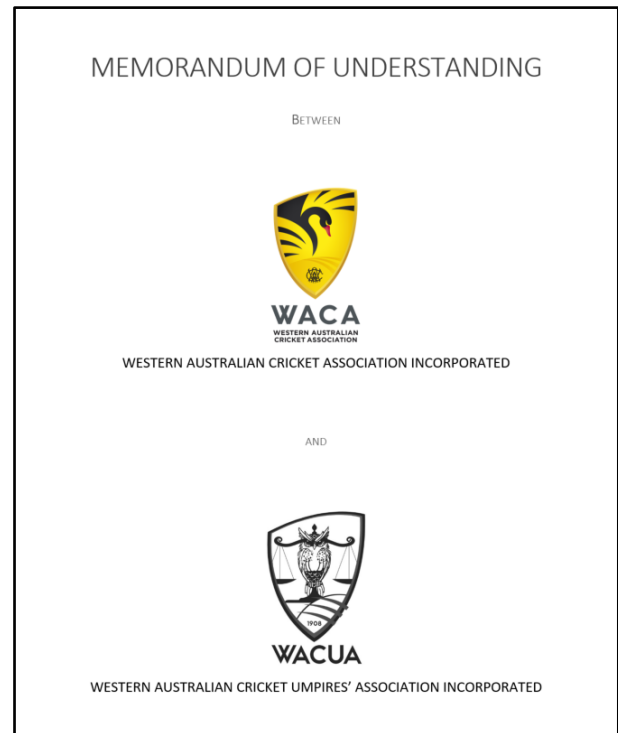
The MOU being created between both parties is about formalising the already existing relationship between the WACA and us, and introducing some changes for the start of the 2018-19 season. An important change will be the introduction of a WACA registration fee to umpire in Premier Cricket! I will get back to this in a moment...

Firstly, the key goal of the MOU is to make sure both parties continue to work effectively with each other over the course of the MOU which would be a seasonally renewed agreement. A lot of interactions between both parties is done right now with good faith and trust that works when personalities and goals align. However, we continue to run the risk that circumstances may change and either party may wish to do things differently in the future. This is what the MOU is all about and what it will resolve, making sure that no personality in one party could be detrimental to the other. Just imagine, for example, if the WACA stopped hosting the WACUA Olly Cooley Medal night for us? The implications on us would be huge and a lot of our events like the Grand Final breakfast and Annual Season dinner would have to stop so that we could cover the cost of running the event!

The MOU in a nutshell will formalise:

- WACUA membership and the WACA registration fee
- Consultation; issue identification and resolution processes
- Training and accreditation
- Match Payments
- Availability
- Insurance
- Occupational health and safety
- Facilities
- Tribunal
- Uniforms
- Benefits to the WACA
  - Olly Cooley medal night rights etc.
- Benefits to the WACUA
  - Membership incentive program

Now, back to the registration fee... The WACA have informed us that starting with the 2018-19 season they will endeavour to introduce a registration fee to umpire in WACA Premier Cricket. The cost of the registration fee is yet to be determined as it's very much part of the



MOU but we on the committee and WACA both agree that this fee would see the inclusion of the WACUA membership fee. They will not be separate as that would not be fair on members to essentially pay two organisations for the same service.

There are some legalities around this as not all umpires will want to become WACUA members and some umpires are in fact life members so they are certainly not expected to pay for the WACUA membership fee component. That being said, the fee would cover the cost of:

- Clothing, including possibly on-field and off-field jackets, off field shirts and so on.
- Training and development
- WACUA events financially supported by the WACA
- Increased match payments

And possibly more. Again, it's all to be confirmed in the MOU which will be presented soon to the members to get feedback and acceptance on.

While I appreciate that the MOU may be daunting for some and the registration fee may be seen to many as just another thing to pay for, I want to make it very clear that we won't commit to anything that doesn't make any sense. But I do also want to stress that we cannot be complacent or reject any change outright as we'll simply get left behind!

I'm happy to take questions on this at the general meeting! Please don't be afraid to speak up.

### **3. Formal Review of Match Payments**

Nearing the end of last season, a few members expressed that a proper review into match payments should take place. I'm happy to report that the committee has begun this formal review of all match payments for all grade and competitions

The formal review is not necessarily about obtaining more money for each day we umpire but is more about creating fairness in the system. For example, under 13's and 14's are paid the same match payment of \$95 but one is an extra 20 overs! I'll take the under 13's game thanks!



