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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET UMPIRES ASSOCIATION



Mick Martell and Simon Fry



Mick Martell prior to the match receiving recognition certificate from CA Board Member Jacquie Hey

## Australian cricket celebrates Wilson and Martell international debuts

### Cricket Australia

Australian cricket this weekend celebrates two milestone individual achievements, as Paul Wilson and Mick Martell make their debuts across two different international formats.

At the newly internationally accredited Tony Ireland Stadium in Townsville, **Paul Wilson** made his One Day International debut in the fixture between Papua New Guinea and Hong Kong played on November 8th. Ranked 15th and 16th respectively, both teams narrowly missed a place in next year's ICC Cricket World Cup. It is also PNG's first ever One Day International. In the two-game Series held across two consecutive days, Wilson stands with New Zealander Phil Jones.

Having represented Australia throughout the 1997/98 season; Australia A between 1997/98 and 2000/01, as well as South Australia (1993/94-2001/02) and Western Australia (2002/03-2003/04), Wilson transitioned into umpiring via the CA Project Panel. His first taste of umpiring in a tournament environment was in 2007 as part of a CA Institute Challenge in Darwin. Over the following seasons, Wilson was involved in the Emerging Players' Tournament in Brisbane.

Wilson made his First Class debut in November 2009 in the fixture between Western Australia and New South Wales at the WACA. Later that season in February, Wilson had the opportunity to experience the international scene when being appointed as the ICC 4th umpire for an One Day International between Australia and New Zealand in Perth. After serving four years on the CA Project Panel, Wilson was then elevated to the National Umpire Panel in season 2010/11. During his first season on the Panel, Wilson was appointed to a Tour Match between England and Victoria at the MCG as well as being 4th umpire in an International T20 match in Adelaide later that season.

Wilson's involvement with the international Playing Control Team continued the following season, being appointed as 4th umpire for three matches, including the 4th Test between Australia and India; and One Day International's between Sri Lanka and India respectively. In February 2013, Wilson umpired in three of the England Lions versus Australia A Tour Matches held in Hobart, whilst the following season he oversaw the Tour Match between England and Australia A in the Apple Isle. During the most recent 'off season', Wilson officiated in Darwin and Townsville throughout the Australia A Series featuring Australia A, South Africa, India, and the

National Performance Squad.

In January 2014, Wilson made his Twenty20 International debut at the MCG.

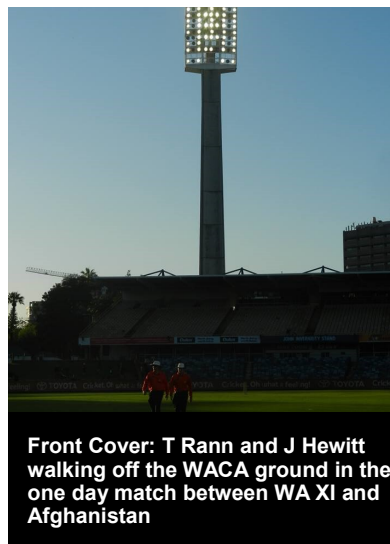
Following his Third Umpire appointment in Adelaide on November 5th, **Mick Martell** took to the MCG for his first Twenty20 International on-field fixture on November 7th.

Before turning his attention to umpiring, Martell played First Grade cricket with Wanneroo and Bayswater Morley Cricket Club's from 1990 to 1996 before finishing his playing career with Balcatta Cricket Club in 2002/03. In 2003/04, Martell became interested in an umpiring career after long time involvement as a player, captain, coach, and administrator. A phone call from ex Test Umpire and then WACA Director of Umpiring, Ric Evans, saw him begin his pathway.

Involvement in Cricket Australia Underage Championships, Women's National League, Cricket Australia Cup matches as well as high end WACA matches lead him to be appointed onto the CA Emerging Umpires Panel in 2007. During this time Martell was exposed to the Emerging Player's Tournament in Brisbane, involving 'A' Teams from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India. Following five years on the Western Australian State Umpiring Panel, Martell was then appointed to the National Umpire Panel (NUP) in 2008/09. During his inaugural year he was appointed as 4th umpire at the Perth Test between Australia and South Africa. Martell also had the opportunity to again gain a taste of international cricket when officiating in the ICC Women's World Cup held in Sydney.

