

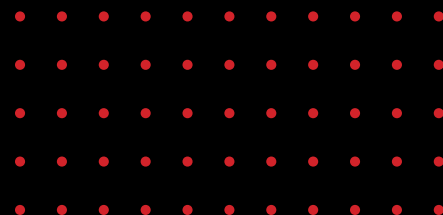


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# 2023 METRO NORTH ANNUAL REPORT



## METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL









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# METRO NORTH RDC BOARD

NAME	ROLE
Ian Brotherton	Chair
Corey Ranger	Executive Officer
Ryan Ramage	Secretary
John Pellegrini	Treasurer
Rhys Mola	Claremont Junior Club Delegate
Rosemary Goodin	Subiaco Junior Club Delegate
Phil O'Donnell	West Perth Junior Club Delegate
Garry Addison	WAFL Club Delegate
Charmaine Rogers	Female Delegate
Sharon Wood-Kenney	Community Delegate

# WAFC STAFF

NAME	ROLE
Troy Kirkham	Executive Manager Game Development and Community
Phil Narkle	Aboriginal Program Manager
Darren Bell	Community Coaching Manager
Beatrice Devlyn	Female and Diversity Coaching Coordinator
Baker Denneman	Metro North Coach Coordinator
Nicole Serafini	Women and Girl's Community Football Manager
Bradd Gardiner	Head of Competitions
Danni Dix	Competitions Specialist
Bree Wagner	Participation Platforms Specialist
Kathy Monck	Metro North Competitions Team Leader
Sandy Swift	Metro North Competitions Admin
Amy Crane	Metro North Competitions Admin
Andrew Ridley	Head of Participation
Michelle Sewell	Auskick and Alternative Formats Specialist
Joshua Merrett	Football Fundamentals Coordinator
Rob Geersen	Inclusion Specialist
Smanatha Otway	Inclusions Programs Officer
Regan Atkinson	Schools Specialist
Ben Cribb	Sporting Schools Coordinator
Jade Narkle	Diversity Specialist
Pinar Komur	Multicultural Officer
Naomi Baker	Programs Officer
Alex Zulberti	Claremont Development Officer
Corey Dullard	Subiaco Development Officer
Mitchell Gupanis	West Perth Development Officer
Corey Ranger	Head of Club Development and Volunteers
Jenné Russell	Club Development and Volunteers Specialist
Zachary Binning	Club Development and Volunteers Specialist



# METRO NORTH JUNIOR CLUBS AND PRESIDENTS

## CLAREMONT

CLUB	PRESIDENT
Claremont JFC	Cardin Langer
Cottesloe JFC	Matt Anning
Dalkeith Nedlands JFC	Scott Bailey
Marist JFC	David Bornmann
Mosman Park JFC	Steven Thorpe
North Beach JFC	Ron Van Der Sluys
Scarborough JFC	Ben Boyce
Subiaco JFC	Ashley Gifford
Swanbourne JFC	Greg O'Shannessy
Wembley Downs JFC	Glenn Winton
Wembley JFC	Matt Santich

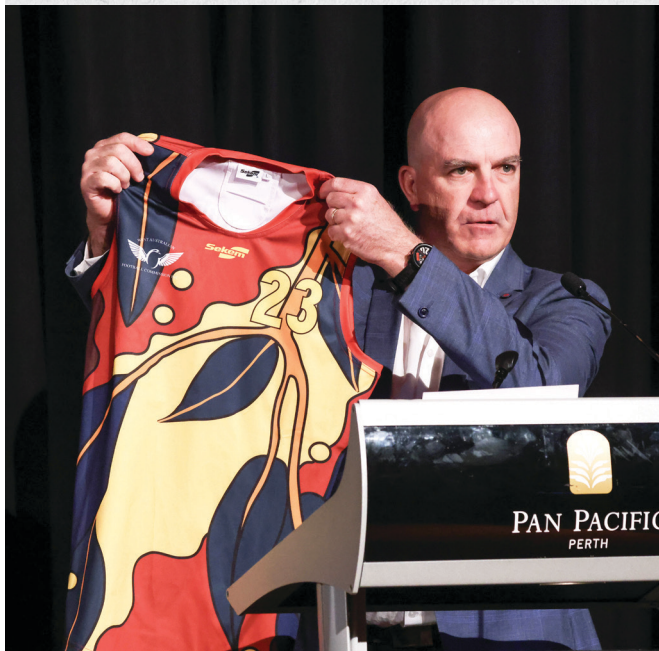
## SUBIACO

CLUB	PRESIDENT
Balga JFC	Jason Kissack
Carine JFC	Mel Parkinson
Kingsley JFC	Sean Busby
Kingsway JFC	Clint Miller
Nollamara JFC	Greg Madeley
Sorrento Duncraig JFC	Michelle Richards
Stirling JFC	Dom Caccamo
Warwick Greenwood JFC	Nicole Rodgers

## WEST PERTH

CLUB	PRESIDENT
Brighton JFC	Daniel Sherriff
Edgewater Woodvale JFC	Kunal Rao
Joondalup Kinross JFC	Peter Ross
Ocean Ridge JFC	Brad Johnson
Quinns Districts JFC	Daniel Jezierski
Wanneroo JFC	Pat Talbot
Whitford JFC	Glen McRedmond
Yanchep Districts JFC	Jason Glover





## CHAIR'S REPORT

Season 2023 has come and gone and what a season it has been - our first since 2019 seemingly unaffected by Covid. Female football continues on its growth trajectory with increasing numbers of players and interest experienced throughout 2023. It has been truly amazing to see yet another season of competition come to a successful conclusion with the grand final weekend and Awards of Excellence presentation night, this year in the CBD. All volunteers, umpires, players, and supporters out each Friday night and on Sundays to ensure competitive football games are undertaken across the Metro North area should be commended.

The continued importance of viable club environments and competitions held true throughout the season - it promotes community and social connection, as well as the value of physical exercise and engagement with friends and family. It also highlights the great work behind those clubs - the volunteers who run the clubs, those who coach and manage the players, and those that provide safe training and playing environments for all involved. Community football is the heart and soul of football in WA - long may these clubs and their volunteers continue.

We have been blessed across the Metro North Conference to have an outstanding level of professionalism shown by all of our Clubs Presidents and their respective committees. Their tireless work and desire to embrace the quality football structures and to continue the culture set within the Tigers, Lions and Falcons Districts developed over many years is one of the reasons we can provide the outstanding competition we have for our players

today. Through our combined work we continue working to develop quality clubs within the community. Thank you to all of our Presidents and particularly to those that have reached the end of their presidential journey, we wish you all the best.

The competition game day environment is highly supported by our Match Day Officials and volunteers who assist each weekend, often through inclement weather that the players and supporters endure. This passionate and highly valued group of "football people" provide guidance and positive support to teams and to all involved across as many games as they can get to. They are committed to the betterment of the game, the quality of delivery of football as well as being valued and knowledgeable resources to us all. Thank you must go to each of them - we appreciate your contribution in ensuring we operate in safe and healthy environments each weekend throughout the season.

The RDC would also like to thank the Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth Junior Umpire Associations for their continued support, dedication, and responsibility as custodians of the game in 2023. We continue to respect their commitment to the game from first year umpires to the most experienced. Our game could not happen without you, and for that we thank you sincerely.

Season 2023 saw:

- 28 Junior Football clubs taking to the field with pleasingly 27 strong Auskick centres developing our next generation of superstars.





- A total of 469 teams across the conference, 91 of which were female junior teams, a sector that continues to grow strongly.
- 13,504 Junior Football Participants participating in club based competitions from Auskick through to the Under 18s competition.

Some highlights from this season from our Competition

- The continued observance of NAIDOC round with clubs accessing RDC Grant Money to run events, produce NAIDOC Jumpers etc – my feelings on the how fantastic it would be to have all clubs wearing their indigenous jumper as their clash/away guernsey, and for all clubs to have, are well known.
- 696 players identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- 419 players playing with a disability not letting their own struggles get in the way of enjoying our game of football
- The Metro North Regional Development Council launched a Club Grants application process to enable funds to be distributed throughout our competition to clubs for further strategic initiatives and support for new ideas.

Our RDC Season Launch as well as the newly introduced Team of the Year events were a huge success with great support for both across most clubs in the Metro North Competition. As an RDC, we are tasked with ensuring that season 2023 is another successful one across our areas of focus. The RDC will be continuing to partner with our key stakeholders in the region to implement strategies to grow participation and community

engagement. The connection to the WAFC has created a new funding pathway to ensure the structure is viable into the future and that the RDC continues to be able to support community initiatives to build better competitions, better clubs, and better environments.

I would personally like to thank my Board for their continued commitment to the cause in supporting strategic initiatives across the Metro North Competition. To Corey Ranger, Ryan Ramage, John Pellegrini, Rosemary Goodin, Sharon Wood-Kenney, Gary Addison as well as outgoing members Charmaine Rogers, Phil O'Donnell and Rhys Mola, my thanks and appreciation to you.