While we would all love extra money, the formal review may see some match payments stay at the same rate, even possibly reduce while others will increase slightly and others will increase substantially. A good example of a substantial increase is towards finals and female cricket. A particularly good example of increase to finals cricket would be for those juniors umpires who are expected to stand for 120 overs in a Grand Final and only get \$135, which is just \$15 more than 80 overs in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade!

The review of match payments will be completed by the November general meeting for review by our members. It will then be sent to the WACA in December for their review and response, all of which gives both parties plenty of time for it to be formally accepted and adopted for next season.

If anyone has any suggestions on what match payments should be, please don't hesitate to contact me or anyone on the committee. Email [president@wacua.asn.au](mailto:president@wacua.asn.au), [secretary@wacua.asn.au](mailto:secretary@wacua.asn.au) or [committee@wacua.asn.au](mailto:committee@wacua.asn.au).

A thank you must go out to Alan Johanson and Matthew Hall at the WACA for letting this happen. Again, there is no formal agreement that allows us to review match payments but we're very appreciative that the WACA is assisting and allowing us to do a full review.

#### 4. Other Items

- The annual report for Season 2016-17 was updated following feedback from members that it was incorrect on milestones etc.
- We lost Alan Wilson to Papua New Guinea, so he has resigned from the committee. We wish him all the very best over there! Thanks however to Dave Campbell who has come back onto the committee to fill Alan's shoes. The constitution allows for his approval by the committee themselves. I'm pleased to say there were no objections.
- Shirts – **black and gold** is back!
  - Thank you for taking the poll. 65% of the 53 respondents wanted change.
  - If you ordered a shirt please pay for it and make sure you are a member! You cannot get the shirt until at least registered (<http://register.wacua.asn.au>) and paid in full! Cost for the shirt is \$30 and the membership fee is \$55 if you haven't already arranged payment for that.
  - If you want a shirt but did not order one, please email [funds@wacua.asn.au](mailto:funds@wacua.asn.au) and let us know your size and your full name so that we can confirm membership status. We will do another order when we have another 20-people wanting a shirt. At the moment we have six, so we need fourteen more to make another order.
- Building a relationship between WACUA and WANFLUA (WAFL umpires' association). More to follow on this over the course of the season.
- We approached the WAFCC about a B grade fairest and best medal. Proposed as the "Andy Pudovskis" Medal.
- We approached the WACA to make sure the medals owned by the WACUA have "WACUA" instead of "WACA" engraved on them. This has been a mistake for the last couple of seasons now.
- I've been keeping Ashlee very busy with lots of correspondence in and out. Please see her report for the full list on that.

I fully appreciate that my report is incredibly long but a lot has happened in the last three months! I promise the next report will be a lot shorter!

Best wishes,

**Trent Steamboat, sorry Steenholdt.**

*WACUA President*

## Secretary's Report

Thank you to all members who have completed the online registration form this season. The new registration process has been very successful with 86 registrations before the season even began! If you have not done this yourself, please do so now by going to <http://register.wacua.asn.au/>.

The following names have been approved as members.

- Andrew Micenko
- Andrew Mollatt
- Ashlee Kovalevs
- Bruce Banyard
- Colin Ogilvie
- Daniel Gibbons
- Daniel Smith
- David Campbell
- David Krieg
- Dean Trigg
- Ernest Chua
- Graham Capper
- Jack Paterson
- James Hewitt
- James Rodgers
- Jamie Thomas
- John Gartner
- John Sherry
- John Taylor
- Justin Shakeshaft
- Luke Lindsay
- Mahesh Gopukuttan
- Marko Sasic
- Martin Brennan
- Mathew Cheeseman
- Matthew Hall
- Michael Harvey
- Michael Kovalevs
- Mitulkumar Patel
- Nathan Batskos
- Nathan Johnstone
- Neil Holland
- Neville Dhanaraj
- Nick Walters
- Sean Ayres
- Shrikant Ramadurg
- Stephen Denys
- Stephen Farrell
- Stephen Lamb
- Trent Steenholdt
- Trevor Krink
- Tyler Kaljee
- Vijay Kumar
- Wayne Barnes
- Ahmad Shaaf Khan
- Andrew Jones
- Cole Williamson
- Darryl Power
- Garth McCrorie
- Gowri Shankar Sugavanam
- Junaid Chishtie
- Justin Shakeshaft
- Kate Holloman
- Reuben Garlett
- Robert Osborn
- Steven Wenban
- Taufiqur Rabbi
- Vallinayagam Selvaraj
- Vishal Khairnar
- Tanvir Asgar
- Lidia Kucharska
- Peter Graham
- Steven Tripp
- John Mearns
- Lorenzo Fogliani
- Daniel Skinn
- Jeff Brookes
- Ciaran Sanders
- Matthew Robson
- Rex Evans
- Marcello Ferreira
- Nathan Gilders
- Sidney Rajanayagam
- Alex Hall
- Ronan DeGrussa
- Ian Robinson
- Jarryd Buscall
- Clair Burns
- Yogesh Jagdale
- Mark Hill
- Mick Press

