



WEST AUSTRALIAN
COUNTRY
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Belt up.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



country football, strength, determination, passion



growing football in
Country Western Australia

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a challenge won
a future to celebrate



president's report

Football has provided a wonderful journey for me over many, many years, having been heavily involved in the South West Football League as both a player and a coach and having a strong commitment to representative football in the Landmark Country Football Championships.

Whilst undertaking this role at the playing and coaching level of the game, it has been fantastic to be involved with the West Australian Country Football League board over the last ten years and it was a very humbling experience to be elected President of the board at the commencement of the 2008 football season.

I would like to acknowledge the past leadership of Ken Baxter and previous Executive members who have recently retired. We have seen a fantastic contribution from the likes of Andrew McLellan, Jim Milloy and Des Seymour who have had a long term commitment to shaping the current structure of the WA Country Football League and its board.

Our challenge going forward will be to continually improve our operations and I will take the challenge to operate closely with the West Australian Football Commission to ensure that country football continues to be placed as a priority and is funded accordingly.

Having said that, it is extremely important for all our leagues and clubs to remember that they need to be viable in their own right and

they need to have a strong understanding of how important sport, and particularly football, is to the social fabric of their communities.

We are entering a new era at the WACFL and we are seeing some fresh faces appointed to the board; the likes of Noel Miguel, John Shadbolt, Michael Kain and Milton Milloy, all young men who have been heavily involved with football at club and league level and are bringing new skills to the table and new discussions onto the agenda that are vital to the continued development and growth of country football.

Having been involved in football for many years at country level, it is important to reinforce the contribution volunteers make to our game. Sometimes our governance structures can put barriers in the way, but our board is extremely mindful that as we develop and implement new programs the volunteers are at the forefront of any decision made and the impact it may have on them.

I look forward to working with all our rural and regional stakeholders, particularly our senior clubs and leagues and our regional development staff, over the next 12 months as we continue to work closely with all aspects of the game and how best to structure the WACFL into the future.

