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ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

The 156th annual and financial report for the year ended30 June 2026 is to be presented on the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the South Australian Cricket Association Ltd (SACA), which will be held in the William Magarey Room, Level 3, Riverbank Stand at Adelaide Oval on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6pm.

Front cover: South Australia's men's side celebrate their back-to-back Sheffield Shield win.

Left: Emma de Broughe in action for South Australia in the WNCL.

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Matt Short in action for Australia

Chair and President William Rayner

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The South Australian Cricket Association's 154th year has been defined by record achievements, both on the field and across the community. This success has been made possible by the unwavering commitment of our volunteers, coaches, administrators and supporters throughout the state. Your efforts continue to play a crucial role in ensuring cricket in South Australia remains strong, connected and thriving.

Our men's team created history in 2025/26, securing back-to-back Sheffield Shield titles and cementing their place among the state's great sides. Our women's team demonstrated tremendous resilience throughout their WNCL campaign, pushing for a finals berth until the final game, while the Adelaide Strikers continued to deliver exciting performances across both men's and women's competitions.

These outstanding on-field achievements are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our players, coaches, support staff and the many individuals working tirelessly behind the scenes. They also reinforce SACA's position as a powerhouse not only in Australian cricket, but across the global sporting landscape.

South Australian talent once again shone on the world stage. After being elevated to the opening role in Perth, Travis Head produced a remarkable Ashes campaign, scoring three centuries in the 2025/26 series, including a memorable ton in front of a proud home crowd at Adelaide Oval. Soon after, the venue again took centre stage as Alex Carey brought up his third international century, playing a key role in helping Australia retain the Ashes. It was also a proud moment for South Australian cricket to see Brendan Doggett earn his Baggy Green and make his Test debut for Australia, becoming just the third Indigenous Australian man to represent the national men's team in Test cricket. Their achievements not only reflect their individual excellence but also highlight the strength of South Australian cricket, which continues to develop and produce players capable of succeeding at the highest level of the game.

As we celebrate these achievements, it is equally important to recognise the unwavering support of our members and the outstanding work of our staff. The 2025/26 renewal campaign set a new benchmark, with more than 96 per cent of members retained and total membership reaching 34,137. Demand remains exceptionally strong, with the waitlist now exceeding 9,500—underscoring the enduring appeal of SACA membership.

To help meet this demand, the iconic Village Green expanded significantly during the Adelaide Christmas Test, becoming the largest in SACA's history. Enhanced shade, additional seating, larger screens and dedicated support staff combined to create an exceptional member experience, reinforcing the Village Green's reputation within world cricket.

Inspiration was not limited to the big stage. Behind the scenes, our Community Cricket team continues to grow the game at a grassroots level, working closely with 347 clubs across South Australia. Participation remained strong in 2025/26, with increases in both club Woolworths Cricket Blast programs and junior cricket, helping to secure the future of the game.

At the 2025 SACA AGM, Tim Nielsen's remarkable service to cricket was recognised with Honorary Life Membership. His journey—spanning more than three decades—has taken him from Sheffield Shield success as a player to key roles as a national coach and high-performance leader, leaving an enduring influence on the game.

I would like to acknowledge the vital role of the SACA Board, whose expertise, commitment and stewardship continue to guide the organisation with strength and integrity. I also recognise CEO Charlie Hodgson and his leadership team, whose strategic direction has further strengthened SACA's position as a leader in cricket administration. Our players should also take great pride in representing South Australia this season, consistently demonstrating the values and standards we uphold.

Over the coming 12 months, we look forward to building on the strong foundations we have laid both on and off the field. As part of this, SACA may be asked to make one of the most significant decisions in its history in response to a process initiated by Cricket Australia to explore future investment and ownership structures for the Big Bash League.

While current proposals are being refined and developed by Cricket Australia, it is clear that the opportunities are significant. Any decision of this magnitude will be considered carefully and thoughtfully by your Board. I don't wish to pre-empt a decision of the Board, except to say that SACA will continue to do what is in the best interests of SACA, South Australia and Australian cricket in general. We will work constructively to help shape the future of the game while maintaining control and sovereignty over the matters that are fundamental to cricket in South Australia.

It is an honour to serve as President, and I remain confident in the bright future ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

William Rayner
Chair and President

SACA CEO Charlie Hodgson

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 2025/26 season will be remembered as one of the most significant in the history of South Australian cricket. Our men's team secured a place in the record books, claiming back-to-back Sheffield Shield titles for the first time in the competition's 133-year history—an achievement that speaks to the sustained excellence of the group.

This historic success capped a truly standout season, defined not only by on-field performance but by record-breaking results across the organisation. From commanding displays throughout the Sheffield Shield campaign to unprecedented attendance figures and deepening community engagement, the season reflected the strength, depth and resilience of South Australian cricket at every level.

This remarkable achievement is one that everyone at SACA is incredibly proud of. I pay tribute to the leadership of Simon Insley, Ryan Harris, Nathan McSweeney and their respective teams, whose passion and commitment were instrumental. What stands out most, however, is the group's continued hunger for success and determination to push even further in the seasons ahead.

The South Australia women's team continued to show signs of success, with their campaign going down to the final game of the season, after winning six out of their final eight games. The Adelaide Strikers women's team also showed incredible determination and resilience throughout the WBBL|11 season, narrowly falling short of finals in the last game of the regular season. Their continued growth and unity as a group points to a very promising future.

Likewise, while the men's BBL|15 campaign did not deliver the results we had targeted, it provided valuable insight and highlighted a number of emerging players who will be instrumental in driving future success.

However, one of the most rewarding moments of the year came when South Australia claimed the Under-19 Male National Championships title, defeating Victoria Metro at the WACA. Under the leadership of State Pathway High Performance Coach Luke Butterworth, the team did SACA proud, showcasing the outstanding depth of talent across South Australian cricket and reinforcing the strength of the pathway system that continues to produce the next generation of elite players for the state.

The SACA Premier Cricket competition continued to be a breeding ground for the next wave of talent, while reinforcing its importance as a key pathway and community cornerstone of the game. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our male and female champions: Kensington (Men's First Grade Division One), Glenelg (Men's First Grade Division Two), Glenelg (Women's First Grade), Kensington (Women's First Grade T20), Kensington (Men's First Grade T20), and West Torrens (One-Day Cup).

Junior cricket remains integral to the success of South Australian cricket, with participation in club Woolworths Cricket Blast programs increasing by eight per cent, helping to underpin the future of the community game. Broader junior cricket also continued its steady growth, rising by six per cent to surpass 9,100 players for the first time since individual registrations began. Ensuring every South Australian child has the opportunity to play cricket remains a central priority for SACA, reflected in initiatives such as a team travelling to the APY Lands to deliver cricket clinics in some of the state's most remote communities.

Our membership base remains a cornerstone of our success and a continual source of pride. With more than 34,000 members and a growing waitlist, it was outstanding to see such a strong member presence at the Adelaide Test Match. Their support contributed significantly to a total attendance of 223,638 — the highest ever recorded for a Test at Adelaide Oval. The strength of our membership and the outstanding success of the Adelaide Test Match provide a solid foundation for our financial position. This enables us to reinvest more into cricket than ever before, supporting the growth and development of the game at all levels across South Australia.

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to our members, players, coaches, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and partners for their unwavering commitment and passion for South Australian cricket. We welcome the challenges and opportunities ahead with confidence. The achievements of the past year reflect the collective effort and strong teamwork across our organisation, and we look forward with enthusiasm to the season ahead.

Charlie Hodgson
Chief Executive Officer

CRICKET DEPARTMENT

The 2025/26 season will be remembered as a significant year for South Australian cricket, and to be part of the Cricket Department during a season such as this has been a genuine privilege.

While there were many moments of success and celebration on the field, the season was also marked by sadness following the passing of former player Ben Cameron (Cap number 570). Ben made a meaningful contribution to South Australian cricket, particularly through his work in Premier Cricket and his role in strengthening relationships across the game. His calm approach, clear thinking and genuine care for people left a lasting impact, and his contribution to our program will be remembered with great respect.

Behind every on-field performance sits a significant body of work that is not always visible. Throughout the season, our Grounds and Facilities teams once again played a vital role in supporting Premier, pathway and elite programs, often under considerable pressure. Their commitment, together with the consistent care shown to our players as people first, remains an essential part of how we operate.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the season was the strength and progress of our pathways programs. The South Australia Under-19 men's team produced a historic result at the WACA, securing the program's first national championship in 13 years. A defining feature of this success was the collective nature of the performance, with meaningful contributions coming from across the entire squad. This outcome further reflects the growing alignment between Premier Cricket, our pathways programs and elite preparation.

Across the season, a number of outstanding individual performances further highlighted the depth and quality of our programs. Liam Scott was recognised as Sheffield Shield Player of the Season, while Jake Lehmann was named Domestic Player of the Calendar Year. Brendan Doggett and Liam Scott's international debut for Australia represented a significant milestone and a deserved reward for sustained performance at the highest level.

Megan Schutt once again reached new benchmarks on the international stage, adding to the record-breaking achievements referenced earlier in the season. Tahlia McGrath led her country throughout the season with distinction, while Liam Scott and Lloyd Pope were both recognised as Big Bash Player of the Year nominees, reflecting their impact in the shortest format of the game.

The season concluded in fitting fashion, with Nathan McAndrew awarded his first Dansie Medal following an outstanding campaign in which he played a pivotal role in driving our Sheffield Shield success, despite managing significant health challenges. The Andrea McCauley Medal was awarded to our captain, Jemma Barsby, whose leadership and on-field contribution throughout the season were exemplary.

While our players continued to develop on the field, we were equally encouraged by their growth away from it. While managing injury, Wes Agar threw himself into giving back – completing his Mental Health First Aid certification, becoming a Jodi Lee Foundation Ambassador, and leading a SACA team in the Starlight Foundation's Super Swim, raising more than $6,300.

Dokey Hoogenboezem became the first player to complete the Diploma in Sports Management (Cricket), administered by SACA in partnership with Flinders University. Meanwhile, Harry Nielsen stepped into a new off-field role as Director of Cricket at Mercedes College, helping to mentor the next generation of cricketers.

Kate Peterson and Courtney Neale training at Adelaide Oval

Travis Head in the nets ahead of his return for South Australia

Alex Carey sharpens his glovework during training.

Our female athletes also continued to impress off the field, with 81 per cent of the squad undertaking formal tertiary education. Captain Jemma Barsby established the Jemma Barsby Foundation, helping to raise awareness and support for multiple sclerosis after being diagnosed with the disease at just 19. Bridget Patterson also launched an initiative close to her heart — Potato Pals — focused on improving melanoma awareness among young Australians.

Our women's program continued to strengthen its depth and pathways for emerging talent. South Australia led the country in Women's Second XI fixtures, providing valuable exposure for emerging players at national venues. This supported the development of players who went on to represent Australia at Under 19 level.

At the elite level, both the WBBL and WNCL seasons were decided by narrow margins, with records broken, milestones achieved and growing confidence in the direction of the group.

The men's program delivered a season that will hold a special place in South Australian cricket for years to come. Despite a challenging start marked by injury and interruption, the squad showed outstanding resilience to reach another Sheffield Shield Final. The result at Junction Oval — securing back-to-back Shield titles for the first time in the state's history — was a clear reflection of the group's preparation, belief and collective approach.

At Big Bash level, a number of achievements were recorded, with encouraging performances from emerging players and continued progress through the Strikers Academy, reinforcing the pathway from Premier Cricket to the elite game.

A clear highlight of the season came on the international stage, when homegrown stars Alex Carey and Travis Head walked off Adelaide Oval arm in arm after combining for a vital 162-run partnership. The stand not only put Australia in a winning position in the Test, but also secured a series victory over the Old Enemy. It was a magical moment that South Australians can take immense pride in — one that continues to inspire the next generation of fans and players, helping to grow the game.

Above all else, the defining feature of the year has been the level of alignment across the wider SACA organisation — from the Board and executive team through to staff, coaches and players. We pride ourselves on a shared commitment to supporting our people, creating an environment families are proud to be part of, and staying connected across all levels of the game.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on strengthening pathways, continuing to invest in our people and building on the momentum of this season. The outcomes of 2025/26 serve as a reminder of the value of sustained effort and the importance of the journey.

TRIBUTE
SIR GARFIELD SOBERS

The South Australia Cricket Association was deeply saddened by the passing of Sir Garfield Sobers, one of the greatest cricketers of all time and a cherished figure in South Australian cricket history.

Widely regarded as the finest all-rounder to play the game, Sir Garfield's achievements for the West Indies were extraordinary.

Across 93 Test matches, he scored more than 8,000 runs, claimed 235 wickets and built a legacy that transcended generations and borders.

His connection to South Australia remains one of the most significant chapters in the association's history.

Representing South Australia between 1961 and 1964, Sir Garfield played a pivotal role in the team's Sheffield Shield triumph in 1963-64, producing one of the most remarkable all-round seasons in Australian domestic cricket.

That summer, he led the competition in both runs scored and wickets taken, underlining the immense talent and influence he brought to the game.

SACA President and Chairman Will Rayner said Sir Garfield's impact on cricket would endure for generations.

"Sir Garfield Sobers was one of the greatest cricketers the game has ever seen and a true icon of our sport," he said.

"While his achievements for the West Indies are legendary, his contribution to South Australian cricket was also immense.

"His role in our 1963-64 Sheffield Shield triumph will never be forgotten, and to lead the competition in both runs and wickets that season highlights the extraordinary talent he possessed.

"Sir Garfield inspired generations through his skill, leadership and love of the game, and his legacy will endure for many years to come."

As a mark of respect, SACA honoured Sir Garfield's memory at Adelaide Oval with a tribute displayed on the iconic scoreboard and flags flown at half-mast.

Sir Garfield Sobers' contribution to cricket, both globally and within South Australia, will never be forgotten.

His legacy remains an enduring part of our game's rich history and he will forever be remembered as one of cricket's true immortals.

Vale, Sir Garfield.

Sir Garfield Sobers played a pivotal role in SA's 1963-64 Sheffield Shield title.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

South Australia cemented its place in cricket history in 2025–26, becoming the state's first side to win consecutive Sheffield Shield championships.

Under the leadership of coach Ryan Harris and captain Nathan McSweeney, South Australia completed a remarkable come-from-behind victory, taking five quick wickets early on day five to seal the historic triumph.

After dropping their opening two games, South Australia produced a remarkable revival, going unbeaten across their next eight matches to book a spot in the Sheffield Shield final.

Despite the disappointing start, South Australia showed flashes of their potential, highlighted by centuries from Henry Hunt (126) and Jake Lehmann (113), along with a five-wicket haul from Wes Agar.

Lehmann (96) continued his good run of form against Western Australia, while Brendan Doggett was able to do his Ashes hopes no harm with a six-wicket haul.

While the game ended in a draw, skipper Nathan McSweeney also brought up his eighth first class century with a down-the-ground six at the WACA.

An away trip to Tasmania put the season back on track, with Brendan Doggett laying the foundations for victory through another impressive five-wicket haul.

All-rounders Liam Scott (53) and Ben Manenti (49 not out) then guided the team home, combining for a decisive 71-run partnership to secure a crucial three-wicket win.

SA's pace attack then tore through WA in their Adelaide Oval rematch, with Henry Thornton spearheading the effort with six wickets across the match.

Jordan Buckingham then helped turn the tide in the following match, claiming eight wickets across both innings against Tasmania in a match-defining performance.

That dominance with the ball laid the platform for SA's batters, with Liam Scott blasting 147 off 171 balls - alongside another century from Jake Lehmann (100 off 97) - to set up a commanding 10-wicket victory.

Despite a rain-affected draw against New South Wales, Nathan McAndrew and the rest of the bowlers once again stood tall with a strong all-round performance.

South Australia's bid for a second straight Sheffield Shield Final took shape against Queensland, driven by strong performances with both bat and ball.

Liam Scott underlined his rich vein of form with a five-wicket haul in the first innings, before combining with Jake Lehmann (74) in a vital 90-run stand.

Nathan McAndrew then led the charge in a tense finish, taking five wickets to seal a seven-wicket win inside two and a half days.

South Australia capped off their final home game of the season in style, with Henry Thornton claiming his maiden Shield five-wicket haul and Jason Sangha registering his first century of the season.

Nathan McAndrew then led the way with six wickets in the second innings, before Travis Head's quickfire 58 off just 48 deliveries powered a nine-wicket win.

In a precursor to the eventual Shield Final, Henry Hunt led the way with an instrumental 81 runs against Victoria, before Ben Manenti chimed in with an important half century.

The strong start ensured SA earned crucial first innings bonus points, extending their advantage over third-placed Queensland, ensuring a place in the final.

Led by a defiant Alex Carey, South Australia clawed their way back into contention with a spirited fightback.

Carey was outstanding, compiling a superb 103, and found crucial support in Nathan McAndrew as the pair added a vital 106 runs for the eighth wicket to swing momentum late in the innings.

McAndrew ensured his influence extended beyond the bat, carrying that momentum into the field by claiming six wickets across the match, helping South Australia ultimately secure their second Sheffield Shield title in two years.

Captain Nathan McSweeney takes a diving catch in the Sheffield Shield Final

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SANGHA

FINAL SCORECARD

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 198 & 258
VICTORIA 261 & 139
SOUTH AUSTRALIA WIN BY 56 WICKETS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1ST INNINGS

BATTING		RUNS	BALLS
Mackenzie Harvey	c Harper b Boland	9	17
Henry Hunt	c Handscomb b O'Neill	5	35
Nathan McSweeney (c)	c Harper b Boland	52	127
Jason Sangha	lbw b Sutherland	0	9
Alex Carey †	b Elliott	26	88
Jake Lehmann	c Brasher b Sutherland	10	15
Liam Scott	b Sutherland	37	88
Ben Manenti	c Murphy b Sutherland	28	32
Nathan McAndrew	b O'Neill	17	31
Henry Thornton	lbw b O'Neill	4	7
Jordan Buckingham	not out	0	11
Extras: (lb 4, b 1, w 5)		10	
TOTAL: 76.4 overs		**198 all out**	

Bowling (O-R-W-M): Scott Boland 21-63-2-4, Fergus O'Neill 23-30-3-8, Will Sutherland 17.4-54-4-3, Todd Murphy 3-10-0-0, Sam Elliott 12-36-1-0

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2ND INNINGS

BATTING		RUNS	BALLS
Mackenzie Harvey	c Sutherland b Boland	4	9
Henry Hunt	lbw b O'Neill	1	12
Nathan McSweeney (c)	lbw b Perry	20	30
Jason Sangha	c Harper b Sutherland	34	40
Alex Carey †	c Handscomb b O'Neill	103	168
Jake Lehmann	b Murphy	1	3
Liam Scott	lbw b Boland	14	50
Ben Manenti	c Harper b Boland	0	1
Nathan McAndrew	b Sutherland	60	144
Henry Thornton	c Harper b Murphy	0	9
Jordan Buckingham	not out	10	23
Extras: (b 1, lb 4, w 6)		11	
TOTAL: 81.3 overs		**258 all out**	

Bowling (O-R-W-M): Scott Boland 21-78-3-2, Fergus O'Neill 15.3-32-2-3, Will Sutherland 24-65-2-4, Mitchell Perry 10-46-1-1, Todd Murphy11-32-2-0

VICTORIA 1ST INNINGS

BATTING		RUNS	BALLS
Campbell Kellaway	c McSweeney b Thornton	29	67
Sam Harper †	c Carey b McAndrew	20	10
Dylan Brasher	c Carey b Buckingham	3	6
Peter Handscomb	c Manenti b McAndrew	8	17
Marcus Harris	c Carey b Scott	40	133
Oliver Peake	b McAndrew	28	65
Fergus O'Neill	not out	64	136
Will Sutherland (c)	b Thornton	34	57
Sam Elliott	c Scott b Buckingham	13	30
Todd Murphy	c Carey b Thornton	6	19
Scott Boland	lbw b Scott	1	12
Extras: (lb 9, nb 6)		15	
TOTAL: 91.0 overs		**261 all out**	

Bowling (O-R-W-M): Jordan Buckingham 24-55-2-8, Nathan McAndrew 21-71-3-4, Liam Scott 18-32-2-4, Ben Manenti 10-34-0-1, Henry Thornton 17-58-3-1, Nathan McSweeney 1-2-0-0

VICTORIA 2ND INNINGS

BATTING		RUNS	BALLS
Campbell Kellaway	lbw b McAndrew	16	40
Sam Harper †	b Buckingham	12	14
Dylan Brasher	c & b McAndrew	6	11
Peter Handscomb	c Carey b Thornton	28	60
Marcus Harris	c Manenti b Scott	35	92
Mitchell Perry	lbw b McAndrew	9	19
Todd Murphy	c Carey b Scott	0	13
Oliver Peake	c Carey b Scott	4	14
Fergus O'Neill	b Thornton	12	23
Will Sutherland (c)	c Sangha b Thornton	2	12
Scott Boland	not out	0	2
Extras: 15 (lb 14, nb 1)		15	
TOTAL: 49.5 overs		**139 all out**	

Bowling (O-R-W-M): Jordan Buckingham 8-27-1-0 Nathan McAndrew 15-50-3-2, Liam Scott 16-32-3-9 Henry Thornton 8.5-12-3-4, Ben Manenti 2-4-0-1

O = Overs | M = Maidens | R = Runs | W = Wickets

South Australia celebrate after securing back-to-back Sheffield Shield titles

Jake Lehmann and Alex Carey proudly pose with a South Australian flag

Alex Carey raises the bat after bringing up a game-winning century

Coach Ryan Harris and his team celebrate in style

WEST END
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ONE DAY CUP

After lifting the Dean Jones Trophy the previous season, South Australia opened its 2025/26 One-Day Cup campaign against New South Wales.

While South Australia was unable to secure victory in the opening match, explosive opener Mackenzie Harvey provided an early highlight, scoring a rapid 60 to kick-start his season.

The left-hander backed that up against Western Australia, compiling a classy 76 at the top of the order. Despite his efforts, South Australia was unable to get over the line.

The match also marked the debut of promising all-rounder Hanno Jacobs, who impressed for his state by claiming two important wickets and offering a glimpse of his potential.

South Australia quickly bounced back against Victoria, with Jake Lehmann anchoring the innings with 85 as valuable contributions from the lower order helped post a competitive total.

Spearhead Nathan McAndrew then produced a career-best performance with the ball, claiming outstanding figures of 5 for 23 to secure victory.

South Australia carried that momentum into its next match, defeating Queensland in a rain-affected contest at Adelaide Oval.

Captain Nathan McSweeney led from the front with both bat and ball, while Harvey continued his excellent form with another crucial half-century.

However, South Australia's campaign stalled late in the season, with defeats to Tasmania, New South Wales and Queensland denting its finals hopes.

Despite the disappointing finish, there were still positives to take from the final matches.

Harvey further enhanced his reputation as one of the competition's most exciting batters with an aggressive 72 in the season finale, while emerging fast bowler Campbell Thompson earned a well-deserved debut against Queensland.

Mackenzie Harvey lifts the bat after another half century.

Darcie Brown and Eleanor Larosa celebrate a thrilling final-wicket victory against Queensland.

WNCL

South Australia opened their 2025/26 WNCL season in emphatic style, securing a dominant win over Tasmania. Courtney Webb and Maddie Penna set the tone early, both producing outstanding centuries in a commanding all-round performance.

The return clash against Tasmania proved more difficult. After early wickets put the side under pressure, Ellie Johnston responded with a composed half-century, but the total wasn't enough as Tasmania completed the chase.

Close losses followed against Western Australia in the next two games, despite valuable contributions from Webb, Emma de Broughe and Tahlia McGrath, as South Australia searched for consistency.

The turnaround began with a crucial win over Queensland. Amanda-Jade Wellington led the charge with a superb five-wicket haul, before de Broughe continued her strong form with 71. Captain Jemma Barsby played a key role with a composed 42 to guide the side home.

One of the standout moments of the season came in a thrilling last-wicket victory over Queensland. After claiming five wickets with the ball, Darcie Brown played a crucial role in the run chase, combining with young gun Eleanor Larosa to guide South Australia to victory. Showing remarkable composure under pressure, the pair steered the side to a memorable one-wicket win.