Collectively the Metro North, South and Central RDC's are continuing to work to improve participation and engagement again in 2023. Thank you all.

Finally, I would like to thank the WAFC staff who have assisted the RDC once again during 2023. The staff, who may have faced slightly less challenges than previous years, worked tirelessly to make sure Season 2023 could occur like all seasons and are busily getting things in order for the new one.

We hope that you enjoy the off-season, and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2024.

**Ian Brotherton**  
Chair  
Metro North Regional Development Council





## EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The year 2023 has proven to be pivotal for the Regional Development Councils, thanks to the overhaul of community football initiated by the West Australian Football Commission in late 2022.

The mission was clear: elevate the level of support for each board, steer the strategic agenda, and bolster the promotion of the RDC's brand throughout the community. No small feat, especially considering the absence of prior interaction among the RDC's.

Under the leadership of Ian Brotherton, Travis Burrows, and Karen Wheatland as Chairs, the RDC's underwent a significant shift in approach. The first order of business this year was the development of a budget for expenditure, focused on developing an Investment Strategy for retained and future funds. This framework guided the RDC agenda, empowering each board to allocate resources freely within their respective segments of the game.

In 2023, a groundbreaking initiative, the 2023 Community Club Grants Program, saw over \$47,000 provided to clubs across the Metro area. This program allowed clubs to access funds for projects aligned with the RDCs' strategy. Within the program,

\$18,645 was directed towards Indigenous Grants, celebrating the invaluable contributions of indigenous players, families, and culture to the game. A strategic investment of \$13,500 supported volunteer retention, fast-tracking club efforts in promoting volunteering and recognising those making a difference at their club. RDC Strategy Grants, providing \$15,000 to community clubs, facilitated the implementation of localised strategies in line with the RDC strategic plan. Notably, 81 grants were approved across 48 junior clubs, a remarkable achievement.

The RDC's extended their impact to focus on umpiring, with a significant proposal from the Metro North RDC resulting in a first nations designed shirt for 2023 NAIDOC Round celebrations, benefiting 9 umpiring associations and over 650 umpires. Furthermore, collaboration with Umpiring WA led to the establishment of the 2023 RDC Umpire of the Year awards, recognising umpires, both male and female, for their exceptional contributions. Emphasis on WAFL club community relationships resulted in over 5 MOUs or partnerships established by the RDC and WAFL Clubs across the metro area. The commitment was further demonstrated by a \$40,000 investment in WAFL Club partnerships and collaboration on localised initiatives.





Over recent years, the RDC's have grappled with a lack of understanding among community club stakeholders about their organisation's function. This year marked a significant shift, as each board collaborated to present a series of events. The initiative began with the RDC Junior Football Season Launch at the Westin Hotel in April, drawing nearly 500 community stakeholders to celebrate the junior community season's commencement. The RDC's continued their collaboration with the 'RDC Team of the Year' initiative, spotlighting the on-field achievements of top-end youth players in Year 11-12 (boys) and Year 9-12 (girls) competitions. The culmination was the 2023 RDC Team of the Year Ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Perth, attended by over 450 community football participants, parents, and club stakeholders. This event marked the launch of the first-ever RDC Jumper for each region and their respective squads. The focus then shifted to volunteers with three events held across each region, announcing over 210 award winners in various new categories. These events facilitated direct connections with over 1,000 club volunteers.

These events, grants, initiatives, and partnerships have contributed to a deeper understanding of the RDC's function and heightened awareness of the RDC brand. Being part of three organisations achieving significant outcomes in the community and fully representing the interests of junior community clubs in their regions is truly exciting. Looking ahead to 2024,

the landscape is poised to mirror 2023, with these initiatives expanding across the community. Being part of the RDC's is exciting, and I extend gratitude to each RDC board member for their service to the community and volunteer efforts in 2023. Special acknowledgment goes to the Chairs for their support, mentorship, and friendship. Having been warmly embraced by the Metro North and Metro South regions, I am enthusiastic about the prospect of collaborating as a united team to drive future outcomes to benefit the community.

In conclusion, I extend my appreciation to all community club volunteers and umpires for their dedication and efforts throughout this season. I look forward to collaborating with you in 2024 alongside our Club Development and Volunteers team, comprising of Jenné Russell and Zachary Binning. Together, we aim to spearhead new initiatives aimed at simplifying your roles within the club. We're always available to assist you, so please reach out to us at any time. Wishing you all a lovely Christmas break and a happy New Year. I look forward to reconnecting with you in 2024.

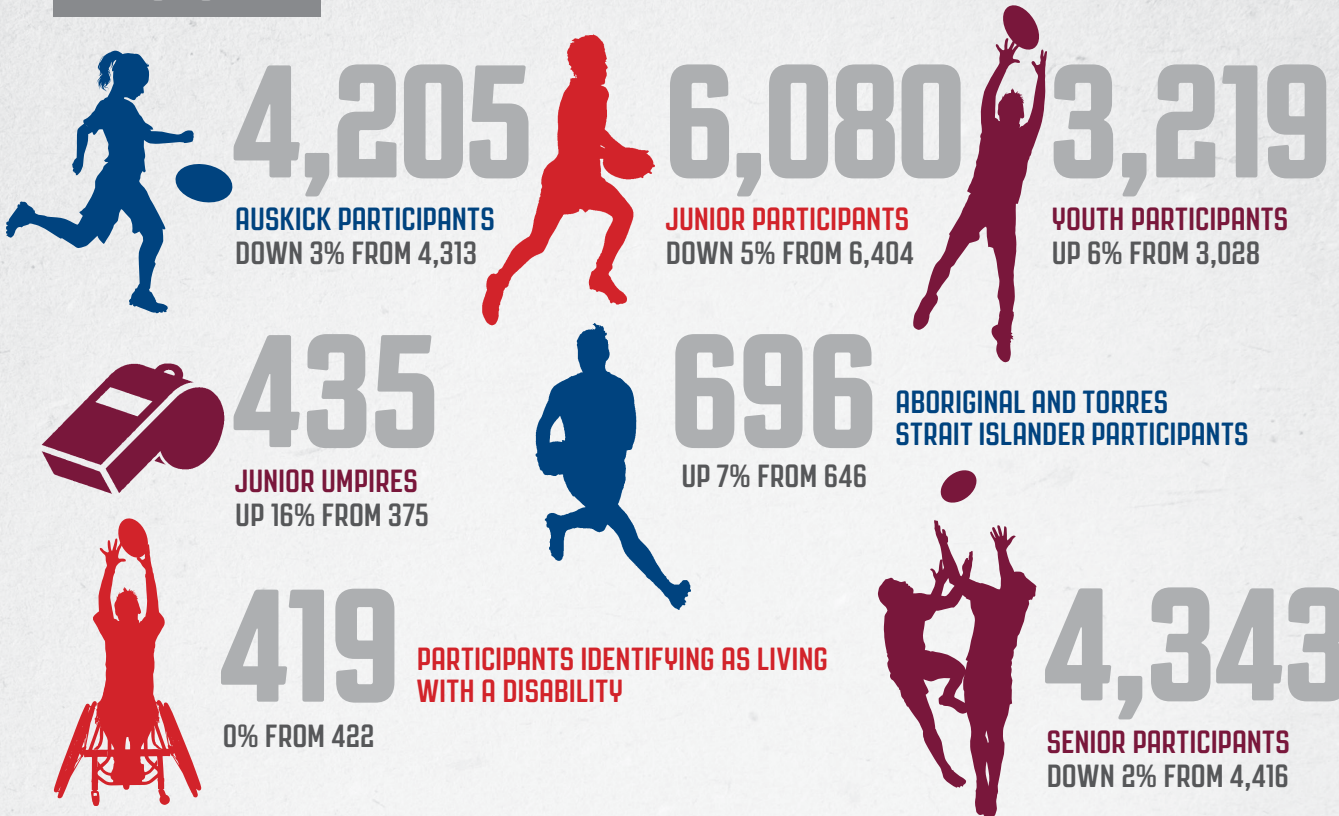
**Corey Ranger**  
Head of Club Development & Volunteers  
West Australian Football Commission

RDC Executive Officer  
Metro North, Central & South Regional Development Council's



# METRO NORTH PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

## METRO NORTH



## CLAREMONT





## SUBIACO



**1,065**

AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS  
DOWN 9% FROM 1,170



**1,582**

JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS  
DOWN 2% FROM 1,607



**800**

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS  
UP 12% FROM 717



**110**

JUNIOR UMPIRES  
UP 26% FROM 87



**223**

UP 5% FROM 213

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER PARTICIPANTS



**117**

DOWN 6% FROM 124

PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING AS LIVING  
WITH A DISABILITY



**946**

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS  
DOWN 2% FROM 968

## WEST PERTH



**1,579**

AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS  
UP 2% FROM 1,546



**2,200**

JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS  
DOWN 7% FROM 2,360



**1,089**

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS  
UP 3% FROM 1,056



**120**

JUNIOR UMPIRES  
UP 4% FROM 115



**303**

UP 7% FROM 282

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER PARTICIPANTS



**155**

UP 3% FROM 151

PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING AS LIVING  
WITH A DISABILITY



**1,121**

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS  
UP 7% FROM 1,044





## SUBIACO DISTRICT REPORT

It was an amazing year for Clubs with financial support offered and received from the RDC. A total of \$47,145 was spent on clubs over the year from the Combined RDC community.

