



**WACA**  
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CRICKET ASSOCIATION

# WA FEMALE CRICKET COUNCIL

## 2019-20 FEMALE CRICKET REPORT

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# WACA STAFF 2019/2020

Below are the names of WACA staff from the High Performance and Community Cricket Departments who assisted and supported the growth of Female Programs and Players in Western Australia.

HIGH PERFORMANCE	
Name	Role
Kade Harvey	General Manager – High Performance
Liz Chetkovich	High Performance Programs Manager
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Name	Role
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Country Cricket Managers (6)	
Participation Officers (5)	



# COMMUNITY CRICKET

## FEMALE COMMUNITY CRICKET

The 2019/2020 season saw continued growth throughout the Female Cricket Pathway, with junior girls' teams increasing by 38%, which represents an increase of 27 new teams from 2018/2019 resulting in a total of 98 teams at the completion of the 2019/2020 season. The largest area of growth was in the recently established U11's Perth Scorchers Girls League (PSGL) which was introduced in 2018/2019 season to bridge the gap between Cricket Blast and Junior Cricket for girls. The total grew within one season from six to 27 teams across the three Junior Associations who administered competitions, which gives an overall participation increase of 350%.

The South East Metropolitan Junior Cricket Council (SEMJCC) are very close to offering a full female pathway in the region from Cricket Blast all the way through to Perth Scorchers Women's League (PSWL). Ascot Eagles Junior and Senior Cricket Clubs are an excellent example of this, as they have also formed a very close relationship with their local Premier Cricket Club ensuring that there is an opportunity to suit every woman and girl who wants to play cricket in the community.

With 19 Perth Scorchers Women's League (PSWL) teams in the 2019/2020 season and nearly 300 women, the additional 12 teams provided a 171% increase as well as two very strong competitions (one North and one South, divided from the one central competition that was administered in the 2018/2019 season) who played a split season with Spring and Summer competitions.

Regarding competition administration, two more competitions (both U15's PSGL) were transitioned into the care of the SEMJCC and the South West Metropolitan Junior Cricket Council (SWMJCC). All U11's and U13's PSGL competitions are administered by Junior Associations, with two Associations administering their own U15's PSGL and the WACA alongside the CJCC administering a central U15's PSGL as well as a central U18's PSGL.



*PSGL U15s Girls*

Sunset Scorchers continues to be a great opportunity for clubs to engage with women and girls in their local communities who are interested in cricket but unsure as to whether they'd like to play in the PSGl or PSWL. An excellent example of this is in Albany, where the Cricket Manager worked with the clubs to establish a Sunset Scorchers program which now has over 80 women involved and engaged. Historically, we have seen interest in the PSWL and hard ball cricket increase following participation in a Sunset Scorchers Program.



The Girls Country Cricket Carnival ran on 11-13 January based out of Murdoch University with 63 girls and 14 volunteers from all over regional WA. The girls participated in four games of T20 cricket (based on Stage 2 modified format), two games of indoor cricket at Striker Indoor Centre, a specialist training session organised by the Coach and Talent Specialists and run by the Cricket Managers and had the opportunity to attend the Big Bash League Game on Saturday 11 January at Optus Stadium. Overall, the camp was successful in delivering a participation focused camp for girls who are unable to participate in female only cricket offerings within their regions. The future of the Girls Country Cricket Carnival will be reviewed to determine the best format next season to ensure girls involved progressed to ongoing participation back in their towns.

This season alongside the High Performance and Premier Cricket teams a WA Female Cricket Report was created to provide a summary of female cricket statistics for season review. This report (see appendix) creates an opportunity for WACA staff to better service our Clubs and Associations in shaping a more tailored and direct conversation around growth and sustainability.

## SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

The 2019/20 season was highly successful with a total of 158,291 participants across our four school program offerings throughout the state. This was an overall increase of 14% from 2018/2019. Of this total participation 75,852 were girls, an increase of 19% on the season prior. Each program had impressive increases with the School Cups being the only one impacted by COVID-19. These were put on hold or cancelled as a result of the early closure of schools in term 1. The most successful school program was the Mascot Challenge which grew from the previous season, 38% above our target. This program lays down the fundamental skills for movement and physical activity to build the foundation for skill development and game skills. The Perth Scorchers School Ambassador Program continues to engage teachers in offering rewards and recognition to our school ambassadors beyond the national program.