Terry House
PRESIDENT

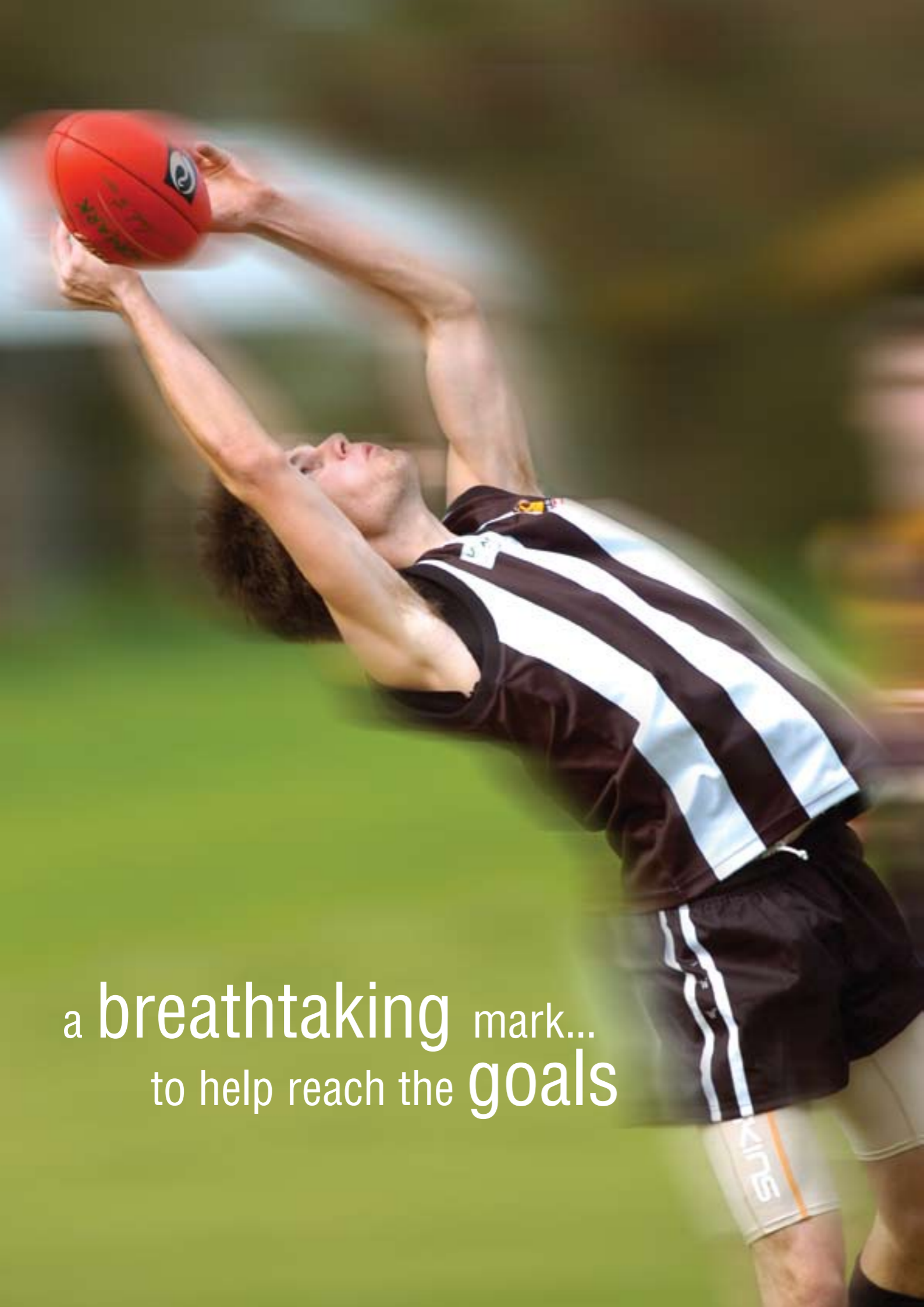


a strong tackle ...
determination to power forward



the executive





a **breathhtaking** mark...
to help reach the **goals**



cam's call

2008 was the dawn of a new era for the West Australian Country Football League following the retirement of long time board member and immediate past president Ken Baxter.

It is fantastic to see that Ken has been recognised with a West Australian Football Commission Life Membership for his commitment to country football and football in general throughout the State. Ken is one of the true characters of the game and has made a valuable and tremendous contribution.

The landscape for football and country football continues to change and it is the challenge of the Country Football League Executive, in partnership with all of our key stakeholders, to ensure that we continue to place country football in a secure position as it forms such an integral part of the social fabric of our country communities.

I am personally continually challenged by the role as the General Manager of the WACFL and I am looking forward to an exciting future. We continue to challenge the WAFC to inject resources into country football and we are very pleased at the way this collaborative approach to develop the game regionally is having such a positive effect.

This past year has also seen several clubs and leagues commit to planning strategies for their future. It has been a pleasure to be involved in these planning days and the WACFL will be looking forward to more clubs and leagues taking this opportunity to ensure they are well planned heading into the future.

In 2008 we also broke the \$1M mark in regard to an operating budget. This budget has been boosted by the fantastic contribution of the Office of Road Safety which has seen an injection of nearly \$500,000 into country football.

One of the fantastic outcomes of this partnership has seen the ongoing road safety message integrated into clubs and clubs receiving direct financial support. We challenge all of our clubs in the 2009 season to ensure that this partnership and the strategies linked to it have a key focus at club land.

"Change is not about disrespecting our history but stewardship into the future"

Cameron Knapton
GENERAL MANAGER



a direct kick...
a mark taken



ken baxter awarded WAFC life membership

Former President of the WACFL, Mr Ken Baxter, was rewarded for his many years of dedicated service to football in WA when he was awarded Life Membership of the West Australian Football Commission on 1 December 2008.

Membership of the Life Members' Association (WAFC) is WA football's highest honour, distinct from life membership awarded by individual football clubs and associated bodies, and is awarded to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to football generally.

Ken's outstanding achievements include:

- 33 years consecutive service on the WACFL Executive, the last seven as President, retired in February 2008 (Life Member)
- Over 40 years of service to Cunderdin Football Club (Life Member)
- Over 25 years of service to Avon Football Association (Life Member)

At the induction ceremony, WAFC Chairman, Dr Neale Fong, commented that Ken had given a lifetime of service to football and his significant impact on the game made him thoroughly deserving of this honour.