Balga, Kingsley, Stirling, and Kingsway received funding for a variety of activities and Jumpers for NAIDOC round.

Balga, Stirling, and Warwick Greenwood received funding towards help with Volunteers.

Balga, Kingsley, and Warwick Greenwood also received funding for assistance with Strategic Planning.

The Subiaco Junior Umpires also received funding for continuing their journey in learning and understanding about their Indigenous history and how this reflects on their Umpiring. With the help of

Sharon Wood-Kenney they developed an Umpires shirt to be worn proudly on NAIDOC round and other Indigenous events. This was eventually accepted by all Junior Umpires in the Metro area.

Volunteers are still a huge issue for all clubs in the Subiaco district as I can imagine for all Metro North clubs as they strive to make this a fantastic, fun, and safe competition for our young players.

I wish to especially thank all the President's, committee and members of the Subiaco clubs and wish them all the best for 2024

**Rosemary Goodin**  
Junior Club Delegate – Subiaco District  
Metro North Regional Development Council

*Claremont District and West Perth District Reports not available at time of print*



# NORTH BEACH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB LAUNCHES FIRST PROGRAM FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING KIDS

Children between the ages of 5 – 15 who are deaf or hard of hearing can now participate in football through the Starkick football program launching at North Beach Junior Football Club.

Starkick now has over 20 centres across WA supporting children with disability, however this is the West Australian Football Commission's first community-based Starkick – Deaf and Hard of Hearing (HoH) centre in WA, and only the second in the country, with another centre in Queensland.

Starkick – Deaf and Hard of Hearing has been developed in partnership with Deaf Sports Australia and is a NAB AFL Auskick structured program which engages participants in a range of football focused activities and games, all with the use of Auslan as a core component.

North Beach JFC President, Ron Van Der Sluys said all children should be able to participate in football.

"Football is renowned for bringing communities and families together and at North Beach JFC we don't want to see anyone missing out on playing this great game," Van Der Sluys said.

"It's exciting to be the first club to run the program and I

hope the success from this program prompts other clubs to look at ways to encourage football to be played by the whole community."

Adam Barnes is the club's inaugural Starkick – Deaf and HoH, program coordinator and is himself also deaf, said the weekly program allows children and their families to come together and have some fun.

"The program runs through the fundamentals of football and includes many fun activities and games, similar to AFL Auskick, we just make sure Auslan is at the core of this program," he said.

WAFC Executive Manager Game Development and Community Football Troy Kirkham, said the Commission is proud to integrate this program alongside the NAB AFL Auskick program.

"Through Starkick and now Starkick Deaf and Hard of hearing, we are continuing to deliver on our goal to ensure Football is the game for all West Australians" Kirkham said.

Parents have been very supportive of the program, with one parent saying, "For our child to have his footy coach instruct him using Auslan, has been fantastic."







## COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM LAUNCHES

Metro Junior Football Clubs were the beneficiaries of a series of significant community grants on offer by the Metro South, Central and North Regional Development Councils (RDC's).

Over the past six months, each RDC board, led by Chairs, Karen Wheatland (South), Travis Burrows (Central) and Ian Brotherton (North) have been working on establishing a budget that focuses on meeting the key pillars of the RDC & WAFC strategies.

Forming part of these budgets is the launch of four club grants which all clubs are encouraged to apply and think outside the-box when it comes to developing new initiatives that continue to grow and enhance community football.

The RDC Community Grants funding packages aimed to support clubs across the metro area, working across all

areas of community football including community engagement, volunteers, game environment and club-based participation.

### **Volunteer Recognition and Education Initiatives**

Applications were considered and approved to assist clubs in undertaking a range of NEW volunteer recognition or education activities and initiatives of your choosing.

This initiative aims to fast-track club efforts in promoting volunteering and supporting those that make a difference at the club.

### **Indigenous & NAIDOC Grants Package**

Applications were considered and approved to assist clubs in undertaking a range of Indigenous activities or initiatives. This initiative aims to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contributions Indigenous players, families and culture bring to our game.





### Strategy Grants

Applications were considered and approved to support clubs in achieving outcomes located within the RDC strategy.

### Club Culture and Development Program

Applications were considered and approved to assist clubs participate in a program that aims to assist clubs in creating positive cultures and operational practices that will enhance the experience for all football participants.

Ian Brotherton, Chair of the Metro North RDC, said: “We’re looking to support junior football clubs this year by providing a significant funding package for clubs to support them achieve greater outcomes for community footy.”

“These funding packages roughly equate to \$2,000 per club across the three RDC regions, which is one of the largest funding programs offered to clubs in recent history”.



WA Football, Head of Club Development and Volunteers, Corey Ranger congratulated the RDC board members for their work in achieving this outcome.

“An incredible amount of time and effort has gone into creating these funding packages for clubs, and each RDC board member are to be congratulated for this proactive outcome.”

“The RDC club funding support will go a long way towards growing club-based participation, supporting volunteers and driving positive environments across the metropolitan area.”





## COMPETITIONS REPORT

Football in the Metro North Region continues to grow, and we are in a strong position moving forward into the 2024 season.

Season 2023 kicked off in late April with a full season consisting of 14 rounds and three (3) weeks of finals for Year 7 – 12.

Metro North Region consists of a total of 28 Junior Community Clubs, Claremont (12), Subiaco (8) and West Perth (8). A total of 469 teams were fielded across 32 youth divisions (216 teams) and 31 junior competitions (240 teams).

Our female football pathway experienced strong growth in Female participation and this year we welcomed a new female team from Cottesloe JFC. Female participation was represented by 7 youth divisions (56 teams) and 3 junior divisions (32 teams), an impressive total of 88 female teams which was an increase on season 2022.

This year our Grand Finals were held at Kingsley Park (Subiaco),

College Park (Claremont) Seacrest Reserve (Subiaco) and Heathridge Park (West Perth) with young people playing football and sharing in the many benefits it delivers to them. Developing teamwork, personal confidence, becoming part of a community and maintaining good health.

Each week we provide support for over 220 games of football, that are officiated by approximately 300 umpires. Together with the support of a massive 1000 club volunteers, we work together to continue to establish positive Game Day Environments in our region. All clubs, players, parents, spectators, and officials are bound by the WAFC's Junior and Youth Policies and True Sport Codes of Conduct and are subject to penalties at the discretion of the WAFC for any breach.

Thank you to all clubs for your tremendous efforts in 2023 especially all the volunteers, players, and their families. We look forward to maximising participation/retention and focusing on promoting quality environments to empower our volunteers who play a crucial role in our game.





Thanks also to our Match Day Official who each week contribute to monitoring game day environments and assisting match volunteers to undertake their roles.

We continue to work to improve all environments within football from volunteer training and education, coach and umpire support and the continued development of policies and procedures to enhance our game day environment, ensuring quality competitions for all involved. Our continued work in these areas make it possible for young men and women in the community to continue to play football each season.

**Kathy Monck**  
Competitions Team Leader – Metro North  
West Australian Football Commission

**Sandy Swift**  
Competitions Administrator - Metro North  
West Australian Football Commission

**Amy Crane**  
Competitions Administrator - Metro North  
West Australian Football Commission







## 2023 GRAND FINAL RESULTS

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### METRO NORTH COMPETITION

2023 MN Year 7 Gold  
2023 MN Year 7 Black  
2023 MN Year 7 Maroon  
2023 MN Year 7 Red  
2023 MN Year 7 Navy  
2023 MN Year 7 Blue  
2023 MN Year 8 Gold  
2023 MN Year 8 Black  
2023 MN Year 8 Maroon  
2023 MN Year 8 Red  
2023 MN Year 8 Navy  
2023 MN Year 8 Blue  
2023 MN Year 7/8 Gold  
2023 MN Year 7/8 Black  
2023 MN Year 7/8 Maroon

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### 2023 PREMIERS

Quinns District Y07 Cyclones  
Kingsley Y07 Cats  
Marist Y07 Blue  
Sorrento Duncraig Y07 Dolphins  
Wanneroo Y07 White  
Subiaco Y07 White  
North Beach Y08 Gold  
Swanbourne Y08 White  
Swanbourne Y08 Black  
Dalkeith Nedlands Y08  
Whitford Y08 Navy  
Joondalup Kinross Y08 Raptors  
Whitford Y7/8 Panthers  
North Beach Y7/8 Red  
Whitford Y7/8 Tigers

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#### METRO NORTH COMPETITION