Martell has also had the opportunity to travel overseas for his umpiring, having travelled to New Zealand, South Africa, and most recently India, on umpire exchange.

In January this year, Martell was appointed by the ICC to officiate in the Cricket World Cup Qualifiers in New Zealand. Although standing in five fixtures as well as two warm up matches across the tournament, it was the match between Associated Members Kenya and The Netherlands that he officially made his One Day International debut at Bert Sutcliffe Oval in Lincoln. Martell will also make his One Day International debut on Australian soil in just over a fortnight's time at the SCG.



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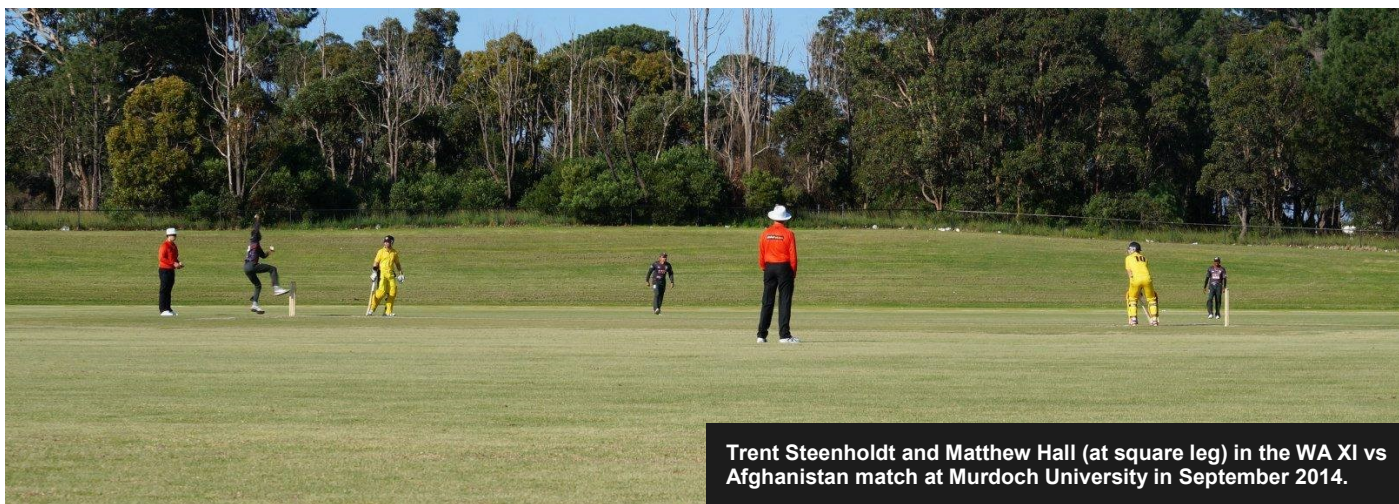


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## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

### Presidents Message

**Matthew Hall**

*President of the WACUA*

By the time you pick up and read this edition of The Over the season will be well underway.

Most of us have already completed the pre-season training including the camp weekend which was once again very informative and educational with great work from James Hewitt and Todd Rann for their organisation and all the people who ran the different training sessions over the weekend.

The General meeting in October was very well attended with about 40 people and they had the opportunity to listen to Jeff Brookes on the importance of building robust processes and Trent Steenholdt on how to get the best use out of the MOS system.

Your committee are working hard once again to make this year a successful one for the WACUA and its members. We have had an encouraging start with 50 paid up members already, if you have not joined it is not too late to do so.

Congratulations to all the umpires who have been appointed to representative games thus far, in particular to Mick Martell making his ICC T20 debut at the MCG on the 7th of November, and James Hewitt and Nathan Johnstone for their selections to the Under 19's Carnival and their recent Futures League appointments and to Trent Steenholdt for his debut appearance later this month and finally to Mark Hooper on his debut T20 state ladies game.

Finally I want to wish all of you a fantastic season of umpiring. May all your LBWS be salmon and your nicks very healthy and most importantly enjoy your time umpiring.

Best wishes for the 2014/2015 Season.