Congratulations Ken from all your friends associated with the West Australian Country Football League.

There's no excuse.



Belt up.



focus and passion...
leadership rewarded



leadership is the key

Leadership is the key...in 2008 Western Australia had 110,800 participants involved in our great game through schools and community. This is a 9.7% growth in the past year. It is therefore essential that WA Football takes time to reflect as to why this has happened because once identified then obviously we need to continue to deliver into the future.

As with any area of business people are the key....quality leaders who understand that for their club, competition, school football to be strong and grow, it requires sound data based planning, collaboration between all stakeholders (mainly volunteers), quality full time management support and that wonderful football capacity of "passion" for the game. In reflecting on 2008 all of the above qualities have been achieved, however we have just "scratched the surface" as to how good our game can be tomorrow (into the future).

The influence of the WACFL through its President Terry House, Executive, General Manager Cameron Knapton and Country Development Manager Dale Ballantyne establishes a very clear understanding of the professionalism of country football at senior and junior levels.

Of growing strategic importance is the leadership of each Regional Football Development Council through their Chairmen, Shane Liddelow, Alan Barnett, Alan Bishop, Con De Blecourt, Jerry Dawson, Richard O'Connell, Kevin Lynn and John Shadbolt and full time Development Managers/Officers Shane Atherton, Dylan Harper, James Baker, Danny Franc, Simon Dawson, Glen Collins, Darren Resuggan, Brett Claudius and Richard Coates. These councils oversee all country "grow the game" planning and delivery of programs, etc. Their roles in growing the game have been outstanding....thank you.

The future...it is essential that all areas of country football fully embrace change so that our game can keep ahead of other competitors and leisure activities. It is also essential that every senior country club asks itself, "What are we doing to ensure that the children/youth of our town/area are playing football?" If senior clubs do not look after today's youth then they place their club and football at risk into the next decade. We all have an obligation to ensure that when each of us (i.e. today's club/competition) leaders leaves the game it must be better off.

Special thanks must go to the State Government for its ongoing financial support of the Country Sport Enrichment Scheme with games being played in Kalgoorlie, Newman, Bunbury and Geraldton in 2008. These games are a terrific showcase for football and the WAFL and provide valuable finances from the gate/catering, etc., back to the local country football leagues and clubs.

Given the outstanding life long contribution Terry Waldron has made to sport overall and football in particular as a player, coach and administrator, it is WA Football's pleasure to see Tuck as our new Minister for Sport and Recreation. He will no doubt "push" the strategic importance of all sport in our rural and regional communities.

Grant Dorrington BEM
WAFD DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL





country development



Football season 2008 has come and gone in a hurry. It does not seem like 11 months ago the calendar was ticking over into January 2008. The 150th year of Australian Rules Football has been a full and challenging one with a number of factors affecting the programs delivered and the questions asked of regional football.

Staffing levels were once again maintained with 9 full-time and 2 part-time staff being employed in some capacity. We now have 5 Regional Managers and 4 Regional Development Officers on our books. Three of the regions also employed AFL Sportsready trainees, who have contributed immensely to the quality and quantity of programs that have been provided to our rural participants at all levels of the game.

We welcomed Danny Franc, Regional Manager for the Great Southern, Richard Coates, Development Officer to the Pilbara, Dylan Harper who has recently returned to the South West and Adam Falls in the Wheatbelt, whom we are sharing with the WACA. It is appropriate that our links with the WACA have completed a full circle and both parties see the benefits of shared employees.

I feel our staff have reached a new level of professionalism and are constantly looking for ways to improve and grow our game, with great success.

One area of our development which we need to utilize better in future is the availability of top quality coaches, umpires, administrators and sports trainers who visit our regions each year. Most seminars and courses are poorly attended by the locals, who in turn cry out at different times for access to these very same people. I feel in these important aspects of our development we need to support our staff and AFL/WAFL clubs when they do come to town and offer these services/workshops or the opportunities will eventually dry up. Coaching and umpiring are still two of the main areas of Australian Rules football where we continue to learn and grow within rural and regional WA.

