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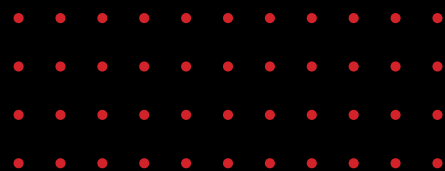
2024 METRO NORTH ANNUAL REPORT



METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



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CHAIR'S REPORT

The 2024 season was filled with success, with new traditions taking shape and the RDC gaining greater visibility.

Female football continues to grow, this season as more girls chose to participate in football. The West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) is investing in providing more gender neutral changeroom facilities at our clubs.

It has been truly amazing to see yet another season of competition come to a successful conclusion, where we celebrated the grand final weekend, Team of the Year event and the Community Football Awards presentation night at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all volunteers, umpires, players and supporters who ensure competitive football games are undertaken across the Metro North area each Friday night and Sunday during the season.

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 the scenes – 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.

The Metro North Competition again showed its professionalism and competitive spirit across all clubs and I would like to thank the club committees for their commitment to junior football.

Their tireless work and desire to embrace the quality football structures and to continue the culture set within the Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth 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 efforts 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. 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 2024. 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 2024 saw:

- 27 Junior Football clubs take to the field and deliver a strong Auskick program aimed at developing our next generation of superstars.
- A total of 462 teams across the conference, 88 (19%) of which were female junior teams, a sector that continues to grow strongly.
- A total of 13,566 Junior Football Participants took part in club-based competitions from Auskick through to the Under 18s competition.

Season Highlights:

- The continued observance of NAIDOC round with clubs accessing RDC Grant Money to run events, produce NAIDOC Jumpers and much more.
- A total of 364 indigenous players in our competition and 2,888 participants with parents born overseas.
- 484 players with a disability participated in football.
- The Metro North Regional Development Council offered Club Grants 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 second annual Team of the Year events were a huge success and were supported by most clubs in the Metro North Competition.

As an RDC, we are tasked with ensuring that season 2024 was another successful year across our areas of focus and that 2025 continues to build on this momentum.

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 the 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 and new members Jodi Mills and Diana Guttridge, my thanks and appreciation goes to you.

Collectively the Metro North, South and Central RDCs are continuing to work to improve participation and engagement again in 2024. Thank you all.

Finally, I would like to thank the WAFC staff who have assisted the RDC once again during 2024. This has been another successful season due to the hard work and dedication of the WAFC staff.

We hope that you enjoy the off-season, and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2025.

Ian Brotherton
Chair
Metro North Regional Development Council



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 2024 football season has been an extraordinary year for the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) as we built upon the successes of 2023. This year saw the continuation of key initiatives and the introduction of new programs, all of which have strengthened the impact and visibility of junior football across the state.

We kicked off the season with a highly successful Season Launch at the Hyatt Regency Perth, which brought together over 500 community stakeholders to celebrate the start of the junior football season. This event set the tone for what would become one of our most memorable years yet.

The 2024 Team of the Year event at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre celebrated our talented young players. It included boys from Year 11-12 and girls from Year 9-12 competitions. The event received a lot of attention and helped make the RDC Team of the Year a bigger part of junior football culture.

One of this year's highlights was the 2024 Community Football Awards Gala which took place at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and attracted over 1,000 attendees. It celebrated the exceptional contributions of volunteers, umpires, administrators, and clubs, marking a significant milestone for community football in WA.

Another significant achievement this year was the successful completion of the Communications Strategy project. This initiative involved a series of consultations and workshops with community clubs, aimed at enhancing the positioning of junior football within the broader WA football structure. These discussions helped bridge gaps in communication, ensuring that clubs have a clear understanding of how they fit within the overall strategic framework.

Club Development meetings were held throughout the year, further solidifying the partnership between the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) and the RDCs. These meetings provided an essential platform for clubs to discuss challenges, share insights, and receive tailored support from the WAFC, ensuring they are equipped to thrive.

2024 was also marked by continued investment in volunteer retention and club engagement. Volunteer support remained a priority, with new initiatives rolled out to simplify roles and responsibilities for club volunteers. We also saw a significant focus on promoting diversity and inclusion within the football community, with various projects aimed at broadening participation and recognition.



Our Community Club Grants Program continued to make a profound impact, with over \$60,000 in grants distributed to clubs across the metro area. This funding has been pivotal in driving localised strategies aligned with the RDC's goals of furthering the development of community football at the grassroots level.

The RDCs' collaboration with umpiring associations also saw notable achievements, including the continued success of the NAIDOC Round umpiring initiative and the launch of the 2024 Community Umpire Service Awards. These programs have been essential in recognising the critical role umpires play in our game and in promoting pathways for their ongoing development.

We also continued our work with WAFL clubs, forging five Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) or partnerships across the metro area and investing more than \$40,000 in collaborative projects. This year's efforts have strengthened the ties between WAFL and community clubs, ensuring alignment in delivering football at all levels.

Looking ahead to 2025, the RDCs are well-positioned to build on the foundations laid this year. We will continue to focus on supporting junior football, enhancing the volunteer experience, and continuing the strong partnerships with WAFL clubs and other key stakeholders. The future is bright for community football, and I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

In closing, I would like to thank the Chairs of the RDCs, Ian Brotherton, Travis Burrows, and Karen Wheatland, for their leadership and support. I also thank every board member, volunteer, and club leader for their dedication to making 2024 a year to remember. Your contributions have been invaluable, and I look forward to working with you all in 2025.

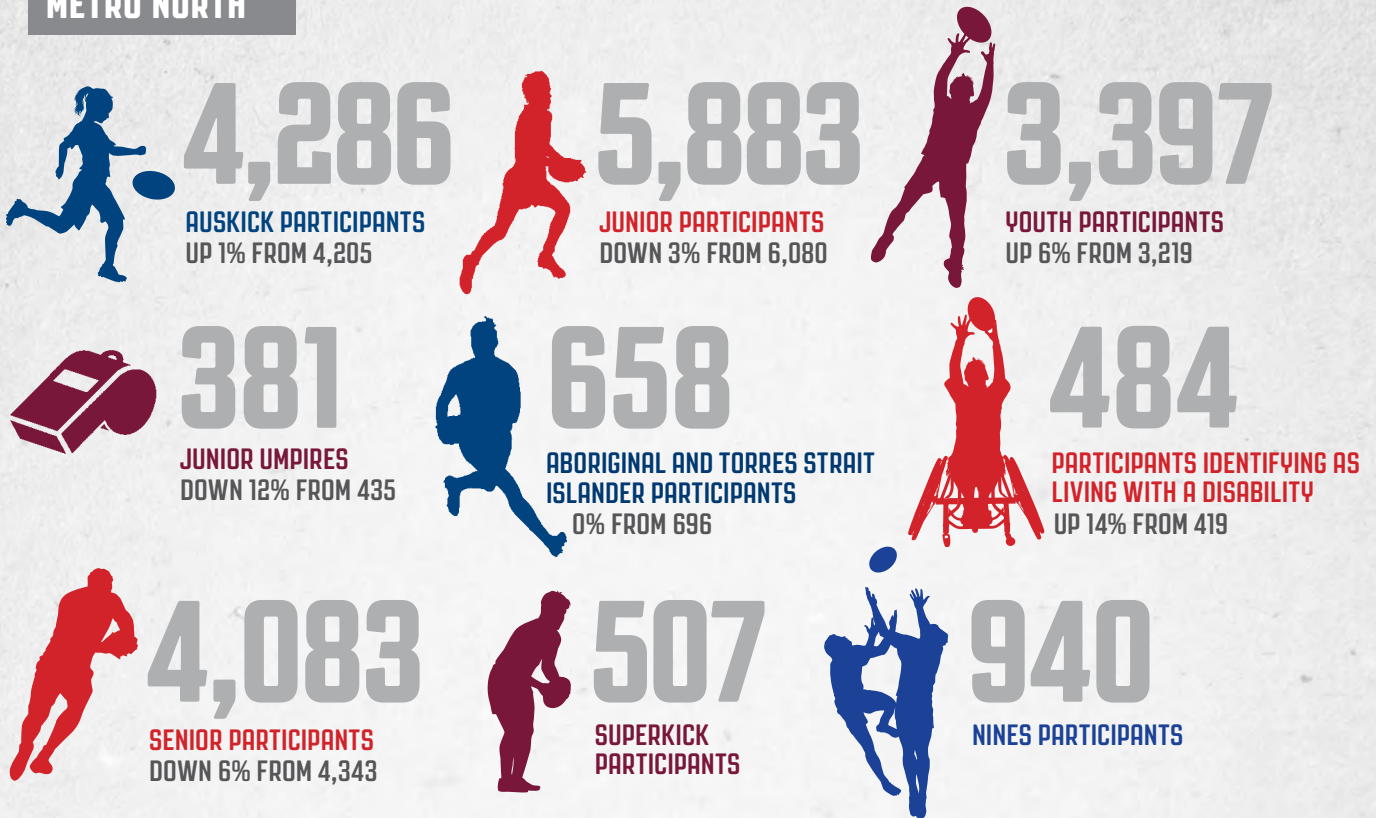
Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season.