Building momentum, South Australia claimed back-to-back victories over Victoria. Tahlia McGrath delivered an influential all-round performance in the first match, taking three wickets and contributing a vital half-century. In the second, de Broughe remained a key figure, top-scoring with 82, while Webb, Penna, McGrath and Bridget Patterson all made valuable contributions in a strong team display.

Even in a rain-affected match, there was cause for celebration as Amanda-Jade Wellington reached a significant milestone, becoming the WNCL's all-time leading wicket-taker, surpassing Lisa Sthalekar and further cementing her status as one of the competition's premier bowlers.

The team continued to find contributions across the lineup in another important win against ACT. Barsby led from the front, anchoring the innings with a composed 85 that proved crucial in securing victory.

Heading into the final rounds, South Australia remained in finals contention and rose to the challenge with an impressive win over then ladder leaders New South Wales. Chasing under pressure, Webb provided a strong start before experienced campaigners Patterson and Barsby played key finishing roles, sealing the win with just three balls remaining.

Needing a dominant victory to secure a finals berth, South Australia fell just short in their final match, ending their season.

Despite the disappointment, their late surge — winning six of their last eight matches — highlighted the side's resilience and ability to build momentum, setting a clear platform for next season.

WBBL

With a blend of experience, youth and international talent, the Adelaide Strikers entered WBBL|11 intent on building momentum and taking meaningful strides forward. Led by match-winning all-rounder Tahlia McGrath, the squad showed early resilience, navigating a rain-affected opening fixture before recording an important home victory over the Melbourne Renegades, underpinned by an unbeaten 71 from Laura Wolvaardt.

Opener Laura Wolvaardt was named the Adelaide Strikers WBBL MVP

Challenging conditions continued to shape the early rounds, with another weather-impacted contest against the Perth Scorchers testing the group. However, the Strikers continued to find contributors across the lineup, with Darcie Brown producing a standout performance against the Hobart Hurricanes, claiming career-best figures of 4 for 16 and underlining her rising influence with the ball.

The middle phase of the season was defined by tight contests and fine margins. A last-over thriller in Perth narrowly slipped away, but the Strikers quickly regained momentum. Wolvaardt and Tammy Beaumont combined for twin half-centuries, each scoring 51 to guide the side to a dramatic final-ball victory over the Brisbane Heat. The pair were again pivotal in the return clash, laying a strong foundation after McGrath's three-wicket haul put the Strikers in control.

Momentum was briefly halted in one of the more unusual moments of the campaign, when a home fixture against the Hurricanes was abandoned after a stray ball rolled onto the field during the innings break. Alongside a string of close finishes, the interruptions added to the challenge of maintaining consistency, but the group remained firmly in the hunt as the season reached its final stretch.

With finals aspirations still alive heading into the last match, the Strikers delivered another spirited performance. Bridget Patterson led from the front with a superb unbeaten 65, guiding the chase deep into the final over in a gripping contest that reflected the team's determination and growth across the season.

However, the result would ultimately not fall their way, with the Strikers edged out by the narrowest of margins — a one-run defeat that saw them fall just short of a finals berth.

While the season did not yield the ultimate reward, it was one defined by resilience, development and emerging talent. Among the many highlights were significant milestones for club stalwarts Bridget Patterson and Amanda-Jade Wellington, who each notched their 150th appearance in Strikers colours — a fitting recognition of their enduring contribution to SA cricket.

WBBL|11 BATTING

	RUNS	AVERAGE	S/R
Laura Wolvaardt	264	44	122.22
Tammy Beaumont	234	26	122.51
Bridget Patterson	192	38.4	144.36

WBBL|11 BOWLING

	WICKETS	AVERAGE	ECONOMY
Darcie Brown	11	21.55	7.65
Amanda-Jade Wellington	8	25.25	6.55
Eleanor Larosa	6	14	7.64

All-rounder Liam Scott celebrates with teammates

BBL

The Adelaide Strikers opened the season in impressive fashion, securing a hard-fought victory over the Sydney Sixers at the SCG — the club's first win at the venue in eight years. English recruit Jamie Overton immediately demonstrated his value as a dynamic all-rounder, while emerging talent Liam Scott signalled his growing stature with a composed and crucial half-century.

The squad faced early challenges in consecutive fixtures, falling short against the Melbourne Stars and Brisbane Heat, despite determined efforts from captain Matt Short. However, the period also saw the exciting emergence of Jerssis Wadia, who made an electrifying debut, blasting 22 runs from his first four deliveries.

The Strikers responded strongly, exacting revenge on the Heat in front of a New Year's Eve crowd of more than 41,000 at Adelaide Oval. Scott again set the tone with an economical 2 for 12 from his four overs, before master blaster Chris Lynn produced a match-winning innings that lit up the ground.

Although the team encountered another setback away to the Perth Scorchers, spin twins Lloyd Pope and Tabraiz Shamsi were a shining light, claiming four and three wickets respectively. The Strikers quickly rebounded at home, with Jamie Overton leading the way with three crucial wickets as they ended the Sydney Thunder's finals hopes.

One of the standout moments of the season came against the Hobart Hurricanes, where Liam Scott produced a superb unbeaten 91, anchoring the innings and further cementing his emergence as a key contributor at BBL level. Despite a brief run of two consecutive losses, the Strikers finished the regular season on a high note, recording a convincing victory over the Melbourne Renegades, highlighted by Shamsi's four-wicket haul.

While they were unable to make finals, there were significant individual achievements to celebrate. Liam Scott and Lloyd Pope were both recognised for their outstanding campaigns, earning selection in the BBL Team of the Tournament — a testament to their impact and the promising future of the squad.

BBL|15 BATTING

	RUNS	AVERAGE	S/R
Liam Scott	310	51.66	139.01
Matthew Short	280	28	132.7
Chris Lynn	178	22.25	134.84

BBL|15 BOWLING

	WICKETS	AVERAGE	ECONOMY
Lloyd Pope	15	19.06	8.17
Jamie Overton	12	18.41	7.36
Hassan Ali	9	25.77	8

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CRICKET MILESTONES

BRENDAN DOGGETT - TEST DEBUT

Brendan Doggett made his Test debut for Australia in the first Ashes Test against England in Perth on 21 November 2025, earning Baggy Green cap No. 472 after an incredible run of form for South Australia.

The South Australian quick wasted no time making an impact, claiming two wickets in England's first innings—including the key scalp of Harry Brook—to finish with impressive figures of 2/27.

Doggett also marked a significant milestone, becoming the third Indigenous man to represent Australia in Test cricket, joining Jason Gillespie and Scott Boland.

LIAM SCOTT - SHEFFIELD SHIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

South Australia allrounder Liam Scott capped off a breakout red-ball season by being named the 2025/26 Sheffield Shield Player of the Year.

The 25-year-old enjoyed a standout campaign, polling 15 votes to top the umpire-judged leaderboard.

Across nine matches, Scott delivered consistently with both bat and ball, compiling 496 runs at an average of 41.33 while also claiming 23 wickets at 25.52.

LIAM SCOTT - ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL DEBUT

Liam Scott earned his maiden call-up for Australia, making his international debut against Bangladesh in Dhaka in June after starring across all formats for South Australia and the Adelaide Strikers.

The emerging all-rounder made an immediate impact, claiming two wickets to help his side gain control of the contest.

JAKE LEHMANN - MEN'S DOMESTIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

Jake Lehmann was named Men's Domestic Player of the Year in early January after helping guide South Australia to its first Sheffield Shield title since 1995/96.

The veteran batsman enjoyed an outstanding Shield campaign, compiling 855 runs at an average of 47.5, including five centuries, while also contributing strongly in the One-Day Cup with 237 runs at just under 40.

His remarkable form was highlighted by an extraordinary run of four consecutive Sheffield Shield centuries, spanning the closing stages of the 2024/25 season—including the Shield Final—and carrying into the opening match of the 2025/26 campaign.

UNDER 19'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Australia claimed the Under-19 Male National Championships title with a commanding victory over Victoria Metro at the WACA in early January.

Opener Hayden Barbulovic top scored with 55 to guide SA to a competitive total of 218, before fast bowler Jarrah Reidy delivered a match-winning performance with the ball.

Reidy tore through the Victorian lineup with remarkable figures of 6/28, earning Player of the Final honours as South Australia secured the championship.

The state's dominance was further recognised with four players—Barbulovic, Jack Appleton, Jay Temme and Lachlan Ranaldo—named in the Team of the Tournament.

South Australian bowler Brendan Doggett debuts for Australia in the Ashes

South Australia's Under 19 team celebrates its National Championship triumph at the WACA.

Chris Lynn celebrates after guiding the Strikers home to a New Year's Eve win

CHRIS LYNN - 4,000 BIG BASH RUNS AND 1,000 RUNS FOR THE ADELAIDE STRIKERS

Chris Lynn etched his name into Big Bash League history during BBL|15, becoming the first player to surpass 4,000 career runs in the competition.

The milestone came in style at Adelaide Oval, with the Strikers powerhouse blasting an unbeaten 79 to guide his side to a commanding New Year's Eve victory.

The master blaster also brought up 1,000 runs for the Adelaide Strikers in the same game, underlining his impact since joining the club and cementing his status as one of the league's most dominant batters.

LLOYD POPE AND LIAM SCOTT - BBL TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT

Strikers duo Liam Scott and Lloyd Pope were named in the BBL|15 Team of the Tournament following outstanding seasons.

All-rounder Liam Scott earned selection as 12th man in his first Team of the Tournament appearance, capping a breakout campaign with both bat and ball.

Pope was named as the side's specialist spinner after claiming 15 wickets across 10 matches at an average of 19.07, including best figures of 4/23 against the Perth Scorchers.

AMANDA-JADE WELLINGTON - 150 GAMES FOR THE ADELAIDE STRIKERS / 100 GAMES FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA / MOST WICKETS OF ALL TIME IN THE WNCL

Amanda-Jade Wellington's outstanding 2025/26 campaign featured multiple record-breaking achievements.

The craft spinner brought up a remarkable 150 appearances for the Adelaide Strikers in their clash with the Brisbane Heat, collecting two important wickets.

The milestone was made even more special given Wellington has featured in every WBBL match in the Strikers' history — a testament to her durability and importance to the side.

Having debuted for South Australia at just 15, Wellington has built a reputation as one of the competition's most consistent and match-winning spinners.

Megan Schutt celebrates international wicket 300 with Australian teammates

Her stellar season also saw her rewrite the WNCL record books. Against the ACT, Wellington surpassed Australian great Lisa Sthalekar to become the competition's all-time leading wicket-taker.

Fittingly, the record-breaking moment came via a catch behind the stumps by long-time teammate Bridget Patterson.

Just one game later, Wellington reached another major milestone, notching 100 matches for South Australia — further underlining her outstanding service and commitment to the state.

BRIDGET PATTERSON - 150 GAMES FOR THE ADELAIDE STRIKERS / MOST GAMES FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Another stalwart of South Australian cricket, Bridget Patterson's contribution to the state has been nothing short of exceptional.

The dynamic wicketkeeper-batter brought up her 150th appearance for the Adelaide Strikers in their clash with the Sydney Sixers, producing a composed and crucial 65 not out that nearly carried her side to victory.

Patterson also etched her name into South Australian history, surpassing Australian legend Karen Rolton to record the most WNCL appearances for the state — a testament to her longevity and consistency at the highest level.

She marked the milestone in style, playing a starring role with a quickfire 42 to guide South Australia past then ladder-leaders New South Wales in a thrilling final-over victory.

MEGAN SCHUTT - 300 INTERNATIONAL WICKETS

Veteran South Australian quick Megan Schutt claimed her 300th international wicket against India in September 2025, becoming just the second Australian woman to reach the milestone, behind Ellyse Perry.

In a moment that brought her journey full circle, she combined with captain and wicketkeeper Alyssa Healy for the historic breakthrough—fittingly alongside the same teammate who took the catch for Schutt's very first international wicket against New Zealand back in 2012.

Ryan Harris poses with his team and SACA staff in front of the iconic scoreboard

STATE AWARDS

The Dansie McCauley Medal Awards capped off another remarkable season for South Australian cricket across both the men's and women's programs. Held at Adelaide Oval, the evening celebrated standout performers and defining moments from an unforgettable year.

Just days after being named Sheffield Shield Final Player of the Match, fast bowler Nathan McAndrew was awarded the Neil Dansie Medal as South Australia's best player. Captain Jemma Barsby was recognised for her outstanding all-round performances and leadership, taking home the Andrea McCauley Medal.

McAndrew's exceptional season across both formats proved pivotal for South Australia. The 32-year-old finished as the state's leading wicket-taker in the Sheffield Shield and the third-highest nationally, claiming 38 wickets at an average of 23.42. He was just as influential in the One-Day Cup, ranking fourth overall with 10 wickets at an impressive average of 13.8.

However, it was the Sheffield Shield Final where McAndrew made his biggest impact, taking six wickets across the match and scoring a crucial 60 runs. In a tight finish, he edged out runner-up Liam Scott (137 votes) and Mackenzie Harvey (125 votes) to claim his first Neil Dansie Medal.

Opener Henry Hunt was named the state's leading run-scorer, receiving the James Irwin Award after amassing 673 runs at an average of 35.4.

Despite finishing second in the Dansie Medal, Liam Scott secured major honours, taking out the Lord Hampden Trophy as the leading Sheffield Shield vote-getter with 108 votes, just ahead of McAndrew's 97. The 25-year-old all-rounder also claimed the Adelaide Strikers BBL MVP following a breakout season, scoring 310 runs at an average of 51.66 and taking seven wickets.

Scott edged out leg spinner Lloyd Pope (30 votes) and English quick Jamie Overton (18 votes), capping off a standout campaign that also earned him selection in the Team of the Tournament alongside Pope. The leg spinner was the Strikers' leading wicket-taker with 15 wickets.

Barsby led from the front throughout the season, playing a key role in South Australia's late surge, where the side won six of its final eight matches. The all-rounder finished with 17 wickets at an average of 29, alongside 328 runs at 41.

On multiple occasions, Barsby stood up in crucial run chases, producing match-winning performances including an unbeaten 42 against Queensland, a composed 33 against Victoria, and a pivotal 40 to defeat previously unbeaten New South Wales.

Batters Courtney Webb (465 runs at 46.5) and Emma de Broughe (313 runs at 28.45) finished second and third in the McCauley Medal voting with 85 and 75 votes respectively.

Amanda-Jade Wellington claimed the South Australian WNCL bowling award, finishing the season with 20 wickets at an average of 26.3.

South African opener Laura Wolvaardt was awarded for her outstanding season, winning the Strikers WBBL MVP after scoring 264 runs at an average of 44. Teammate Darcie Brown finished runner-up, taking a team-high 11 wickets at 21.55.

Dynamic opener Mackenzie Harvey was named the Marsh One-Day Cup MVP, finishing with 112 votes after scoring 322 runs at an average of 53.7.

Nathan McAndrew caps off an incredible season with the Neil Dansie Medal

Jemma Barbsy is presented with the Andrea McCauley Medal

Emerging all-rounder Eleanor Larosa secured her second consecutive Lauren Ebsary Award, recognising her outstanding contributions throughout the WNCL season with both bat and ball. A reliable and consistent performer with the ball, Larosa's season highlight came with the bat, where she guided South Australia to a thrilling one-wicket victory alongside Darcie Brown.

Young quick Campbell Thompson was awarded the Barry Jarman Trophy for Most Improved Player under 25, following his debut appearances in both the Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup. It was with the red ball that the promising fast bowler truly impressed, returning an outstanding two wickets for just 16 runs from his 14 overs against a Queensland side featuring Usman Khawaja.

Conor McInerney received the Barry 'Nugget' Rees Award for consistently demonstrating the values of passion, humility, honesty, integrity, teamwork and respect.

Jemma Barsby also took home the Tegan McPharlin Award for her outstanding leadership and contribution to team culture.

Anne Dubois and Jackson Gillespie were recognised for their outstanding Premier Cricket seasons, named the State Indigenous Female and Male Players of the Year respectively.

NEIL DANSIE MEDAL

Nathan McAndrew

ANDREA MCCAULEY MEDAL

Jemma Barsby

LORD HAMPDEN TROPHY (SHEFFIELD SHIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR)

Liam Scott

ONE-DAY CUP MVP

Mackenzie Harvey

STRIKERS WBBL MVP

Laura Wolvaardt

STRIKERS BBL MVP

Liam Scott

TEGAN MCPHARLIN AWARD (TEAM CULTURE)

Jemma Barsby

BARRY 'NUGGET' REES AWARD (TEAM CULTURE)

Conor McInerney

LAUREN EBSARY AWARD (BEST YOUNG PLAYER)

Eleanor Larosa

BARRY JARMAN AWARD (MOST IMPROVED)

Campbell Thompson

STATE INDIGENOUS FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Anne Dubois

STATE INDIGENOUS MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jackson Gillespie

PETER WANG AWARD (BEST YOUTH PLAYER)

Hayden Schiller

UNDER 19 MALE BATTING

Hayden Barbulovic

UNDER 19 MALE BOWLING

Jay Temme

UNDER 19 FEMALE BATTING

Indira Panelli

UNDER 19 FEMALE BOWLING

Tessie Kennedy and Ava Gaerth

UNDER 17 MALE BATTING

Tait Martin

UNDER 17 MALE BOWLING

Heyman Guru

UNDER 16 FEMALE BATTING

Ivy Hobbs

UNDER 16 FEMALE BOWLING

Riya Gupta and Lillian Thomas

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

Widely regarded as one of the great venues in world cricket, Adelaide Oval opened its international season with a highly-anticipated One Day International against India. Nearly 40,000 fans packed out the ground to witness Indian superstar Virat Kohli, hoping for one final masterclass, but his innings was short-lived as he fell for a duck.

Despite a spirited effort from the explosive Rohit Sharma, Australia's bowlers kept India in check, restricting them to 264. Spinner Adam Zampa was the standout performer, claiming four crucial wickets and earning Player of the Match honours.

In response, Adelaide Strikers captain Matt Short played a pivotal role with the bat, compiling a composed 74 for his country. His steady innings guided Australia through the chase, which they completed eight wickets down to secure a hard-fought victory.

Fast forward two months, and Adelaide Oval once again found itself centre stage—this time hosting one of sport's greatest rivalries, the Ashes. Fresh off a blistering century in the opening Test, fans flocked to the iconic Christmas Test at Adelaide Oval to witness hometown hero Travis Head, eager for another display of his trademark brilliance in front of a passionate South Australian crowd.

While Head played a key role, it was his close friend and South Australian teammate Alex Carey who stole the spotlight early. Carey produced a superb innings, bringing up his third Test century in front of family, friends and a packed Adelaide Oval. He didn't stop there—behind the stumps, Carey was equally influential, taking five catches as Australia dismissed England for 286.

Days three and four then became the Travis Head show. The dynamic left-hander dominated proceedings with a magnificent 170, combining once again with Carey, who added a valuable 72 in a match-defining partnership that put Australia firmly in control.

England mounted a spirited response on the final day. Opener Zak Crawley led the resistance, with wicketkeeper Jamie Smith and the lower order digging in to briefly raise their hopes of an unlikely comeback. However, Australia's relentless bowling attack proved decisive, and it was cult hero Scott Boland who sealed the result—removing Josh Tongue to secure victory and confirm Australia's Ashes triumph.

The moment marked not only a significant on-field achievement, but also a milestone off it. A total of 223,638 fans attended across the Test, setting a new record for the highest-ever crowd at an Adelaide Oval Test match—further cementing the venue's status as one of cricket's most iconic stages.

Rounding out the international summer at Adelaide Oval was another historic moment, as Australian great Ellyse Perry became the first Australian woman to reach 350 international appearances. With the series level at one win apiece, the third and deciding match carried significant weight for both sides.

Former Adelaide Striker Smriti Mandhana made a powerful return to the venue, producing a destructive innings of 82 from just 55 deliveries to propel India to an imposing total of 176. Her aggressive strokeplay set the tone and ultimately proved the difference.

In reply, Ashleigh Gardner provided much-needed resistance for Australia, fighting hard to keep her side in contention. However, despite her efforts, the hosts were unable to match India's efforts, falling short as the visitors claimed victory and the series.

Travis Head and Alex Carey walk off Adelaide Oval arm-in-arm

Carey and Head celebrate after leading Australia to a historic Ashes victory at Adelaide Oval

Australia take to the field against India in an T20I at Adelaide Oval

A record crowd comes through the gates at Adelaide Oval for day three of the Christmas Test

Matt Short raises the bat after compiling a crucial half century for Australia

SACA MEMBERSHIP

The 2025/26 season delivered exceptional outcomes for SACA Membership, with on-field achievements elevating the Member experience to new heights.

The Ashes at Adelaide Oval, coupled with South Australia's historic back-to-back Sheffield Shield triumphs, delivered a season that filled Members with pride and a deep sense of connection. Combined with strategic investment in facilities, improved access and exclusive Member events, satisfaction levels remained extremely high, reflected in a record-breaking renewal retention rate. Membership demand continues to strengthen, cementing SACA as one of the most sought-after sporting memberships in the country and providing a strong foundation for continued growth and investment in South Australian cricket.

SACA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

This season highlighted the diverse ways Members engage with and value their SACA Membership, with the Adelaide Test Match continuing to play a central role in the overall experience.

The 2025/26 renewal campaign delivered the strongest result in the organisation's history, achieving an exceptional retention rate of more than 96 per cent and bringing total Membership to 34,137. Demand continues to grow, with the waitlist now exceeding 9,500 prospective Members—further reinforcing the enduring appeal and value of SACA Membership.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH DAYS

SACA hosted three international matches during the season, including a Men's One Day International against India, the Ashes Christmas Test against England, and a Women's T20 International against India. Each fixture attracted strong crowds and delivered high-quality experiences that reinforced the value of Membership.

The ODI between Australia and India attracted a crowd of 38,440 and marked the first major showcase of several Member-exclusive enhancements. These initiatives included 1,200 additional Members' seats on Level One of the Riverbank Stand, the introduction of the South Gate as a Members-only entry point during men's international matches, and increased wayfinding signage to support easier access. Member feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the improved arrival experience.

The 2025 Adelaide Test Match delivered one of the strongest outcomes in the venue's history, recording a total attendance of 223,638 — the highest ever for a Test at Adelaide Oval and the largest in Australia outside the MCG. Day One alone attracted 56,298 fans, setting a new benchmark as the biggest single-day cricket crowd ever recorded in Adelaide.

Members also enjoyed the largest Village Green to date, featuring an additional entry point, expanded seating, increased shade, and enhanced food and beverage offerings, reinforcing Adelaide Oval's standing as one of the best grounds in world cricket.

Daily Member surveys conducted throughout the Test Match received over 6,500 responses, with results showing an uplift in Member satisfaction. The atmosphere and the Village Green experience were consistently identified as key drivers of positive sentiment.

The international season concluded with the Women's T20 International between Australia and India, which attracted a crowd of 8,923 - rounding out an incredible International calendar of cricket.

SACA thanks all SACA Members for their strong support across a highly successful international season.

Members enjoy the food and beverage offerings of the iconic Village Green

223,638 fans attended the Adelaide Christmas Test between Australia and England

Fans enjoy the action from the comfort of the Village Green.

MEMBER EVENTS

SACA's flagship Summer of Dining went on sale in October and proved extremely popular among Members. The demand for Test Match lunches was particularly strong, with the Ian McLachlan Room and Bodyline Bar events across days one to three selling out within minutes.

A SACA Member Forum was held on 21 February in the Ian McLachlan Room ahead of the Women's T20 International, which was attended by more than 70 Members.

SACA CEO Charlie Hodgson reflected on the success of the Ashes Test Match, outlined improvements implemented throughout the season in response to Member feedback, and highlighted areas for continued focus. Board Member Rebecca Hayes also provided an update on investment in community cricket infrastructure, including progress through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund and planned enhancements at Karen Rolton Oval. The forum prompted constructive discussion and generated valuable Member insights to help inform SACA's strategic priorities.