- 2023 MN Year 9 Gold
- 2023 MN Year 9 Black
- 2023 MN Year 9 Maroon
- 2023 MN Year 9 Red
- 2023 MN Year 9 Navy
- 2023 MN Year 9/10 Gold
- 2023 MN Year 9/10 Black
- 2023 MN Year 9/10 Maroon
- 2023 MN Year 10 Gold
- 2023 MN Year 10 Black
- 2023 MN Year 10 Maroon
- 2023 MN Year 11/12 M Gold
- 2023 MN Year 11/12 M Black
- 2023 MN Year 11/12 M Maroon
- 2023 MN Year 11/12 M Navy
- 2023 MN Year 11/12 F Gold

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#### 2023 PREMIERS

- Sorrento Duncraig Y09 Hawks
  - Cottesloe Y09
  - Mosman Park Y09
  - Claremont Y09 Gold
  - Claremont Y09 Blue
  - Joondalup Kinross Y9/10
  - Marist Y9/10 Black
  - Kingsley Y9/10
  - North Beach Y10 Gold
  - Whitford Y10 Cougars
  - Mosman Park Y10
  - North Beach Y11/12M Gold
  - Joondalup Kinross Y11/12M Bombers
  - Wembley Downs Y11/12M
  - Wembley Y11/12M
  - Kingsley Y11/12F
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# FAIREST AND BEST AWARD WINNERS

COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
Year 7 Gold	Quinns District Y07 Cyclones Cottesloe Y07 Wanneroo Y07 Black	Fairest & Best	Sonny Lord Jack Petrie Nicholas Sharples
Year 7 Gold	Cottesloe Y07	Runner Up	Fletcher Braddock
Year 7 Black	Warwick Greenwood Y07	Fairest & Best	Kade Kelly-Lewis
Year 7 Black	Swanbourne Y07 Navy	Runner Up	Hudson Grabham
Year 7 Maroon	Kingsway Y07 Black	Fairest & Best	Max Edwards
Year 7 Maroon	Marist Y07 Blue	Runner Up	Remi Merenda
Year 7 Navy	North Beach Y07 Red	Fairest & Best	Sam Olsen
Year 7 Navy	Wanneroo Y07 White	Runner Up	Trista Smoker
Year 7 Red	Sorrento Duncraig Y07 Dolphins	Fairest & Best	Harry Caporn
Year 7 Red	Whitford Y07 Panthers	Runner Up	Harry Byers
Year 7 Blue	Yanchep Y07 Red	Fairest & Best	Travis Deane
Year 7 Blue	Kingsway Y07 Teal	Runner Up	Senay Araya
Year 7/8 Gold	Whitford Y7/8 Panthers	Fairest & Best	Vienna Matera
Year 7/8 Gold	Wanneroo Y7/8 Black	Runner Up	Maddison Talbot
Year 7/8 Black	North Beach Y7/8 Red	Fairest & Best	Caitlin Boss
Year 7/8 Black	North Beach Y7/8 Red	Runner Up	Valentina Santostefano
Year 7/8 Maroon	Kingsley Y7/8	Fairest & Best	Ebony Antulov
Year 7/8 Maroon	Mosman Park Y7/8	Runner Up	Lula Kociuruba
Year 8 Gold	North Beach Y08 Gold	Fairest & Best	Levi Ord
		Wembley Y08	Jacob Kee
Year 8 Gold	Sorrento Duncraig Y08 Hawks	Runner Up	Benjamin Hawkins
Year 8 Black	Quinns District Y08 Thunder	Fairest & Best	Deacon Seumanu
Year 8 Black	Quinns District Y08 Thunder	Runner Up	Andre Jury
Year 8 Maroon	Sorrento Duncraig Y08 Dolphins	Fairest & Best	Owen Bowes
Year 8 Maroon	Wembley Downs Y08 White	Runner Up	Thomas Willis
Year 8 Navy	Subiaco Y08 Red	Fairest & Best	Charlie Williams
Year 8 Navy	Swanbourne Y08 Navy	Runner Up	William Blaxell
Year 8 Red	Stirling Saints Y08 Red	Fairest & Best	Jacob Ciavalini
Year 8 Red	Dalkeith Nedlands Y08	Runner Up	Oliver Grylls
Year 8 Blue	Quinns District Y08 Storm	Fairest & Best	Simon Pelc
Year 8 Blue	Kingsley Y08 Cats	Runner Up	Samuel Gliddon
Year 9 Gold	North Beach Y09 Red	Fairest & Best	Angus Abbonizio
Year 9 Gold	North Beach Y09 Gold	Runner Up	Sonny Gosling
	Scarborough Y09		Parker Howard
Year 9 Black	Cottesloe Y09	Fairest & Best	Harper Banfield
Year 9 Black	Wembley Downs Y09 White	Runner Up	Marley Pomare
Year 9 Maroon	West Coast Y09	Fairest & Best	Sam Irving
Year 9 Maroon	Wanneroo Y09	Runner Up	Ethan Andrich
Year 9 Navy	Kingsley Y09	Fairest & Best	George Hemmingway
Year 9 Navy	Quinns District Y09 Lightning	Runner Up	Brayden Phillips
Year 9 Red	Joondalup Kinross Y09 Migs	Fairest & Best	Lachlan Anderson
Year 9 Red	Joondalup Kinross Y09 Jets	Runner Up	Hunter Bewick
Year 9-10 Gold	Carine Y9/10 Black	Fairest & Best	Jasmin Barram
Year 9-10 Gold	Whitford Y9/10 Tigers	Runner Up	Hannah Devenish
Year 9-10 Gold	North Beach Y9/10 Gold		Scarlet Gallo





COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
Year 9-10 Black	Wanneroo Y9/10	Fairest & Best	Arybella Nelson
Year 9-10 Black	Yanchep Y9/10	Runner Up	Tayah Nicholson
	Marist Y9/10		Hannah Seaborn
Year 9-10 Maroon	Ocean Ridge Y9/10	Fairest & Best	Lexi Strachan
Year 9-10 Maroon	Kingsley Y9/10	Runner Up	Paige Oconnor
Year 10 Gold	Kingsley Y10 Cats	Fairest & Best	Hudson Walker
Year 10 Gold	Warwick Greenwood Y10	Runner Up	Dylan Prance
Year 10 Black	Ocean Ridge Y10 Pointers	Fairest & Best	Tyson Harrington
Year 10 Black	Whitford Y10 Cougars	Runner Up	Kylan Granland
Year 10 Maroon	Marist Y10	Fairest & Best	Aidan Carberry
	Scarborough Y10		Charlie Cossom
Year 10 Maroon	Yanchep Y10	Runner Up	Jed Wilkinson
Year 11-12F Gold	Kingsley Y11/12F	Fairest & Best	Izabella Mircevska
Year 11-12F Gold	Wanneroo Y11/12F	Runner Up	Rikisha Nannup
Year 11-12M Gold	Northern Knight Cats Y11/12M League	Fairest & Best	Finley Henderson
Year 11-12M Gold	North Beach Y11/12M Gold	Runner Up	Mitchell Morris
	North Beach Y11/12M Gold		Nicholas Multari
Year 11-12M Black	Kingsway Y11/12M Black	Fairest & Best	Jakson Durham
Year 11-12M Black	West Coast Y11/12M	Runner Up	Henry Holmes
	Kingsway Y11/12M Black		Joshua Martin
Year 11-12M Maroon	Marist Y11/12M	Fairest & Best	Jaxon Chester
Year 11-12M Maroon	Marist Y11/12M	Runner Up	Charlie Robinson
	Wembley Downs Y11/12M		Mitch Murdoch
Year 11-12M Navy	Yanchep Y11/12M	Fairest & Best	Griffin Glover
Year 11-12M Navy	Wembley Y11/12M	Runner Up	Neel Kalia





# CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT

2023 was an exciting time at the WA Football Commission with the formation of the Club Development and Volunteers Team (CD&V) specifically created to support clubs in the areas of volunteer recruitment, retention and recognition, and governance and club management. In June Jenné Russell and Zac Binning commenced in their roles as Club Development and Volunteer Specialist joining Corey Ranger, Head of Club Development and Volunteers.

Within the WAFC Strategic Plan 2023 – 2025 there are four key pillars, one of which being Club, Volunteer and Administrator Support, the strategic priorities of which are:

- Building the capacity, diversity and capability of volunteers and administrators
- Simplifying the role of volunteers and administrators, providing tools to support them
- Support clubs and affiliates in establishing best practice governance and management processes that drive positive club environments and culture.

This highlights the importance the Commission has placed on clubs and ensuring they are strong, sustainable and supported.