Corey Ranger
 Head of Club Development and Volunteers
 West Australian Football Commission

Executive Officer – Metro North, Metro Central & Metro South
 Regional Development Councils

METRO NORTH PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

METRO NORTH



CLAREMONT



SUBIACO



1,144

AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS



1,462

JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS



833

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS



89

JUNIOR UMPIRES



224

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PARTICIPANTS



154

PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING AS
LIVING WITH A DISABILITY



977

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS



178

SUPERKICK
PARTICIPANTS



739

NINES PARTICIPANTS

WEST PERTH



1,561

AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS



2,234

JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS



1,148

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS



99

JUNIOR UMPIRES



290

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PARTICIPANTS



172

PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING AS
LIVING WITH A DISABILITY



1,262

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS



241

SUPERKICK
PARTICIPANTS



20

NINES PARTICIPANTS



2024 SEASON LAUNCH

On Sunday April 21, Metro Junior Football launched their 2024 season.

Nearly 450 volunteers from over 90 junior community and umpiring clubs across the Metro North, Central and South Conferences attended the Regional District Council's (RDCs) Metro Junior Football Season Launch. The event was an initiative of the RDCs, presented by the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC), at the Hyatt Regency Perth on Sunday night in preparation for an action-packed season of metro junior football.

Guests heard from keynote speaker and WA Hall of Fame Inductee Jan Cooper OAM, while Umpiring WA led a Q&A session, addressing umpiring misconceptions and shedding light on the umpire pathway. This pathway not only enhances players' fitness but also offers opportunities for additional income while developing a thorough understanding of the rules of the game.

The 2023 Life Member Inductees were celebrated on the night along with AFL Merit Award winner Gary Lovelock (Bassendean JFC):

Metro North Regional Development Council
 Ian Brotherton – Subiaco District
 Rhys Mola – Claremont District

Metro Central Regional Development Council
 Travis Burrows – Perth District
 Paul Masiello – Perth District
 Krystle Torpy – Perth District
 Dave Farthing – Swans District

Metro South Regional Development Council
 Anthony Doig – East Fremantle District
 Samantha Saffioti – South Fremantle District
 Mark Brookes – South Fremantle District

This year, guest speaker *Sock it to Sarcoma!* Executive Director, Mandy Bossen delivered a heartfelt presentation on the importance football plays in raising awareness and supporting families of the disease.

Football once again pulled up their socks to raise vital funds for Sarcoma by wearing odd socks during the *Sock it to Sarcoma!* round in June.

WA Football Head of Club Development and Volunteer, Corey Ranger was elated with the event's success.

"It was fantastic to bring together a vast range of junior community football stakeholders to celebrate the start of the Go for 2 & 5 Junior Football Season," Ranger said.

"The event was made possible by the support of the Metro South, Metro Central and Metro North Regional Development Councils who graciously subsidised the event for all attendees."

METRO NORTH DISTRICTS REPORT

SUBIACO DISTRICT REPORT

The RDC supported all seven clubs in the Subiaco District during 2024.

Funding grants were approved for Balga, Kingsley/Warwick Greenwood and Kingsway for their NAIDOC round. Balga also received funding for their Multicultural and Volunteer programs.

Numbers continue to grow across four out of the seven clubs, with three clubs continuing to express concerns about their future viability. This is a continuing issue with clubs working together to hopefully build participation numbers in all areas. Umpires and Girls numbers were well improved in 2024.

Congratulations to all players who made the Team of the Year.

All clubs provided positive feedback on the 2024 Season Launch as well as the final night at the Convention Centre in October.

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

**Claremont and West Perth District reports not available at time of publication*





METRO NORTH COMPETITIONS REPORT

Football in the Metro North Region continues to grow, and we are in a strong position moving forward to season 2025.

Season 2024 kicked off in late April with a full season consisting of 14 rounds and three 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 460 teams were fielded across 32 youth divisions (222 teams) and 42 junior competitions (238 teams).

Our female football pathway experienced strong growth in female participation. The introduction of the year 5/6 competition on a Sunday has assisted with growth at junior clubs. Female participation was represented by seven youth divisions (55 teams) and four junior divisions (31 teams), an impressive total of 86 female teams.

This year our Grand Finals were held at Millington Reserve/ Kevan Langdon Park (Claremont), Charles Riley Reserve (Claremont), Seacrest Reserve (Subiaco) and Heathridge Park (West Perth) with young people playing football and sharing in the many benefits it delivers to them. Participating in football helps developing teamwork, build personal confidence, become part of a community and maintain good health.

The Metro North competitions were serviced by WAFC Team Leader Kathy Monck, Competitions Administrators Sandy Swift and Amy Crane and Coaches Coordinator Baker Denneman. Each week they provided essential support for over 225 games of football, officiated by approximately 300 umpires.

Together with the support of more than 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 2024, especially all the committee members, volunteers, players, and their families. We look forward to maximising participation and retention by 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. This ensures quality competitions for all involved. Our continued work in these areas make it possible for everyone 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

2024 GRAND FINAL RESULTS

METRO NORTH COMPETITION

2024 MN Year 11/12 Male Gold
 2024 MN Year 11/12 Male Black
 2024 MN Year 11/12 Male Maroon
 2024 MN Year 11/12 Male Navy
 2024 MN Year 11/12 Female Gold
 2024 MN Year 10 Gold
 2024 MN Year 10 Black
 2024 MN Year 10 Maroon
 2024 MN Year 10 Navy
 2024 MN Year 9 Gold
 2024 MN Year 9 Black
 2024 MN Year 9 Maroon
 2024 MN Year 9 Navy
 2024 MN Year 9 Red
 2024 MN Year 9/10 Female Gold
 2024 MN Year 9/10 Female Black
 2024 MN Year 9/10 Female Maroon
 2024 MN Year 8 Gold
 2024 MN Year 8 Black
 2024 MN Year 8 Maroon
 2024 MN Year 8 Navy
 2024 MN Year 8 Red
 2024 MN Year 7 Gold
 2024 MN Year 7 Black
 2024 MN Year 7 Maroon
 2024 MN Year 7 Navy
 2024 MN Year 7 Red
 2024 MN Year 7 Blue
 2024 MN Year 7 White
 2024 MN Year 7/8 Female Gold
 2024 MN Year 7/8 Female Black
 2024 MN Year 7/8 Female Maroon