As South Australia took on Victoria in the Sheffield Shield Final, SACA hosted a Day One viewing function at Karen Rolton Oval, giving Members the chance to come together and watch the action live. Members who attended the match in person were also eligible for a 50 per cent discount on tickets, helping ensure the team had a strong touch of home support as they went into battle. To help commemorate South Australia's historic back-to-back Sheffield Shield titles, Members and fans were invited to join players in Rundle Mall for a special celebration. The event provided a memorable opportunity to congratulate the team in person and view the Shield up close. The milestone was also marked through exclusive Members' merchandise, which was made available for pre-order.

50+ YEAR SACA MEMBER CLUB

SACA proudly welcomed new 50-Year and 65-Year Members at the annual 50+ Member Luncheon, celebrating the loyalty and contribution of our longest-serving Members. Held in the William Magarey Room, the event brought Members together to reflect on cherished cricket memories, hear from SACA representatives, and enjoy a shared lunch, with Day One of the Sheffield Shield match between South Australia and Queensland streamed live at the venue.

During the season, SACA recognised 76 new 50-Year Members and five new 65-Year Members, bringing the total number of 50+ Year Members to 414.

ADELAIDE STRIKERS MATCH DAYS

SACA Members enjoyed access to all Adelaide Strikers home matches, including four Women's Big Bash League fixtures and five men's matches. South Australia was the only state to host a WBBL game at a Tier One venue, with Adelaide Oval welcoming women's cricket at the highest level—reflecting SACA's ongoing investment in and support of the women's game.

For the first time, the Village Green remained open on December 23, giving fans access to the iconic space along with a Strikers Kids Zone and festive Christmas activations.

A highlight of the season was the New Year's Eve match, which attracted a crowd of more than 40,000 and delivered a vibrant match-day atmosphere. Fans were treated to a high-energy live performance from Birds of Tokyo, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display that rang in the new year in style.

LES FAVELL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each season, the Les Favell Foundation generously provides scholarships to young South Australian players — from both regional and metropolitan areas — to help offset the costs of cricket and support their pursuit of playing first-class cricket for South Australia.

This season, nine players were awarded scholarships, supporting their participation across Premier Cricket, SACA Pathway programs, National Championships and Development Squads.

THE 2025-26 SCHOLARS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS ARE:

Hayden Barbulovic – A talented wicket-keeper batsman who was a key member of the successful South Australian Under-19 team that claimed the National Championships. He finished the carnival as South Australia's leading run-scorer, amassing 247 runs at an impressive average of 49.4. Hayden also played all 10 matches in Under-19 Premier Cricket and represented South Australia at the Under-17 National Championships.

Rahul Evuri – A leg-spinning all-rounder, Rahul made his First Grade debut for Glenelg this season. He played a pivotal role in the Glenelg DCC Under-17s' Premier Cricket title triumph in 2025–26, finishing the campaign with 23 wickets at an outstanding average of 9.83.

Tahlia Keylock – Tahlia had a strong season with the ball, highlighted with three five-wicket hauls for Sturt in Women's Premier Cricket. Her consistent performances earned her selection in the South Australian Women's pre-season camp, the SACA Under-19 Female squad, and the SACA Women's Second XI, where she played six of a possible 10 matches during the season.

Matilda Maitland – Matilda was a strong all-round performer in Premier Cricket this season, contributing with both bat and ball. Her campaign was highlighted by two five-wicket hauls and a top score of 48 during the 2025–26 season. These performances earned her selection in the Adelaide Strikers' Spring Challenge and the South Australian Women's squad for pre-season trials. Matilda also featured in all Second XI matches this season, finishing with a total of 13 wickets.

Ilona Melegh – A highly talented athlete, Ilona has balanced commitments across both soccer and cricket this summer. Unfortunately for cricket, her soccer career has taken priority after she signed a two-year contract with Adelaide United. As a result, she was required to forego a contract offer for the Spring Challenge, along with several playing opportunities with the South Australian Under-19 team and the Women's Second XI due to her soccer commitments. We congratulate Ilona on her achievement and wish her every success in her soccer career.

Hayden Schiller – A standout season for Hayden, culminating in his selection in the Australian Men's squad for the ICC Under-19 World Cup in January 2026. An injury-interrupted start to the season saw him miss the Under-19 National Championships; however, his prior performances were enough to secure national selection - going on to take seven wickets across five matches.He finished the season strongly back in South Australia, earning selection in the Men's Second XI and claiming a five-wicket haul in the Division Two First Grade semi-final.

Jarrah Reidy – Jarrah enjoyed a breakout season, making his First Grade debut for Glenelg in both T20 and 50-over cricket, as well as his two-day debut for the SACA Under-19s. He was a key member of the championship-winning South Australian Under-19 men's team, playing an integral role with the ball. Jarrah's season was highlighted by a match-winning performance in the final, where he claimed Player of the Match honours with figures of 6 for 28 against Victoria Country.

Chelsea Shepperd – Chelsea built on her First Grade debut for West Torrens in the 2024–25 season with another strong campaign this year, highlighting her impact with best figures of 3 for 24 from five overs. She was also part of the SACA Female Pathway Carnival and earned selection in the South Australian Women's Country squad, competing at the Australian Country Championships held in the Barossa Valley in early 2026.

Sam White – A fast bowler from Victor Harbor, Sam made his first grade debut for the SACA U19 team in Premier Cricket, taking eight wickets throughout the season. He played First Grade for Sturt in T20 and 50-over cricket, taking eight wickets in six matches.He also represented Sturt in First Grade T20 and 50-over cricket, taking eight wickets across six matches. At just 18 years of age, we look forward to following Sam's development in his final year of Under-19 cricket next season.

On behalf of the 2025-26 scholars we would like to thank the Les Favell Foundation for their generous and ongoing support of the players.

LES FAVELL FOUNDATION COACHING PROGRAM

With the support of the Les Favell Foundation, the SACA Regional Coach Development Program evolved this season into a more targeted, coach-focused initiative. This shift has enabled greater prioritisation of individual coaching development, with learning tailored to each coach's context, experience, and specific growth areas. The long-term vision of the program is to support and strengthen the development of coaches, ultimately creating higher-quality cricket environments for regional players and future Favell Foundation Scholars alike.

Four coaches were involved in the program this year: Andrew Frick, Dan Kerber, David Scarff, and Chris Secker. Each coach had the opportunity to engage in a range of targeted development activities, including:

- Observation of the SACA Men's Sheffield Shield squad during both preview and main training sessions, as they prepared for their final match against Victoria.
- Attendance at the SACA Women's WNCL match against New South Wales at Adelaide Oval, providing valuable insight into match-day coaching and player management. Assistant Coach Nicole Bolton also engaged with the coaches during the innings, sharing her perspectives and experiences.
- Participation in a professional development workshop led by organisational psychologist Tim Ridgway, which focused on emotional intelligence in coaching. The session emphasised self-awareness, communication, and relationship management as critical components of effective coaching practice.

In addition to these experiences, the program was underpinned by the structured support of a dedicated Coach Developer. Throughout the season, Coach Developers worked closely with each coach, observing them in both training and match environments and maintaining regular touchpoints to review progress against individual Coach Development Plans. This approach enabled:

- Contextualised feedback based on real observations
- Ongoing, individualised support through regular coach–developer engagement
- Stronger alignment between development goals and practical coaching behaviours

The four Coach Developers involved in the program—Kim Harris, Gary Hayes, Peter Warnes, and Grant Wyman—worked under the guidance of Ashley Ross and did a tremendous job in ensuring the quality and impact of the coach development experience. We sincerely thank all involved for their time, commitment, and efforts throughout the season.

While support has continued to be provided to coaches at the SACA Country Cups, this has now been positioned as a supplementary element rather than the cornerstone of coach development, as it has been in recent seasons. In the lead-up to both the male and female carnivals, SACA staff facilitated two online coach development workshops and were also present on the ground during the carnivals to engage directly with coaches. A key objective of this engagement is to identify coaches who may be well suited for future involvement in the Coach Development Program.

The continued investment in the program, combined with its revised structure, is delivering a more connected and impactful development experience for regional coaches. Through elite exposure, personalised support, and targeted professional learning, the program is building more capable, skilled, and confident coaches across regional South Australia.

Matilda Maitland enjoyed a dominant season with bat and ball for Sturt

Rahul Evuri at the crease for Glenelg.

Coach Ryan Harris providing feedback to his players

COACHING

Community coaches across South Australia have continued to receive strong support through face-to-face engagement, particularly in the completion of formal certifications, skill-specific masterclass sessions, Australian Cricketers' Association sessions, and informal coach development activities.

Throughout the 2025/26 season, SACA's Community Coach Specialist connected directly with more than 500 community coaches, reinforcing a commitment to accessible, personalised development opportunities.

In addition to in-person support, coaches were regularly engaged through a range of digital resources, including newsletters, podcasts, articles, and online materials delivered directly to their inboxes, ensuring ongoing learning and connection throughout the season.

COACH EDUCATION

New and experienced coaches were supported to achieve their coaching accreditations through a series of targeted sessions delivered across regions, clubs and associations. These sessions incorporated updates on the Modern Coach Approach and covered best practice in creating positive environments, effective coaching and player development.

Coaches completed online modules, followed by a face-to-face session to achieve their certification. To maximise attendance and strengthen engagement with SACA coaching personnel, these in-person components were aligned with season launch nights, alongside dedicated sessions for female coaches and emerging young coaches.

Following stakeholder feedback, an Advanced Coaching Course was delivered ahead of the season, with more than 25 coaches from across South Australia in attendance. While a planned session in Naracoorte was cancelled, increased demand later in the year led to an additional course being held in November at Lyndoch Oval in the Barossa.

This season, 14 coaches completed the Representative Coaching Course, designed for those working — or aspiring to work — within Premier Cricket and SACA Pathway Programs. The course was supported by SACA full-time staff, who delivered sessions alongside Kensington Women's Head Coach Jamie Panelli and former SACA player and Pathways Coach Cameron Williams.

Four of our High-Performance coaches participated in a Cricket Australia Leadership Development Program at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane in early May. Mark Eichler (SA Women's Assistant Coach), Steven Crook (SA Men's Assistant Coach), Shannon Tubb (State Men's Academy Head Coach) and Graeme Beghin (High-Performance Head Coach – Female Pathway) all benefited from the learning and connection opportunities established during and following the program. Sarah Lowe (Kensington Assistant Coach / SACA Female Pathway

Assistant Coach) participated in the Cricket Australia High-Performance (formerly Level 3) Coaching Program held in June at the National Cricket Centre.

Sarah's playing experience and emerging coaching talent are of great value in strengthening coaching capability within South Australian cricket, and we look forward to seeing her coaching journey continue to develop in the years ahead.

COACH DEVELOPMENT

During the 2025/26 season, a number of Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) Past Players — including Peter George, Aaron O'Brien, Wayne Phillips, Bailey Capel, Mark Harrity, Kelvin Smith, Neisha Iles, Kylie Rattray, Rhianna Peate, Jake Winter, Ketelyn Pope, Jake Carder, Dan Cullen, Ange Treloar, Sarah Lowe and Nicole Bolton — engaged with the Game Development Program.

Masterclass sessions provided coaches with the opportunity to develop their coaching practice in a live training environment. Junior players were invited to participate across a range of disciplines, creating a real-game context for learning. These sessions were led by ACA Past Players, allowing coaches to observe, reflect on, and learn from different coaching approaches.

Players also shared their knowledge and experience with community members through practical, skill-based sessions delivered at various locations. Masterclasses were held across both metropolitan and regional areas, including Strathalbyn and Park 25.

ACA players also supported coaches of the State Representative teams in the lead-up to their respective championships — including the National Cricket Inclusion Championships and National Indigenous Championships — by providing guidance and insights into T20 formats.

In addition to these initiatives, Premier Cricket coaches were provided with several development opportunities throughout the season:

- Australian Men's Assistant Coach Andre Borovec shared insights into his coaching journey and philosophy, highlighting his progression from Premier Cricket in Melbourne to the Australian men's team.
- Eight Premier Cricket coaches had the opportunity to observe the Adelaide Strikers WBBL program, including team meetings and match days across two games, providing valuable insight into elite preparation. Sincere thanks to Luke Williams, Cassie Boak and the Strikers coaching team for facilitating this opportunity.
- SA Men's Head Coach Ryan Harris and Assistant Coach Stephen Stubbings presented to Premier Cricket coaches ahead of the 2025–26 season, outlining the changes implemented during the previous year and how these contributed to a historic season for South Australia, culminating in Sheffield Shield and One Day Cup titles.
- Female coaches in Premier Cricket continue to connect through learning opportunities and share experiences in both formal and informal settings, including the LeadHERship Program, with planning underway to develop a bespoke leadership program tailored to this valued group and supported by the SACA People & Culture department.
- Our High Performance coaches continue to build capability in knowledge and skills through Individual Coach Development Plans, developed using a range of self-reflection, formal profiling and feedback tools. These plans outline individualised goals and strategies, enabling a targeted approach to personal development. Learning opportunities have included working with Dr Sian Barris at the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) on learning design and athlete understanding, public speaking workshops focused on planning and delivering information to small groups and teams, observing coaching practices, previews and reviews across other sports including the AFL, and engaging in Communities of Practice hosted by SASI and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

Our coaching team has been working closely with Cricket Australia regarding program design, facilitation and the implementation of the new learning management system for the 2026-27 season. We are excited to see how a new integrated learning system can help improve coaching experience.

In addition, SACA partnered with Cricket Australia to host the Coaching Summit at Adelaide Oval in May, where participants explored contemporary coaching methods designed to enhance engagement, motivation and player development.

Batting coach Stephen Stubbings chats to opener Henry Hunt

Women's head coach Mick Delaney watches on at training

Coach Ryan Harris and former Australian Diamonds Captain Natalie von Bertouch speaking at the SACA in Business event at SkyCity

SACA IN BUSINESS

SACA In Business plays a pivotal role in bringing together South Australia's business community, offering a platform where leaders, decision-makers and influential organisations can connect in meaningful and commercially valuable ways. Built on the understanding that relationships are central to business success, the program fosters purposeful, long-term connections.

Over the past financial year, SACA In Business has continued to strengthen its position as a leading business network by curating experiences that prioritise quality interactions and shared value. Its program has been shaped to support members in expanding their networks, generating new opportunities and reinforcing existing relationships in an environment that blends professionalism with authenticity. Since the program's inception over 500 connections across 20 industries have been facilitated, generating millions of dollars in business and trade for members.

A curated series of events formed the foundation of this year's program, spanning intimate gatherings through to larger-scale experiences. Each was designed to promote meaningful conversation and the exchange of ideas. Highlights included events at leading South Australian venues such as the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Rose Garden Pavilion, SkyCity Adelaide, SACA's Village Green during the Adelaide Ashes Test week, and Yakisan.

These occasions provided members with access to influential voices from across business, sport and government, offering perspectives that informed, challenged and inspired.

Guest speakers throughout the year reflected a diverse mix of leadership and elite performance, featuring voices from government and industry including Joe Szakacs MP, Hitaf Rasheed, Jamie McClurg and Nick Addison, alongside champion athletes such as Kyle Chalmers, Nat von Bertouch, Ryan Harris, Michael Clarke, Jemma Barsby and Spencer Johnson.

Their contributions reinforced the program's ability to deliver insight-driven experiences that resonate with members and add tangible value.

Premium hospitality remained a defining feature of the offering, with members accessing exclusive experiences across AFL and BBL seasons at Adelaide Oval. These moments provided a distinctive backdrop for client engagement and team recognition, reinforcing the unique intersection of business and sport that sets SACA In Business apart.

With continued growth and a sharpened focus, SACA In Business remains committed to delivering value for its members. As the network expands, the program is well positioned to build on its momentum—evolving its offering, extending its reach and driving meaningful connections and business outcomes across South Australia.

Former Australian captain Michael Clarke speaks at SACA in Business Ashes lunch on the Village Green

Flinders University students get hands on experience at a WBBL game at Karen Rolton Oval

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

The Diploma in Sports Management (Cricket) is designed to equip students with practical skills, industry knowledge and real-world experience, providing a clear pathway into careers within the sporting sector. Through a combination of academic learning and hands-on application, the program builds a strong understanding of how a professional sporting organisation operates and delivers major events.

Delivered across both Adelaide Oval and Flinders University's city campus, the one-year program gives students unique access to the inner workings of SACA. A defining feature is its immersive structure, with students completing 100 hours of practical experience across multiple departments. This includes unparalleled behind-the-scenes involvement in match days at Adelaide Oval, contributing to the delivery of key fixtures across the Big Bash League, Women's Big Bash League and domestic competitions.

Students develop a broad understanding of how core functional areas—including media, match day operations, data analytics and commercial partnerships—work together to create a high-quality, fan-facing product. Simulation-based coursework further strengthens this knowledge, challenging students to plan and deliver event concepts in a practical environment.

Direct engagement with SACA staff provides valuable exposure to a wide range of career pathways, supported by guest presentations from leaders across marketing and communications, commercial, events and membership. In addition, students gain firsthand experience by working alongside operational teams at major events, enhancing both their industry insight and professional confidence.

The program continues to deliver strong outcomes, with 73 per cent of the cohort securing meaningful employment opportunities with SACA during the year.

Coming into its third installment, the program has established a solid foundation for future intakes, underlining the importance of industry-integrated education in shaping the next generation of sports professionals.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

SACA continued to embed meaningful reconciliation outcomes across the organisation, with significant progress made toward endorsement of a second term Innovate RAP, intended to strengthen and extend our impact.

Throughout the year, we recognised key national dates,including NAIDOC Week 2025 and National Reconciliation Week 2026. Staff and players were supported to deepen their cultural understanding and awareness through a range of learning opportunities, including participation in a Reconciliation Australia RAP Learning Circle and immersive virtual reality experience exploring Kaurna Country.

SACA delivered a series of First Nations Round activations across the WBBL and BBL competitions, recognising the rich heritage of cricket as a shared cultural space and its enduring role in bringing together First Nations knowledge, storytelling and community connection.

Led by Uncle Moogy Sumner AM, pre-match smoking ceremonies provided a strong and respectful connection to Country, while First Nations artist Steven Warrior performed the bat flip at the BBL match. Steven's designs again featured on our WBBL and BBL uniforms, and his canvas artwork was presented as part of a cultural gift exchange.

Cultural exchange extended beyond match day, with WBBL players and staff participating in a traditional smoking ceremony led by Harley Hall and his family from Ngrakani Dreaming. This was followed by basket-weaving workshops delivered by Mardawi Aboriginal Corporation.

The BBL program featured a yidaki session alongside a smoking ceremony and a shared experience of traditional food preparation over fire, including fish and kangaroo. Led once again by Ngrakani Dreaming, these activities provided meaningful opportunities to connect through culture, story and practice.

Significant milestones were also achieved in our ongoing commitment to community connection, including two visits to the APY Lands in partnership with Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC). These visits were the first in almost a decade and created a strong foundation for improved connection and strengthened community relationships.

These initiatives, alongside continued investment in cultural awareness and engagement, reflect SACA's commitment to creating lasting, respectful relationships and ensuring cricket remains a game for all. We look forward to building on this momentum as we progress toward endorsement and implementation of our second term Innovate RAP, further strengthening our commitment to meaningful and lasting reconciliation.

Adelaide Strikers players Eleanor Larosa and Ella Wilson model the First Nations kit designed by artist Steven Warrior.

PREMIER CRICKET

The West End Men's Two-Day competition features four grades, with the First Grade split into two divisions. Clubs also compete in the West End One-Day Cup and West End Twenty20 Cup, providing players with opportunities to showcase their talents across all formats of the game.

For the third consecutive season, First Grade Two-Day cricket was divided into Division One and Division Two, with SACA's Under-19 Academy team competing in the lower division. Operating under a promotion and relegation system, the structure increased competitive pressure across the season and ensured matches carried meaningful outcomes, contributing to a consistently high standard of play.

Running alongside the men's fixtures, the Kookaburra Women's Competition is contested across First and Second Grade, with matches played in both One-Day and T20 formats.

The 2025/26 season also saw the continuation of the revised junior boys' structure, featuring four age-group competitions: Under 13s (Ray Sutton Shield), Under 14s, Under 15.5s and Under 17s. The Boys Under 18 Shield continued alongside the Girls Under 18 Youth Premier League, providing clear development pathways for emerging players. The Under 15 Girls competition again proved a highlight, offering an important entry point for young female cricketers into Premier Cricket.

The 2025/26 Women's Premier Cricket season produced a number of highlights, with Glenelg and Kensington claiming premiership success across the various grades and formats. Kensington secured the T20 West End Cup and Two-Day premierships, while West Torrens claimed the One-Day Cup.

SACA acknowledges and thanks Lion, the parent company of West End, and Kookaburra for their continued support of the Men's and Women's Premier Cricket competitions.

WEST END MEN'S FIRST GRADE DIVISION ONE FINAL

Adelaide set the tone early in a gripping two-day contest, posting a competitive 293 on day one under the leadership of Samuel Scrimgeour, who top-scored with a composed 84. He was well supported by Suraj Rajesh (59) and Thomas Mangelsen (57), whose counter-attacking approaches proved vital at key stages in building a strong total. With the ball, Kensington's Lloyd Pope delivered a defining performance, repeatedly breaking Adelaide partnerships and preventing the total from getting out of reach. His sustained impact across key spells ultimately earned him Player of the Match honours.

Day two developed into a tense battle, with Kensington tasked with batting out time under sustained pressure from Adelaide. Opener Henry Dall (62) provided a strong foundation, before Harry Matthias (70) produced an instrumental innings to steady proceedings. Young gun Jaikar Singh (45) added further resilience in the middle order, absorbing pressure and crucially running down the clock.

Refusing to relent, Adelaide's Rishu Sharma claimed three important wickets, striking at critical moments and threatening to swing the game in his side's favour. However, in an extraordinary finish, Kensington survived the final ball of the match to secure a draw — and with it, the Division One Premiership.

The manner in which the title was secured was a fitting reflection of Kensington's season. To clinch a premiership on the final delivery ensured the match will be remembered as one of the most remarkable conclusions in the club's history.

Glenelg's Jake Winter at the crease

WEST END MEN'S FIRST GRADE DIVISION TWO FINAL

The Men's Division Two Grand Final was decided on day one, with Glenelg delivering a dominant all-round performance to defeat Adelaide University and claim the premiership.

Adelaide University was put under immediate pressure by Glenelg's bowling attack and was dismissed for just 77. Glenelg's bowlers set the tone early and never allowed Adelaide Uni to build any momentum, striking regularly and forcing errors through sustained pressure. Spearing their efforts with the ball was Marcus Lee, who finished with remarkable figures of six wickets for just 28 runs, including seven maidens, from his 16.3 overs. His efforts were well supported by Tom Wilkinson and Jesse Arthur, who ensured wickets fell consistently from both ends. Their dominance with the ball was reflected in only two Adelaide University players reaching double figures.

In reply, Glenelg chased down the modest target with ease, led by an unbeaten half century from Isaac Higgins. He was well supported by Jake Winter, whose aggressive 69 from just 50 balls, featuring four sixes, ensured Glenelg surged to victory within a single day.

The dominant win was a fitting conclusion to a strong and consistent season for Glenelg. Securing the Division Two premiership inside a single day was a powerful statement and a thoroughly deserved reward for their season-long excellence.

KOOKABURRA WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE FINAL

Glenelg made history by clinching their first Women's First Grade premiership, defeating Kensington in an entertaining, high-scoring final at Karen Rolton Oval. Kensington got off to a blistering start, surging to 111 just two down on the back of some clean hitting from opener Eliza Doddridge (44). However, momentum swung sharply as Glenelg's Seahorses fought back in emphatic fashion, ripping through the middle order with five wickets for just 28 runs. Pace spearhead Ella Wilson led the charge with a superb spell, claiming 4 wickets from her 10 overs, while promising young spinner Riya Gupta provided excellent support with three wickets of her own to keep Kensington under pressure. Despite the collapse, Kensington showed resilience. Captain and veteran Sarah Lowe anchored the innings with a composed half-century, while Shae Daly added a crucial 41 to steady the ship. Their efforts ensured the Browns recovered strongly to post a competitive total of 226, setting up an intriguing contest.