The team hit the ground running implementing the Rio Tinto WA Football Volunteer of the Year Awards which saw almost 1,500 nominations in 11 categories from across the State. We are delighted to recognise the following award winners:

AWARD	RECIPIENT	CLUB
NAB AFL Auskick Volunteer of the Year	Belle Fischer	Whitford Junior Football Club
Junior Coach of the Year	Clare Jennings	Kardinya Junior Football Club
Senior Coach of the Year	Allan Godfrey	Rockingham Junior Football Club
Disability and Inclusion Ambassador of the Year	Robert Turner	Kelmscott Football Club
Diversity National Ambassador	Mia Muncaster	Balga Football Club
Community Club of the Year		Kingsley Junior Football Club
AFL School-Teacher Ambassador (Female)	Nuria Ushoroff	Australian Islamic College
AFL School Teacher Ambassador (Male)	Benjamin Hanagan	Ashdale Secondary College
Community Umpiring Service	Ryan Tindale	Great Southern Football League
Young Community Volunteer of the Year	Natalya Turnbull	Port Wyndham Crocs





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**CLUB**

Claremont District	Abbie Durtanovich	Mosman Park Junior Football Club
East Fremantle District	Gail Dela-Marta	Booragoon Junior Football Club
East Perth District	Barry Nicholls	Bayswater Football Club
Goldfields Region	Nicole Stevens	Mines Rovers Football Club
Great Southern Region	Jason Richter	Boxwood Hill Football Club
Kimberley Region	Nathan Twoomey	Kununurra Junior Football Club
Midlands Region	Elle Armitage	Lancelin Ledge Point Football Club
Midwest Region	Neil Montgomery	Murchison Junior Football League
Peel District	Murray Dowding	South Mandurah Junior Football Club
Perth District	Jared Wilson	Redcliffe Junior Football Club
Pilbara Region	Bryce Durbridge	Townsite Eagles Football Club / Fortescue National Football League
South Fremantle District	David Morgan	Jandakot Junior Football Club
South West Region	Mark Delane	Dunsborough Football Club
Subiaco District	Michelle Richards	Sorrento Duncraig Junior Football Club
Swans District	Taryn Shinnick	Parkerville Junior Football Club
West Perth District	Dean LaFrenais	Wanneroo Junior Football Club
Wheatbelt Region	Graeme Dawson	Corrigin Football Club

The overall winner of the Rio Tinto WA Football Volunteer of the Year was Mark Delane, Dunsborough Football Club, South West Region.

All category winners, including Mark Delane were entered as West Australian nominations in the 2023 AFL National Volunteers of the Year Awards and we were extremely humbled to have winners in two categories. Robert Turner was named AFL Disability Inclusion Ambassador of the Year and Nuria Ushoroff was named AFL School Teacher of the Year (Female). Part of their prize package included a trip to the 2023 AFL Grand Final. An experience of a lifetime for these two individuals who give so much to their football communities.

Another project that the team has been investing extensive time into is developing a Champion Club program. Based on the previous AFL Quality Clubs program, this program is an online assessment tool where clubs will answer questions and upload documents that will then be used to assess clubs needs. Clubs will be able to utilise the tool to identify, with support from the CD&V team, areas for development within the club to ensure ongoing sustainability and good governance. Not only will this be an assessment tool for clubs but also a records management system for storing important club documents and information assisting in succession planning for future club committees.





The Champion Club program will be rolled out in early 2024 to all metro junior clubs and will become the new platform for affiliation to the WAFC.

Round 12 this year saw the inaugural Volunteer Appreciation Round. This round was specifically developed to recognise those club volunteers that turn up week in and week out to ensure an excellent game day experience for players and the football community. Using the hashtag #VolunteersRound2023 Clubs across the state celebrated the volunteers at their clubs. The CD&V team were also out an about across the weekend rewarding volunteers for their contributions to their clubs.

With the development of the CD&V team, the coordination of the metro awards across the three conferences was shifted to the team relieving some of the workload from the Competitions Teams. For the first time award categories were aligned across the three conferences and changes in format were made to accommodate this.

On Friday 13th October the Metro Central Club and Volunteers Awards of Excellence were held which saw 400 people from 39 clubs coming together for a gala event at Pan Pacific, Perth to celebrate the 2023 season. On Saturday 14th October the Metro North Club and Volunteers Awards of Excellence were held with 350 people from 28 clubs celebrating the 2023 season at a gala event at the Pan Pacific, Perth. On 26 November the Metro South Club and Volunteers Awards Sundowner was held

at the Esplanade, Fremantle with over 200 people attending from 39 clubs representing the East Fremantle, Peel and South Fremantle Districts.

In 2024, with the alignment of affiliation and affiliation fees across the three conferences, the CD&V team are looking forward to coordinating Club Development and Volunteers Award of Excellence gala events for Central, North and South Conferences.

The CD&V team also support the Metro Regional Development Councils (RDC's) with Corey Ranger occupying the role of Executive Officer for the RDC's. This role has included Corey working alongside the RDC's to administer the Community Club Grants which saw over \$47,000 invested back into clubs. The CD&V team look forward to working alongside the RDC to continue this and other great initiatives in 2024.

One of the key focuses for the team as we head into the 2024 season is getting out to clubs to learn more about their individual needs and how we can support through the Champion Club program, volunteer recognition and other initiatives that become available throughout the year.

**Corey Ranger, Jenné Russell & Zac Binning**  
Club Development and Volunteers Team  
West Australian Football Commission





## VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATED ACROSS PERTH JUNIOR CLUBS

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Metro North, Metro Central, and Metro South Junior Football Conference Clubs honoured the unsung heroes of junior footy during Volunteers Appreciation Round.

The inaugural round highlighted the vital role played by volunteers in creating a nurturing and encouraging environment for young footballers.

From coaches and team managers to canteen workers and committee members, the dedication of these volunteers often goes unnoticed.

Each club organised unique celebrations to honour their volunteers on game day, further underscoring the vital role they play in keeping the spirit of the game alive. Special speeches, awards, and personalised tokens of appreciation were presented to the volunteers as recognition for their unwavering commitment to the sport and their football club.

Ryan Ramage has been dedicating his time to support the Metro Central Junior Football Conference for over a decade.

“Being a volunteer is a labour of love,” Ramage said.

“Seeing the joy on the faces of young players as they learn and grow through our game is incredibly rewarding.

“The Volunteer Appreciation Round made us feel valued and appreciated and it’s heartwarming to know that our efforts are noticed and that we play an essential role in shaping the future of these young footballers.”

W AFC’s Head of Club Development and Volunteers, Corey Ranger said: “We hope that this inaugural celebration will become an annual tradition, growing in scale and impact each year.

“It is through such initiatives that we can continue to promote a culture of appreciation and support for volunteers.”

The Volunteer Appreciation Round is a reminder to appreciate and acknowledge the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our junior football community flourish.





## METRO NORTH VOLUNTEER AND CLUBS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS

AWARD	DISTRICT	WINNER	CLUB
Administrator of the Year	Claremont District	Abbie Durtanovich	Mosman Park JFC
Administrator of the Year	Subiaco District	Clair Berry	Kingsley JFC
Administrator of the Year	West Perth District	Ren'e Brown	Yanchep District JFC
Further With Football Award	Claremont District	Wiluna Football Exchange	Dalkeith Nedlands JFC
Further With Football Award	Subiaco District	Knights of Old	Warwick Greenwood JFC
Further With Football Award	West Perth District	Drink Driving and Vaping Player Education	Whitford JFC
Go for 2&5 Female Coach of the Year	Claremont District	Claudia Wright	Cottesloe JFC
Go for 2&5 Female Coach of the Year	Subiaco District	Sarina Mcvee	Kingsway JFC
Go for 2&5 Female Coach of the Year	West Perth District	Candace Bristow	Whitford JFC
Go for 2&5 Male Coach of the Year	Claremont District	Ty Chapman	Wembley Downs JFC
Go for 2&5 Male Coach of the Year	Subiaco District	Dustin Burns	Kingsley JFC
Go for 2&5 Male Coach of the Year	West Perth District	Gary Donnelly	Quinns Districts JFC
Junior Club of the Year	Claremont District	Mosman Park JFC	
Junior Club of the Year	Subiaco District	Carine JFC	
Junior Club of the Year	West Perth District	Yanchep District JFC	
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	Claremont District	North Beach JFC	



AWARD	DISTRICT	WINNER	CLUB
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	Subiaco District	Kingsley JFC	
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	West Perth District	Ocean Ridge JFC	
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	Claremont District	Melanie Capper	West Coast JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	Subiaco District	Tony Hilton	Carine JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	West Perth District	Belle Fischer	Whitford JFC
RDC Female Umpire of the Year	Claremont District	Olivia Makin	
RDC Female Umpire of the Year	Subiaco District	Amelia Miles	
RDC Female Umpire of the Year	West Perth District	Lilly Spocter	
RDC Male Umpire of the Year	Claremont District	Kieran Todd	
RDC Male Umpire of the Year	Subiaco District	Kristian Pugh	
RDC Male Umpire of the Year	West Perth District	Ethan Davies	
Volunteer of the Year	Claremont District	Abbie Durtanovich	Mosman Park JFC
Volunteer of the Year	Subiaco District	Michelle Richards	Sorrento DunCraig JFC
Volunteer of the Year	West Perth District	Dean LaFrenais	Wanneroo JFC
Youth Club of the Year	Claremont District	Wembley Downs JFC	
Youth Club of the Year	Subiaco District	Sorrento DunCraig JFC	
Youth Club of the Year	West Perth District	Joondalup Kinross JFC	
Young Volunteer of the Year	Northern Conference	Declan Searson	Quinns Districts JFC







## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

### **Abbie Durtanovich - Mosman Park JFC**

Abbie has held the position of club Registrar for two years and in this time she has had an immense impact on the club. She has always been diligent and thorough in her role as Registrar which includes processing registrations, allocating players to teams, recruiting, and collaborating with team managers, weekly reporting to WAFC and game day management.