If your name is not listed above, this is either because you have not registered yet on our online form or you have not yet made payment (if chosen to not deduct via WACA first match payment).

The above list also does not include our life members. This information is available on our website at <http://www.wacua.asn.au/about/life-members/>.

Lastly, this is the following correspondence in and out since the AGM.

### **Correspondence Out:**

- Email to new Life Members regarding the process for getting their Life Members' blazers.

- Email to Alan Johanson and Matthew Hall regarding information on the pay rates of other umpires' associations.
- Letter emailed to Jeff Brookes wishing a speedy recovery after his surgery.
- Letter emailed to Wayne Barron in appreciation of his service to the WACUA.
- Letter emailed to Terry Prue in appreciation of his service on the WADCC Umpires Appointment Committee.
- Email to Perth and Tatts regarding the WACUA holding our monthly meetings there.
- Email to Alan Johanson and Matthew Hall regarding the promotion of WA umpiring on the WACUA website.
- Email to Alan Johanson regarding Female B grade medal proposal.
- Email to Peter Silinger regarding Female B grade medal proposal.
- Email letter to Christian Bauer regarding appointment as WADCC Chairman.
- Email out to members about shirts.
- Sponsorship agreement to Mick Martell at Perth Metro Property Group to formally sign.
- Email to Alan Johanson asking to key up meeting for WACUA and WANFLUA Presidents.
- MOU response to Alan Johanson and Matthew Hall

***Correspondence In:***

- Email from John Gartner regarding potential use of the Forrest Park Croquet Club for WACUA social event.
- Email from Alan Johanson regarding a Test Umpires Walk at the WACA.
- Email from Graham Capper querying his first year as a WACUA member.
- Email from Alan Johanson regarding updating the Life Members Board and Test Umpires Board in the Peter McConnell Match Referee Room.
- Email from Peter Silinger regarding Female B grade medal proposal.
- Email from Christian Bauer responding to letter sent from President.
- Email from Steven Wenban regarding WACUA membership
- James Rodgers – Sponsorship through personal company. E.g. Live broadcasting social media.
- MOU feedback from Alan Johanson and Matthew Hall.
- Matthew Hall requested review of Umpire Handbook.
- Pay rates from Alan Johanson detailing particulars.

Have a great season!

**Ashlee Kovalevs**

*WACUA Secretary*

## Treasurer's Report

This is my first treasurer's report! Thankyou everyone for trusting me to be your treasurer. Also many thanks to Bob Watson for carrying out his role as treasurer so well and leaving the WACUA accounts in a healthy position.

Since the beginning of July our overall balance has seen a modest increase of \$681.39. This is mainly due to payments for memberships and new shirts. We have also earned a bit of interest and received a \$200 donation from Cortana Design.

In the near future we can expect to pay \$500 to Perth and Tatts for hire of their facilities for the season. Our biggest expense has been the purchase of 75 new shirts. This has been reduced by \$1000 thanks to our sponsorship deal with Perth Metro Property Group. The sponsorship allows us to sell the shirts at a subsidised rate. Please consider Perth Metro if you're thinking of buying, selling, renting or leasing a property!

Enough words from me - if you'd like to see detailed figures, please take a look at the accompanying spreadsheet.

Thanks,

**Andrew Micenko**  
*WACUA Treasurer*