Kensington quick Courtney Neale struck an early blow with the ball, removing the dangerous Ellie Johnston in the opening over to put Glenelg immediately under pressure. Despite the setback, the Seahorses steadied through a crucial partnership between Eleanor Larosa and Kate Peterson. The pair combined brilliantly to keep the chase on track, with Larosa contributing a valuable 40, while Peterson played a standout innings of 73, anchoring the middle overs and shifting momentum back Glenelg's way. From there, Courtney Webb took control of the chase, producing a composed and match-winning performance. Her unbeaten 71 guided the Bays home with confidence, earning her the Jill Kennare Player of the Match award in a well-deserved recognition of her match-winning performance.

KOOKABURRA WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE TWENTY20

Kensington produced a dominant performance in the Kookaburra Women's First Grade Twenty20 Cup Final, defeating Adelaide by 116 runs to claim the title in emphatic fashion.

Kensington's top order set the tone, led by Bridget Patterson's aggressive 67 from 43 deliveries and a composed 51 from Eliza Doddridge. Maddie Penna added the finishing touches with a rapid 32 from 20 balls, providing late acceleration to lift the total to an imposing 5/165.

Adelaide struggled to gain momentum in reply against a disciplined Kensington bowling attack, with wickets falling at regular intervals. Shae Daly led the charge with three wickets, while Courtney Neale claimed two. Veteran Sarah Lowe also played a key role with an economical spell that helped maintain pressure throughout the innings, as Adelaide were bowled out for just 49.

The result capped an outstanding Twenty20 campaign for Kensington, showcasing depth across all departments and a clinical performance on the biggest stage of the season. For her match-defining innings, Bridget Patterson was deservedly awarded Player of the Match.

WEST END MEN'S TWENTY20 CUP FINAL

Fresh off their women's premiership triumph, Kensington continued their winning run in the West End Men's Twenty20 Cup with a composed 15-run victory over West Torrens. After early setbacks, Jake Lehmann and Alex Ross turned the contest with a brilliant 131-run stand. Lehmann's steady 72 provided the foundation, while Ross lit up the innings with a blistering unbeaten 73 from 39 balls, peppered with five sixes, helping power their side to 171.

West Torrens launched a spirited chase in reply, led by Jake Fraser-McGurk's quickfire 39 from just 21 balls. He was well supported by Daniel Drew, who compiled 46, and Kelvin Smith, who added valuable runs. However, Kensington proved too strong through the middle and closing overs, with Wesley Agar and Cameron Fatchen claiming two wickets apiece to help restrict West Torrens to 156.

The victory capped an impressive Twenty20 campaign for Kensington, with the Lehmann–Ross partnership proving decisive in the Grand Final. Ross was ultimately awarded Player of the Match for his clean striking at the top of the order.

WEST END MEN'S ONE-DAY CUP FINAL

In a highly-anticipated rematch of the Twenty20 Cup Final, West Torrens went head-to-head with Kensington in the West End Men's One-Day Cup Grand Final.

The Browns struggled to build momentum from the outset against a disciplined and well-executed West Torrens bowling attack, with wickets falling at regular intervals. James Reuther led the charge superbly with four wickets, while Deakin Murphy provided strong support with three, as the Eagles maintained relentless pressure throughout the innings. Their combined efforts proved decisive, restricting Kensington to a modest 122 and leaving West Torrens with a manageable target in the decider.

In reply, West Torrens made light work of the chase, losing just one wicket as they hunted down the total with minimal fuss. Opener Bailey Capel steadied the innings after an early setback, producing a composed, match-winning half century, well supported by Ryan Hackney, as the Eagles cruised to a nine-wicket victory.

The result capped an impressive One-Day Cup campaign for West Torrens, underlining their consistency and dominance across the competition. For his outstanding spell that set up the win, James Reuther was deservedly awarded the Rob Zadow Player of the Match Medal.

ROLTON MEDAL

Kensington captain Sarah Lowe was crowned the Rolton Medallist for the second consecutive season, securing back-to-back honours and claiming her fourth Rolton Medal overall. Having previously won the award in 2016/17 and 2020/21, Lowe's latest triumph highlights her sustained excellence across multiple seasons.

She produced another outstanding campaign, once again showcasing her all-round quality with consistent contributions in both disciplines. With the bat, Lowe featured in 12 innings, amassing 348 runs at an average of 31.64, while her impact with the ball was equally impressive, collecting 11 wickets at an average of 23.27.

BRADMAN MEDAL

Adelaide's Noah McFadyen was crowned the Bradman Medallist for the second consecutive season, further cementing his status as one of the competition's premier all-rounders.

Appointed captain prior to the season, McFadyen led Adelaide with distinction, consistently setting the tone and delivering in crucial moments. His impact was highlighted in the semi-final against Sturt, where he produced a remarkable spell of 9/38, one of the standout performances of the summer.

Across nine matches, McFadyen scored 512 runs at an average of 51.20, including two centuries and three half-centuries, with a highest score of 152.

But it was with the ball that he truly excelled, claiming 35 wickets at an average of 15.14 while conceding runs at a miserly economy rate of 2.48. He carried a significant workload, bowling 214 overs and delivering 54 maidens, underlining both his durability and consistency.

Adding further significance to the achievement is a strong family connection, with McFadyen emulating his father, who won the Bradman Medal in 1990/91 with Port Adelaide. Noah's back-to-back triumph places him in rare company and highlights a remarkable continuation of cricketing excellence across generations.

Kensington's Sarah Lowe won the Rolton Medal after an incredible season

Adelaide's Noah McFadyen took out the Bradman Medal for an outstanding all-round season

COMMUNITY CRICKET

SACA maintained a strong focus on engaging children aged five to 12 in cricket throughout the 2025/26 season, with a particular emphasis on sustainable, club-based programs and competitions. This approach aligns with the current Australian Cricket strategy, which commenced in 2021/22 and recognises that more than 90 per cent of participants begin playing the game before the age of 12.

In 2025/26, 6,202 South Australian children developed fundamental cricket skills through Woolworths Cricket Blast. While overall participation declined slightly, registrations in club-based programs increased by 8 per cent compared to 2024/25. This represents total growth of 31 per cent in club-based participation since the commencement of the strategy, significantly exceeding the national average growth of 4 per cent over the same period. Junior cricket participation reached a record high across 2025/26, with 9,161 unique participants—an increase of 6 per cent year-on-year.

Results from the National Community Cricket Survey highlight an increased focus on improving the experience of coaches, match officials and volunteers who support the game, recognising their critical role in participant retention through the creation of welcoming, safe and enjoyable environments.

Net Promoter Scores (NPS) have improved compared to 2024/25 and were consistently above the national average across most categories.

PARTICIPATION

SCHOOL VISIT PROGRAM

Across Terms Three and Four of 2025, the Community Cricket team delivered 186 school visits across metropolitan and regional South Australia, engaging nearly 27,000 primary school students. Most of these activations were delivered within an intensive seven-week period toward the end of Term Four, demonstrating the team's capacity to execute a high volume of high-quality engagements within a short timeframe.

These sessions were led by our exceptional Casual Cricket Officers, who delivered dynamic 45–60-minute programs designed to inspire the next generation of cricketers while promoting participation opportunities within local community clubs.

From early August to late October, Woolworths Cricket Blast programs were promoted in schools through targeted activations and promotional flyers, generating strong engagement across participating communities. This activity was further amplified by the 'Design Your Own Bat Sticker' competition, which attracted more than 1,800 entries from young participants.

The competition winner, Braxton from Riverton in regional South Australia, was rewarded with a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the New Year's Eve Big Bash League (BBL) match between the Adelaide Strikers and Brisbane Heat. As part of his prize, Braxton took part in both the pre-match clinic and the Blast Squad experience, offering him the opportunity to be involved in the match-day atmosphere at Adelaide Oval.

In a memorable highlight, Braxton was presented with a life-sized version of his winning bat sticker design by Adelaide Strikers player Harry Nielsen ahead of the match. He and his family were also treated to the game with a Gold Family Pass, making it a truly special and memorable experience.

School Visit Program flyers also incorporated a QR code linking to free and discounted W/BBL ticket offers, resulting in 957 individual redemptions. This strong uptake highlights the effectiveness of the program in driving attendance and inspiring the next generation of cricket players and fans.

Junior cricketers take part in a clinic on Adelaide Oval

South Australian players Harry Nielsen, Liam Scott, Wes Agar and Nathan McSweeney pass on their skills to students at Rosary Primary

ADELAIDE STRIKERS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Adelaide Strikers Holiday Programs were delivered at 15 locations across metropolitan and regional South Australia in 2025/26.

Held primarily through January, these programs are an entry-level offering for children aged five to 10 years old, allowing participants to be introduced to batting, bowling and fielding through fun, modified games and activities.

Each program was run as a single day offering – a deliberate shift away from multi-day programs previously delivered – with small groups of 10-12 participants coached by one of our enthusiastic Casual Cricket Officers. These smaller groups created a supportive team environment and allowed for more personalised coaching and guidance.

A total of 337 participants registered across metropolitan and regional locations, representing a decrease compared to previous seasons. While programs at Adelaide Oval, Grange, Unley, Port Lincoln and Payneham continued to achieve strong and consistent participation, alternative venues will be explored ahead of the 2026/27 season to help drive future growth.

Building on the success of its pilot the previous year, the All-Girls Colour Bash program was delivered again in April, attracting 34 participants and continuing to provide a fun, inclusive entry point for girls into the game.

Due to the scheduling of the Test Match and BBL fixtures, Adelaide Strikers Junior Masterclasses were delivered in January and the April school holidays. The January sessions attracted approximately 70 participants across two days and received positive feedback from both coaches and participants on the enhanced format, which incorporated both the mental and physical aspects of the game.

While overall participation was lower than in previous years, the Masterclasses continue to provide a unique and valuable opportunity for participants to develop specialised skills and explore advanced tactics outside of their club environment.

In addition, small group sessions were trialled in regional areas, including the Eyre Peninsula, alongside the Adelaide Strikers Holiday Program in Streaky Bay. These sessions proved popular with participants and will be expanded to additional locations as part of the 2026/27 program delivery.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

SACA continued to deliver its school excursion program in 2025/26, providing students from across South Australia with the opportunity to attend One Day and Sheffield Shield matches at Adelaide Oval.

The initiative combines structured match day activities, cricket clinics, and player engagement opportunities, designed to strengthen students' connection to the game while offering exposure to an elite sporting environment.

A total of 24 schools and 1,085 students attended across three days of the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland in October 2025. As part of the experience, students participated in player signing sessions with South Australian men's and women's state players.

A highlight of the excursion saw each school take part in a group photograph on the field in front of the Adelaide Oval scoreboard during a scheduled break in play, creating a memorable and immersive match-day experience.

Demand for these experiences continues to increase year-on-year, reflecting strong school interest in immersive sport-based learning experiences. Looking ahead, a focus will be to better connect these students with opportunities to engage in cricket within their local community.

SMASH CRICKET

SMASH Cricket was piloted across the country for a second season, with the social, modified and fast format focused on re-engaging lapsed participants and attracting women and girls to the game. In 2025/26, over 275 participants engaged in the program in South Australia.

SACA delivered a SMASH School Cup at Victoria Park in Term One, featuring 17 teams of Year Five and Six students from eight schools across both boys' and girls' divisions. This format was successfully replicated across metropolitan and regional South Australia, receiving positive feedback from participating schools for its engaging and inclusive approach.

Brighton Cricket Club also hosted a four-week SMASH Cricket program for 24 senior women, alongside a junior program which attracted 18 participants. Many of those who engaged with the program were family members of current players, highlighting the opportunity for SMASH Cricket to be expanded across other community clubs in future seasons. Gaza Cricket Club was another that benefited from a SMASH Cricket program in Term Two, 2026, with 14 participants supporting the development of their junior program. Adelaide Nepalese Cricket Association delivered a women's Friendship Cup in the SMASH Cricket format, with four teams playing in a fortnightly competition throughout the season.

Scott Young was awarded the Vince Copley Player of the Aboriginal Cricket Carnival

Salisbury Primary School students attend a Woolworths Cricket Blast clinic

Teams across the state come together for the Aboriginal Cricket Carnival

Aspiring cricketers hone their skills at a Little Strikers clinic at the Reynella Cricket Club."

A SPORT FOR ALL

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CRICKET

Across Woolworths Cricket Blast programs, participation among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children increased, with the most notable growth occurring in the northern metropolitan and northern country regions.

A key highlight of the season was SACA's return to the APY Lands for the first time since 2016. Delivered in partnership with the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC), the program engaged approximately 120 students across five schools, from pre-school through to Year 12, strengthening connections with community and introducing cricket in an engaging way. Following the success of our 2025 trip, SACA staff returned to the region in May 2026 to deliver clinics across the region, including Pipalyatjara - almost 20 kilometres from the Western Australian border.

The visit established a strong foundation for future community engagement and the expansion of cricket programs, including an ongoing connection with Wiltja Boarding in Adelaide. Throughout the season, students from Wiltja Boarding participated in a range of cricket activities, including involvement in the Barefoot Circle at the WBBL First Nations Round match.

ABORIGINAL JUNIOR CRICKET ACADEMY

The Aboriginal Junior Cricket Academy continued with 16 young people extending their cricket skills throughout specialist coaching sessions. The program celebrated a significant milestone with its first victory over Rostrevor College in the annual fixture. Players also experienced a memorable opportunity to join BBL athletes in the Barefoot Circle prior to the First Nations Round match.

FIRST NATIONS ROUND

Cricket in South Australia proudly celebrated the First Nations Round across all levels of the game this summer. From 28 November to 7 December 2025, the South Australian Men's team, Adelaide Strikers WBBL, SACA Premier Cricket clubs, and community clubs and schools recognised and celebrated the history and influence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in cricket.

More than 16 community clubs marked the occasion in meaningful ways, with many participating in the First Nations Round for the first time. Initiatives included incorporating First Nations artwork on stumps and uniforms, as well as coming together for a Barefoot Circle. This powerful tradition invites players to remove their shoes before the match, creating a physical connection to the land and showing respect to the Traditional Owners of Country on which they play.

THINK! ROAD SAFETY ABORIGINAL CRICKET CARNIVAL

The Aboriginal Cricket Carnival welcomed THINK! Road Safety as presenting partner this summer. Held over the March long weekend, the two-day event brought Aboriginal communities from across South Australia together to celebrate culture, connection and cricket.

The carnival commenced on Sunday 8 March at West Beach Playing Fields on Kaurna Country, where Uncle Mickey O'Brien conducted a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony before play began. Matches concluded the following day at Gladys Elphick Park, with games played across both Karen Rolton Oval and Park 25.

Eight teams competed across two pools in a T20 format, including Flinders, Point Pearce, Kaurna, Gerard, Koonibba, Port Lincoln, Ngarrindjeri Swans and Narungga. The carnival was well attended, with competitive matches enjoyed by players and supporters alike.

The tournament culminated in a Grand Final between Point Pearce and Port Lincoln at Karen Rolton Oval, where Point Pearce claimed victory, providing a strong and fitting conclusion to a successful celebration of Aboriginal cricket.

Key highlights from the competition included:

- Grand Final: Point Pearce 4/143 defeated Port Lincoln 8/129
- Fielding Award: James O'Laughlin (Koonibba), Theissen Cairns (Koonibba) and Kym McDonald (Kaurna) – three catches each
- Leading Wicket Taker: Scott Young (Port Lincoln) – 10 wickets at an average of 1.70
- Leading Run Scorer: Jason Smedley (Gerard) – 95 runs at an average of 47.40
- Vince Copley Player of the Carnival: Scott Young (Port Lincoln)

DISABILITY CRICKET

Throughout the season, SACA continued to deliver high-quality programs for people with disabilities, contributing to increased participation in the Woolworths Cricket Blast program.

Our ongoing partnerships with Secondary School Sport SA and the Centres for Deaf Education have delivered exceptional cricket experiences, while fostering meaningful pathways for students. SACA also continues to work closely with Blind Cricket SA, which in April celebrated a significant milestone—100 years since the first interstate blind cricket match between South Australia and Victoria.

INCLUSIVE CRICKET LEAGUE

The SACA Inclusive Cricket League provides an accessible entry point for people living with disability to participate in cricket. The competition expanded in 2025/26, with Adelaide Lutheran Sports Club joining established programs at Athelstone, Eyre Royals, Goodwood, Para Hills and Reynella Cricket Clubs.

The six clubs competed across a 10-round home-and-away T20 season, with matches primarily scheduled on Sunday afternoons.

For the 2025/26 season, administration of the Inclusive Cricket League transitioned to the Competitions function within SACA's Community Cricket department, further embedding the competition as a core program.

SACA continues to see strong interest from additional clubs seeking to join the Inclusive Cricket League in 2026/27. Future priorities include identifying a club to service Adelaide's western suburbs and exploring the introduction of a second division utilising the Smash Cricket format.

MULTICULTURAL CRICKET

South Australia's multicultural community is strongly represented across participation rates at all age levels. Through the Woolworths Community Fund, more than 350 children from multicultural backgrounds were supported with access to a high-quality, no-cost introduction to cricket.

SACA strengthened its partnership with the Department for Education – International Student Services, attending two Student Welcome and Induction events throughout the year. Approximately 1,400 new students were engaged, receiving information, opportunities to connect with peers, and an introduction to cricket.

Throughout the year, SACA also participated in community events that celebrated cultural diversity and promoted cricket opportunities, including the Hindu Council of Australia SA Branch's Deepavali Mela and the Adelaide Pakistanis Multicultural Group Food and Sports Gala.

Point Pearce takes out the Aboriginal Cricket Carnival at Karen Rolton Oval

WOMEN & GIRLS CRICKET

The 2025/26 season focused on expanding the Strikers Girls Cricket League across both metropolitan and regional areas, alongside significantly growing the Little Strikers program as a key transition from Woolworths Cricket Blast to junior cricket. A strong presence was also maintained in schools through Growing Cricket for Girls funded programs and Woolworths Pop-Up Blast initiatives.

Across South Australia, 40 funded programs were delivered, engaging more than 800 girls in cricket experiences. The Little Strikers program continued to grow, expanding to 17 clubs across the state. The annual Colour Bash was once again a highlight, attracting 45 participants during the April school holidays.

The Barossa region also experienced a strong season, introducing a new program format that offered cricket opportunities across two age groups. This initiative successfully boosted participation and enhanced the overall experience for those involved.

STRIKERS GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

The Strikers Girls Cricket League (SGCL) experienced a slight decline in overall player registrations and team numbers this season. However, this was offset by strong growth in the Under 18 competition, which expanded from six teams in 2024/25 to eight teams this season.

The Under 18 season concluded with a Grand Final at Adelaide Oval on Friday, 27 February. Morphettville Park Cricket Club faced Walkerville Cricket Club in a highly anticipated match, with Walkerville claiming the premiership to secure back-to-back titles.

In the Upper Fleurieu region, the competition transitioned from an Under 12 age group to Under 13s to better retain players as they progress through the development pathway. This change proved successful, with three new clubs joining the competition, contributing to the continued growth and sustainability of girls' cricket in the region.

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

The Emerging Leaders Program returned for the 2025/26 season, with 14 participants enrolled. The program provides girls aged 14–18 with the opportunity to engage in a holistic leadership and personal development experience. Participants build confidence and are empowered to support the growth of women's and girls' cricket in their communities, whether as players, volunteers, coaches, or officials.

Players from the SA Boomerangs celebrate at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships

COMPETITIONS & CARNIVALS

COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

The SACA Community Cricket department provided centralised competition administration services to ten community cricket associations throughout the 2025/26 season. This support is delivered through a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and accompanying Service Level Agreement (SLA) between SACA and each association.

The service aims to reduce the administrative burden on volunteers at the association level, many of whom also hold dual roles within their respective clubs.

The four metropolitan associations supported in 2025–26 were the North Eastern Junior Cricket Association, Para Districts Cricket Association (juniors only), South Central Junior Cricket Association, and Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Association.

In regional areas, the Alexandra & Eastern Hills Cricket Association, Barossa & Light Cricket Association, Hills Cricket Association, Millicent & Naracoorte Cricket Association, Port Lincoln Cricket Association, and Tatiara District Cricket Association were each supported across both junior and senior competitions.

Almost 8,000 junior and senior players participated across the associations supported by SACA staff, alongside more than 700 registered coaches, team managers, and volunteers.

Season launch events were delivered at each metropolitan association, as well as the Alexandra & Eastern Hills Cricket Association, Barossa & Light Cricket Association, and Hills Cricket Association. These events provided an opportunity for coaches to connect ahead of the season, strengthen their understanding of competition playing conditions, and engage in coach development opportunities.

The Competition Experience team also delivered the Strikers Girls Cricket League, Adelaide Strikers Primary School Cricket, and SACA Super Cricket programs, in addition to a range of community and representative carnivals.

ADELAIDE STRIKERS PRIMARY SCHOOL CRICKET

Primary schools across metropolitan South Australia participated in the Adelaide Strikers Primary School Competition throughout Term Four and Term One of the 2025/26 cricket season. The competition serves as an accessible and familiar entry point for students who are new to cricket and may not yet be engaged in formal club-based competition.

The Year 2 and Year 3 divisions followed a modified Woolworths Cricket Blast format, with multiple games played on small ovals at central hub venues across Adelaide. This carnival-style format is designed to provide a fun and inclusive experience for students participating in their first cricket matches. Students in these year levels registered via PlayHQ to redeem an Adelaide Strikers participant pack, with registrations also contributing to overall Woolworths Cricket Blast participation.

Across Term Four and Term One, 795 Year 2 and Year 3 students registered for the Woolworths Cricket Blast format, representing a 28% increase from the 2024/25 season. A total of 351 teams competed across all divisions in 2025/26, reflecting an overall decrease compared to 2024/25 team numbers.

Work has been undertaken to align Adelaide Strikers Primary School Cricket competitions across all regions to a consistent Saturday morning timeslot. This has provided the competition with a clear identity within the weekly calendar while minimising clashes with club-based community cricket.

Further work will focus on targeting growth regions across Adelaide, with a particular emphasis on increasing Year 2 and Year 3 participation to expand the number of schools engaged in Adelaide Strikers Primary School Cricket.

SACA REPRESENTATIVE CARNIVALS

The SACA Representative Carnivals provide cricketers from across the state with the opportunity to compete at a higher level for their association or regional Zone. Held in January, the Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 competitions featured teams from the Para Districts Cricket Association, South Central Junior Cricket Association, and Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Association, with matches played at community grounds in a home-and-away format.

The carnival concluded with a T20 finals day at Park 25, where matches were played across all three ovals, creating a vibrant atmosphere and showcasing the competition at a premier venue.

Junior country teams returned to the Barossa this season, with clubs from Eudunda through to Gawler providing generous support during a busy month of cricket. With the Women's Australian Country Cricket Championships hosted in the Barossa for a second consecutive year, the region also staged the Under 16 Country Girls competition concurrently, showcasing an important next step in the player development pathway.

Extreme heat throughout the week required the implementation of a range of management strategies to ensure participant safety. For the first time, the remaining three junior grades were rescheduled to be played together later in January, with 24 teams competing across ten host venues over four days of matches, including finals and placing fixtures.

Rounding out the representative calendar, the SACA Senior Country Cup - presented by THINK! Road Safety - featured six South Australian teams and the Alice Springs Cricket Association.

After finishing the minor round undefeated, Northern and Barossa & Light met in the final, while two placing matches were also played at Park 25. Northern posted a competitive 179, but it proved insufficient as Barossa & Light comfortably reached the target with 14 overs to spare.

Barossa & Light captain Trent Goers claimed the newly named Jeff Vaughan Batting Trophy, along with the Cec Starr Player of the Carnival Award. Charlie Williams (Northern) secured the Bowling Trophy, James Moss (Yorke Peninsula) the Fielding Trophy, and for a second consecutive year, South East's Tom Moyle-Read took home the Arch Grosvenor Wicket-Keeping Trophy.