This season, the club had a numerous players who were unable to register for various reasons. Abbie worked closely with the families and communicated with the club to ensure all of the players were able to complete their registration and play football. This included negotiating payment by the club for some players.

Abbie has been a huge advocate for girls in football since taking on the role at the club. She has represented the club at schools and in the community promoting girls football and through her tireless work the club now has two girls teams for the first time.

Abbie always puts her club and its members first and spends many hours ensuring a smooth game day. She is a great support to WAFC answering emails and calls promptly and is always willing to help where she can.

The club wouldn't be where it is today if it wasn't for Abbie's behind the scenes work. She is a quiet achiever who doesn't seek recognition or plaudits for her efforts.





### **Michelle Richards - Sorrento Duncraig JFC**

Michelle has performed a number of roles at the club in her time including Manager, Coach, Registrar, Vice President and is now the current President, a role she has held for a number of years. She is the driving force behind the growth of the club which has seen it move to a new home when it outgrew its original location.

Michelle's focus for the club is on participation, growth of players and playing in the spirit of the game. She believes that player game time and development is more important than Premiership flags. This has on occasion made her unpopular with some people but she stands by this philosophy.

Michelle leads by example attending every committee meeting, club event, Saturday mornings setting up for Auskick / Starkick,

and Sunday morning game day set up. She was the driving force behind the implementation of girls football within the club as well as the development of the clubs Starkick program.

This year Michelle sought a merger with a neighbouring club to ensure a year 11/12 Male team could be fielded. For many years, the club has supported its year 10 players to travel to Melbourne. This year she ensured that the year 10 girls in the club were eligible to attend and saw five girls making the trip with the boys.

Michelle is always supportive of the committee and other volunteers at the club. She always makes herself available and is an ongoing source of support and information.





### Dean LaFrenais Wanneroo JFC

Dean currently holds the positions of Vice President and Treasurer and in 2022 also held the position of Sponsorship Coordinator. In addition, he is the Assistant Coach of his sons' team. He works in partnership with the club President and is responsible for overseeing the operations of the club. Dean has been a volunteer at the club for eight years.

Dean was the driver behind the design of the clubs' Indigenous jumper in 2021 which included a set for each team that was revealed and rolled out at the clubs NAIDOC ceremony. The following year this design was incorporated into the club's training shirts, which are given to all players as part of their registration.

Through grants and sponsorship Dean has secured fitness

specialists to lead all-of-club pre-season training for the youth teams, team pizza nights, branded apparel for all Coaches, Managers and Committee Members and sponsored gazebos for both home and away teams. When a committee or club member has an idea Dean has a make it happen attitude.

Dean's focus on female football has seen participation rates increase significantly with the club boasting seven girls teams from year 3/4 to 11/12 and a clear pathway from community football to WAFL/W. He was instrumental in selecting the club moto 'As One' and this forms the basis of everything he does for the club and its community.

"Dean truly embodies the spirit of a grass roots volunteer with a passion for his football club to be the best it can."



# UMPIRES JOIN IN NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS WITH INDIGENOUS DESIGNED SHIRTS

Umpires will wear Indigenous designed shirts across junior football competitions this weekend as part of the final week of NAIDOC celebrations.

This initiative was funded by the Regional Development Councils to honour and pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders players who have contributed to this great game.

This weekend across Metro South all field umpires who are officiating in divisions Year 7 and above will wear the shirts which have been designed by Sharon Wood-Kenney, similar to Metro Central and North which celebrated NAIDOC the previous weekend.

Sharon is a counsellor on the Metro North RDC and co-chair WA Football Commission Indigenous Strategy Committee, is passionate about volunteering and maintaining connections across football.

The shirt's design fosters inclusivity among players and umpires, emphasising the significance of establishing connections between the two groups.

"The circles represent, the history of the umpires, life members and districts, whilst the black dots represent our umpires today," Sharon said.

"A Djinda 'star' is located at the top-right of the design, guiding the game into the future and connections to those who are no longer with us.

"The Wagyl (rainbow serpent) represents Aboriginal creation story and making the pathways for others to follow."

The design on the shirt's sleeve represents Djinda Falcons Football & mentoring programs patron, Uncle Bill Dempsey, a West Perth Football Club legend inducted into WA Football Hall of Fame in 2022.

On the back of the shirt Sharon pays tribute to Glenn James OAM, the first and only Indigenous Field Umpire. James was honoured at this year's AFL Sir Doug Nicholls Round for his contribution to umpiring between the mid-1970s to 80s.



"The lore' (law) person represents the ruler of the game, mark of territory, of bravery, and respecting the umpires," Sharon said.

The BWK logo on the front of the shirt is to honour Brody (Wood) Kenney, a young footballer, club captain at Ocean Ridge JFC, Nicky Winmar Cup player, West Perth Development Squad player, North Beach Amateur Football Club who also represented the WA Police Football team in 2021.

"Giving back to the game leaving a legacy for our son Brody who passed away in March 2022 – a young WA Police person who was brave and honourable," Sharon Wood-Kenney said.

"Brody was the loreman in our family and is remembered fondly across football families."





## JUNIOR DISTRICTS UMPIRE'S REPORTS

### Claremont District Junior Umpire Report

In 2023, Claremont District Junior Football Umpires Association (CDJFUA) aimed for a supportive and inclusive 'club environment,' emphasising community engagement. Sponsors played a crucial role, enabling initiatives like the 'Den Training Shirts.' Collaboration with North Beach Junior Football Club, partnerships with Hale School, and participation in events like NAIDOC round strengthened community ties.

The association experienced significant growth, welcoming 73 new umpires and achieving a remarkable 80.2% retention rate. Umpires officiated at various levels, celebrating milestones, and promoting talent to WAFL. Female representation doubled and plans to support and empower female umpires continue.

Coaching efforts expanded to include boundary and goal umpire coaching, with gratitude to PFL Goal Umpire Coaches.

Resources were invested in developing umpiring skills across all disciplines, with workshops enhancing coaching effectiveness. The association acknowledged the dedicated coaching team and introduced an automated feedback system, surpassing WAFL in generating feedback forms.

The mental and emotional aspects of umpiring were addressed through interactive sessions with a Leadership and Culture Consultant.

Plans for 2024 include refining the feedback system and maintaining a strong focus on community engagement, partnerships, and fostering a positive culture at 'The Den.'

**Jean Piere-Chedid**  
Umpire Manager  
Claremont District Umpires Association





### **Subiaco District Junior Umpire Report**

The 2023 season marked another positive year of growth for the Subiaco District Umpires Association. We were fortunate enough to have over 25 new umpires join our association this year allowing us to consistently services all games across the competition throughout the season. This significant and continued growth marks a positive trend for the association bringing the number of umpires in our 'Modified Rules' group to 39.

In addition to these 39 umpires, our 'Open Rules' group grew to 48 umpires as a result of the dedication and commitment demonstrated by junior members of the association who were promoted into the group, as well as the excellent and supportive cultural environment fostered by our coaches and leaders within group which has resulted in the Open Rules group maintaining a retention rate above 75% year on year.

This year also marked a stark change in the coaching structure of our association, with Tom Spencer, Sam Hopkins and Ryan Harrison stepping up as our core coaching group. Overall, the 2023 season marked a positive year for the association and

we look forward to seeing this new generation of junior umpires develop into exceptional umpires within the North Metropolitan Competition and beyond.

**Luke Bennett**  
Umpire Manager  
Subiaco District Umpires Association

### **West Perth District**

Season 2023 was a highlight for us all, we started off having 110 listed umpires aged between 13 – 40 years of age. We lost a few veterans within the group but allowed the youth to step up among the ranks. Upon the listed umpires this year we had 4 female umpires (1st years and 2nd years) who umpired from year 6s and even the highest level of Year 12s. This shows us the female umpires are growing with the umpiring community and within our district. One was also awarded the RDC award for her efforts this year.

**Dylan Cooper**  
Umpire Manager  
West Perth District Umpires





## COACHING REPORT

Season 2023 brought about plenty of moments, and all in all a positive season, with the ability to grow and expand on this into the 2024 season. Club integration and the ability to work together as a Metro North unit has allowed for the growth of the competition across the region. This season gave the WAFC the opportunity to run several coach education workshops in the community, covering subjects including but not limited to: Game Day Coaching (Junior and Youth Focusses), Game Day Support, Tackling & Physical Presence, Skill Fundamentals, Effective Training (Fun and Engaging Sessions) & Training Session Visits.