2024 PREMIERS

Whitford Blue
 Joondalup Kinross Bombers
 West Coast Red
 Sorrento Duncraig Hawks
 Wanneroo
 Wembley Downs White
 Swanbourne
 Cottesloe
 Ocean Ridge Makos
 North Beach Gold
 Wembley Downs Blue
 Swanbourne Navy
 Warwick Greenwood
 Marist Black
 Whitford Panthers
 Quinns District Typhoons
 Carine Blue
 Quinns District Storm
 Wembley Downs Blue
 Marist Blue
 Carine Blue
 Kingsley Lions
 North Beach Gold
 West Coast Red
 Subiaco White
 Swanbourne White
 Swanbourne Gold
 Yanchep Blue
 Joondalup Kinross Falcons
 North Beach Gold
 Wanneroo Black
 Wembley Downs White

RUNNERS UP

North Beach Gold
 North Beach Red
 Wanneroo Black
 Northern Knight Cats White
 Whitford Wildcats
 North Beach Gold
 Sorrento Duncraig Goldhawks
 Wanneroo
 Warwick Greenwood Edgewater Woodvale
 Wembley Magpies
 Scarborough
 Subiaco Maroon
 Sorrento Duncraig Dolphins
 Stirling
 North Beach Gold
 Kingsley Cats
 Wembley Downs
 Sorrento Duncraig Hawks
 Ocean Ridge Reefs
 North Beach Gold
 Joondalup Kinross Falcons
 Ocean Ridge Makos
 Whitford Tigers
 Mosman Park
 Kingsley Cats
 Whitford Cheetahs
 Kingsway Teal
 Marist Blue
 Quinns District Thunder
 Quinns District Tsunamis
 Carine
 Mosman Park



2024 FAIREST AND BEST AWARD WINNERS

COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
MN Year 7 Gold	Kingsley Y07 Lion	Fairest & Best	Connor Dent
	North Beach Y07 Red	Fairest & Best	Kobe Klumpp
	Whitford Y07 Tigers	Runner Up	AJ Steyn
MN Year 7 Black	Whitford Y07 Jaguars	Fairest & Best	Billy Wilson
	Mosman Park Y07	Runner Up	Oliver Swann
MN Year 7 Maroon	Subiaco Y07 White	Fairest & Best	Harry Williams
	Carine Y07 Black	Runner Up	Dejontae Naughton
MN Year 7 Navy	Ocean Ridge Y07 Makos	Fairest & Best	Noah Devellerez
	Whitford Y07 Cheetahs	Runner Up	Jasper Miles
MN Year 7 Red	Kingsway Y07 Teal	Fairest & Best	Luca Chang
	Swanbourne Y07 Gold	Runner Up	Oli Rohr
	Kingsway Y07 Black	Runner Up	Evan Ware
MN Year 7 Blue	Wembley Downs Y07 White	Fairest & Best	Lachlan Pidgeon
	Yanchep Y07 Blue	Runner Up	Brysen Houlahan
MN Year 7 White	Warwick Greenwood Y07	Fairest & Best	Milton Margetic
	Whitford Y07 Lions	Runner Up	Caiden Owen
MN Year 7/8 Gold	North Beach Y7/8 Gold	Fairest & Best	Caitlin Boss
	Quinns District Y7/8 Tsunamis	Runner Up	Mia Shelley
MN Year 7/8 Black	Yanchep Y7/8	Fairest & Best	Nevaeh Arthur
	Wanneroo Y7/8 Black	Runner Up	Chloee Talbot
MN Year 7/8 Maroon	Mosman Park Y7/8	Fairest & Best	Lula Kociuruba
	Kingsley Y7/8 Cats	Runner Up	Scarlett Zoccali
MN Year 8 Gold	Kingsway Y08 Black	Fairest & Best	Max Edwards
	Kingsway Y08 Black	Runner Up	Kade Kelly-Lewis
MN Year 8 Black	Ocean Ridge Y08 Reefs	Fairest & Best	Benjamin Coates
	Claremont Y08 Blue	Runner Up	Riley McDermid
MN Year 8 Maroon	Marist Y08 Blue	Fairest & Best	Remi Merenda
	North Beach Y08 Red	Runner Up	Sam Olsen
MN Year 8 Navy	Joondalup Kinross Y08	Fairest & Best	Anthony Walley
	Joondalup Kinross Y08 Falcons	Runner Up	Dean Skroza
MN Year 8 Red	Kingsway Y08 Teal	Fairest & Best	Alwyn Anderson
	Swanbourne Y08 White	Runner Up	Louis Gale
	Sorrento Duncraig Y08 Saints	Runner Up	Liam Barrowclough
	Ocean Ridge Y08 Makos	Runner Up	Toby Colegate
MN Year 9 Gold	Sorrento Duncraig Y09 Hawks	Fairest & Best	Benjamin Hawkins
	North Beach Y09 Gold	Runner Up	Levi Ord
MN Year 9 Black	Sorrento Duncraig Y09 Seahawks	Fairest & Best	Samuel O'Brien
	Quinns District Y09 Thunder	Fairest & Best	Deacon Seumanu
	Scarborough Y09	Runner Up	Alex Kingwell
MN Year 9 Maroon	Subiaco Y09 Maroon	Fairest & Best	Charlie Williams
	Swanbourne Y09 Navy	Runner Up	Xavier Parker
MN Year 9 Navy	Kingsley Y09 Cats	Fairest & Best	Samuel Gliddon
	Sorrento Duncraig Y09 Dolphins	Runner Up	Owen Bowes
MN Year 9 Red	Ocean Ridge Y09 Makos	Fairest & Best	Max Gilly
	Marist Y09 Black	Runner Up	Theo Constantine
MN Year 9/10 Gold	Whitford Y9/10 Panthers	Fairest & Best	Vienna Matera
	Wanneroo Y9/10 Black	Runner Up	Arybella Nelson
MN Year 9/10 Black	Kingsway Y9/10	Fairest & Best	Vanessa Chebet
	Kingsley Y9/10 Cats	Runner Up	Paige Oconnor