SACA Representative Carnivals – 2025/26 Winners

Metropolitan U12: South Central

Metropolitan U14: South Central

Metropolitan U16: South Central

Country U12: Fleurieu & Districts

Country U14: Barossa & Light

Country U16 Boys: Mid North

Country U16 Girls: Fleurieu & Districts

Senior Country Cup: Barossa & Light

NATIONAL CRICKET INCLUSION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Cricket Inclusion Championships were held in Perth and the City of Mandurah, Western Australia, from 12–16 January 2026, marking the first time the event had been hosted in the region.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

The South Australian Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability recorded four wins from their five minor round matches, before falling to Victoria in the semi-final. Matteus Drosd was named Player of the Championships for the Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability division, finishing as the leading run-scorer with 316 runs at an average of 79. He also claimed five wickets and three catches, collecting four Player of the Match awards along the way.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DEAF & HARD OF HEARING CRICKET TEAM

The South Australian Deaf & Hard of Hearing Cricket Team endured a challenging week in Perth, narrowly falling short to New South Wales by just four runs before finishing on a high with a drought-breaking win against Victoria.

Jackson Gray was recognised for his outstanding performance, finishing runner-up in the Player of the Championships award for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing division. He placed third in the run-scoring with 201 runs at an average of 50.25, highlighted by an unbeaten 88 from 66 balls against Victoria. Jackson also contributed with three wickets and three dismissals in the field, including a sharp stumping in the final match.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BLIND & LOW VISION CRICKET TEAM

The South Australian Blind & Low Vision Cricket Team again delivered a strong performance at the championships in Perth, securing a comfortable semi-final win over Victoria before falling to New South Wales in a high-scoring final.

Reuben Fairbank was the leading run-scorer in the Blind & Low Vision division, compiling 541 runs at an average of 108.20. His tournament was highlighted by an extraordinary 194 from 88 balls in the semi-final, along with unbeaten innings of 134 in the final and 132 in round two. Reuben also contributed in the field, taking three catches across the championships.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Indigenous Cricket Championships returned to Yuwibara Country in Mackay, Queensland, from 14–19 April 2026.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA INDIGENOUS WOMEN (DESERT PEAS)

In the women's division, the SA Desert Peas made their return to the championships, supported by players from NT Cricket and Cricket PNG. While they were unable to secure a win, the team remained highly competitive, underpinned by a number of strong individual performances. This collaboration has established a valuable foundation to support the team's continued development in future seasons.

Ella Gustard (Port Adelaide Cricket Club/Palawa) was recognised as runner-up in the Player of the Championships award, compiling 85 runs at an average of 28.33. Henao Thomas (Cricket PNG) was named in the NICC 2026 Women's Team of the Championships following a sensational hat-trick.

Desert Peas bowler Henao Thomas celebrates taking a hattrick

SOUTH AUSTRALIA INDIGENOUS MEN (BOOMERANGS)

In the men's division, the SA Boomerangs squad featured five new inclusions, showcasing talent from across metropolitan and regional South Australia. While the team did not secure any wins in an extremely competitive competition, there were several outstanding individual performances.

Ayden McGregor-Baptista (Yawuru) struck 57 from 56 deliveries as the SA Boomerangs fell to Northern Territory in a final-ball thriller. Jacob Langdon (Yahl Cricket Club/ Wongatha/Ngadju) was the standout with the ball, claiming seven wickets at an average of 15.

Both the SA Boomerangs and SA Desert Peas teams participated in a cultural gift exchange with their opponents throughout the week, with the South Australian sides presenting stumps featuring artwork by Pat Caruso, an Arrernte man and Director of We Create Print Deliver. The artwork, based on narration by Steven Warrior—a Kaurna, Narungga and Kokatha man—reflects the diverse journeys that bring the players together, as well as the distance travelled, hard work and commitment required to reach the championships.

TOYOTA AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time, the men's and women's divisions of the 2026 Toyota Australian Country Cricket Championships were split to prioritise access to high-quality facilities and off-field amenities.

The South Australia men travelled to Western Australia's Margaret River region from 3–11 January, while the Barossa once again hosted the women's division from 3–10 January 2026.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COUNTRY WOMEN (OUTBACKS)

SACA staff led the end-to-end delivery of the women's division, overseeing travel and accommodation logistics, match operations, and event presentation.

This was made possible through the generous support and hospitality of the Barossa Council, the Barossa and Light Cricket Association, and their affiliated clubs, who once again showcased the region on the national stage.

The competition structure for the women's division was revised in 2026 to incorporate a combination of T20 and One Day formats. In line with the men's division, the eventual champions were determined by ladder rankings rather than a finals series. Hot weather conditions in early January impacted the original fixture, requiring adjustments to match formats, start times and drink intervals to prioritise the safety of players and match officials.

A highlight of the women's division was the use of the newly developed Barossa Park, which hosted a triple-header T20 on the opening weekend.

The South Australia Country women were also given the opportunity to take the field at Adelaide Oval, featuring in a marquee clash against reigning champions Victoria.

While the team finished sixth overall, several individual performances received national recognition. Brittany Perry claimed the Lyn Fullston Fielding Award, while Stephanie Beazleigh was awarded the Belinda Clark Batting Award and named in the Team of the Year alongside Kelly Armstrong.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COUNTRY MEN (OUTBACKS)

The South Australia Country men also finished sixth overall, following several narrow losses throughout the week. Despite being a late addition to the 2026 squad, Troy Blackwell earned selection in the Team of the Year for his performances.

SACA SUPER CRICKET

SACA Super Cricket continued to grow throughout the 2025/26 season, offering a year-round Sunday T20 competition for senior players across metropolitan Adelaide. A total of 148 teams competed across the winter, spring, summer and autumn seasons, representing an increase of 41 teams compared to 2024/25.

The spring and summer competitions were hosted on turf wickets at West Beach Playing Fields; however, the most significant growth was driven by autumn demand, which expanded to 51 teams across six divisions for the first time. With 2,641 participants over the past 12 months, SACA Super Cricket continues to highlight the strong appetite for cricket in non-traditional timeslots, delivering the format with low barriers to entry.

The Adelaide Nepalese Cricket Association takes out the Women's and Girls Initiative of the Year at the Community Cricket Awards

Para Hills volunteer Allison Gray was named the Cricket Australia's Community Coach of the Year

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM

The SACA Club Support Program underpins the sustainability and success of South Australian cricket by supporting clubs and associations in compliance, governance and education. SACA Cricket Officers work closely with affiliated clubs, providing year-round guidance to ensure alignment with key policies and operational best practice.

At the conclusion of the 2025/26 season, 82 clubs participated in the annual club consultation process, meeting with their local SACA representative to identify strategic priorities and opportunities for future growth.

In total, 347 cricket clubs and associations were affiliated with SACA during the 2025/26 season. Affiliation provides access to a range of benefits, including the Australian Cricket National Club Risk Protection Program—offering insurance coverage for players, volunteers and administrators—as well as the PlayHQ platform for registrations and competition management. Clubs are also eligible for infrastructure and equipment funding programs.

Through the SACA Gear Up program, 27 community clubs and schools received heavily subsidised Kookaburra equipment in 2025/26, helping to support the development of junior cricket across the state.

CHILD SAFETY

As part of SACA's annual affiliation process and ongoing commitment to child safety, all affiliated clubs and associations are required to maintain a Department of Human Services (DHS) Portal. Each club must also appoint a dedicated Child Safety Officer (CSO) to champion and uphold the Australian Cricket Safeguarding Children and Young People policies and guidelines.

To strengthen compliance and further educate clubs on best practice, a Child Safety Audit was conducted across 28 clubs and five associations throughout South Australia. The audit provided constructive, tailored feedback, supporting clubs and associations to meet the minimum requirements of the Australian Cricket Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework, as well as relevant legislative obligations relating to volunteer recruitment and screening.

Findings from the 2025/26 National Community Cricket Survey reflect the positive impact of this work, with South Australian respondents reporting increased confidence in both their club's knowledge and their own understanding of Child Safety practices compared to 2024/25.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The SACA Community Cricket Awards were held at Karen Rolton Oval on 27 March, with 130 members of the cricket community in attendance. The event marked a shift from the traditional breakfast format, providing a refreshed opportunity to celebrate contributions across the game.

More than 90 volunteers were recognised for their outstanding efforts throughout the 2025/26 season, with award recipients receiving prizes generously contributed by SACA's valued commercial partners.

The event also acknowledged the finalists of the 2024/25 Volunteer of the Year award, who were previously recognised by the South Australian Premier for their significant contribution to community cricket.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

- Ashley Nicholas – Virginia Cricket Club
- Brad Wilson – Mallala Cricket Club
- John O'Halloran – Central Whyalla Cricket Club
- Matthew Bedgegood – Enfield United Cricket Club
- Stuart Swan – Tanunda Cricket Club

2025/26 COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARD WINNERS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Zak Pretlove – Lyndoch Cricket Club

COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUB OF THE YEAR

Reynella Cricket Club

COMMUNITY CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

Riverland Cricket Association

COMMUNITY CRICKET COACH OF THE YEAR

Alli Gray – Para Hills Cricket Club

YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

David Martin – Lobethal Cricket Club

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Rhiannon Fenwick – Central United Cricket Club

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR

Woodside Cricket Club

CELEBRATING CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

Woodcroft Primary School

COMMUNITY OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Brian Humble – Adelaide Turf Umpires and Scorers Association

TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

Bruce Phillips – MFLTV

INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

Blind Cricket SA

JUNIOR CRICKET INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

Coromandel Valley Ramblers

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS INITIATIVE

Adelaide Nepalese Cricket Association

COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Andrews Farm Cricket Club

**Denotes National Winner

*Denotes National Highly Commended nominee

Service Awards also recognised the remarkable and ongoing contribution of several members of the South Australian cricket community, with 21 individuals recognised for 10 years of service, 13 community members recognised for 25 years of service, and four individuals celebrated for an extraordinary 50 years of service to the game.

Kurt Miegel and Peter George umpiring at Karen Rolton Oval

MATCH OFFICIALS

Umpires and scorers are an integral part of our game, working together to enable cricket to be played with respect and integrity. Umpires ensure that the Laws of Cricket are applied consistently and the Spirit of Cricket is upheld, while scorers record every run, wicket, and over, creating a match record that determines results and preserves the history of the game.

We welcomed the new season at our Match Officials Season Launch in late July. Held at Adelaide Oval and hosted by the inimitable Wayne Phillips, this annual event set the scene for the coming season while also reflecting on the season that was, celebrating many milestones and achievements. The event also serves as an opportunity to thank umpires and scorers for the significant contribution they make to South Australian cricket each year.

The annual Umpiring Seminar followed in the afternoon, offering sessions including 'Preparation, Routines and Professionalism', 'Practical Decision Making', and 'Resilience and Mental Wellbeing'. Guest presenters included former International Umpire and National Umpire Selector Daryl Harper, contracted Cricket Australia umpires Phil Gillespie and Chris Grant, and South Australia Men's team psychologist Simon Pearson. Umpires were provided with insights into officiating at the highest levels and practices they could implement to ensure that they are best equipped for the season ahead.

Umpire development and retention is key to the integrity and quality of cricket competitions, in particular SACA Premier Cricket where South Australian stars of the future are nurtured. Several initiatives were implemented in 2025/26 to support these outcomes, which continue to yield positive results. Cricket Australia's 2025/26 National Community Cricket Survey returned an umpire Net Promoter Score (NPS) of +43, far exceeding the national average of +18 and showing further improvement from an already strong result of +27 in 2024/25.

The 13 appointed Umpire Coaches continued their key role in umpire development, attending matches weekly to provide observations and support. The time and effort the coaches devote to the growth of our umpires is invaluable and greatly increases the satisfaction and enjoyment of the umpiring experience.

Monthly umpire training sessions commenced from August, with an average of over 60 attendees per session across the season. Each of the six trainings focused on a different topic, with a variety of presenters and opportunity for questions and discussion. Mid-season and post-season reviews were conducted to provide umpires with the opportunity to reflect on their performances and seek further mentoring. This process included the delivery of more than 190 individual Umpire Season Reports, which summarised feedback from both Captains and Umpire Coaches throughout the season.

There were many additional on-field and off-field opportunities for umpires this season. Ali Cheema was involved in the Umpire Exchange Program, travelling interstate to umpire in the Victorian Premier Cricket competition. Panel One umpires Nabajit Goswami and Purvag Nanavati were selected to attend the U16 Female National Championships and the National Indigenous Cricket Championships respectively. Several umpires had the opportunity to officiate matches on Adelaide Oval, and there were many appointments to other representative carnivals and competitions including the Australian Country Cricket Championships. Some of the newly accredited umpires were invited to participate in a Volunteer Lap of Honour during the Adelaide Test Match - a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Adelaide Turf Cricket Association umpire Brian Humble was awarded the Community Umpire of the Year at the SACA Community Cricket Awards, with Barossa and Light Cricket Association's Peter Gerhardy also a finalist in this category.

The annual Behind the Bails event was as popular as ever, with over 70 attendees enjoying insights from the ICC Match Officials appointed to the Test Match in Adelaide. Hosted by former Australian player and current State Panel Umpire Peter George, the session featured umpires Nitin Menon, Ahsan Raza and Shawn Craig, alongside Match Referee Jeff Crowe, who shared insights from their diverse backgrounds and experiences. The officials spoke about the benefits of DRS technology as a learning tool, studying and practicing an umpire's on-field movements to reach perfection, and the key traits of self-reflection and mental resilience.

Attracting new umpires to the game is also an important focus. The recruitment plan resulted in 130 umpires attending accreditation workshops throughout the season, with 93 of these completing their Community Officiating (Level 1) Accreditation. At least 34 new umpires were appointed to our competitions. This was a significant increase compared to last season and has resulted in greater depth of umpires and better servicing of all levels of cricket to improve the participant experience. A key highlight was the improved ability to facilitate dual umpire appointments across Junior and Senior Premier Cricket fixtures, with 98 per cent of matches officiated by two umpires—an increase from 95 per cent in 2024/25.

The South Australian State Umpire Panel comprising Dhaval Bhatt, James Cushway, Peter George and Kurt Miegel were involved in Second XI, WNCL and WBBL matches as well as Cricket Australia National Championships. Peter excelled this season and was also involved in BBL, appointed to the final of the Under 19 National Championships and was acknowledged as the Premier Cricket Umpire of the Year.

Eloise Sheridan and Drew Crozier were again appointed to Cricket Australia's Contracted Umpires Panel. Eloise had an exceptional season and alongside Sam Nogajski, was announced joint winner of the Cricket Australia Umpire of the Year award. This was highlighted by her appointments at the 2025 ICC Women's World Cup, where she officiated in the semi-final between England and South Africa, followed by her selection for the final between India and South Africa. Eloise also umpired in the Australia v India international series, including an on-field appointment for the Test match at the WACA. Eloise continued to stand across domestic competitions including the Sheffield Shield, BBL and WNCL, with an appointment to the WNCL Final between New South Wales and Queensland. Drew had a successful season umpiring in the One Day Cup, Sheffield Shield, BBL and WBBL competitions which included an on-field appointment during the WBBL Finals.

South Australian umpiring stalwarts Steve Davis and Simon Fry were reappointed to Cricket Australia's Match Referee Panel. It is fantastic that they continue their involvement in cricket.

As well as appointing scorers to Domestic and International matches, scorer development was supported across Premier Cricket, particularly for those who wish to progress to the higher levels. Monthly meetings with the SACUSA Scorer Sub-Committee support this activity, with Mick Harper and Neil Ricketts appointed as Scorer Mentors, expanding their efforts to improve the quality of scoring in South Australia. Other initiatives included delivering various levels of scorer training and facilitating the newly developed Representative Scorer Accreditation – a program developed locally for South Australian scorers. Stephen Parker of Sturt DCCC and Shane Roberts, scorer for the Premier Cricket SACA Under 19s, were the first recipients of this accreditation, which will be offered more broadly in future seasons.

SACA also celebrated the scoring career of Mick Harper, who is stepping down as State Scorer. Harper began scoring Premier Cricket in the 1999/2000 season before progressing to State scoring in 2015. Since then, Mick has scored more than 500 matches across International, Domestic and Premier Cricket competitions. In 2023/24, he was the inaugural winner of the South Australian Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association (SACUSA) Neil Dansie OAM Memorial Award for his services to cricket. Mick's contribution throughout his career, including his dedication to the development of scorer accreditation and training in our state has been unmatched.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Under 19 Male National Championships
Peter George

Under 19 Female National Championships
James Cushway and Kurt Miegel

Under 16 Female National Championships
Nabajit Goswami

National Indigenous Cricket Championships
Purvag Nanavati

SERVICE AWARDS

50 years
Graham Medlow and David Kempe

10 years
Rajive Soral

PREMIER CRICKET UMPIRE MILESTONES

300 matches
Geoff Behn, Timothy Hart, Lyal Williams and Phil Sanders

200 matches
Ashley Hutchison, Stephan Lessing and Kurt Miegel

100 matches
Supratim Bhattacharya, Nathan Bricknell, James Fiebig, Peter George, Richard Williams and Phil Sanders

100 West End First Grade matches
Darran Swain

West End First Grade debut
Brenton Hillman, James Fiebig, Adam Sheridan and Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq

SCORER MILESTONES

800 matches – Neil Ricketts

100 matches – Stephanie Dempsey

FINALS APPOINTMENTS

West End Men's First Grade Division 1
Umpires – Peter George and Dhaval Bhatt
Scorers – Anthony Rogers and Peter Mangleson

West End Men's First Grade Division 2
Umpires – Kurt Miegel and James Cushway
Scorers – Gary Jutcher and Allison Blake

West End One Day Cup
Umpires – Dhaval Bhatt and Kurt Miegel
Scorers – Anthony Rogers and Brian LeCornu

West End Men's First Grade T20
Umpires – Peter George and Richard Williams
Scorers – Brian LeCornu and Anthony Rogers

Kookaburra Women's First Grade
Umpires – Timothy Hart and Darran Swain
Scorers – Stephanie Dempsey and David Woodcock

Kookaburra Women's First Grade T20
Umpires – James Cushway and Darran Swain
Scorers – Thomas Woodcock and David Kempe

West End Men's Second Grade
Umpires – Craig Thomas and Richard Williams
Scorers – Mick Aworth and Paul Angley

West End Men's Second Grade T20
Umpires – Tim Hart and Michael Williamson

Kookaburra Women's Second Grade
Umpires – Bruce Stribley and Nabajit Goswami
Scorers – Ben Taylor and Paul Gersch

Kookaburra Women's Second Grade T20
Umpires – Kumar Chandrakumar and Tanmoy Sana

West End Men's Third Grade
Umpires – Michael Williamson and Harsimran Singh
Scorers – Nicole Tissen and Syed Mohsin

West End Men's Fourth Grade
Umpires – Luke Uthenwoldt and Ali Cheema
Scorers – Peter Isaakson, Seraphina Ervyre and Alissa Macpherson

Under 18 Shield
Umpires – Harsimran Singh and Tim Tonkin

Kookaburra Under 17
Umpires – Brenton Hillman and Milind Gawde

Kookaburra Under 15.5
Umpires – Purvag Nanavati and Tanmoy Sana
Scorers – Chris East and Claire Simons

Kookaburra Under 14
Umpires – Tim Tonkin and Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq
Scorers – Melanie Iacopetta and Richard Tyrer

Kookaburra Ray Sutton
Umpires – James Fiebig and Fahmid Ahmed
Scorers – Steve Weinmann, Brett Hidson and Hayman Guru

INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund has delivered $856,409 to support 34 cricket projects across South Australia during the 2025/26 season, benefiting cricket clubs, local councils and schools.

The investment, jointly funded by the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) ($356,409) and Cricket Australia ($500,000), is helping to grow participation while significantly enhancing cricket infrastructure across the state.

Collectively, the funded projects represent a total value of $28,240,342 and include the development of new practice facilities, community-standard oval lighting, playing field redevelopments, upgraded cricket pitches, and the installation of electronic scoreboards.

These improvements are delivering enhanced experiences for local communities and providing better facilities for thousands of cricketers throughout South Australia.

PLACES TO PLAY

As part of SACA's $2 million, three-year commitment, $509,000 has been invested across 24 school and council sites to install new hard wicket cricket pitches on ovals and open spaces throughout South Australia.

This funding forms part of SACA's Places to Play program, which aims to better connect schools with available playing spaces and link cricket clubs with junior players in need of accessible venues during early evenings and weekends.

By strengthening these connections, the program is helping schools and clubs build meaningful community partnerships while supporting the sustainability and growth of junior cricket participation across the state.

Across the three-year initiative, SACA's $2 million investment has resulted in the delivery of more than 107 brand new cricket pitches, significantly increasing access to facilities and opportunities to play.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CRICKET INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY – THE SECOND INNINGS 'TOWARDS 2030'

The South Australian Cricket Infrastructure Strategy was comprehensively reviewed throughout 2025, resulting in a refreshed roadmap to guide the future of cricket facilities across the state.

The updated strategy establishes a clear infrastructure framework and strategic direction to prioritise investment in cricket facilities — from grassroots through to high performance — over the next five years (2026–2030).

The review process was informed by extensive consultation with cricket clubs, associations, local councils and relevant state government departments, ensuring the strategy reflects the evolving needs of the cricket community.

This collaborative approach will help ensure facilities continue to meet demand, support participation growth and deliver high-quality experiences for cricketers across South Australia.

KAREN ROLTON OVAL UPGRADE

The South Australian Cricket Association has announced a $10 million transformation of Karen Rolton Oval, jointly funded by the State Government and SACA.

The upgrade will deliver new 1500-lux lighting, meeting Australian standards for domestic cricket and enabling elite matches to be played under lights. The existing lighting will be relocated to Oval 2, creating an additional fully lit venue to support Premier and Community Cricket.

The project will also include new accessible spectator terracing and landscaping along the eastern embankment, significantly improving seating, accessibility and community use of the precinct.

This redevelopment will further strengthen Karen Rolton Oval's position as a key Tier 2 venue, with completion scheduled ahead of the 2026/27 cricket season.