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# It's a long way to the top

**Terry Prue**

*WACUA Life Member and Chairman of the Umpires Appointment Committee (UAC)*

The late Albert Richings, WACUA Life Member, said something like “the hardest part about umpiring first class cricket is being selected”. That is true for all levels of our sport.



Fes Morocco (El-Chorfa gate)

I have been given an open brief to write this article, i.e. ‘anything from the role of the UAC/UAP/UAB/ACDC, a season welcome, particular professional development discussions or even your recent trip overseas’. The UAE (where big planes land before going on to exotic places) was not offered but the opportunity to mention overseas trips was so I will. If you have the opportunity to visit the Medina in the Moroccan city of Fes please do so. AC/DC (as opposed to ACDC) I do remember from my youth because Bon Scott, who featured in a variety of local WA bands, joined the recently (1973) formed AC/DC. It is after all a long way to the top if you want a sausage roll.

I do give you all a warm welcome to WACA cricket and hope the experience is enjoyable for you. WACA cricket is of course the highest quality club competition in the state and deserves the best quality officials. The WACA through its staff and volunteers provides a framework within which you will be given every opportunity for education, development and encouragement to become the best umpire you can. Unfortunately the best you can is highly unlikely to translate into Test umpire; but it does not mean we cannot dream and strive to achieve it. If Test cricket is the pinnacle, then it is a very long way to the top; only twelve people worldwide are in a position to be appointed to umpire test matches. Only twelve (plus our four ICC members) are in a position to be appointed to first class matches in Australia. It is a very small number so being the best you can is difficult to measure by the level of appointments. In our WACA grade competition only sixteen people are appointed to each grade per round. Again it is a long way to the top. It is a great achievement and something to be justly proud of to umpire in the WACA district competition. It is serious and it is fun and officiating in a peak body is something worthwhile.

What is the umpire? We are appointed by the WACA (WADCCI) to manage a match on their behalf. This involves much more than crossing the white line and answering appeals. Answering appeals accurately is appreciated by all people associated with the match. But what else does it mean to be the umpire? All aspects of the playing conditions must be applied equally to all participants. For example the controlling body sets the standard of behaviour expected by all participants (not just the players) through a Code of Conduct or something similar. As the umpire you are required to apply competition standards, even if they are at odds with your personal standards. At the completion of the match paperwork, being hard copy or electronic, has to be completed. All of this and more is the job that has been accepted! Do it and do it well.

The WACUA provides a vital forum for personal development. It seems reasonable that to make use of this forum requires you to be a member and to attend as many meetings as possible. Here the opportunity exists for the interchange of ideas and experiences with all your



Terry Prue asking Curtly Ambrose to remove his white sweat bands



Terry Prue, among others at the WACUA Christmas meeting last season

colleagues in a relaxed environment. Members have a wide range of experiences and this is a valuable resource for the very experienced through to the newcomer to absorb, distil and act upon those experiences.

So there is a pretty simple message. There is only one person who can truly enable you to be the 'best umpire you can'. That person is quite naturally you. It requires hard work and many, many hours of application and sacrifice. Of course this should never be to the detriment of family and employment.

"You owe it to yourself to be the best you can possibly be – in baseball and in life." Pete Rose (Baseball Great)



## Cricket Australia Representative Debut

**Mark Hooper**

*State Representative Umpire*

I had to pinch myself walking on to the WACA Ground in late October to officiate in the women's Twenty20 game between Western Fury and Tasmania.

My nerves were steady thanks to tremendous support from my partner that day, Todd Rann, and match referee Ian Lock, not to mention the relaxed approach of the two captains, including England captain Charlotte Edwards, leading Fury. Having a fruit platter, muffins and bottled water at our fingertips in the change rooms was a treat.

It was actually a bit emotional for me too because I thought of my late father, Bob, who I would have loved to have been there to see it. He was a player, coach, manager, administrator and umpire for many years in country Victoria.

Despite having had a full season of first grade umpiring behind me, I was still in state of surprise being in the State Representative Group and then being appointed to the women's State game.

But it was a marvellous experience and the attitude of the girls on both teams was brilliant. I took the first over and thankfully the end of it I didn't make the same embarrassing mistake I did in my debut in first grade last season – give the bowler my counter instead of the hat.