### Tackle Your Feelings Workshops

The Tackle Your Feelings (TYF) program was offered throughout the year and provides coaches with an understanding of mental health and aids to help identify changes in players' behaviours. In 2023, one TYF workshop was delivered in the district. The workshop received high praise from coaches, managers and players who attended.

### Coach Resources & Upskilling Opportunities

The CoachAFL platform continues to be a great tool for coaches, with access continuing to be free and with 100% coach accreditation being completed through this platform. Coaches have access to high-quality resources including RM coach, mental health programs and a suite of online modules for coaches to access throughout the season to help with training sessions, match days and future planning.

Level 2 coaching courses will run again early in 2024. We had 83 coaches participate and level up their coaching this year, including 26 female coaches seeking to upskill across the state. Having the access to such courses, with the ability to work with knowledgeable people within the current coaching space, only should encourage aspiring coaches to further their development moving forward.

In 2024 the districts, aligned with the WAFL clubs will look to run Coach Academies – this will allow exposure to the WAFL





environment, and the high level of coaching that is engaged through the clubs. Furthermore, will provide opportunities down the line for coaches to be involved in the pathway, and work their way through the programs with the relevant clubs.

**Coach Recognition**

In addition to those who received 'Coach of the Year awards', we also had coaches who were recognised through coach recognition awards for their efforts throughout the 2023 season. Congratulations again to:

- Female Winner – Claudia Wright, Cottesloe JFC Year 5/6 Girls
- Junior Winner – Tim McNamara, Mosman Park JFC Y6
- Youth Winner – Marissa Pidgeon, Wembley Downs JFC Y8 Blue

I would personally like to thank all the coaches in the Metro North region who volunteer their time, and continue to drive standards, and be dedicated to making the football community and game an enjoyable experience for all involved. I look forward to continuing to build relationship throughout the region, and grow our great



game in the Metro North. I am excited for 2024, and what the year will bring.

**Baker Denneman**  
 Coaching Coordinator - Metro North  
 West Australian Football Commission





## DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Season 2023 has been a year of change within the Metro North District. All three districts had new Development Officers commencing at the start of the year, Alex Zulberti (Claremont), Corey Dullard (Subiaco) and Mitchell Gupanis (West Perth). In the junior football space, our district clubs saw yet another significant increase in female football. With 90 teams across the Yr 3/4 to Yr 11/12 age groups, the diverse range of female talent has been incredible to observe.

In the Auskick realm, the WAFC launched its inaugural Year 2 Rookie Series and Festival of Football, which also saw 4 junior clubs in the Metro North region (Carine JFC, Sorrento-Dun Craig JFC, Wanneroo JFC and Whitford JFC) nominate several all-female Auskick teams. In what will be a nation-wide priority moving forward to operate all-female Auskick centres, this initiative was a wonderful sign of the next generation of female footballers.

Our Rookie Series culminated in the Festival of Footy, which saw junior teams from West Perth, Claremont and Subiaco participate in a round-robin carnival at Des Penman Reserve, Nollamara on Sunday 20th August. With 72 Year 2 teams in

attendance, the carnival was a true reflection of the countless hours our community volunteers invest in grassroots football. We thank all our junior Auskick volunteers, parents, and players for continuing to commit themselves to the great game we all love. The festival would also not have been possible without the incredible work of our Development Officers: Mitchell Gupanis (West Perth), Alex Zulberti (Claremont), Corey Dullard (Subiaco) and Tom Medhat (North-East Engagement Officer).

During the months of late July and early August, we ran our separate district Auskick Gala Days in the Metro North. Pentanet Stadium (West Perth FC) braved the wintery July conditions early to put on a fantastic experience for all involved, while the Subiaco and Claremont Auskick Gala Days at Richard Guefli Reserve (Stirling JFC) and City Beach Oval (West Coast JFC) had perfect days for football that provided a glorious spectacle and backdrop for over 200 Pre-Primary and Year 1, teams across the 3 days. To our Development Officers, WAFL clubs, junior and amateur football club volunteers, and our WAFC Game Development Officers, we thank you all for your time, commitment, and effort in facilitating an extremely successful Gala campaign.





September saw over 100 junior grand finals played across College Park, Heathridge Park, Kingsley Park, and Seacrest Reserve. Our Match Day Officials, umpires, and club volunteers from Claremont, Kingsley, Ocean Ridge, and Sorrento-Duncraig JFC's were the unsung heroes of the day, allowing the WAFC and community football to showcase the spirit of grassroots sport. A very special mention to our Competitions Team for also working tirelessly to grade and fixture our 2023 junior season: Kathy Monck, Amy Crane, and Sandy Swift.

Through-out the year, the Metro North had some major carnivals of note. In term 3 we ran a successful Year 7 boys carnival down at Seacrest Reserve, Sorrento with 6 schools in the Metro North playing out a competitive competition with our finalists Carnine Senior High School and Irene McCormack Catholic College representing the Metro North in the Year 7 Metro Finals held in July at Wembley Sports Complex. One of the highlight marquee events of the year, was In Term 4 we had the all-girls Fremantle Dockers Lightning Carnival. The Metro North hosted its largest ever district female lightning carnival, for both primary and secondary schools, at Des Penman Reserve, Nollamara in October. With 29 teams and 23 schools competing over the carnival, this was a significant landmark in the rapid growth of female football within our district.

The Metro North team would not be complete without mention of the following leaders who continue to lead our critical domains of school, Auskick and community footballs: Michelle Sewell (Auskick Manager), Reagan Atkinson (Schools Manager) and Andrew Ridley (Participation Manager). 2023 was a year of many highlights for us three in our first years as Development Officer and we can't wait to make football bigger and better in the Metro North next season.

Enjoy a well-deserved break and we will see you all for season 2024.

**Alex Zulberti**  
Development Officer – Claremont District  
West Australian Football Commission

**Corey Dullard**  
Development Officer – Subiaco District  
West Australian Football Commission

**Mitchell Gupanis**  
Development Officer – West Perth District  
West Australian Football Commission





## JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUBS CELEBRATE NAIDOC WITH JUMPER DESIGN

Junior football clubs across Western Australia shared in NAIDOC celebrations through a range of cultural activities including hosting Smoking Ceremonies, Welcome to Country and the creation of specially designed along with the addition of Indigenous designed jumpers.

Clubs within the Regional Development Councils had the opportunity to design and wear their Indigenous jumpers during their NAIDOC Round in July, courtesy of funding from Rio Tinto - WA Football's NAIDOC Round partner.

This project saw many clubs reach out to local Elders, Aboriginal artists and community groups to share the story of their football club's journey and their place in the community.

Metro North's Marist Junior Football Club had their jumper designed by Valerie Ah Chee, a proud Bindjareb Yorga woman from the Pinjarra area who is connected to the Palkyu mob in the Pilbara through her maternal grandfather.

The design represents the history of the Marist Football Club with the two Nations of Yuat and Whadjuk showing where Marist began and where it is now, as well as featuring a football-shaped Aboriginal Flag on the front of the jumper.

"The Wagyl, the creator and protector of the waterways is represented on the top of the jumper," Ah Chee said.

"The stream runs down the middle of the oval and flows beneath the 14 circles representing the 14 Nyoongar Nations.

"The hills around Boorloo are also represented on either side of the stream flowing downward.

The back of the jumper depicts the travel the Club's players embark on to play football.

This year saw an increase in junior football clubs wearing NAIDOC jumpers an initiative supported by Rio Tinto, WA Football's NAIDOC Round partner.