2024 FAIREST AND BEST AWARD WINNERS

COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
MN Year 9/10 Maroon	Yanchep Y9/10 Red	Fairest & Best	Navayah Nicholson
	Wanneroo Y9/10 White	Runner Up	Alice Oneill
	Carine Y9/10 Blue	Runner Up	Lara Wang
MN Year 10 Gold	North Beach Y10 Gold	Fairest & Best	Cooper Trovarello
	Wembley Downs Y10 White	Fairest & Best	Ignatius Jerrat
	North Beach Y10 Gold	Runner Up	Noah Braun
MN Year 10 Black	Sorrento Duncraig Y10 Seahawks	Fairest & Best	Tyson Musca
	Quinns District Y10 Lightning	Runner Up	Maison Robertson
MN Year 10 Maroon	Ocean Ridge Y10 Pointers	Fairest & Best	Ethan Andrich
	Wanneroo Y10	Fairest & Best	Jamie Cummings
	Kingsley Y10 Cats	Runner Up	George Hemmingway
MN Year 10 Navy	Ocean Ridge Y10 Makos	Fairest & Best	Hayden Covington
	Warwick Greenwood Edgewater Woodvale Y10	Runner Up	Kalan Rigoll
MN Year 11/12 F Gold	Ocean Ridge Quinns District Y11/12F	Fairest & Best	Mischa Jezierski
	Wanneroo Y11/12F	Fairest & Best	Ciaralee Lingman
	North Beach Y11/12F Gold	Runner Up	Isabella Morin
	Wanneroo Y11/12F	Runner Up	Ella Feist
MN Year 11/12 M Gold	Northern Knight Cats Y11/12M Black	Fairest & Best	Levi Morgan
	North Beach Y11/12M Gold	Runner Up	Jesse Povey
MN Year 11/12 M Black	Western Tigers Y11/12M	Fairest & Best	Sam Gallagher
	Ocean Ridge Y11/12M Pointers	Runner Up	Tyson Harrington
MN Year 11/12 M Maroon	West Coast Y11/12M	Fairest & Best	Max Rosser
	Whitford Y11/12M White	Runner Up	Lucas Pelle
	Joondalup Kinross Y11/12M Migs	Runner Up	John Coleman
MN Year 11/12 M Navy	Sorrento Duncraig Y11/12M Hawks	Fairest & Best	Jai Baron-Hay
	Carine Y11/12M League	Runner Up	Harlon Egan

YEAR 11/12M GOLD COMPETITION 2024 FAIREST AND BEST TOP 5



Levi Morgan	Northern Knight Cats	13 Votes
Jesse Povey	North Beach JFC	12 Votes
Cooper Howard	Scarborough JFC	9 Votes
Mitchell Bentley	Whitford JFC	9 Votes
Riley Hay	Northern Knight Cats	8 Votes



METRO NORTH
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2024
TEAM OF THE YEAR

BACKS	RILEY HAY KINGSLEY JFC	BRODIE ROOST NORTH BEACH JFC	AIDAN KAVANAGH MARIST JFC
	JOSH FLORIDO NORTH BEACH JFC	JOHN COLEMAN JOONDALUP KINROSS JFC	JAMES BLOOMFIELD SORRENTO DUNCRAIG JFC
MIDS	JAI BARON-HAY SORRENTO DUNCRAIG JFC	JESSE POVEY NORTH BEACH JFC	TYSON HARRINGTON OCEAN RIDGE JFC
FORWARDS	COOPER HOWARD SCARBOROUGH JFC	MITCHELL BENTLEY WHITFORD JFC	NATE KING JOONDALUP KINROSS JFC
	CIARAN DOYLE SUBIACO JFC	LUCAS PELLE WHITFORD JFC	HARLON EGAN CARINE JFC
FOLLOWERS	LEVI MORGAN (C) WARWICK GREENWOOD JFC	SAM GALLAGHER SUBIACO JFC	MAX ROSSER WEST COAST JFC
INTERCHANGE	JAMES PHILPOTT WHITFORD JFC	FINN SCANLAN WHITFORD JFC	JOSH PALMER WANNEROO JFC
	JACK ROONEY WEST COAST JFC	XAVIER DOBSON WEST COAST JFC	GRIFFEN GLOVER VANCHED DISTRICTS JFC

COACH - MICHAEL LUCA WHITFORD JFC

BACKS	ALEISHA HORRIDGE KINGSLEY JFC	ACHOL DENG QUINNS DISTRICTS JFC	SCARLET GALLO NORTH BEACH JFC
	ALICE MASSEY WEST COAST JFC		LARA WANG CARINE JFC
MIDS	NAVAYAH NICHOLSON VANCHED DISTRICTS JFC	CIARALEE LINGMAN WANNEROO JFC	BELLA NELSON WANNEROO JFC
FORWARDS	ISABELLA MORIN NORTH BEACH JFC	ELLA FEIST WANNEROO JFC	MIA HAAST JOONDALUP KINROSS JFC
	PRICE OCONNOR KINGSLEY JFC		ALICE ONEILL WANNEROO JFC
FOLLOWERS	MISCHA JEZIERSKI (C) QUINNS DISTRICTS JFC	VIENNA MATERA WHITFORD JFC	VANESSA CHEBET KINGSWAY JFC
INTERCHANGE	MILV JOHNS NORTH BEACH JFC	JASMIN BARRAM CARINE JFC	OLIVIA FERGUSON WHITFORD JFC
	LUNAY VAN DEN HEEVER JOONDALUP KINROSS JFC		BELLA MATERA WHITFORD JFC

COACH - MICHAEL PROUD WANNEROO JFC

UMPIRES

LACHY FLAVEL CLAREMONT DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION	JOSHUA FISHER LIONS DISTRICT UMPIRES ASSOCIATION	ETHAN DAVIES WEST PERTH DISTRICT UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
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RDC TEAMS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

The Regional Development Councils (RDCs) Teams of the Year for Metro Central, Metro South and Metro North were announced at an annual function on Sunday October 6.

More than 550 club volunteers, participants and their families attended the event which recognised the outstanding achievements of players, coaches and umpires throughout the Metro regions.

Selection into the Team of the Year was based on Fairest and Best vote counts in each region, with a captain appointed for each team.

Premiership-winning coaches from the highest divisions were appointed Coaches of the six teams, while umpires selected had all earned Umpire of the Year honours in their districts.

Metro RDC Chairs Travis Burrows, Karren Wheatland, and Ian Brotherton praised the event.

“It was fantastic to see all regions come together to celebrate the success of all involved including the players, coaches and umpires,” they said.

The night included a Q&A session with team captains and coaches who shared insights into their football journeys and season highlights.

Since their establishment in 2019, the RDCs have contributed nearly \$430,000 to metro junior football with the support from the WAFC and nine WAFL clubs. This funding has assisted with a number of initiatives including community engagement, volunteer recognition, education and club participation.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

2024 marked an exciting year for the Club Development and Volunteer team as it embarked on its first full year of program delivery, focusing on strengthening club capacity and enhancing volunteer retention and recognition. This included several new initiatives and streamlined program delivery across the three Conferences.

The team delivered a new President and Vice President Football Forum in February. This initiative focused on onboarding and educating new club leaders, ensuring they were well-equipped with the knowledge and resources necessary to succeed in their roles. While the focus was on new presidents and vice presidents, those already existing in these roles were also invited. The forum included a Q&A with three long term presidents who imparted some invaluable information and learnings.

The RDC Season Launch took place in April where all clubs were invited to join in a celebration of the commencement of the 2024 Metro Junior Season. After an inspiring Welcome to Country by Sharon Wood-Kenney, Metro South RDC Chair Karen Wheatland opened the event. WA Football Hall of Fame inductee Jan Cooper OAM gave a keynote address detailing the role football has played in her life from cheering on Swan Districts as a child to becoming the first woman to be inducted into the WA Football Hall of Fame in 2023.

This was followed by a Club Development and Volunteer update, then a heartfelt presentation and interview with Sock it to Sarcoma! which highlighted the importance of the odd socks for Sarcoma! round. An interview with South Fremantle Junior Umpires Association Manager Ben Cutri dispelled some umpiring myths, while a junior participants panel talked candidly about the role footy plays in their lives. The event concluded with a presentation, celebrating the induction of the 2023 RDC Life Members from across the three Conferences.

The WA Football Volunteer of the Year program commenced on May 20, during National Volunteer Week. The Club Development and Volunteer team provided clubs with a suite of resources which saw volunteers recognised across the week at games and across social media. The program concluded with Volunteer Appreciation Round which gave clubs the opportunity to thank those match-day volunteers, whom without our great game would not take place. Once again clubs were provided a toolkit to assist in recognising volunteers. The WA Football Volunteer of the Year Awards itself saw over 2,500 nominations received – an increase of 1,000 nominations from 2023.