The success of a girl's school pilot competition this season prompted a trial girls' school gala day. The gala day leveraged off the momentum of the Women's T20 World Cup with a view to leading to greater uptake in our Perth Scorchers High School Girls Competition next season.

Hampton Senior High School completed the second Cricket Inspire Program pilot in November 2019. Cricket Inspire aims to provide leadership development opportunities to a range of girls with varying involvement in cricket, utilising cricket and its components as the vehicle for leadership growth and development. This six-week curriculum-based program culminated in a Gala Day at the WACA Ground on Thursday 7 November. Twenty girls enjoyed a tour of the ground, watching the Scorchers women train and playing their own small world cup on the ground to finish the day. Teachers commented on the increased skill levels not observed in the school setting and that the experience was extremely positive. In addition, our local cricket manager and social cricket project officer have held discussion on social options in the region.

## COUNTRY XI

The 2019/20 WA Women's Country Program focused on a strong shift towards developing a larger competitive training squad, improving the physical preparation of players and continuing to improve the understanding of the wider player base participating in regional competitions and pathways. To address these aims, the following measures were introduced:

- strength and conditioning program, which included 2km time trial testing;
- enhanced training program conducted from June – December;
- three training camps providing increased access to match practice and strategy planning; and
- an increase in the regional visits undertaken by the Head Coach to support squad players, provide support to localised female participation strategies and identify new age eligible and underpinning talent.

With improving knowledge of the player base and the wider establishment of senior female competitions (Bunbury, Geraldton, Karratha and Port Hedland), the 2019-20 squad increased in size and included an identified underpinning group. With a larger squad, selection into the WA Women's Country Team was highly competitive.

Six new players were selected in the WA team, with some new young talent in Ella Mills, Indiana Squiers and Ashlyn Thompson making their debut.

The team experienced very different fortunes compared to the 2018/19 Australian Country Championships. While it was not able to secure a single win, this was not reflective of the overall improvements that were made and that were evident in the manner in which the team played. Four out of the eight matches were lost by 30 runs or less and in the T20 format these are easily reversible margins.

While the team had many contributors over the championships, Meg Thompson was acknowledged for her batting and keeping performances with selection in the team of the tournament.



## 2019-20 WA Women's Country Team:

**HEAD COACH:** Angele Gray

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Sarah Prickett

**TEAM MANAGER:** Julie Reid

PLAYERS	REGION
Emily Johnston ( <i>Captain</i> )	South West
Meg Thompson ( <i>Vice Captain</i> )	South West
Hannah Felton ( <i>Deputy Vice Captain</i> )	Great Southern
Emma Bresser	South West
Jessica Creighton	Pilbara
Melinda Knox	Kimberley
Georgie Middleton	Great Southern
Shayanne Thomas-Mirrielees	Goldfields-Esperance
Janelle Phillips	Midwest
Sarah Prickett	Midwest
Chloe Wain	South West
Ella Mills ( <i>Under 18</i> )	Wheatbelt
Ashlyn Thompson ( <i>Under 18</i> )	Midwest
Indiana Squiers ( <i>Under 18</i> )	Wheatbelt

*Avril Fahey Medalist:* **MEG THOMPSON**



## ABORIGINAL XI

The 2020 National Indigenous Cricket Championships was unfortunately significantly impacted by wet weather. In the reduced capacity of the tournament, WA made it through to the semi-finals, but they were also washed out and WA didn't progress as they finished lower on the ladder. It was a frustrating way to end the week, especially as the team started so brightly with a win over the NT, posting their highest ever score of 183.

WA won the Spirit of Cricket Award while Regina Deleeuw and Kavita Pepper were recognised for their performances and named in the Black Caps Team, which is awarded to the best players from the championships. It was the 4<sup>th</sup> time Pepper has been awarded a Black Cap. The team was coached by *Chris Andrews* and *Michael Bailey* (assistant coach). Lenny Papertalk was the Team Manager for the 2019-20 team.