The game went without incident and I really enjoyed the skills of the girls. Support from other umpires who attended the game was tremendous too.

A few people asked me if I'd been on the WACA before. Well, not as an umpire, but I played for triumphant South Perth in the 1991 one-day final there. So I've now had two marvellous days in an official capacity on the WACA. Here's hoping for a third!









# Cricket Australia Appointments

The WACUA committee congratulate all members appointed to Cricket Australia fixtures in the months of September, October and November.

*WACUA members are highlighted in yellow. Green denotes Life Member.*



Barry Rennie (Match Referee) coin toss in match between WA and Afghanistan

## ICC Associate Tour of Australia and New Zealand

12/09/2014	WA vs. United Arab Emirates	WACA
Nathan Johnstone	FIELD	
Wayne Barron	FIELD	
Barry Rennie	REFEREE	

14/09/2014	WA vs. United Arab Emirates	Murdoch
Trent Steenholdt	FIELD	
Matthew Hall	FIELD	
Barry Rennie	REFEREE	

22/09/2014	WA vs. Afghanistan	WACA (Day/Night)
James Hewitt	FIELD	
Todd Rann	FIELD	
Barry Rennie	REFEREE	

23/09/2014	WA vs. Afghanistan	WACA
Nathan Johnstone	FIELD	
James Hewitt	FIELD	
Barry Rennie	REFEREE	

## Toyota Futures League

27/10/2014	TAS vs. SA	Lindisfarne
Glenn Quinlan	FIELD	
Nathan Johnstone	FIELD	(WA Exchange)
Stephen Bernard	REFEREE	

27/10/2014	WA vs. VIC	Stevens Res.
Jamie Mitchell	FIELD	(TAS Exchange)
James Hewitt	FIELD	FL DEBUT
Peter Marshall	REFEREE	

17/11/2014	WA vs. ACT	Stevens Res.
James Hewitt	FIELD	
Trent Steenholdt	FIELD	FL DEBUT
Terry Prue	REFEREE	

## WNCL

11/10/2014	WA vs. QLD	Murdoch
James Hewitt	FIELD	
Todd Rann	FIELD	
Terry Prue	REFEREE	

25/10/2014	WA vs. TAS	WACA
Wayne Barron	FIELD	
James Hewitt	FIELD	
Terry Prue	REFEREE	

## WT20

10/10/2014	WA vs. QLD	Murdoch
Matthew Hall	FIELD	
Trent Steenholdt	FIELD	
Ian Lock	REFEREE	
12/10/2014	WA vs. QLD	Murdoch
Wayne Barron	FIELD	
Matthew Hall	FIELD	
Ian Lock	REFEREE	
24/10/2014	WA vs. TAS	WACA
Wayne Barron	FIELD	
Trent Steenholdt	FIELD	
Ian Lock	REFEREE	
26/10/2014	WA vs. TAS	WACA
Mark Hooper	FIELD	WT20 DEBUT
Todd Rann	FIELD	
Ian Lock	REFEREE	

## Matador Cup

04/10/2014	NSW vs. SA	Allan Border
Mike Graham-Smith	FIELD	
Mick Martell	FIELD	
David Talalla	REFEREE	
06/10/2014	VIC vs. SA	GABBA
Simon Fry	FIELD	
Mick Martell	FIELD	
Mike Graham-Smith	THIRD	
Bob Stratford	REFEREE	
10/10/2014	NSW vs. QLD	GABBA
Greg Davidson	FIELD	
Mick Martell	FIELD	
Tony Wilds	THIRD	
David Talalla	REFEREE	



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## T20I Series - Australia vs. South Africa

05/11/2014	AUS vs RSA	Adelaide Oval
Simon Fry	FIELD	
John Ward	FIELD	
Mick Martell	THIRD	
Javagal Srinath	REFEREE	

07/11/2014	AUS vs RSA	MCG
Simon Fry	FIELD	
Mick Martell	THIRD	
John Ward	THIRD	
Javagal Srinath	REFEREE	
09/10/2014	AUS vs RSA	Stadium Australia
John Ward	THIRD	
Mick Martell	FIELD	
Simon Fry	THIRD	
Javagal Srinath	REFEREE	

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