To further acknowledge the contributions of volunteers, the Club Development and Volunteer team introduced the Volunteer Appreciation Carnival, where local club committees participated in an entertaining AFL Nines tournament during the Round 5 bye. 14 teams and 170 Volunteers took to the field in two competition formats with Huntingdale JFC and Mt Hawthorn JFC taking out the wins. All proceeds from registration fees went directly to SportsCARE.

The WAFC once again partnered with Sock it to Sarcoma! to raise much needed funds to support research and families living with sarcoma. Round 8 saw clubs from across the three conferences wear odd socks to raise money. An increased marketing campaign including a toolkit for clubs helped raise awareness of sarcoma and generated a total of \$24,474. An additional \$11,679 was raised in the silent auction and raffle at the Community Football Awards with a grand total of \$36,153 raised by junior football clubs.

In July the Club Development and Volunteer team sent out a mid-year survey to all metro junior clubs for feedback on what clubs identify as highlights, areas of support, challenges, engagement and key priorities. Nearly half of the 107 clubs across the metro junior competition completed the survey which provided insights into junior football clubs' needs and priorities.





Clubs were also invited to take part in a focus group session which culminated in 15 representatives from across the conferences providing feedback on:

- Volunteer recruitment
- Education retention and recognition
- What is club development and the Champion Club program
- Event and community initiatives

The insights attained from both the survey and the focus groups were then shared out to all clubs and are being used to help frame how the Club Development and Volunteer team will work with, and support clubs moving forward.

After the success of Team of the Year in 2023, this initiative was continued in 2024. The RDC Team of the Year recognises those stand out players across all top end youth divisions. Based on Fairest and Best vote counts, a male and female team was announced for each conference including the coach from the highest division premiership team. This year the accolades were expanded to include the Golden Whistle Umpire recipients from each conference.

The year wrapped up with the Metro Junior Community Football Awards which took place on Saturday, October 12 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. For the first time, metro junior football clubs from across all three conferences came together to recognise volunteers and clubs who made outstanding contributions throughout the year and to celebrate the conclusion of the 2024 football season.

The Club Development and Volunteer team is looking forward to 2025 and continuing to grow on the successes of 2024. The Champion Club program will be launched prior to the start of season and the team is looking forward to engaging more closely with clubs through this first of its kind platform. More toolkits will be developed to assist clubs and reduce volunteer workload and over \$200,000 worth of grants will once again be available to clubs through Telstra Footy Country Grants.

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



WA FOOTBALL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The WA Football Community Football Awards aims to recognise community football volunteers from across the state who go above and beyond in their roles. In 2024, the awards underwent some significant changes that assisted in raising the profile of the awards and recognising its recipients. This led to over 2,500 nominations.

Nominations opened in May in line with National Volunteer Week, and upon nomination, nominees received an email congratulating them on their nomination and included a video message from West Australian Football Commission CEO Micheal Roberts and a personalised certificate which included their name and category they were nominated in.

This year the awards ceremony took place at the WAFL Grand Final held at Optus Stadium, a change from the Sandover Medal, which created opportunities to expand the recognition afforded to the recipients.

In addition to the 17 District and Regional Volunteer of the Year finalists, the other category winners, with representation from across the state were also in attendance. In addition to a formal ceremony where all recipients were presented with a trophy, the recipients and their partners also took part in the pre-game parade and were announced on the big screen.

John Pinneri from Morley Junior Football Club was announced the 2024 WA Football Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding service and dedication to his club and to junior football.

We are delighted to recognise the following category award winners and the Volunteer of the Year Recipients from Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth Districts.

AWARD	RECIPIENT	CLUB
AFL School Teacher of the Year	Robert Beswick	Pinjarra High School
Community Umpire Award	Ben Cutri	South Fremantle Junior Umpiring Association
Disability Inclusion Ambassador	Mark Clayton	Quinns Districts JFC
Diversity Ambassador	Jessica Albers	Hedland Senior High School
Junior Club Coach	Kyle Quirk	Kalamunda JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Volunteer	Adam Goedecke	Broome Auskick Centre
Senior Club Coach	Kristy Jetta	Eaton FC
Young Volunteer of the Year	Zavier Hunter	Mandurah Mustangs





BEN BOYCE
Scarborough



NICOLE RODGERS



JAMEE BRIEN

CLAREMONT DISTRICT

BEN BOYCE Scarborough JFC

Ben has been President at Scarborough JFC for three years and previous to this was the clubs Auskick Coordinator. This year the club has had a few vacant positions, including Vice President and Coach Coordinator, so Ben has taken on these roles to ensure the club runs smoothly and efficiently.

Ben's leadership, dedication and commitment have been instrumental in shaping the success and spirit of the club. In his short time as President, he has guided the club through triumphs and challenges with vision, passion and dedication to the community.

Ben, who has a young family dedicates countless hours to the club. He can be found cooking the BBQ, organising team photo's, setting up and packing down grounds, completing match day paperwork and always being available to talk to parents and the community.

This year, under Ben's leadership the club designed their inaugural Indigenous jumper that teams have worn with pride across NAIDOC Week. He also worked with the local council to have the lights at their main oval upgraded so that their female teams, who are part of a merger with a neighbouring club can play home games on a Friday night. Through Ben's leadership, dedication and hard work, Scarborough JFC has flourished, not just on the field but as a cornerstone of their community.

SUBIACO DISTRICT

NICOLE RODGERS Warwick Greenwood JFC

Nicole began her volunteering journey in 2013 as Auskick Coordinator at Warwick Greenwood Junior Football Club and has been President for the past three years after spending time as Registrar. Warwick Greenwood JFC is a small club so Nicole will often fill other roles where there are gaps including coordinating merchandise and grounds.

Nicole is a constant presence around the club giving assistance to all teams from Auskick through to the year 11/12's and is extremely knowledgeable of all of the rules and regulations. She works closely with neighbouring clubs including ensuring a strong and positive relationship is maintained, especially with the longstanding year 11/12 merge with Kingsley JFC – Northern Knight Cats.

As President Nicole demonstrates exceptional leadership, commitment and dedication making her an invaluable asset to the football community. One area of focus for Nicole has been the continued success and growth of Auskick, understanding that investing time into this program will help to sustain and grow the club long term.

Nicole actively engages with the WAFC attending all meetings and communicating effectively and in a timely manner. She can always be relied upon to give constructive feedback and to show her support for initiatives designed for the betterment of football. Furthermore, she is an Ambassador for the 'Lead Yor Way Program' advocating for female leadership.

One of Nicole's greatest strengths is her ability to bring people together. She has fostered a culture of inclusivity, respect, and sportsmanship that resonates throughout the club. Whether it's welcoming new families, supporting coaches, or ensuring every player feels valued, Nicole leads with empathy and integrity.

WEST PERTH DISTRICT

JAMEE BRIEN Brighton JFC

Jamee was a Team Manager at Brighton Junior Football Club for six years before taking on the Registrar position in 2023. In addition to this, she takes on many roles behind the scenes including fundraising, organising events such as NAIDOC Round, preparing committee meetings and assisting with the club's social media.

Jamee dedicates much of her time and energy to the club. She ensures all of the players are supported and is a role model to volunteers, especially Team Managers that she works closely with. As Registrar she works very closely with the

WAFC Competitions Team and always communicates well and completes all weekly requirements on time.