PLAYERS	CLUB
Emily Bowden	University
Regina Deleeuw	Melville
Kavita Pepper	Bluff Point
Allee Bartlett	Bluff Point
Teleisha Hill	University
Marika Smith	Chapman Valley/Northampton
Rikki Gartlett	Ballardong
Dakota Narrier	Ballardong
Natalie Pepper	Bluff Point
Dainira Papertalk	Bluff Point
Shakiya Cross	Bluff Point
Olivia Kalin	Darlington
Makayla Rogers	Darlington



*Barefoot Circle*



*Black Caps Team members, Regina Deleeuw and Kavita Pepper*



## COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARDS

At the inaugural Community Cricket Awards this year, the following were winners of the female cricket categories as well as other female winners:



**Volunteer of the Year – Female**  
Margie Oldfield  
Wembley Districts JCC



**Young Volunteer of the Year**  
Rosie Manning  
Bassendean JCC



**Country Volunteer of the Year -Female**  
Christy Reed  
West Pilbara JCA



**Woolworths Cricket Blast  
Coordinator of the Year**  
Giselle Dunlop  
Whitfords JCC



**Growing Cricket for Women or Girls Award**  
Doubleview Carine JCC

# HIGH PERFORMANCE

## WNCL - WA WOMEN

HEAD COACHES: Lisa Keightley (Jul-Nov 19), Michael Dighton (Dec 19-Jun 20)

ASSISTANT COACH: Michael Dighton (Jul-Nov 19)

Players	Club
Megan Banting	Subiaco-Floreat
Nicole Bolton	Subiaco-Floreat
Mathilda Carmichael	Melville
Piepa Cleary	South Perth
Sheldyn Cooper	Midland-Guildford
Ashley Day	South Perth
Sophie Devine	N/A (International)
Amy Edgar	Melville
Heather Graham	Subiaco-Floreat
Molly Healy	South Perth
Kathleen Hempenstall	Midland-Guildford
Ashlee King	Melville
Emma King	Subiaco-Floreat
Taneale Peschel	Midland-Guildford
Chloe Piparo (C)	Midland-Guildford
Emma Inglis ( <i>Match Contract</i> )	N/A (Interstate)



## RESULTS

- Played 8 Matches; Won 6 Matches, Lost 2 Matches (finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pool rounds)
- Grand Final held in NSW at the North Sydney Oval
- WA crowned WNCL Premiership Winners for 2019-20 Season (It's the first time in the competition's 24-year history that Western Australia have won the title)
- Player of the Tournament: Nicole Bolton



## WBBL - PERTH SCORCHERS

HEAD COACH: Lisa Keightley

ASSISTANT COACH: Michael Dighton

Players	Club
Jemma Barsby	N/A (Interstate)
Samantha Betts	N/A (Interstate)
Nicole Bolton	Subiaco-Floreat
Mathilda Carmichael	Melville
Piepa Cleary	South Perth
Kimberly Garth	N/A (International)
Heather Graham	Subiaco-Floreat
Kathleen Hempenstall	Midland-Guildford
Amy Jones	N/A (International)
Emma King	Subiaco-Floreat
Meg Lanning (C)	N/A (Interstate)
Taneale Peschel	Midland-Guildford
Chloe Piparo	Midland-Guildford
Georgia Redmayne	N/A (Interstate)
Natalie Sciver	N/A (International)
Amy Edgar ( <i>Local Replacement</i> )	Melville



### RESULTS

- Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pool
- Played 14 Matches; Won 9 Matches, Lost 5 Matches

## U18s WA STATE TEAM

**HEAD COACH:** Becky Grundy

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Nicky Shaw & James Sansalone

**MENTEE COACH:** Jacob Spurr

**TEAM MANAGER:** Madonna Blyth

Players	Club
Chloe Ainsworth	Melville
Charis Bekker	Subiaco-Floreat
Zoe Britcliffe	South Perth
Charlotte Cooke	Subiaco-Floreat
Molly Healy	South Perth
Millie Monaghan	Subiaco-Floreat
Jacqueline Naidoo*	Subiaco-Floreat
Samantha Pope	Melville
Samantha Quadrio	Subiaco-Floreat
Poppy Stockwell	South Perth
Lauren Thompson	Melville
Georgia Wyllie (C)	South Perth
Soniya Yadav	South Perth

*\*Best Bowler of the Tournament*

### RESULTS

- Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pool
- Played 10 Matches; Won 5 Matches, Lost 5 Matches



*Jacqui Naidoo Bowling v NSW*



*Poppy Stockwell Wicket Keeping v SA*

## U15s WA STATE TEAM

HEAD COACH: Orazio Santalucia

ASSISTANT COACH: Joshua Monaghan

MENTEE COACH: Emily Hessel

TEAM MANAGER: Madonna Blyth

Players	Club
Chloe Ainsworth*	Melville
Holly Appleby	Subiaco-Floreat
Tene Crafford	Wanneroo
Drew Epis	Subiaco-Floreat
Shayna Jesani	Wanneroo
Natasha Kelsey	Melville
Shay Manolini	Midland-Guildford
Rebecca McGrath (C)	Melville
Morgan Pires	Midland-Guildford
Jaeda Ritchie	Melville
Sienna Ryan*	South Perth
Sienna Stephan	South Perth
Sienna Styles	Rockingham-Mandurah