Liam Scott and Ben Manenti unveil a new cricket pitch at Salisbury Primary as a part of the Places to Play program

WEST END MEN'S FIRST GRADE SCORECARD DIV 1

Karen Rolton Oval, 28-29 March 2026
Toss: Kensington won the toss and elected to bowl
Result: Draw (Kensington finishes top of div ladder)

ADELAIDE - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Samuel Scrimgeour	b: L Pope	84	103
Connor Carrol	c: C Leddicoat b: C Fatchen	17	15
Noah McFadyen ©	c: H Matthias b: S Mcvann	0	4
Suraj Rajesh	c: C Leddicoat b: C Fatchen	59	122
Connor McFadyen	b: L Pope	15	29
Thomas Mangelsen	c: S Rahaley b: J Doyle	57	77
Tejas Gill	lbw: L Pope	14	28
Rishu Sharma	c: L Pope b: J Doyle	28	50
Matthew Barnes	c: R Percival b: L Pope	2	8
Aubrey Stockdale	Not out	3	5
Liam Thompson	c: R White b: J Doyle	0	8
Extras 14 6NB, 4LB, 3B			
Total 10/293			
Overs 73.5			
Bowling C Fatchen 20-2-107-2, S Mcvann 7-0-40-1, R Percival 3-0-16-0, J Doyle 16.5-3-37-3, L Pope 27-7-86-4			

KENSINGTON - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Henry Dall	c: M Barnes b: N McFadyen	62	137
Robbie White	c: N McFadyen b: A Stockdale	8	18
Harry Matthias	c: N McFadyen b: R Sharma	70	189
Joshua Doyle ©	c: M Barnes b: L Thompson	7	26
Jaikar Singh	c: A Stockdale b: R Sharma	45	118
Christian Leddicoat	c: J Barnes b: R Sharma	6	8
Sam Rahaley	c: C McFadyen b: N McFadyen	15	44
Lloyd Pope	c: M Barnes b: A Stockdale	7	15
Ryan Percival	lbw: C McFadyen	49	70
Cameron Fatchen	Not out	0	2
Seb Mcvann	Not out	0	3
Extras 21 5Wd, 6NB, 7LB, 3B			
Total 9/290			
Overs 104.0			
Bowling N McFadyen 34-7-88-2, A Stockdale 28-5-87-2, C McFadyen 13-3-27-1, L Thompson 14-2-39-1, C Carrol 3-1-8-0, R Sharma 12-1-31-3			

WEST END MEN'S FIRST GRADE SCORECARD DIV 2

Stratarama Oval, 28-29 March 2026
Toss: Won by Adelaide University and elected to bowl
Result: Glenelg defeated Adelaide University

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Zac Phair	c: D Kerr b: J Arthur	0	5
Cameron Edwards	b: T Wilkinson	13	48
Bailey Garnham	c: J Thomas b: M Lee	7	24
Thomas Brown	c: D Kerr b: T Wilkinson	7	15
Sam Kerber	c: J Winter b: M Lee	0	6
Sam Elder	lbw: M Lee	12	37
Sourav Sahoo	b: T WIlkinson	0	10
Vedant Seghal	lbw: M Lee	1	4
Thomas Menzies	c: D Kerr b: M Lee	24	42
Jackson Gillespie	c: D Kerr b: M Lee	0	1
Lachlan Agnew	not out	12	22
Extras 1 1NB 0LB 0B			
Total 10/77			
Overs 35.3			
Bowling J Arthur 8-3-12-1, M Lee 16.3-7-28-6, T Wilkinson 10-1-32-3, I Higgins 1-0-5-0			

GLENELG - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Connor McInerney	lbw: J Gillespie	1	6
Isaac Higgins	not out	54	96
Joshua Roach	c: T Menzies b: L Agnew	16	20
Jake Winter	not out	69	50
Benjamin Bullimore	did not bat		
Ratna Rahul Reddy Evuri	did not bat		
Damon Kerr	did not bat		
Jack Thomas	did not bat		
Tom Wilkinson	did not bat		
Marcus Lee	did not bat		
Jesse Arthur	did not bat		
Extras 12 1Wd 10NB 1LB 0B			
Total 152			
Overs 27			
Bowling T Menzies 7-0-28-0, J Gillespie 3-0-15-1, L Agnew 10-1-58-1, Z Phair 3-1-12-0, S Kerber 3-0-30-0, T Brown 1-0-8-0			

WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE SCORECARD

Karen Rolton Oval, 22 March 2026
Toss: Kensington won the toss and elected to bat first
Result: Glenelg defeated Kensington

KENSINGTON - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Eliza Doddridge	c&b: E Larosa	44	62
Bridget Patterson	c: E Johnston b: E Phillips	10	19
Maddie Penna	b: E Wilson	33	45
Sarah Lowe	c: E Johnston b: E Phillips	66	86
Indira Panelli	c: E Phillips b: E Wilson	1	8
Elsa Barnfather	b: E Wilson	9	14
Rachel Church	c: E Johnston b: R Gupta	0	8
Courtney Neale	St: K McGrath b: R Gupta	4	11
Shae Daly	c: E Johnston b: E Wilson	41	46
Grace Jones	not out	1	1
Emmerson Filsell	did not bat		
Extras 17 15Wd, 0NB, 2LB, 0B			
Total 9/226			
Overs 50.0			
Bowling E WIlson 10-2-50-4, E Phillips 8-1-23-1, E Larosa 8-0-35-1, E Dalgarno Fixter 6-0-38-0, L Bowering 4-0-23-0, I Zwilling 4-0-23-0, R Gupta 10-1-33-3			

GLENELG - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Ellie Johnston	lbw: C Neale	0	2
Eleanor Larose	c&b: S Daly	40	72
Kate Peterson	c&b: S Daly	73	93
Courtney Webb	not out	71	59
Kayla McGrath ©	not out	26	37
Lucy Bowering	did not bat		
Ellie Dalgarno Fixter	did not bat		
Riya Gupta	did not bat		
Bethany Harmer	did not bat		
Ellie Phillips	did not bat		
Ella Wilson	did not bat		
Iris Zwilling	did not bat		
Extras 17 15Wd, 1NB, 1LB, 0NB			
Total 3/227			
Overs 43.4			
Bowling C Neale 9-0-50-1, S Daly 10-2-46-2, E Filsell 7-2-24-0, E Doddridge 8-0-48-0, G Jones 4.4-0-33-0, M Penna 5-0-33-0			

WEST END MEN'S ONE-DAY CUP SCORECARD

Karen Rolton Oval, 22 February 2026
Toss: West Torrens won the toss and elected to bat first
Result: West Torrens defeated Kensington

KENSINGTON - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Henry Dall	lbw: S Keogh	1	11
Henry Hunt	c: H Nielsen b: J Reuther	26	40
Harry Matthias	b: S keogh	12	34
Joshua Doyle ©	c: H Nielsen b: J Reuther	11	20
Robbie White	c: H Nielsen b: J Reuther	12	25
Christian Leddicoat	c: H Nielsen b: J Reuther	0	3
Darcy McRostie	c: H Nielsen b: J Reuther	26	23
Ethan Bamber	c: D Drew b: H Manenti	22	25
Cameron Fatchen	b: D Murphy	1	8
Jay Temme	c: H Manenti b: D Murphy	2	8
Seb Mcvann	Not out	5	16
Extras 4 2Wd, 0NB, 2LB, 0B			
Total 10/122			
Overs 35.3			
Bowling J Buckingham 7-2-26-0, S Keogh 8-1-26-2, J Reuther 7-0-31-4, H Manenti 8-0-31-1, D Murphy 5.3-2-12-3			

WEST TORRENS - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Kelvin Smith	b: C Fatchen	33	58
Bailey Capel	Not out	53	63
Ryan Hackney	Not out	25	27
Daniel Drew	Did not bat		
Harry Manenti	Did not bat		
Harry Nielsen	Did not bat		
Seamus Keogh	Did not bat		
Spencer Johnson	Did not bat		
Jordan Buckingham	Did not bat		
James Reuther	Did not bat		
Deakin Murphy	Did not bat		
Extras 14 7Wd, 0NB, 7LB, 0B			
Total 1/125			
Overs 24.2			
Bowling E Bamber 10-3-23-0, C Fatchen 5-1-45-1, S Mcvann 3-0-12-0, C Leddicoat 3-1-8-0, J Temme 2.4-0-27-0, J Doyle 1-0-3-0			

WEST END MEN'S TWENTY20 CUP SCORECARD

Adelaide Oval, 18 January 2026
Toss: Kensington won the toss and elected to bat first
Result: Kensington defeated West Torrens

KENSINGTON - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Henry Hunt	c: C Fatchen b: H Thornton	3	6
Jason Sangha	c: S Doheny b: C Fatchen	1	2
Jake Lehman	c: C Fatchen b: H Thornton	72	55
Joshua Doyle ©	c: M Harvey b: D Drew	15	19
Alex Ross	Not out	73	39
Harry Matthias	Did not bat		
Darcy McRostie	Did not bat		
Henry Thornton	Did not bat		
Wesley Agar	Did not bat		
Lloyd Pope	Did not bat		
Cameron Fatchen	Did not bat		
Extras 7 5Wd, 1NB, 1LB, 0B			
Total 3/171			
Overs 20.0			
Bowling J Buckingham 4-0-31-0, S Keogh 3-0-25-2, D Murphy 3-0-27-0, H Manenti 4-0-31-0, D Drew 2-0-18-1, J Reuther 4-0-38-0			

WEST TORRENS - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Mackenzie Harvey	c: J Sangha B: C Fatchen	11	9
Jake Fraser-McGurk	c: J Sangha B: L Pope	39	21
Daniel Drew ©	c: H Thornton b: W Agar	46	32
Harry Manenti	c: A Ross b: H Thornton	20	29
Kelvin Smith	lbw: C Fatchen	24	20
Harry Nielsen	c: J Doyle b: W Agar	9	7
Bailey Capel	Not out	3	3
Jordan Buckingham	Did not bat		
Seamus Keogh	Did not bat		
Deakin Murphy	Did not bat		
James Reuther	Did not bat		
Extras 4 2Wd, 1NB, 1LB, 0B			
Total 6/156			
Overs 20			
Bowling W Agar 4-0-25-2, H Thornton 4-0-40-1, C Fatchen 4-0-38-2, L Pope 4-0-27-1, J Doyle 4-0-25-0			

WEST END WOMEN'S TWENTY20 CUP SCORECARD

Adelaide Oval, 18 January 2026
Toss: Kensington won the toss and elected to bat first
Result: Kensington defeated Adelaide

KENSINGTON - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Eliza Doddridge	c&b: F Sargent	51	51
Bridget Patterson	c: F Sargent b: K Stone	67	43
Maddie Penna	b: F Sargent	32	20
Sarah Lowe ©	c: A Gaerth b: K Stone	3	3
Indira Panelli	Run out (H Burridge)	4	5
Elsa Barnfather	Not out	1	1
Rachel Church	Did not bat		
Shae Daly	Did not bat		
Emmerson Filsell	Did not bat		
Grace Jones	Did not bat		
Courtney Neale	Did not bat		
Natasha Macbean	Did not bat		
Extras 7 3Wd, 3NB, 1LB, 0B			
Total 5/165			
Overs 20.0			
Bowling A Gaerth 2-0-27-0, M Pires 4-0-26-0, K Armstrong 4-0-19-0, K Stone 4-0-32-2, F Sargent 3-0-26-2, N Raghula 2-0-19-0, A Dubois 1-0-15-0			

ADELAIDE - 1ST INNINGS

		RUNS	BALLS
Hannah Burridge	c: S Lowe b: S Daly	7	6
Stephanie Beazleigh ©	b: C Neale	8	4
Kelly Armstrong	b: S Daly	1	6
Morgan Pires	Run out (M Penna)	1	14
Keely Stone	lbw: S Lowe	7	7
Naavya Raghula	st: B Patterson b: G Jones	3	13
Ava Gaerth	Run out (S Daly, B Patterson)	2	3
Samantha Mckenzie	b: C Neale	10	21
Melissa Velvel Fare	b: S Daly	1	6
Freya Sargent	Run out (E Doddridge, B Patterson)	4	16
Anne Dubois	Not out	0	4
Extras 5 4Wd, 0NB, 1LB, 0B			
Total 10/49			
Overs 16.4			
Bowling C Neale 2.4-0-12-2, S Daly 3-0-10-3, M Penna 2-0-2-0, E Filsell 2-0-4-0, S Lowe 4-3-5-1, G Jones 2-0-13-1, E Doddridge 1-0-2-0			

PREMIERSHIP TABLES AND AWARDS

WEST END MEN'S FIRST GRADE - DIV 1

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
Kensington	10	130.00	5	5	0	0	0
Adelaide	10	130.00	6	2	0	0	0
Sturt	10	130.00	4	3	0	1	0
Port Adelaide	10	120.00	6	2	0	0	0
East Torrens	10	95.00	4	4	0	1	0
West Torrens	10	85.00	3	2	0	0	0
Tea Tree Gully	10	85.00	3	6	0	0	0
Woodville	10	25.00	1	8	0	0	0

WEST END MEN'S FIRST GRADE - DIV 2

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
Glenelg	10	205.00	9	0	0	0	0
Northern Districts	10	125.00	6	3	0	0	0
Adelaide University	10	110.00	5	5	0	0	0
Southern District	10	100.00	5	5	0	0	0
Prospect	10	60.00	3	6	0	0	0
SACA U19	10	40.00	1	9	0	0	0

WEST END MEN'S TWENTY20 CUP

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
East Torrens	6	82.50	5	0	1	0	0
West Torrens	6	75.00	5	1	0	0	0
Tea Tree Gully	6	60.00	4	2	0	0	0
Kensington	6	60.00	4	2	0	0	0
Sturt	6	60.00	4	2	0	0	0
Glenelg	6	45.00	3	3	0	0	0
Port Adelaide	6	45.00	3	3	0	0	0
Adelaide	6	30.00	2	4	0	0	0
Prospect	6	30.00	2	4	0	0	0
Northern Districts	6	30.00	2	4	0	0	0
Woodville	6	30.00	2	4	0	0	0
Adelaide University	6	22.50	1	4	1	0	0
Southern District	6	15.00	1	5	0	0	0

WEST END MEN'S ONE-DAY CUP

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
Port Adelaide	4	60.00	4	0	0	0	1
West Torrens	4	52.50	3	0	0	1	1
Adelaide	4	45.00	3	1	0	0	1
Kensington	4	45.00	3	1	0	0	1
Sturt	4	45.00	3	1	0	0	1
Glenelg	4	37.50	2	1	0	0	1
Tea Tree Gully	4	30.00	2	2	0	0	1
East Torrens	4	30.00	2	2	0	0	1
Adelaide University	4	22.50	1	2	0	1	1
Woodville	4	15.00	1	3	0	0	1
Northern Districts	4	7.50	0	3	0	0	1
Southern District	4	0.00	0	4	0	0	1
Prospect	4	0.00	0	4	0	0	1

WOMEN'S 1ST GRADE

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
Glenelg	12	120.00	7	3	0	2	3
Sturt	12	112.50	7	4	0	1	3
Kensington	12	112.50	6	4	0	3	3
West Torrens	12	60.00	3	9	0	2	3
Adelaide	12	45.00	2	10	0	2	3

WOMEN'S 1ST GRADE TWENTY20

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
Kensington	8	90.00	6	2	0	0	2
Adelaide	8	90.00	6	2	0	0	2
Sturt	8	67.50	4	3	0	1	3
Glenelg	8	45.00	3	5	0	0	2
West Torrens	8	7.50	0	7	0	1	2

UNDER 14

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
Kensington	11	160.00	9	0	0	2	0
Sturt	11	127.50	7	1	1	2	0
Northern Districts	11	115.00	6	3	0	2	0
Adelaide	11	90.00	5	4	0	2	0
West Torrens	11	82.50	4	4	1	2	0
Prospect	11	75.00	4	5	0	2	0
East Torrens	11	75.00	4	5	0	2	0
Port Adelaide	11	75.00	4	5	0	2	0
Woodville	11	67.50	3	5	1	2	0
Glenelg	11	60.00	3	6	0	2	0
Tea Tree Gully	11	60.00	3	6	0	2	0
Southern District	11	22.50	0	8	1	2	0

UNDER 17

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
Sturt	11	135.00	8	1	0	2	0
Glenelg	11	127.50	8	2	0	1	0
Kensington	11	120.00	7	2	0	2	0
Prospect	11	112.50	7	3	0	1	0
West Torrens	11	90.00	5	4	0	2	0
Port Adelaide	11	90.00	4	3	2	2	0
Woodville	11	75.00	4	5	0	2	0
Adelaide	11	60.00	3	6	1	1	0
Southern District	11	60.00	3	6	0	2	0
Tea Tree Gully	11	52.50	2	6	0	3	0
Northern Districts	11	45.00	2	7	0	2	0
East Torrens	11	22.50	0	8	1	2	0

UNDER 15.5

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	N/R	BYE
West Torrens	11	130.00	7	2	0	2	0
Adelaide	11	127.50	7	1	0	3	0
Kensington	11	120.00	7	2	0	2	0
Glenelg	11	112.50	6	2	0	3	0
Prospect	11	105.00	6	3	0	2	0
Sturt	11	90.00	5	4	0	2	0
Northern Districts	11	75.00	3	4	0	4	0
Woodville	11	75.00	4	5	0	2	0
Port Adelaide	11	60.00	3	6	0	2	0
Southern District	11	45.00	2	7	0	2	0
East Torrens	11	45.00	2	7	0	2	0
Tea Tree Gully	11	15.00	0	9	0	2	0

RAY SUTTON SHIELD

Team	P	PTS	W	L	TIE	NRR	BYE
Port Adelaide	11	135.00	8	1	0	2	0
Sturt	11	120.00	7	2	0	2	0
Glenelg	11	120.00	7	2	0	2	0
West Torrens	11	112.50	6	2	0	3	0
Kensington	11	105.00	5	2	0	4	0
Prospect	11	82.50	4	4	0	3	0
East Torrens	11	82.50	4	4	0	3	0
Northern Districts	11	67.50	3	5	0	3	0
Adelaide	11	52.50	2	6	0	3	0
Woodville	11	52.50	2	6	0	3	0
Tea Tree Gully	11	45.00	2	7	0	2	0
Southern District	11	15.00	0	9	0	2	0

MEN'S PREMIER CRICKET AWARDS

WEST END MEN'S FIRST GRADE DIVISION 1 – PREMIERSHIP

Kensington

WEST END MEN'S FIRST GRADE DIVISION 2 – PREMIERSHIP

Glenelg

WEST END ONE-DAY CUP – PREMIERSHIP

West Torrens

WEST END TWENTY20 CUP – PREMIERSHIP

Kensington

BRADMAN MEDAL

Noah McFadyen (Adelaide Cricket Club)

PHIL SINCOCK MEDAL

Jake Winter (Glenelg District Cricket Club)

BRADMAN MEDAL TEAM AWARD

Glenelg

SCRYMGOUR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD

Glenelg District Cricket Club

FRED GODSON MEDAL (WEST END ONE-DAY CUP PLAYER OF THE SERIES)

Harry Matthais

DARREN LEHMANN MEDAL (WEST END TWENTY20 CUP PLAYER OF THE SERIES)

Harry Manenti - West Torrens

CW WALKER MEMORIAL TROPHY (MOST OUTSTANDING WICKETKEEPER)

Isaac Conway - Port Adelaide

TALBOT SMITH FIELDING TROPHY

Christian Leddicoat - Kensington

JASON GILLESPIE MEDAL (MALE RISING STAR)

Hayden Barbulovic - Tea Tree Gully/ SACA U19s

LMS HARGRAVE AWARD (BEST U23 PLAYER)

Noah McFadyen - Adelaide

KC BUTLER MEDAL (MEN'S SECOND GRADE)

Shivam Channa - Kensington

SID DALY MEDAL (MEN'S THIRD GRADE)

Henry Goold - East Torrens

MCLEOD/WILSON MEDAL (MEN'S FOURTH GRADE)

Michael Whittington Arnold - East Torrens

MEN'S GRADE – SPIRIT OF CRICKET

Adelaide University Cricket Club

WEST END SECOND GRADE – PREMIERSHIP

Glenelg District Cricket Club

WEST END SECOND GRADE TWENTY20 – PREMIERSHIP

Port Adelaide District Cricket Club

WEST END THIRD GRADE – PREMIERSHIP

Sturt District Cricket Club

WEST END FOURTH GRADE – PREMIERSHIP

Adelaide University Cricket Club

WEST END FIRST GRADE DIVISION 1 – BATTING AGGREGRATE

Noah McFadyen - Adelaide

WEST END FIRST GRADE DIVISION 1 – BOWLING AGGREGRATE

Cameron Fatchen - Kensington

WEST END FIRST GRADE DIVISION 2 – BATTING AGGREGRATE

Jake Winter - Glenelg

WEST END FIRST GRADE DIVISION 2 – BOWLING AGGREGRATE

Thomas Menzies - Adelaide University

WEST END SECOND GRADE – BATTING AGGREGATE

Alex Cappelluti - West Torrens

WEST END SECOND GRADE – BOWLING AGGREGATE

Sean Nottle - Tea Tree Gully

WEST END THIRD GRADE – BATTING AGGREGATE

Henry Goold - East Torrens

WEST END THIRD GRADE – BOWLING AGGREGATE

Simon Redfern - Adelaide University

WEST END FOURTH GRADE – BATTING AGGREGATE

Jack O'Sullivan - Adelaide Cricket Club

WEST END FOURTH GRADE – BOWLING AGGREGATE

Michael Whittington Arnold - East Torrens

MEN'S COACH OF THE YEAR

Jamie Panelli - Kensington

PREMIER CRICKET UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Peter George - SACUSA

PREMIER CRICKET VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Paul Angley

2025-26 WEST END PREMIER CRICKET MEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR – VOTED ON BY CAPTAINS AND COACHES OF EACH CLUB:

Cameron Fatchen - Kensington

Noah McFadyen - Adelaide

Connor Carroll - Adelaide

Hanno Jacobs - Sturt

Cameron Valente - Port Adelaide

Zak Keogh - East Torrens

Marcus Lee - Glenelg

Isaac Higgins - Glenelg

Jake Winter - Glenelg

Joshua Doyle - Kensington

Zac McCabe - Port Adelaide

Joshua Barrett - East Torrens

Kane Halfpenny in action for Tea Tree Gully

Tahlia Keylock had a breakout season for Sturt

Hayden Barbulovic at the crease for SACA's Under 19s

WOMEN'S PREMIER CRICKET AWARDS

WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE – PREMIERSHIP

Glenelg

KAREN ROLTON MEDAL

Sarah Lowe (Kensington District Cricket Club)

WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE TWENTY20 – PREMIERSHIP

Kensington

SHELLEY NITSCHKE MEDAL (TWENTY20 CUP PLAYER OF THE SERIES)

Eliza Doddridge - Kensington

MARG JUDE WICKETKEEPING TROPHY

Kayla McGrath - Glenelg

JOANNE BROADBENT FIELDING TROPHY

Shae Daly - Kensington

LYN FULLSTON MEDAL (WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE)

Emma Patel - Adelaide University

WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE – PREMIERSHIP

Kensington District Cricket Club

WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE TWENTY20 – PREMIERSHIP

Kensington District Cricket Club

WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE – BATTING AGGREGATE

Elizabeth Worthley - Sturt

WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE – BOWLING AGGREGATE

Matilda Maitland - Sturt
Nicole Hobbs - Sturt

WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE – BATTING AGGREGATE

Brianna Cheetham - West Torrens

WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE – BOWLING AGGREGATE

Mackenzee McCauley - West Torrens

FELLOWS AWARD

Scott Harrison - Port Adelaide

DOT LAUGHTON TROPHY

Sara Rajguru - Glenelg

WOMEN'S GRADE – SPIRIT OF CRICKET

West Torrens District Cricket Club

WOMEN'S COACH OF THE YEAR

Jamie Panelli - Kensington

2025-26 PREMIER CRICKET WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR - VOTED ON BY CAPTAINS AND COACHES OF EACH CLUB:

Matilda Maitland - Sturt

Sarah Lowe - Kensington

Elizabeth Worthley - Sturt

Kate Peterson - Glenelg

Nicole Hobbs - Sturt

Tahlia Keylock - Sturt

Alex Price - Sturt

Kayla McGrath - Glenelg

Elsa Barnfather - Kensington

Shae Daly - Kensington

Ellie Phillips - Glenelg

Morgan Pires - Adelaide

JUNIOR PREMIER CRICKET AWARDS

UNDER 18 – PREMIERSHIP
Glenelg District Cricket Club

WOMEN'S UNDER 18 YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE, PREMIERSHIP
Kensington District Cricket Club

UNDER 17– PREMIERSHIP
Glenelg District Cricket Club

UNDER 15.5 – PREMIERSHIP
Glenelg District Cricket Club

UNDER 14 – PREMIERSHIP
Kensington District Cricket Club

RAY SUTTON SHIELD – PREMIERSHIP
West Torrens District Cricket Club

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY
Kensington District Cricket club

JUNIOR GRADE – SPIRIT OF CRICKET
West Torrens District Cricket Club

UNDER 18 SHIELD – BATTING AGGREGATE
Jaikar Singh - Kensington

UNDER 18 SHIELD – BOWLING AGGREGATE
Ben Scheuffle - Woodville

UNDER 18 SHIELD – WICKET KEEPING TROPHY
Blake Vause - Woodville

UNDER 18 SHIELD – FIELDING TROPHY
Henry Fogden - Woodville

UNDER 18 SHIELD – PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL
Henry Fogden - Woodville

UNDER 18 SHIELD TEAM OF THE YEAR
Jaikar Singh - Kensington

Tristan Wood - Woodville

Logan Banyer - Glenelg

Lucas Doe - Sturt

Henry Fogden - Woodville

Ratna Rahul Reddy Evuri - Glenelg

Ben Scheuffle - Woodville

Ethan Williams - Glenelg

Tait Sloan - Port Adelaide

Boston Molzer - Woodville

Tristan Hitch - Prospect

Jack Appleton - Adelaide

UNDER 18 GIRLS YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE - BATTING AGGREGATE
Ivy Hobbs - Glenelg

UNDER 18 GIRLS YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE - BOWLING AGGREGATE
Grace Flanagan - Glenelg

UNDER 18 GIRLS YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE - WICKET KEEPING TROPHY
Jade Gersch - Kensington

UNDER 18 GIRLS YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE - PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL
Naavya Raghula - Adelaide

UNDER 18 GIRLS YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE - FIELDING TROPHY
Niamh Walsh - Kensington

UNDER 18 GIRLS YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE - TEAM OF THE YEAR
Ivy Hobbs - Glenelg

Naavya Raghula - Adelaide

Japleen Kaur - Adelaide

Harriet Tyrer - Sturt

Ella Gustard - Port Adelaide

Aijay Willoughby - West Torrens

Sanvi Shah - West Torrens

Grace Flanagan - Glenelg

Eliza Rosie - Adelaide

Gopika Pandit - Kensington

Eve Barratt - Adelaide

Talyah Jane Peters - Port Adelaide

UNDER 17 – BATTING AGGREGATE
Benjamin Stargatt (Prospect)

UNDER 17 – BO WLING AGGREGATE
Ratna Rahul Reddy Evuri (Glenelg)

UNDER 15.5 – BATTING AGGREGATE
Adam Hutchins (Adelaide)

UNDER 15.5 – BOWLING AGGREGATE
Nathan East (Kensington)

UNDER 14 – BATTING AGGREGATE
Leo Carter (Prospect)

UNDER 14 – BOWLING AGGREGATE
Aarush Godbole (Adelaide)

UNDER 13 – BATTING AGGREGATE
Naksh Patel (Prospect)

UNDER 13 – BOWLING AGGREGATE
Kyle Jones (West Torrens)

COMMERCIAL PARTNERS 2025/26

PRINCIPAL PARTNERS

MAJOR PARTNERS

OFFICIAL PARTNERS

SUPPLY PARTNERS

CHARITY PARTNER

SACA BOARD & OFFICE BEARERS

SACA BOARD MEMBERS (AS AT 30 JUNE 2026)

William Rayner
President and Chair
Board Member since 2019

Daniel Harris
Vice President
Board Member since 2022

Craig Bradbrook
Board Member since 2022

Jamie Briggs
Board Member since 2021

Rebecca Hayes
Board Member since 2018

Andrea McCauley
Board Member since 2019

Leanne McClurg
Board Member since 2024

Jamie Panelli
Board Member since 2023

Caroline Rhodes
Board Member since 2016

David Sanders
Board Member since 2024

Susan Smith
Board Member since 2021

SACA EXECUTIVE TEAM
(AS AT 30 JUNE 2026)

Charlie Hodgson (Chief Executive Officer)

Lizzie Bermingham (Chief of Staff)

Lisa Coderre (General Manager, People & Performance)

Megan Wooldridge (General Manager, Community Cricket)

Sam Elliott (General Manager, Commercial)

Kirrily Herath (EA to the CEO and Board)

Simon Insley (General Manager, Cricket)

Andrew Sweet (Chief Business Officer)

Kerrin Webber (General Manager, Membership, Ticketing and Customer Analytics)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
BY JOSHUA CARVER
TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION LIMITED

As lead auditor of South Australian Cricket Association Limited for the year ended 30 June 2026, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of South Australian Cricket Association Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

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Joshua Carver
Director

BDO Audit Pty Ltd

Adelaide, 1 September 2026

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

The Directors present their report together with the financial report of South Australian Cricket Association Limited (hereafter referred to as "SACA"), consisting of South Australian Cricket Association Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2026 (hereafter referred to as the 'consolidated entity') .