As a Registrar you are required to communicate effectively with Managers, parents, other clubs, community and WAFC. Jamee always does this effectively, respectfully and fairly upholding the rules and regulations and spirit of the game. She is the go to person in the club.

Jamee goes above and beyond for the club. Without her unwavering efforts all year the club wouldn't be what it is today. She just gets on with what needs doing. Jamee is a true champion of the club.

2024 WA FOOTBALL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The winner of the 2024 WA Football Volunteer of the Year has significantly contributed to the Morley Junior Football Club's growth and development.

John Pinneri has held numerous volunteer positions at the club, including President, Vice President, secretary, coach, assistant coach, runner, team manager, boundary umpire, goal umpire, interchanger, first-aider, canteen manager, line-marker, banner maker, and graphic designer – there isn't a role he hasn't done.

Pinneri, affectionately known as JP, has supported the club's expansion developing the female pathway within the club, securing funding for lighting and upgrades to the clubrooms and canteen.

WAFC Club Development and Volunteer Specialist, Jenne Russell said JP has been the driving force behind the club's positive development and is a role model for creating a fun and inclusive environment for players and the community.

"It's always difficult selecting the winner of the WA Football Volunteer of the Year award," Russell said.

"This year we had 17 finalists from each district and region across the state who were all worthy recipients.

"JP's dedication to the Morley Junior Football Club and the wider community really shone through And I congratulate JP on this well-deserved achievement."

Pinneri said volunteering at the club has been rewarding.

"Being part of a community, not necessarily just a footy club, but being part of a community and meeting people just makes you feel really good." Pinneri said.

"There's a misconception that being part of a footy club and being on the committee and having responsibilities creates anxiety, because everyone is time poor.

"I think it's actually the opposite; I think it's been great for my mental health.

"It's very uplifting at times, there are challenges, but being part of a group of people who get through these challenges really lifts your spirits."

John, nominated as the WA Football Volunteer of the Year finalist from the East Perth district, receives \$4000 and a one-year subscription from the Sunday Times.

The West Australian Football Commission congratulates Pinneri on his award.





PARTICIPATION OFFICERS' REPORT

Season 2024 has been a year of consistency within the Metro North District. All three districts have retained the same Participation Officers – Alex Zulberti (Claremont), Corey Dullard (Subiaco) and Mitchell Gupanis (West Perth).

In the junior football space, our district clubs saw another significant increase in female football. With 90 teams across the Year 3/4 to 11/12 age groups, the diverse range of female talent has been incredible to observe.

In the Auskick realm, we once again ran our very successful Year 2 Rookie Series and Festival of Football, which also saw five junior clubs in the Metro North region (Carine JFC, Kingsway JFC, Sorrento-Duncraig JFC, Wanneroo JFC and Whitford JFC) nominate several all-female Auskick teams. As a nation-wide priority moving forward, the establishment of all-female Auskick centres, marks an exciting step for 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, August 18. With 78 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 Participation Officers – Mitchell Gupanis (West Perth), Alex Zulberti (Claremont) and Corey Dullard (Subiaco).

During the end of July to early August, we ran our separate district Auskick Gala Days across Metro North. Sullivan Logistics Stadium (Subiaco FC) braved the wintery July conditions early to put on a fantastic experience for all involved. The Subiaco and Claremont Auskick Gala Days at Heathridge Oval (Ocean Ridge 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 three days. To our Participation Officers, WAFL clubs, junior and amateur football club volunteers, and our West Australian Football Commission Game Development Officers, we thank you all for your time, commitment, and effort in facilitating an extremely successful Gala campaign.

September saw over 30 junior grand finals played across Millington Oval, Heathridge Park, Charles Riley Reserve and Seacrest Reserve. Our Match Day Officials, umpires, and club volunteers from Scarborough, North Beach, Ocean Ridge and Sorrento-Duncraig JFC 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 2024 junior season – Kathy Monck, Amy Crane, and Sandy Swift.

Throughout the year, Metro North hosted some major carnivals. In Term 2, we ran a successful Year 7 boys' carnival at Seacrest Reserve, Sorrento, with six schools from Metro North competing.

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The finalists, Carine Senior High School and Wanneroo Secondary College, represented Metro North in the Year 7 Metro Finals held in July at Des Penman Reserve, Nollamara. A major highlight in Term 4 was the inaugural Year 10 AFL Nines Carnival. This carnival was a significant achievement for our three Participation Officers.

The Metro North team would not be complete without recognising the following leaders who continue to drive our key areas in school, Auskick and community footballs – Michelle Sewell (Participation Specialist), Reagan Atkinson (Schools Manager) and Jonelle Morley (Head of Participation).

2024 was a year of many highlights for us as the three Participation Officers and we can't wait to make football bigger and better across Metro North next season.

Enjoy a well-deserved break and we will see you all for season 2025.

Alex Zulberti Claremont District Participation Officer
Corey Dullard Subiaco District Participation Officer
Mitchell Gupanis West Perth District Participation Officer
 West Australian Football Commission

METRO NORTH AFL NINES SCHOOL CARNIVAL

On Thursday, October 17, the inaugural Year 10 Boys Metro North AFL Nines carnival took place at Carine Regional Open Space. 10 teams from six schools within the Metro North conference had the opportunity to be crowned the champion AFL Nines school in the district.

Each zone had schools represent their respective district:

- Churchlands Senior High School, Perth Modern and Shenton College (Claremont district)
- Carine Senior High School (Subiaco district)
- St Stephen's Carramar and Wanneroo Secondary College (West Perth district)

At the commencement of the carnival, West Perth Participation Officer Mitch Gupanis addressed all staff and students about the rules and expectations for the day, even asking students to raise their hands if they have played or heard of AFL Nines before –only three students put their hands up. Despite this, there was real excitement surrounding the event, as it marked the first AFL Nines school competition in Australia. All the students were eager to learn and fully embrace this new format of football.

The structure of the carnival saw schools play three qualifying games, with the top two teams advancing to the Grand Final. Claremont Participation Officer Alex Zulberti was visibly proud seeing this AFL Nines carnival become a reality stating:

“Participation Officers and Michelle Sewell first discussed this carnival back in March, and bringing this vision to life as one of the first AFL Nines school carnivals in Australia was a fantastic accomplishment. Seeing all the participants enjoy themselves playing AFL Nines was a proud moment for our Metro North team.”

The quality and competitiveness of the participants were on show early. The teams were learning all the rules on the spot, and you could hear the Nines terminology and tactics as the games progressed.

A big congratulations to Carine SHS who played a brilliant mix of smart, skillful and fair football to take out the win. Coach Nicolas Reid was extremely impressed by the whole tournament stating: “This is one of the best carnivals we have ever been a part of and looking forward to hopefully extending this invitation to our other year groups as well”. Shenton College teacher Ben Jamieson also expressed his gratitude for the new tournament: “This was a fantastic initiative by the Metro North Participation Officers to get a competition like AFL Nines into the schooling scene and it was a major success, our school had so much fun playing this different format of the game.”

Overall, it was a fantastic day for all parties involved and luckily for all the sun was out shining, making it a perfect day for footy.

Looking forward to the 2025 edition.