\*Cricket Australia U15 Squad

### RESULTS

- Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Pool
- Played 8 Matches; Won 2 Matches, Lost 6 Matches





# FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET COMPETITION

## SEASON IN REVIEW

The 2019-20 Premier Cricket season was again played in two distinct blocks; a T20 Competition prior to Christmas, and a Limited Overs One Day Competition post-Christmas. A Grade consisted of 4 teams, while B Grade consisted of 6 teams. The Female Premier Cricket Youth League also followed the same format across the season, however playing less matches of the Limited Overs One Day Format in their first foray into that format.

In the T20 Competitions, South Perth claimed both the A & B Grade T20 Grand Finals in a historic day at Richardson Park as both matches were live streamed; a first for WA Female Premier Cricket. The B Grade T20 Grand Final also made history in itself, as South Perth defeated Subiaco-Floreat in the first recorded Super Over in a Grand Final. The Youth League T20 Grand Final and Premiership went to Melville, who defeated South Perth and thus denying the Richardson Park based Club a historic triple-treat of T20 Premiership Flags in the same season.

The Limited Overs season came to an early unscheduled finish due to the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The WAFCC made the decision to award the Premierships to the highest-ranking team on the ladder at that time. This resulted in Melville being awarded the A & B Grade One Day Premierships, while they also won the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Grand Final, which was played prior to the abandonment of the season.





## FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET AWARDS

AWARD	WINNER
A Grade 50 Over Premiership	Melville
A Grade T20 Premiership	South Perth
A Grade 50 Over POTM	N/A
A Grade T20 POTM	Meg Thompson (Melville)
A Grade 50 Over Champion Player	Nicole Bolton (Subiaco-Floreat)
A Grade 50 Over Batting Aggregate	Amy Edgar (Melville)
A Grade 50 Over Bowling Aggregate	Cassie Stephens (South Perth)
A Grade T20 Champion Player	Amy Edgar (Melville)
A Grade T20 Batting Aggregate	Ashley Day (South Perth)
A Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate	Jessica Emery (Subiaco-Floreat)
B Grade 40 Over Premiership	Melville
B Grade T20 Premiership	South Perth
B Grade 50 Over POTM	N/A
B Grade T20 POTM	Lara Maritz (South Perth)
B Grade 40 Over Champion Player	Brooke De Oliveira (Rockingham-Mandurah)
B Grade 40 Over Batting Aggregate	Jessica Row (Melville)
B Grade 40 Over Bowling Aggregate	Brooke De Oliveira (Rockingham-Mandurah)
B Grade T20 Champion Player	Kayla Van Spall (Rockingham-Mandurah)
B Grade T20 Batting Aggregate	Sinead Kirsten (South Perth)
B Grade T20 Bowling Aggregate	Lauren Shaw (Melville)
Youth League T20 Premiership	Melville
Youth League T20 POTM	Gorgia Platten (Melville)
Coach of the Year	Paolo Franzoni
Spirit of Cricket Award	Perth
Female Competitions Umpire of the Year	Graham Zemunik
Claire Papasergio Award	Jacqueline Naidoo (Subiaco-Floreat)
Club Champion	<i>To be presented at the Season Launch (21/9/20)</i>
Jenny Owens Medal Winner	<i>To be presented at the Season Launch (21/9/20)</i>
Karen Read Medal Winner	<i>To be presented at the Season Launch (21/9/20)</i>

TEAM OF THE YEAR	CLUB
Amy Edgar (Captain)	Melville
Ashley Day	South Perth
Jessica Row	Melville
Casey Soffe	Perth
Sinead Kirsten	South Perth
Kayla Van Spall	Rockingham-Mandurah
Megan Banting (wk)	Subiaco-Floreat
Brooke de Oliveria	Rockingham-Mandurah
Cassie Stephens	South Perth
Natasha Wylie	Melville
Nicole Bolton	Subiaco-Floreat
Melissa Bownes	Melville

## OTHER

HONOUR	RECIPIENT
Australian Selector	Avril Fahey
WACA Gallery of Greats	Karen Read