DIRECTOR NAMES
The names of members of the Directors in office at any time during, or since the end of the year are:

W. Rayner	Chair and President	L. McClurg
D. Harris	Vice President	J. Panelli
C. Bradbrook		C. Rhodes
J. Briggs		D. Sanders
R. Hayes		S. Smith
A. McCauley		

The Directors have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

SACA STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030
Our Vision: Known as the world's best Cricket Association, inspiring participants and fans on and off the field.
Our Purpose: To honour cricket's heritage, drive its future and connect communities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Community: Cricket is established as a central force for driving long term social and cultural impact.
People: Renowned globally as a high performing, united team, inspired to innovate, collaborate and deliver exceptional results.
Customer: SACA will set the global benchmark in customer service and cricket experiences for fans worldwide.
Performance: SACA is recognised as a highly motivated and successful organisation both on and off the pitch.
Growth: We will continue to invest more in cricket in order to grow the game in South Australia.

LES FAVELL CRICKET FOUNDATION
The Les Favell Cricket Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation established to support talented young cricketers in South Australia, particularly those facing financial or personal barriers, by providing scholarships and assistance with cricket development opportunities, coaching, training and competition pathways.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES
To carry out SACA's strategies and to achieve its short-term and long-term objectives, SACA engaged in its principal activity to deliver sustainable growth and development of all levels of cricket in South Australia and remain committed to the delivery of the highest standard of sport, entertainment and events to the members during the year.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS
To evaluate performance and achievement of strategic and operational objectives, SACA uses a range of metrics to measure, analyse and monitor performance.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS
SACA has achieved a highly successful year across all strategic priorities. Operationally, SACA was focussed on delivering a world class Ashes Test Match, growing diverse participation in community cricket clubs and schools and developing a highly constructive and positive work place culture. The highly successful year culminated in SACA winning back-to-back Sheffield Shield titles.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS
There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the consolidated entity during the financial year.

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MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

As disclosed in note 24 to the financial statements, a contingent asset was recognised in relation to a $5 million contribution from the South Australian Government in relation to the transformation of Karen Rolton Oval. Subsequent to reporting date, SACA has received confirmation from the Office for Recreation Sport and Racing of the $5 million contribution. Aside from this matter, there are no other matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to year end, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity in the subsequent financial year.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

There are no likely developments in the operations of SACA or results of operations which would materially differ to the operations and results disclosed in these financial statements.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

SACA is not subject to any significant environmental regulation under Australian Commonwealth or State law.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

Name	William Rayner
Title	Chair and President
Qualifications	MBA, CF, GAICD
Experience	Will was appointed to the Board in February 2019, and elected President and Chair in September 2022. He has played cricket at country, ATCA and district levels, including as an A-grade premiership player with the Kensington District Cricket Club. Will has held various executive roles in the areas of finance, agriculture and corporate affairs. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the RA&HS (SA). He holds an MBA from the University of Adelaide, is a Churchill Fellow, and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Will has been a SACA member since 1988, is Chair of SACA's People and Governance Committee, a member of SACA's Finance and Audit, Membership Advisory, and Nominations Committees and an AOSMA Board Director.
Special responsibilities	Chair of People and Governance Committee; Member of Finance & Audit, Membership Advisory and Nominations Committees; Director of Adelaide Oval SMA Limited (AOSMA), Adelaide Oval Hotel Trust (AOHT), and Adelaide Oval Commercial Operations Trust (COT).

Name	Daniel Harris
Title	Vice President
Qualifications	MBBS, FACEM, GAICD
Experience	Dan played cricket for South Australia, and his highlights include captaining SA and playing for domestic one-day and T20 competition-winning teams. He also played in various T20 leagues, including the Big Bash and the Indian Premier League. He played for Woodville for over 20 years and is a life member of the club. Professionally, Dan is a doctor and works as an Emergency Consultant at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and as a Medical Retrieval Consultant for SAAS MedSTAR. He was appointed to the Board in September 2022.
Special responsibilities	Member of Premier Cricket Committee; Member of the Nominations Committee; and Member of the Honorary Nominations and Naming Committee.

Name	Craig Bradbrook
Title	Board Member
Experience	Craig joined the Board in September 2022 as Premier Cricket Delegate. He started playing cricket for East Torrens Cricket Club at age 12 and since 1982 has served as a Player, Senior and Junior Coach, Life Member and Committee member. He was elected President of East Torrens from 2016 to May 2026. Craig has been a delegate of the Premier Cricket Committee since 2016 and elected Premier Cricket Chair in 2022. Professionally Craig has worked in the finance industry since 1987.
Special responsibilities	Chair of Premier Cricket Committee.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS *(Continued)*

Name	Jamie Briggs
Title	Board Member
Qualifications	GAICD, MBA
Experience	Jamie was elected to the Board in 2021. He was appointed Chair of SACA's Finance and Audit Committee in June 2024 and held that position until January 2026, and remains a member of the Committee. He was appointed Chair of Adelaide Oval SMA Limited (AOSMA) in March 2026, having previously served as a member of the AOSMA Finance and Audit Committee until that appointment. Jamie played junior cricket in Mildura before coming to Adelaide to play district cricket at Glenelg at age 18. He has coached junior cricket in the Adelaide Hills. Professionally, he is a Partner at Tenet Advisory & Investments, was formerly Managing Partner of the Adelaide office of PwC Australia, and was previously a member of the Australian Parliament. He holds an MBA from the University of Adelaide and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
Special responsibilities	Member of the SACA Finance and Audit Committee; Chair of Adelaide Oval SMA Limited (AOSMA).

Name	Rebecca Hayes
Title	Board Member
Qualifications	BA, LLB Honours, Grad.Dip Property
Experience	Elected to the Board in 2018, Rebecca is Associate Director – Governance and Strategy at the City of Adelaide and previously Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Tumby Bay. She brings experience in governance, risk, membership and infrastructure, and asset management and is passionate about representing regional cricket interests at board level. Rebecca chairs SACA's Membership Advisory Committee and is a member of the Game Development Committee. Rebecca has a Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts degree.
Special responsibilities	Chair of Membership Advisory Committee; Member of Game Development Committee.

Name	Andrea McCauley
Title	Board Member
Qualifications	Dip FMBM, Level III CA Coaching accreditation
Experience	Andrea was elected to the Board in 2019. She is a self-employed mortgage broker and holds a diploma in Financial Services (Finance/Broking Management). Andrea's cricket experience includes playing for the Sturt District Cricket Club, representing Australia and captaining South Australia. She was the first female Head Coach of the SACA Female High Performance program and the inaugural Coach of the WBBL Adelaide Strikers. Andrea chairs the Honorary Nominations and Naming Committees and is a member of the Strategic Cricket Committee.
Special responsibilities	Chair of Honorary Nominations and Naming Committee; Member of Strategic Cricket Committee.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS *(Continued)*

Name	Leanne McClurg
Title	Board Member
Qualifications	Master of Laws (LLM)(Corporate Law, Energy & Resources); Bachelor of Laws (Hons) / Bachelor of Arts (Hons); Diploma in HR/IR; Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors
Experience	Leanne was elected to the Board in 2024. She started playing cricket at 16 years of age, played at Sturt District Cricket Club and represented South Australia in their under 21 women's team. She has coached school cricket and served on the Sturt District Cricket Club committee. Leanne is the Commercial Director at Clarke Energy. Her expertise is in strategy, optimising commercial outcomes, governance and risk.
Special responsibilities	Member of Game Development Committee; Member of the Membership Advisory Committee.

Name	Jamie Panelli
Title	Board Member
Qualifications	Dip FinServ, Level II CA Coaching Accreditation
Experience	Jamie joined the SACA Board in 2023 and has been a SACA member since 1991. He commenced playing cricket at Kensington District Cricket Club at 11 years of age, playing A grade for 18 seasons, and is the highest wicket taker in the club's history. He also represented the South Australian Redbacks 2nd XI. In addition to serving Kensington District CC as a player, Jamie has also held the positions of junior co-ordinator, junior coach, cricket director, senior assistant men's and women's head coach, committee member and Life Member. Jamie chairs the SACA Strategic Cricket Committee and is a member of the People and Governance Committee. Professionally, Jamie has a Diploma in Financial Services and is a Director and Senior Financial Advisor of Infocus Financial Advice (Adelaide) since 1995.
Special responsibilities	Chair of the Strategic Cricket Committee; Member of the People and Governance Committee.

Name	Caroline Rhodes
Title	Board Member
Qualifications	BAgSc, MAgBus, GAICD, FARLF
Experience	Caroline was elected to the Board in 2016 and has been a dedicated SACA Member since 2003. With over twenty years of professional experience in government relations, strategic communications, and membership organisations, she currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Primary Producers SA. In addition, she is an experienced company director and holds positions on the Boards of Rural Business Support, the Australian Farm Institute, and Foodbank SA/NT. She is a member of SACA's Nominations, Membership Advisory, and People and Governance Committees, and joined the Board of AOSMA in December 2022. Caroline holds a Master of Agribusiness and a Bachelor of Agricultural Science.
Special responsibilities	Member of Membership Advisory Committee; Member of People and Governance Committee; Member of Nominations Committee; and Director of Adelaide Oval SMA Limited (AOSMA), Adelaide Oval Hotel Trust (AOHT), and Adelaide Oval Commercial Operations Trust (COT).

Name	David Sanders
Title	Board Member
Qualifications	FCA, FGLF, GAICD
Experience	David was appointed to the Board in July 2024 and is Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee. David is a partner with accounting firm EY, a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand and a Fellow of the Governor's Leadership Foundation. He brings strong accounting and finance skills, as well as experience in corporate governance, strategy and risk management. David has been a SACA member since 2012.
Special responsibilities	Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.

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INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS *(Continued)*

Name	Susan Smith
Title	Board Member
Qualifications	Bsc,. SPE, MAICD
Experience	Appointed to the Board in 2021, Susie brings executive and board experience in corporate strategy, public affairs, and sustainability. Susie has a background in elite sports and has been active in cricket for over 20 years - as a premier player and a coach, and more recently in the Adelaide Hills Association. She is a chief executive working in national and international climate change and energy policy. Susie Chairs SACA's Game Development Committee.
Special responsibilities	Chair of the Game Development Committee.

COMPANY SECRETARY
Andrew Sweet (MBA, University of Adelaide and Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors) has held the role of Company Secretary since 4 May 2020.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS
The number of meetings of SACA's Board of Directors ('the Board') and of each Finance & Audit Committee held during the year ended 30 June 2026, and the number of meetings attended by each director were:

Directors	Directors' meetings		Finance & Audit committee meetings	
	No. eligible to attend	No. attended	No. eligible to attend	No. attended
W. Rayner	11	11	11	9
D. Harris	11	10	-	-
C. Bradbrook	11	10	-	-
J. Briggs	11	11	11	10
R. Hayes	11	10	-	-
A. McCauley	11	11	-	-
L. McClurg	11	11	-	-
J. Panelli	11	10	-	-
C. Rhodes	11	8	-	-
D. Sanders	11	9	11	9
S. Smith	11	10	-	-

Eligible to attend: represents the number of meetings held during the time the director held office or was a member of the relevant committee.

There are additional subcommittees which report to the Board. The names and purpose of these Committees are set out below:

Premier Cricket Committee: Oversees the management and administration of the Premier Cricket Competition.

Nominations Committee: Provides guidance to the Board and Members in relation to the identification and appointment of suitable candidates for the Board and supports reviews of Board performance, Board composition and Board succession planning.

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MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS *(Continued)*

Game Development Committee: Assists the Board in relation to strategic oversight of cricket participation, including via pathway and development programs, competition delivery, coach and umpire and volunteer recruitment, retention and training and improving participant diversity.

Membership Advisory Committee: Supports the Board in respect of SACA's Membership, including engagement, growth strategies and governance.

Strategic Cricket Committee: Provides strategic support and recommendations to the Board regarding the future direction, growth and development of cricket in South Australia.

People and Governance Committee: Provides recommendations to the Board on matters relating to SACA's governance framework, people and governance risk management and compliance.

Honorary Nominations and Naming Committee: Advises the Board regarding recognition of people's contributions to SACA through honorary membership(s) and provides guidance on the naming of buildings, facilities, and precincts for consistency with SACA's values and heritage.

MEMBERS GUARANTEE

SACA is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If SACA is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute to a maximum of $0.10 each towards meeting any outstanding and obligations of SACA. At 30 June 2026 the number of members was 34,133. The combined total amount that members of SACA are liable to contribute if SACA is wound up is $3,413.30.

ROUNDING OF AMOUNTS

The company is of a kind referred to in *Corporations Instrument 2026/183*, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Corporations Instrument to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit for the financial year is provided with this report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Director:

Director:

Dated this 31st day of August 2026

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General information
The financial statements cover the South Australian Cricket Association Limited ('SACA') as a consolidated entity consisting of South Australian Cricket Association Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is South Australian Cricket Association Limited's functional and presentation currency.

The incorporation and constitution of the Les Favell Cricket Foundation Inc (‘LFCF Inc’) were approved by the SACA Board on 25 July 2022, however the transfer of assets did not occur until 31 July 2025. Accordingly, 2026 is the first year that LFCF Inc has recognised a financial impact to the consolidated entity.

South Australian Cricket Association Limited is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are:

Registered office & Principal place of business

South Australian Cricket Association Limited
Adelaide Oval
War Memorial Drive
North Adelaide SA 5006

A description of the nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are included in the directors' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on August 2026. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

		Consolidated	
		2026	2025
	Note	$'000	$'000
Revenue and other income			
Revenue from contracts with customers	3	71,586	63,463
Investment income	4	2,942	3,543
Other income	4	3,171	1,025
		77,699	68,031
Expenses			
Employee benefits expense	5	(28,772)	(26,796)
Event expenses	2(g)	(17,500)	(13,328)
Cricket expenses		(9,690)	(8,833)
AOSMA related expenses		(9,353)	(9,269)
Administration expenses		(3,029)	(2,852)
Amortisation of intangible assets	5	(760)	(760)
Advertising expenses		(695)	(648)
Depreciation expenses	5	(1,086)	(925)
Grounds and maintenance expenses		(954)	(956)
Finance costs		(158)	(144)
Other expenses		(748)	(394)
		(72,745)	(64,905)
Net surplus for the year		4,954	3,126
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Members of South Australian Cricket Association Limited		4,954	3,126

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

		Consolidated	
		2026	2025
	Note	$'000	$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	**6**	14,085	7,807
Trade and other receivables	**7**	2,825	2,180
Financial assets	**8**	33,398	28,898
Prepayments		115	245
Total current assets		50,423	39,130
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	**10**	49,725	50,485
Right of use assets	**11**	158	69
Property, plant and equipment	**12**	19,297	14,988
Total non-current assets		69,180	65,542
Total assets		119,603	104,672
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	**13**	11,752	3,376
Income received in advance	**14**	3,047	1,779
Lease liabilities	**11**	66	23
Provisions	**15**	1,730	1,471
Total current liabilities		16,595	6,649
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	**11**	127	96
Provisions	**15**	195	195
Total non-current liabilities		322	291
Total liabilities		16,917	6,940
Net assets		102,686	97,732
Members' funds			
Board designated future fund reserve	**16**	30,992	28,897
Accumulated surplus	**17**	71,694	68,835
Total members' fund		102,686	97,732

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Board designated future fund reserve	Accumulated surplus	Total Members' funds
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Consolidated			
Balance as at 1 July 2024	26,365	68,241	94,606
Surplus for the year attributable to members of SACA	-	3,126	3,126
Transfer from accumulated surplus to Board designated future fund reserve	2,532	(2,532)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2025	28,897	68,835	97,732
Consolidated			
Balance as at 1 July 2025	28,897	68,835	97,732
Surplus for the year attributable to members of SACA	-	4,954	4,954
Transfer from accumulated surplus to Board designated future fund reserve	2,095	(2,095)	
Balance as at 30 June 2026	30,992	71,694	102,686

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

		Consolidated	
		2026	2025
	Note	$'000	$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash received from members, events and grants (inclusive of GST)		86,079	74,948
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(75,164)	(74,220)
Interest received		989	1,010
Dividend and distribution income		1,698	417
Net cash provided by operating activities	**19**	13,602	2,155
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		33	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(5,373)	(1,344)
(Payment for)/Disposal of investments		(1,917)	1,298
Net cash used in investing activities		(7,257)	(46)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Principal portion of lease payment		(67)	(56)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(67)	(56)
Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		7,807	5,754
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		6,278	2,053
Cash at end of financial year	**6**	14,085	7,807

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION

General information
The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards, Interpretations and other applicable authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001* . These financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

South Australian Cricket Association Limited (hereafter referred to as "SACA"), consisting of South Australian Cricket Association Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2026 (hereafter referred to as the 'consolidated entity'). SACA is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. SACA is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial report was approved by the Directors at the date of the Directors' report.

Comparatives
Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

Parent entity information
In accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* , these financial statements present the results of the consolidated entity only. Supplementary information about the parent entity is disclosed in Note 26.

Rounding of amounts
The company is of a kind referred to in *Corporations Instrument 2026/183* , issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Corporations Instrument to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

Significant accounting estimates and judgements
In the process of applying SACA's accounting policies, management makes various judgements that can significantly affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. In addition, the determination of carrying amounts of some assets and liabilities require estimation of the effects of uncertain future events. Outcomes within the next financial year that are different from the assumptions made could require a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of those assets and liabilities affected by the assumption.

The significant judgements made by management in applying SACA's accounting policies and/or the major sources of estimation uncertainty, that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and/or have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are detailed in Note 20.5 (Contingent Liabilities).

Aside from this one significant judgement, there are no other significant accounting estimates or judgements which are likely to have a material impact on the financial statements.

NOTE 2: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

(a) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as SACA is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* .

(b) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is measured at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on a cost basis.

Additions to Adelaide Oval

Additions to Adelaide Oval are measured on a cost basis. These represent amounts incurred by SACA in relation to the fit out of the Bodyline Bar and Level 5 (Southbank Stand). These have not been recognised within 'leasehold improvements' as SACA does not hold a lease over Adelaide Oval (as detailed in Note 10). Under AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment,* SACA can recognise these amounts in the statement of financial position as the costs can be reliably measured, and they will generate a future economic benefit to SACA.

Leasehold improvements

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Depreciation

All other property, plant and equipment is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Plant and equipment	10-40%	Straight line
Leasehold improvements	2-20%	Straight line
Additions to Adelaide Oval	5%	Straight line

(c) Investments and other financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets not measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Typically, such financial assets will be either: (i) held for trading, where they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the short-term with an intention of making a profit, or a derivative; or (ii) designated as such upon initial recognition where permitted. Fair value movements are recognised in profit or loss.

(d) Interest in joint arrangements

Joint arrangements represent the contractual sharing of control between parties in a business venture where unanimous decisions about the relevant activities are required. Joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures based on the rights and obligations of the parties to the arrangement.

Joint ventures

SACA's interest in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method after initially being recognised at cost. Under the equity method, SACA's share of the profits or losses of the joint venture are recognised in SACA's surplus or deficit and SACA's share of the joint venture's other comprehensive income is recognised in SACA's other comprehensive income.

Details of SACA's interests in joint ventures are disclosed in Note 9.

NOTE 2: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

(e) Revenue
SACA derives revenue from cricket revenue, membership subscriptions, event income, dividends and interest.

Cricket revenue including sale of tickets, sponsorship, venue hire, Cricket Australia distributions received throughout the year is recognised at a point in time either when received, or the performance obligation has been satisfied.

Membership fees are recognised as revenue when the membership and affiliation services are provided, which is typically based on the passage of time over the cricket season and when no significant uncertainty as to its collectability exists.

Revenue from organising and hosting events including catering is recognised at a point in time, as performance obligations are satisfied, based on services performed, consistent with the manner in which services are provided in the period in which the events are held. These services are provided under contractual arrangements that contain enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations.

Income received in advance balances, recorded in the statement of financial position, represents amounts where performance obligations remain unsatisfied at reporting date.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established. Distributions received from joint venture entities are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

Interest income is measured on an effective interest rate basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is measured net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(f) Intangible assets
Intangible assets acquired by way of government grants
Intangible assets acquired by way of a government grant are initially recognised at fair value (which, for accounting purposes, is treated as the cost of the intangible asset), and are subsequently amortised over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is available for use. The amortisation method applied to an intangible asset is consistent with the estimated consumption of economic benefits of the asset. Subsequent to initial recognition, intangible assets acquired by way of government grants are measured at cost, less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

(g) Commercial Model Agreement
A revised Commercial Model Agreement with Cricket Australia became effective during the 2025 financial year and remains in force until the 2031 financial year. The agreement affects the presentation and quantum of certain cricket-related revenues, expenses, and year-end balances. Accordingly, year-on-year comparisons should be considered in the context of this agreement.

(h) Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to SACA. SACA has decided not to early adopt any of these new and amended pronouncements, most relevant to the consolidated entity, are set out below.

	Note	Consolidated 2026 $'000	2025 $'000
NOTE 3: OPERATING REVENUE			
Revenue from contracts with customers			
Cricket revenue	2(g)	44,327	39,086
Membership subscriptions		17,330	16,319
Catering-related revenue		9,929	8,058
		71,586	**63,463**

Disaggregation of revenue

All revenue from contracts with customers was recognised at a point in time within Australia, except for membership income which is recognised over the cricket season (2025: point in time within Australia, except for membership income which is recognised over the cricket season).