2024 COMMUNITY FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS

AWARD	DISTRICT	WINNER	CLUB
Administrator of the Year	Claremont District	Maria Manning	Marist JFC
Administrator of the Year	West Perth District	Mandi Crozier	Ocean Ridge JFC
Administrator of the Year	Subiaco District	Emily Slevin	Warwick Greenwood JFC
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	Claremont District	Julie Johnson	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	Subiaco District	Rosemary Goodin	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	West Perth District	Christelle Auffray	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	Claremont District	Kieran Todd	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	Subiaco District	Oscar Holt	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	West Perth District	Jacob Elek	
Female Coach of the Year	Subiaco District	Sarina McVee	Kingsway JFC
Female Coach of the Year	Claremont District	Marissa Pidgeon	Wembley Downs JFC
Female Coach of the Year	West Perth District	Naomi Gianoncelli	Whitford JFC
Further With Football Award	Subiaco District	Mental Health Round	Balga FC
Further With Football Award	Claremont District	Preston Bridge Memorial Game	Wembley Downs JFC / Marist JFC
Further With Football Award	West Perth District	Redhawks Gala Day	Yanchep Districts JFC
Junior Club of the Year	Subiaco District		Kingsley JFC
Junior Club of the Year	Claremont District		Marist JFC
Junior Club of the Year	West Perth District		Quinns Districts JFC
Male Coach of the Year	West Perth District	Matt Lucas	Joondalup Kinross JFC
Male Coach of the Year	Subiaco District	Darryn Smith	Kingsley JFC / Warwick Greenwood JFC
Male Coach of the Year	Claremont District	Robbie Biddle	Scarborough JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	Subiaco District		Kingsway JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	Claremont District		Wembley Downs JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	West Perth District		Yanchep Districts JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	Subiaco District	Dean Stoleski	Kingsway JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	West Perth District	Jema White	Wanneroo JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	Claremont District	Trent Smoker	Wembley JFC
Volunteer of the Year	West Perth District	Jamee Brien	Brighton JFC
Volunteer of the Year	Claremont District	Ben Boyce	Scarborough JFC
Volunteer of the Year	Subiaco District	Nicole Rodgers	Warwick Greenwood JFC
Young Volunteer of the Year	Northern Conference	Jazmyn Hay	Kingsley JFC
Youth Club of the Year	Subiaco District		Carine JFC
Youth Club of the Year	West Perth District		Ocean Ridge JFC
Youth Club of the Year	Claremont District		Wembley Downs JFC



JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMMUNITY UNITES TO CELEBRATE SEASON AND RAISE OVER \$36K FOR CHARITY

Over 1,000 volunteers and guests from Metro North, Metro Central, and Metro South Conferences came together for the first time to celebrate the 2024 Metro Junior Community Football Awards on October 12.

Volunteers and clubs who made outstanding contributions throughout the year were recognised during the event.

Highlights from the event included the recognition of Club Persons of the Year, departing Presidents, and acknowledgement of the many clubs who hosted the junior football competition finals.

Superkids Superheroes made a special appearance to present the Auskick Awards, adding excitement to the night.

The event also supported a great cause, with the presentation of a \$24,474 cheque from funds raised during the annual Sock it to Sarcoma! charity round.

An additional \$11,679 was raised for Sock it to Sarcoma! through an online raffle and silent auction held at the event.

West Australian Football Commission Club Development and Volunteer Specialist, Jenné Russell said the event brought together metro junior football clubs from Pinjarra in the south to Yancheep in the north, for the first time.

“Volunteers are the backbone of community football, and it is important to recognise their contributions to our great game - the Community Football Awards achieved this on an unprecedented scale,” Russell said.

“I congratulate not only the award winners but all football club volunteers for their outstanding efforts in the 2024 season.”

On the night, individual volunteers and clubs from each district were awarded in the categories of male and female coach of the year, male and female community umpire engagement, Auskick coordinator and Auskick centre of the year, further with football award, administrator of the year, and volunteer and young volunteer of the year.

The awards concluded with the announcement of the coveted district junior and youth clubs of the year which recognised the outstanding efforts of top performing clubs in areas including administration, growth and retention, conduct and engagement.

Junior Club of the Year (Yr 3 – 6)

- Claremont District – Marist JFC
- Subiaco District – Kingsley JFC
- West Perth District – Quinns Districts JFC
- East Perth District – Ballajura JFC
- Perth District – South Perth JFC
- Swans District – Swan View FC
- East Fremantle District – Bullcreek Leeming JFC
- South Fremantle District – Roleystone JFC
- Peel District - Safety Bay FC

Youth Club of the Year (Yr 7 – 12)

- Claremont District – Wembley Downs JFC
- Subiaco District – Carine JFC
- West Perth District – Ocean Ridge JFC
- East Perth District – Ellenbrook JFC
- Perth District – Gosnells JFC
- Swans District – Aveley JFC
- East Fremantle District – Forrestdale JFC
- South Fremantle District – Kardinya JFC
- Peel District – Halls Head FC



COACHING REPORT

This update reflects the great strides made throughout the 2024 season in Metro North Region. Here's a summary of the key highlights and takeaways:

Coach/Coach coordinator engagement:

Throughout the year there was positive engagement and participation from the clubs and coaches with over 75% of clubs in the district participating in coach education workshops, training, and game day visits. Across the region there were 903 accredited coaches for the season, with 14% being female.

Early in the year, I ventured out to Albany to connect with the Country Team and run through a variety of coaching courses across the clubs. Moving forward, we are continually looking at ways to influence in this area, and across other country north regions – plans for 2025 have been put in place.

We are committed to improving the quality of coaching across community football in WA with more effective player centred training methods and game day processes at the forefront. This includes education and mobilisation of our club based coach coordinators/developers to ensure coaches are evolving with the times and providing fun and engaging experiences for all.

Mid-season Coach Coordinator catch up:

An online catch-up was held with all coach coordinators from the Central, South and North Districts throughout the middle of the junior season. The session covered various aspects of junior football, addressed questions from the start of the year, and looked ahead to the second half of the year.

Education and development:

Throughout the engagement of our junior clubs, the coach education workshops were characterised into the following – emphasising the player centred approach.

- Training session visit
- Game Day coaching
- Effective Training
- Tackling and Physical Presence

Given the growing focus on concussion in football, the coaching team conducted four tackling workshops across the four districts. The sessions were facilitated by the West Australian Football Commission and presented by Wade Spilcker who is an expert in tackling and works with the Fremantle Dockers as a Game Development Manager.



Nearly 200 coaches attended the four sessions including 60 coaches attending the session held at Carine Regional Sports Park.

Level 2 and 3 Coach Accreditation:

Level 2 and Level 3 Coaching Programs stats:

- Level 2 Participants: 86 including 26 female coaches
- Level 3 Participants: 21 including six female coaches - this is a record number of female coaches at this level

There were a number of AFL/AFLW players and WAFL/WAFLW players involved as the WAFC continues to provide opportunities for the transition from playing to coaching.

Programs are being delivered by a range of quality coach developers who are currently coaching in AFL/AFLW and WAFL/WAFLW. These programs place a strong emphasis on networking and mentoring, providing coaches with valuable opportunities to learn and grow as they progress through the coaching pathway.

Transition to a New Accreditation System:

The AFL is set to launch a new coach accreditation system and framework, transitioning from the current Level 1, 2, and 3 to Bronze, Silver, and Gold accreditations.

Coaches will be able to earn these new levels through various learning methods, including Recognition of Prior Learning, online modules, and new 'elevate' programs, aligning to the current Level 2 and 3 content.

Future Sessions and Plans:

Gold Level accreditation sessions, or 'elevate' programs, will be offered in November, initially focusing on those coaching within WAFL. Further sessions will follow, and coaches will be informed of specific dates and details as they become available.