# 2023 TEAM OF THE YEAR

BACKS	<b>HAYDEN BURT</b> WARWICK GREENWOOD JFC	<b>AUSTIN CROFTS</b> WHITFORD JFC	<b>JASON OLIVER</b> KINGSWAY JFC
	<b>XAVIER DOBSON</b> WEST COAST JFC	<b>MITCH MURDOCH</b> WEMBLEY DOWNS JFC	<b>SHAUN PULS</b> QUINNS DISTRICT JFC
MIDS	<b>NICHOLAS MULTARI</b> NORTH BEACH JFC	<b>JOSHUA MARTIN</b> KINGSWAY JFC	<b>GRIFFEN GLOVER</b> YANCHEP DISTRICT JFC
FORWARDS	<b>MITCHELL MORRIS</b> NORTH BEACH JFC	<b>SAMUEL ANGELL</b> WARWICK GREENWOOD JFC	<b>HENRY HOLMES</b> WEST COAST JFC
	<b>LUCA BOSCHETTI</b> CARINE JFC	<b>CHARLIE ROBINSON</b> MARIST JFC	<b>NEEL KALIA</b> WEMBLEY JFC
FOLLOWERS	<b>FINLEY HENDERSON (C)</b> WARWICK GREENWOOD JFC	<b>JAKSON DURHAM</b> KINGSWAY JFC	<b>JAXON CHESTER</b> MARIST JFC
INTERCHANGE	<b>THOMAS COSSOM</b> SCARBOROUGH JFC	<b>THOMAS DOBSON</b> NORTH BEACH JFC	<b>BRADY LAMONT</b> WHITFORD JFC
	<b>MITCHELL ROWELL</b> NORTH BEACH JFC		<b>RILEY ANDERSON</b> YANCHEP DISTRICT JFC

**COACH - DEREK JENKINS** NORTH BEACH JFC

BACKS	<b>HAYLEY MANN</b> QUINNS DISTRICT JFC	<b>MILY JOHNS</b> NORTH BEACH JFC	<b>SCARLET GALLO</b> NORTH BEACH JFC
	<b>HANNAH SEABORN</b> MARIST JFC		<b>MIA HAART</b> QUINNS DISTRICT JFC
MIDS	<b>ARYBELLA NELSON</b> WANNEROO JFC		<b>LEXI STRACHAN</b> OCEAN RIDGE JFC
FORWARDS	<b>ACHOL DENG</b> QUINNS DISTRICT JFC	<b>LAYLA QUINN-SCHOFIELD</b> KINGSLEY JFC	<b>HANNAH DEVENISH</b> WHITFORD JFC
	<b>TAYAH NICHOLSON</b> YANCHEP JFC		<b>PRIGE O'CONNOR</b> KINGSLEY JFC
FOLLOWERS	<b>IZABELLA MIRCEVSKA (C)</b> KINGSLEY JFC	<b>RIKISHA NANNUP</b> WANNEROO JFC	<b>JASMIN BARRAM</b> CARINE JFC
INTERCHANGE	<b>LARA HOUGH</b> NORTH BEACH JFC	<b>CAPRICE NAUMOVSKI</b> NORTH BEACH JFC	<b>ANGEL KING</b> WEMBLEY JFC/SCARBOROUGH JFC
	<b>AMITY SPENCER</b> QUINNS DISTRICT JFC	<b>JAMARAH WALLEY</b> JOONDALUP KINROSS JFC	<b>LUNAY VAN DEN HEEVER</b> JOONDALUP KINROSS JFC

**COACH - DANIEL JEZERSKI** QUINNS DISTRICT JFC









## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS UNITE FOR NEW JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRADITION

The Metro Central, Metro South, and Metro North Regional Development Councils (RDCs) united to celebrate the inaugural RDC Team of the Year Ceremony.

More than 500 club volunteers, participants and families gathered to celebrate the outstanding achievements of players throughout the Metro regions.

The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of three distinct jumper designs, each representing one of the RDCs.

These jumpers feature colours and elements that pay homage to their respective local WAFL clubs.

Like members of an All-Australian squad proudly donning their jackets, every player received their region's Team of the Year jumper, a proud moment recognising their exceptional performances throughout the year.

Metro RDC Chairs Travis Burrows, Karren Wheatland, and Ian Brotherton, said the event was a wonderful experience to see all the districts come together to celebrate a successful season. "It was truly gratifying to collaborate and inaugurate the very first RDC Team of the Year Ceremony," they said.

"Witnessing the celebration of numerous promising young

participants, adorned in our region's brand-new jumper, was an absolute delight."

Corey Ranger, Head of Club Development & Volunteers RDC Executive Officer – Central, South & North, believes the initiative was a resounding success.

"On the night, over 133 players and 8 coaches were inducted into their regions as part of the 'Team of the Year' ceremonial squads," Ranger said.

Selection was a significant achievement for those recognised. "For a number of them, it was a very fitting conclusion to their community junior football journey," he said.

The night also featured the announcement of the team's captains and coaches, with an engaging on-stage interview where they shared insights into their football journeys and highlighted memorable moments from the season.

Throughout the season, the RDCs have undertaken a substantial campaign to reinvest in their region through a variety of initiatives.

The RDCs have invested over \$100,000 into junior community football through a dedicated club grants program and formed valuable partnerships with their local WAFL clubs.







# RDC LIFE MEMBERS



Leo Crohan  
 Tim Delaney  
 Kieran Kelly  
 John McCallum  
 Glenis Stanton  
 Peter Stanton  
 Rhys Mola



Ray Buscall  
 Rosemary Goodin  
 Rob Goodin  
 Kevin Hill  
 Wayne Morling  
 Gavin Oliphant  
 David O'Reilly  
 Milton Sanders  
 Luke Sanders  
 Frits Vanirsen  
 Ian Brotherton



Dave Burton  
 David Dickson  
 Chris Erikson  
 Rob Fuller  
 Ken Morgan  
 Karen Mullumby  
 Darryl Sanders  
 Natalie Sharman  
 Martin Trehwella  
 Sue Williams





# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

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# COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Metro Central Regional Development Council for the financial year ended 31 October 2023.

## Committee Members

Ian Brotherton — Chair  
Rhys Mola — Claremont Junior Club Delegate  
Rosemary Goodin — Subiaco Junior Club Delegate  
Phil O'Donnell — West Perth junior Delegate  
Charmaine Rodgers — Female Football Delegate  
John Pelligrini — Treasurer  
Sharon Wood-Kenney — Community Delegate  
Garry Addison — WAFL Representative  
Ryan Ramage — Secretary  
Corey Ranger — Executive Officer

## Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to provide funding to junior club initiatives for clubs within the Metro North District.

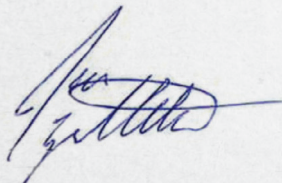
## Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

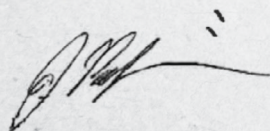
## Operating Result

The net surplus for the association was \$23,500 (2021: (\$22,550)).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Chairman  
Ian Brotherton



Treasurer  
John Pelligrini

Dated this day of 24/11/2023



# PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	NOTE	2023	2022
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>		30,000	40,000
<b>Expenses</b>			
Indigenous Development Grant		(3,433)	-
RDC Junior Club Grants		(7,392)	-
WAFL Membership Packs		-	-
Female Talent Pathway Initiatives		(16,500)	-
Functions and Events		(13,371)	-
Uniforms		(11,846)	-
Other		(1,000)	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>		(53,541)	(16,500)
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Taxation</b>		-	-
<b>Other comprehensive (loss)/ gain</b>		-	-
<b>Net Profit After Tax</b>		(23,541)	23,500



# BALANCE SHEET

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	NOTE	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	321,558	355,454
Trade and Other Receivables	4	30,000	40,000
Total Current Assets		351,559	395,454
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>395,454</b>	<b>395,454</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	18,695	39,050
Total Current Liabilities		18,695	39,050
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>18,695</b>	<b>39,050</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>332,863</b>	<b>356,404</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated surplus	6	332,863	356,404



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The financial statements cover Metro Central Development Council as an Individual entity. Metro Central Regional Development Council is a not for profit Association Incorporated in Western Australia under Associations Incorporation Act 2015

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

In the opinion of Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cashflows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Impairment of Non Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period the association determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less cost of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss, except for goodwill.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments which are ready convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	NOTE	2023	2022
<b>3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
<b>Cash at Bank</b>			
Business Account		321,559	355,454
<b>Total Cash at Bank</b>		<b>321,559</b>	<b>355,454</b>
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>321,559</b>	<b>355,454</b>
<b>4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Sundry Debtors		30,000	40,000
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>		<b>30,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Other Creditors		18,695	39,050
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>		<b>18,695</b>	<b>39,050</b>
<b>6. EQUITY</b>			
<b>Retained Earnings</b>			
Opening Balance		356,404	332,904
Current Year Earnings		(22,541)	23,500
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>		<b>332,863</b>	<b>356,404</b>
<b>7. STATUTORY INFORMATION</b>			
The registered office of the association is:			
105 Banksia Street, Tuart Hill, WA, 6060			
The place of business is:			
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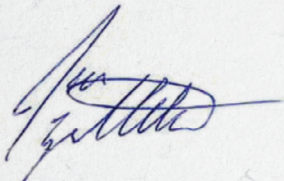
# STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

METRO CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

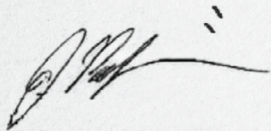
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements. In the option of the committee financial report as set out on pages 43 to 47:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Metro Central Regional Development Council as at 31 October 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Metro Central Regional Development Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Chairman  
Ian Brotherton



Treasurer  
John Pelligrini

Dated this day of 24/11/2023





**Reports not provided for print**

- Claremont District Report (Due to no RDC Junior Delegate for Claremont District)
- West Perth District Report (Due to no RDC Junior Delegate for Claremont District)
- Community Report
- WAFL Report
- Female Football Report