NOTE 4: OTHER INCOME & INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment Income - SACA		
Dividend income	740	690
Interest	978	1,010
Realised fair value gain / (loss) on other financial assets	(116)	12
Unrealised fair value gain / (loss) on other financial assets	1,359	1,831
	2,961	**3,543**
Investment Income - LFCF Inc		
Dividend income	35	-
Interest	11	-
Realised fair value gain / (loss) on other financial assets	(1)	-
Unrealised fair value gain / (loss) on other financial assets	(64)	-
	(19)	**-**
Other income		
Distributions from joint ventures	1,799	1,012
Profit on sale of assets	3	5
LFCF Inc transfer of assets*	1,288	-
Miscellaneous revenue	81	8
	3,171	**1,025**

*During the financial year, the LFCF Incorporated received a transfer of financial assets and cash to continue operations under the new incorporated entity. The nature of the transaction being a one-off transfer associated with the transition from the trust structure to the incorporated entity. The amount transferred is not repayable to the LFCF.

NOTE 5: EXPENSES

Current year surplus has been determined after:		
Depreciation		
Leasehold land (Karen Rolton Oval)	482	432
Plant and equipment	445	305
Right of use assets	52	81
Additions to Adelaide Oval	107	107
	1,086	**925**
Amortisation of intangible assets		
Licenses	760	760
	760	**760**
Employee benefits expense		
Short term benefits	24,984	23,655
Superannuation guarantee contributions	2,488	2,276
Payroll tax	1,300	865
	28,772	**26,796**

	Consolidated	
	2026	2025
NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**$'000**	**$'000**
Cash at bank - SACA	13,793	7,807
Cash at bank - LFCF Inc	292	-
	14,085	**7,807**
NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade receivables	662	485
Trust distribution receivable	1,771	1,012
Accrued revenue	44	259
GST Input Credits	298	374
Other debtors	50	50
	2,825	**2,180**
NOTE 8: FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Shares in listed corporations and managed funds - SACA	25,086	23,063
Shares in listed corporations and managed funds - LFCF Inc	906	-
	25,992	23,063
Financial assets measured at amortised cost		
Other investments - floating rate notes - SACA	5,906	5,835
Other investments - fixed rate notes (term deposits) - SACA	1,500	-
	7,406	**5,835**
	33,398	**28,898**
NOTE 9: INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES		
Net interest in the Adelaide Oval SMA Ltd (AOSMA)	-	-
Net interest in the Commercial Operations Trust (COT)	-	-
Net interest in the Adelaide Oval Hotel Trust (AOHT)	-	-
	-	-

The interest in Adelaide Oval SMA Ltd is carried at $1. The interest in Commercial Operations Trust (Roof Climb at Adelaide Oval) is carried at $10. The interest in Adelaide Oval Hotel Trust is carried at $10.

Adelaide Oval SMA Ltd
SACA and South Australian National Football League (SANFL) have agreed to associate with each other as the promoters of Adelaide Oval SMA Limited ('AOSMA').

AOSMA is a not for profit company limited by guarantee. The AOSMA's constitution states, no part of its income or property may be paid, transferred or distributed, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, fee or otherwise, to any of the Members. Further, as per the promoter's agreement, neither SACA nor SANFL has any right or entitlement to any legal or beneficial interest in the income or property of AOSMA.

Commercial Operations Trust (Roof Climb at Adelaide Oval, Turf Solutions and offsite hospitality at Monarto Zoo)
SACA is a beneficiary of a share of distributions from Commercial Operations Trust ('COT') based on its Net Surplus or Deficit in accordance with the provisions of the agreement between SACA and SANFL. COT is a discretionary trust.

Adelaide Oval Hotel Trust
The Adelaide Oval Hotel Trust ('AOHT') was set up on 15 March 2019. SACA is a beneficiary of a share of distributions from Adelaide Oval Hotel Trust based on its Net Surplus or Deficit in accordance with the provisions of the agreement between SACA and SANFL. AOHT is a discretionary trust.

NOTE 9: INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES *(continued)*

Summarised financial information for SACA's interest in AOSMA, COT and AOHT

9.1 The Joint Venture financial information is disclosed in Note 9 above. The Joint Venture related party transactions are disclosed at Note 22.

9.2 SACA provides financial support to AOSMA, COT and AOHT in the event of 'financial difficulties'. Refer to Note 20.1.

9.3 SACA is only a beneficiary of COT and AOHT as per the Trust Deeds. Accordingly, SACA only recognises its share upon distribution of income or capital by the Trustee of the Joint Ventures. As disclosed in Note 9 above, SACA has no right or entitlement to any legal or beneficial interest in the income or property of AOSMA. Accordingly, SACA has no interest in these joint ventures.

9.4 AOSMA has a 31 October financial year end. As a result, the figures disclosed below are from their unaudited management accounts. Any difference between the figures disclosed and audited figures are determined to not have a material impact on the financial statements of SACA. This is due to the fact SACA is not entitled to any form of distributions (as detailed in Note 9 above) and there is a sufficient net current asset and net asset position, meaning they are not experiencing 'financial difficulties' as detailed in Note 9.2 and Note 20.1.

9.5 COT and AOHT has a 30 June financial year end. As a result, the figures disclosed below are from their pre-audited numbers. Any difference between the figures disclosed and final audited figures are determined to not have a material impact on the financial statements of SACA. This is due to the fact distributions have been accrued at 30 June (as disclosed in Note 7) and are considered to be materially accurate, and there is a sufficient net current asset (COT) and net asset position (COT and AOHT), meaning they are not experiencing 'financial difficulties' as detailed in Note 9.2 and Note 20.1.

	AOSMA	COT	AOHT
2026	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Total current assets	40,825	4,015	6,612
Total non-current assets	105,566	1,781	50,397
Total current liabilities	(32,565)	(4,030)	(6,402)
Total non-current liabilities	(84,779)	(1,766)	(47,605)
Net assets	**29,047**	**-**	**3,002**
Trading Revenue	128,907	13,453	20,231
Trading Expenses	(125,332)	(11,252)	(18,797)
Other adjustments/ expenses	411	-	-
Contributions paid to JV partners	(15,574)	-	-
Contributions received from JV partners	18,505	-	-
Distributions to JV partners		(2,201)	(1,434)
Total comprehensive income /(loss)	**6,917**	**-**	**-**
Opening net assets	22,130	-	3,002
Add: Total comprehensive income /(loss)	6,917	-	-
Closing net assets	**29,047**	**-**	**3,002**
SACA's % share of net assets (refer Note 9.3)	-	-	-

NOTE 9: INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES *(continued)*

2025	AOSMA $'000	COT $'000	AOHT $'000
Total current assets	31,880	2,703	5,520
Total non-current assets	102,193	2,203	51,146
Total current liabilities	(29,626)	(2,987)	(5,410)
Total non-current liabilities	(82,317)	(1,919)	(48,254)
Net assets	**22,130**	**-**	**3,002**
Trading revenue	105,104	9,893	17,557
Trading expenses	(110,451)	(8,302)	(17,050)
Other adjustments/ expenses	535	-	-
Service fees paid to JV partners	(12,470)	-	-
Service fees received from JV partners	18,555	-	-
Distributions to JV partners	-	(1,591)	(507)
Total comprehensive income /(loss)	**1,273**	**-**	**-**
Opening net assets	20,857	-	3,002
Add: Total comprehensive income /(loss)	1,273	-	-
Closing net assets	**22,130**	**-**	**3,002**
SACA's % share of net assets (refer Note 9.3)	-	-	-

NOTE 10: INTANGIBLE ASSETS	Consolidated 2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Licences at cost	59,100	59,100
Accumulated amortisation	(9,375)	(8,615)
	49,725	**50,485**
Total intangible assets	**49,725**	**50,485**

(a) Reconciliations

Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of intangible assets at the beginning and end of the current financial year:

Licences at cost		
Opening balance	50,485	51,245
Amortisation expense	(760)	(760)
Closing balance	**49,725**	**50,485**

Background

SACA entered into a licence deed with the Government of South Australia on the 17 November 2011 to unrestrictedly and exclusively use the Adelaide Oval Core Area for Cricket Purposes during the period 8 October – 14 March annually. The term of the licence is 80 years. The Adelaide Oval was taken into use approximately two years after the licence deed became effective, therefore resulting in amortisation of the intangible asset over the remaining 78 years.

NOTE 10: INTANGIBLE ASSETS *(continued)*

Accounting treatment

Entering into the licence deed resulted in the recognition of an intangible asset of the fair value of $59.1m under *AASB 138 Intangible Assets*. Refer disclosure below regarding the value recognised. The corresponding entry resulted in the recognition of a grant income at a point in time in the net surplus for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Subsequent to the initial recognition in 2012, AASB 16 *Leases* was introduced, effective year ended 30 June 2020. At the time, an evaluation was undertaken to assess if the licence deed was in fact a lease, and should therefore be presented as such in the financial statements. It was determined the details of the licence deed did not meet the recognition principals of AASB 16 *Leases.* Whilst SACA has priority access to Adelaide Oval Core Area for Cricket Purposes during the period 8 October – 14 March annually, they do not obtain substantially all the economic benefits of the asset during this time. As a result, it is determined SACA does not control Adelaide Oval and as a result, remains disclosed as an intangible asset.

Fair value of licence

The intangible assets were valued by an independent valuation dated 8 August 2012. The net fair value of intangible assets at that date has been valued principally using the discount cash flow methodology considering the earnings associated with the core use of the Adelaide Oval (redeveloped) and the various other spaces of real estate allocated to SACA under the licence deed.

Given that the licence granted is in relation to new and improved patron facilities and accommodation, the key assumptions used in the valuation when the asset was initially recognised are as follows:

Retention of international and domestic cricket matches;
Growth to attendances at some international cricket matches;

Revenue derived from the introduction of a new venue membership product enabling patron access to cricket and football fixtures;

Enhanced quantity and quality of corporate facilities;
Improved indoor cricket training facilities;
Office accommodation and function spaces at no cost;
The cash flow forecast used in the valuation relates to the period 2014 - 2034; and
The value has been based on the incremental value of cash flows.

As at 30 June 2026, there are no indicators of impairment to the net carrying value of the licence, as such there is no impairment provision is recorded in this financial statements.

	Consolidated	
NOTE 11: LEASE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES	**2026 $'000**	**2025 $'000**

The right of use asset has been recorded in relation to the lease of Gladys Elphick Park / Narnungga ("Park 25" or "Karen Rolton Oval") comprising the whole of the land referred to as Park 25 in the Adelaide Parklands, Port Road, Adelaide.
The movement reflects the remeasurement of lease arrangements during the year, which increased the carrying amount of right-of-use assets and reduced accumulated depreciation.

(a) Right of use assets		
Under lease - Karen Rolton Oval	283	252
Accumulated depreciation	(125)	(183)
	158	**69**
(b) Lease liabilities		
Current Lease liability	66	23
Non-Current Lease liability	127	96
	193	**119**

NOTE 12: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	Consolidated 2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Leasehold improvements		
Karen Rolton Oval	15,269	14,211
Accumulated depreciation	(3,448)	(2,978)
	11,821	**11,233**
Plant and equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost	5,429	4,273
Accumulated depreciation	(2,326)	(2,016)
	3,103	**2,257**
Additions to Adelaide Oval		
Body Line Bar & Level 5 Southbank	2,132	2,132
Accumulated depreciation	(849)	(731)
	1,283	**1,401**
Capital Work in Progress at cost	3,090	97
	3,090	**97**
Total property, plant and equipment	**19,297**	**14,988**

(a) Reconciliations

Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year:

Consolidated

2026	*Leasehold improvements*	*Plant and equipment*	*Additions to Adelaide Oval*	*Capital Work in Progress*	**Total**
Opening carrying amount	11,233	2,257	1,401	97	**14,988**
Additions	1,070	1,310	-	2,993	**5,373**
Disposals	-	(19)	(11)	-	**(30)**
Depreciation expense	(482)	(445)	(107)	-	**(1,034)**
Closing carrying amount	**11,821**	**3,103**	**1,283**	**3,090**	**19,297**

Consolidated

2025	*Leasehold improvements*	*Plant and equipment*	*Additions to Adelaide Oval*	*Capital Work in Progress*	**Total**
Opening carrying amount	11,128	2,015	1,298	47	**14,488**
Additions	537	547	210	50	**1,344**
Disposals	-	-	-	-	**-**
Depreciation expense	(432)	(305)	(107)	-	**(844)**
Closing carrying amount	**11,233**	**2,257**	**1,401**	**97**	**14,988**

NOTE 13: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Unsecured liabilities		
Trade creditors	2,773	1,429
Other creditors and accruals*	8,979	1,947
	11,752	**3,376**

** Included in this balance is an accrual of $6.165 million relating to commercial agreements. The corresponding balance was nil in 2025, as the accrual was settled in June 2025. This accrual is the primary driver of the year-on-year increase in the balance.*

	Note	Consolidated 2026 $'000	2025 $'000
NOTE 14: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE			
Income received in advance		3,047	1,779
		3,047	**1,779**
NOTE 15: PROVISIONS			
Current			
Annual leave		888	715
Long service leave		842	756
		1,730	**1,471**
Non-current			
Non-Current Long service leave		195	195
		195	**195**
NOTE 16: BOARD DESIGNATED RESERVES			
Board designated future fund reserve		30,992	28,897
		30,992	**28,897**

Board designated future fund reserve

The purpose of the future fund reserve is to help ensure the long term financial stability of SACA and position it to respond to varying economic conditions and changes affecting SACA's financial position and the ability of the organisation to continuously carry out its mission.

Movements in reserve		
Opening balance	28,897	26,365
Transfer to Board designated future fund reserve from accumulated surplus	2,095	2,532
Closing balance	**30,992**	**28,897**

NOTE 17: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus at start of the year	68,835	68,241
Surplus	4,954	3,126
Transfers to reserves	(2,095)	(2,532)
Accumulated surplus at end of the year	**71,694**	**68,835**

NOTE 18: REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by BDO Audit Pty Ltd ('BDO'), the auditor of the company:

Assurance services		
Audit of SACA Financial Statements	48	48
Audit of the 'Australian Cricket Revenue' and 'Player Payment Pool' Schedules	8	8
Audit of Les Favell Cricket Foundation Incorporated Financial Statements	-	-
Total Audit Services	**56**	**56**

	Note	Consolidated 2026 $'000	2025 $'000
NOTE 18: REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS (CONTINUED)			
Non-assurance services			
Compilation of SACA Financial Statements		5	5
Compilation Les Favell Cricket Foundation Incorporated Financial Statements		-	-
		5	**5**
Total fees paid or payable		**61**	**61**

NOTE 19: CASH FLOW INFORMATION	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with Surplus / (Deficit)		
Current year surplus	4,954	3,126
Adjustments and non-cash items		
Depreciation expense	1,086	925
Amortisation expense	760	760
Net unrealised (gains)/losses on investments held at fair value	(1,295)	(1,831)
LFCF Inc transfer of assets	(1,288)	-
Gain on disposal of property, plant & equipment	(3)	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	(645)	(973)
(Increase) / decrease in other assets	130	(227)
(Decrease) / increase in payables and other liabilities	9,644	241
(Decrease) / increase in provisions	259	134
Cash flows from operating activities	**13,602**	**2,155**

NOTE 20: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

20.1 The Promoters Agreement between SACA, AOSMA and SANFL provides a vehicle for financial support from SACA and SANFL to AOSMA in the event of 'financial difficulties'.

20.2 SACA provided a guarantee for a bank loan to the trustee for COT in the event of 'financial difficulties'. This guarantee is given contemporaneously with the giving of a guarantee by the SANFL.

20.3 SACA provided a guarantee for a bank loan to the Treasurer of South Australia for AOHT in the event of 'financial difficulties'. This guarantee is given contemporaneously with the giving of a guarantee by the SANFL.

20.4 It is possible that recent variations and ongoing negotiations relating to commercially confidential supplier agreements may result in the outflow of economic benefits to third parties between the 2017 and 2029 financial years in a form that has been agreed. The outflow is not considered material on an annual basis. The outflow that occurred during the 2026 financial year was $Nil (2025: Nil).

20.5 SACA, along with the other State Associations, has an arrangement with Cricket Australia ("CA") which, if SACA's 'cricket revenues' (as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding between CA and the Australian Cricketers' Association Inc ('MOU')) increase over a pre-defined five year time period, may result in a liability to CA. This liability is to cover the amounts payable to the players in accordance with the MOU. At reporting date, SACA has determined that while the liability can be materially reliably measured, and the liability arises from past events, it is not probable there is an outflow of future economic benefits. For this reason, a liability has not been recognised in the statement of financial position.

	Note	Consolidated 2026 $'000	2025 $'000

NOTE 21: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES

The aggregate compensation made to directors and other members of key management personnel of the company is set out below:

Short-term employee benefits	2,244	2,097
Post-employment benefits	215	324
	2,459	2,421

NOTE 22: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Key management personnel
Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 21.

Transactions with and amounts receivable from / (payable to) related parties

22.1 Transactions with Joint Venture - COT

Total Revenue - Share of profit	920	778
The following balances owing between COT and SACA are included in SACA's Statement of Financial Position:		
Amounts due from COT	920	778

22.2 Transactions with Joint Venture - AOSMA

Total Revenues	9,587	9,130
Total Expenses	(9,353)	(9,269)
The following balances owing between AOSMA and SACA are included in SACA's Statement of Financial Position:		
Trade payables to AOSMA	(2,093)	(566)
Trade receivables from AOSMA	-	14

22.3 Transactions with Joint Venture - AOHT

Total Revenue - Share of profit	851	234
The following balances owing between AOHT and SACA are included in SACA's Statement of Financial Position:		
Amounts due from AOHT	851	234

Loans to/from related parties
There were no loans to or from related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

NOTE 23: CONTROLLED ENTITIES

The Les Favell Cricket Foundation ('LFCF) was an unincorporated trust formed by the trustees and the South Australian Cricket Association. It has been operating for approximately 35 years. The Les Favell Cricket Foundation Inc (‘LFCF Inc’) has been incorporated to replace the LFCF and its objects effectively mirror those of the LFCF. The incorporation and constitution of LFCF Inc were approved by the SACA Board on 25 July 2022. However, the assets of the Foundation (which are predominantly shares and marketable securities) are to be transferred to LFCF Inc prior to as part of the dissolution of the Foundation. The dissolution of the Foundation and the transfer of assets were approved by the SACA Board on 29 July 2024. SACA have determined given the constitution of LFCF Inc provides SACA with the ability to appoint directors, it controls the entity. As a result, the financial position and performance of LFCF Inc are incorporated in the consolidated financial statements of SACA.

NOTE 24: CONTINGENT ASSETS

In April 2026, The South Australian Cricket Association announced a $10 million transformation of Karen Rolton Oval. The South Australian State Government has committed to jointly fund the project with a $5 million contribution. At reporting date, the formal agreements were in the process of being finalised, and are contingent on approval through the public works committee. As disclosed in note 29, subsequent to reporting date, SACA has received confirmation from the Office for Recreation Sport and Racing of the $5 million contribution.

NOTE 25: COMMITMENTS

At reporting date, SACA had capital commitments of $8.7 million (2025: Nil) in relation to Karen Rolton Oval upgrades. This represents amounts contractually committed, but not yet due and payable at reporting date.

NOTE 26: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial risk management objectives

The Board of Directors have overall responsibility for identifying and managing operational and financial risks. SACA's activities do not expose it to any significant financial risks.

SACA holds the following financial instruments:	Consolidated	
	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	14,085	7,807
Trade and other receivables	2,825	2,180
Financial assets	33,398	28,898
	50,308	**38,885**
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables	11,752	3,376
Lease liabilities	193	119
	11,945	**3,495**

Market risk

Foreign currency risk
SACA is not exposed to any significant foreign currency risk.

Price risk
SACA is not exposed to any significant price risk.

Interest rate risk
SACA is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

Credit risk
SACA does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or group of counterparties under financial instruments entered into by SACA.

Liquidity risk
SACA does not have any significant liquidity risk due to monitoring forecast cash flows and ensuring that cash outflows are closely matched to forecast cash inflows.

Fair values of financial instruments
Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

NOTE 27: PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION

The individual financial statements for the parent entity show the following aggregate amounts:

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Net surplus for the year	3,755	3,126
Total comprehensive income	3,755	3,126
Statement of Financial Position		
Current assets	49,225	39,130
Non-current assets	69,180	65,542
Total assets	118,405	104,672
Current liabilities	16,595	6,649
Non-current liabilities	322	291
Total liabilities	16,917	6,940
Equity		
Board designated future fund reserve	30,992	28,897
Accumulated surplus	70,496	68,835
Total equity	101,488	97,732

Contingent liabilities
Contingent liabilities of the parent entity is disclosed in Note 20.

Capital commitments - Property, plant and equipment
Capital commitments of the parent entity is disclosed in note 25.

NOTE 28: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

(a) Fair Value Hierarchy

The following table provides the fair value classification of those assets and liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date
Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

Consolidated 2026	**Level 1 $'000**	**Level 2 $'000**	**Level 3 $'000**	**Total $'000**
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	25,992	-	-	25,992
Total financial assets	**25,992**	**-**	**-**	**25,992**
Consolidated 2025				
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	23,063	-	-	23,063
Total financial assets	**23,063**	**-**	**-**	**23,063**

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature

NOTE 29: MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

As disclosed in note 24 to the financial statements, a contingent asset was recognised in relation to a $5 million contribution from the South Australian Government in relation to the transformation of Karen Rolton Oval. Subsequent to reporting date, SACA has received confirmation from the Office for Recreation Sport and Racing of the $5 million contribution. Aside from this matter, there are no other matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to year end, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity in the subsequent financial year.

NOTE 30: CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Directors control the capital of SACA in order to maintain a good debt-to-equity ratio and to ensure that SACA can fund its operations and continue as a going concern. SACA's debt and capital includes financial liabilities, supported by financial assets.

The Directors effectively manage SACA's capital by assessing SACA's financial risks and adjusting its capital structure in response to changes in these risks. These responses include the effective management of debt levels and the restructure of their debt liability, if any.

There have been no changes in the strategy adopted by the Directors to control the capital of SACA since the prior year. This strategy is to ensure that there is sufficient cash to meet trade and other payables and lease liabilities, as and when they fall due. The gearing ratios are calculated below:

	Consolidated	
	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Trade and other payables	(11,752)	(3,376)
Lease Liabilities	(193)	(119)
Less cash and cash equivalents	13,793	7,807
Net cash / (debt)	1,848	4,312
Total Members Funds	102,686	97,732
Total Net Debt plus Total Members Funds	104,534	102,044
Gearing Ratio*	0.00%	0.00%

** 0% as SACA is in a net cash position after adjusting for debt*

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION LIMITED
ABN 44 623 135 393
CONSOLIDATED ENTITY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Entity name	Entity type	Place formed / country of incorporation	Ownership interest	Tax residency
South Australian Cricket Association Limited	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australia
The Les Favell Cricket Foundation Inc	Incorporated Association	Australia	100%	Australia

This Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement (CEDS) has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* . The CEDS includes certain information for each entity that was part of the consolidated entity at the end of the financial year in accordance with AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

The directors of the South Australian Cricket Association Limited declare that:

1. In the directors' opinion, the financial statements and notes thereto, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* , including:

   (a) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
   (b) giving a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2026 and performance for the year ended on the date of the South Australian Cricket Association Limited.

2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe the South Australian Cricket Association Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

3. The information disclosed in the consolidated entity disclosure statement is true and correct.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001* .

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: _____

Director: _____

Dated this 31st day of August 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of South Australian Cricket Association Limited (the Company), and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of South Australian Cricket Association Limited, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

(i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and

(ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of financial reports in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the directors' report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of:

a) the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and

b) the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, and

for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of:

i) the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and

ii) the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct and is free of misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx) at: https://www.auasb.gov.au/media/apzlwn0y/ar3_2024.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Joshua Carver
Director

Adelaide, 1 September 2026

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