This ongoing support and innovation in coach education reflects a strong commitment to development, safety, and long-term growth in the coaching community. The 2024 season has been largely positive, concluding with an exciting Finals Series in the Metro North District. The overall discipline and conduct of coaches this year demonstrates the positive impact in which these programs are having on community and upcoming coaches. Furthermore, it demonstrates the resilience in the district and a commitment to maintaining high standards of behaviour throughout the season.

Baker Denneman

Coaching Coordinator – Metro North
West Australian Football Commission



METRO NORTH UMPIRE REPORTS

Claremont District Junior Umpire Report

Claremont, a.k.a. 'The Den' thrived in season 2024 with over 180 umpires, 6 mentors and 20 match day coaches servicing games from Y5 juniors all the way to Schoolboys Championships, WAFL, PFL and the PSA. We saw significant achievement in umpires development with over six Y11/12M debuts and over 16 umpires talent identified for WAFL development programs in field, boundary and goal disciplines. The Den is continuing to grow and provide for the metro north and are excited for season 2025!

Jordan Pearce
Umpire Coach
Claremont District Junior Football Umpires Association

West Perth District

Season 2024 has come and gone so fast for the West Perth Umpiring. We had a total of 110 umpires which was an increase of 25 umpires from the previous year, 80% of those umpires would be 1st or 2nd years aging from 13 to 16 years old. Milestones this year starting from 50 games up to 400 game milestones which is a massive achievement for the group and umpiring community. This year we also had one of our own umpires represent WA in the School Sports which was played in Queensland. Overall West Perth's younger generation is driving us in the right direction for years to come.

Dylan Cooper
Umpire Manager
West Perth District Umpires Association

Subiaco District Junior Umpire Report

The 2024 Season marked another exciting and challenging year for the Subiaco District Umpires Association. Thanks to the efforts of our new coaching team comprising Ryan Harrison, Dylan Blaxill, Oscar Holt and Callum Stephens, the group have continued to develop at a rapid rate over the course of the season. I have been fortunate enough to witness a new generation of umpires begin to take on leadership and coaching roles within the group and I cannot wait to see how they continue to shape and nurture the association moving forward. I look forward to seeing the group embrace the challenge and excitement of finals football.

Luke Bennett
Umpire Manager
Lions District Umpires Association

COMMUNITY UMPIRING WEEK: CELEBRATING THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE GAME

WA Football celebrated the unsung heroes of our great game during Community Umpiring Week in May.

Community Umpiring Week highlights the integral role umpires play at all levels of the game and promotes the importance of respect for umpires.

At the AFL Round 9 game between Fremantle v Sydney, on 10 May, McKenzie Harris, along with five junior umpires walked onto Optus Stadium alongside the AFL umpires.

This was a dream come true for a young girl, who at the age of seven decided she wanted to become an umpire.

As a junior McKenzie loved football, but it was at a West Coast Eagles v GWS game, where she experienced how the crowd treated umpires, that she decided she too wanted to become an umpire.

"I knew it was something I wanted to do, so I just did it, I waited and waited until I was old enough to join," McKenzie recounted.

After joining Swan Districts Junior Football Umpires Association, McKenzie quickly rose through the ranks from umpiring Modified Rules to boundary umpiring Year 9s.

Through the guidance of umpiring coaches and mentors, McKenzie now has the confidence to take to the field in front of parents and coaches and over 30 players to officiate games each weekend.

"The people, SDJFUA, the mentors and the other umpires are amazing, they are all so supportive and kind," McKenzie said.

"I was the youngest umpire at the club but even though most of our coaches and umpires are in their late teens and early 20s, and are boys, they never treated me like I didn't belong.

"From day one I was part of the team and they believed in me; it was a really nice feeling."

Last year McKenzie was rewarded with the Best Modified Rules/ Junior Field Umpire of the Year Award.

The award is a reflection of her effort and love for umpiring.

"I love being right in the middle of the game (without having to play it)," she laughed.



Prior to the Round 9 AFL game, McKenzie said she was excited to be taking part in pre-game event and joining the AFL umpires prior on the ground to the game.

"I'm looking forward to being able to see how the umpires prepare and handle their nerves and excitement up close, and also being able to see the players up close as they get ready to play," she said.

Throughout Community Umpiring Week, McKenzie encouraged everyone who is part of the game to remember this: "We are human, we are doing our best; teach your children to take the good calls with the bad and be good sports," she said.

"This is our job and we love, live and breathe it.

"Be kind and respectful because we are a necessary part of the game that you all love."

RDC LIFE MEMBERS



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



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Rob Goodin
Kevin Hill
WayneMorling
Gavin Oliphant
David O'Reilly
MiltonSanders
Luke Sanders
Frits Vanirsen



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



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Metro North Regional Development Council for the financial year ended 31 October 2024.

Committee Members

Ian Brotherton – Chair
Corey Ranger – Executive Officer
Ryan Ramage - Secretary
John Pellegrini – Treasurer
Diana Guttridge – Claremont Junior Club Delegate
Rosemary Goodin – Subiaco Junior Club Delegate
Sharon Wood-Kenney – West Perth Junior Club Delegate
Garry Addison – WAFL Club Representative
Jodi Mills – Female Football Representative
Mika Berryman – Community Football Representative

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.

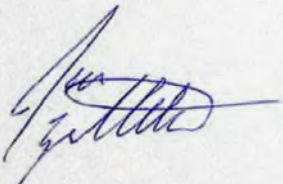
Significant Changes

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

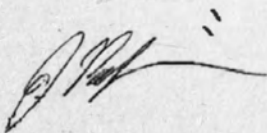
Operating Result

The net deficit for the Council was (\$43,181) (2023: (\$21,676)).

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



Chair
Ian Brotherton



Treasurer
John Pelligrini

Dated this day of 20/11/2024

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
Revenue			
Total Income		6,820	30,000
Expenses			
Indigenous Development Grant		(3,250)	(3,433)
RDC Junior Club Grants		-	(2,250)
Club Participation		(1,445)	-
Female Talent Pathway Initiatives		(16,000)	(16,500)
Volunteer Recognition		(6,000)	-
Functions and Events		(5,477)	(18,580)
Uniforms		(17,256)	(11,846)
Other		(573)	(1,000)
Total Expenses		(50,001)	(51,676)
(Loss)/Profit Before Income Tax		-	-
Other comprehensive (loss)/gain		-	-
Net Comprehensive Income/(Expense) for the Period		(43,181)	(21,676)

BALANCE SHEET

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	284,727	321,558
Trade and Other Receivables	4	6,820	30,000
Total Current Assets		291,547	351,559
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Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	-	16,831
Total Current Liabilities		-	16,831
Total Liabilities			
		-	16,831
Net Assets			
		291,547	334,728
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated Surplus	6	291,547	334,728

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METRO NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The financial statements cover Metro North Development Council as an Individual entity. Metro North 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 and 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 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 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash at Bank		284,727	321,559
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		284,727	321,559
4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Trade Debtors		6,820	30,000
Total Trade and Other Receivables		6,820	30,000
5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES			
Trade Creditors		-	15,831
Total Trade and Other Payables		-	15,831
6. EQUITY			
Opening Balance		334,728	356,404
Surplus/(Deficit)		(43,181)	(21,676)
Total Equity		291,547	334,728
7. STATUTORY INFORMATION			
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 2024

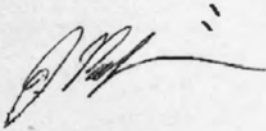
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements. In the option of the committee financial report as set out on pages 34 to 39:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Metro North Regional Development Council as at 31 October 2024 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 North 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:



Chair
Ian Brotherton



Treasurer
John Pelligrini

Dated this day of 20/11/2024