Major achievements around the State included the release of the South West Future Directions document and inclusion of football

into the South West Academy of Sport. The increased participation within the Goldfields region and a new football competition in the Kimberley region based in Balgo was encouraging.

The Great Southern Football League saw the introduction of a new colts team based out of Albany, which will hopefully move to a full club into the future.

The CBH Colts registered two good wins against the State Amateur Colts and the State 16s squads. These games really showcase the talent we have in country football and we were represented by every region, which is a credit to the boys, their families and the support of the WACFL. Jamie Bennell from Bunbury went on to represent WA at senior level in the National Country Carnival and performed creditably, while Nathan De Blecourt from Northam also played in a senior trial match after representing and captaining the country colts team.

The Grow the Game funding and financial support from the WAFC and the Football Affairs Committee is an amazing way to promote the game and also come up with ideas on how to encourage people to participate. The education team has grown in strength and schools are now a big target for capturing the audience. The school programs have increased despite industrial action being prevalent for most of the football season. Hopefully school country week football numbers will be back to their usual levels in 2009 in both boys and girls.

Once again thanks to all staff, RFDC Chairs and Councils as well as WAFC consultants for their support, enthusiasm and professionalism in ensuring country football continues to be a success and the major participation sport in rural and regional WA.

Cam, Robyn and Kellie, your teamwork, support and friendship is always there and greatly appreciated.

Dale Ballantyne
COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

developing into a great player ...
means never giving up

regional football development councils and Smarter than Smoking regional managers/development officers

South West RFDC	Chair: Kevin Lynn
Mid West RFDC	Chair: Jerry Dawson
Great Southern RFDC	Chair: Alan Barnett
Wheatbelt RFDC	Chair: John Shadbolt
Midlands RFDC	Chair: Con de Blecourt
Goldfields RFDC	Chair: Shane Liddelow
Kimberley RFDC	Chair: Alan Bishop
Pilbara RFDC*	Chair: Richard O'Connell

*Pilbara Iron - major sponsor

RM/RDO:	Shane Atherton/Darren Rigby/Dylan Harper
RDO:	James Baker
RM:	Danny Franc
RM:	Simon Dawson
RM:	Glen Collins
RM:	Darren Resuggan
RDO:	Brett Claudius
RDO:	Richard Coates



a high tackle ...
a whistle blown



WAFC umpiring

On behalf of all involved within WAFC Umpiring we sincerely acknowledge and thank all concerned for their dedication and support of umpiring and its associated programs throughout season 2008. In particular we recognize the WACFL Executive, Cameron Knapton, Dale Ballantyne, Robyn Payne and Kellie McBean. Our WACFL Regional Managers and Development Officers played a pivotal role and we again express our appreciation given the splendid commitment and professional work ethic provided.

We thank all WACFL Umpire Head Coaches and Umpire Development Coaches for the loyal service made towards advancing umpiring across the regions and we look forward to seeing this association build even stronger links in season 2009.

The 2008 Landmark Country Football Championships coordinated by WAFC Umpire Development Manager Tim Priest was a terrific success and included the introduction of a three field umpire system in all A section qualifying and finals matches. This new initiative provided a number of WACFL umpires with a unique opportunity to expand on their experience and knowledge under the watchful eye of senior metropolitan umpire coaches.

Overall nearly 60 umpires from across all parts of rural and regional WA committed their time and expertise free of charge and played an integral role in the success of the Landmark Championships. Special mention and acknowledgement goes to the South West Football League for their fantastic support in providing a large contingent of quality umpires. All umpires who attended the carnival benefitted from the high standard of football, fellowship and, via participation in WAFC Umpiring, facilitated coaching sessions.

As a result of outstanding performances at the Landmark Championships in 2008, four umpires were selected and umpired a few weeks later at the Landmark Australian Country Football Championships in Shepparton, Victoria. Those selected were

field umpires Steve Dalgleish (Goldfields), Tony Raudino (SWFL), boundary umpire Travis Black (Goldfields) and goal umpire Peter Courtland (GNFL). All acquitted themselves with distinction as they represented the State.

Darryl Sinclair, in his second year as State Umpires Coach, provided coaching to rural and remote umpires through the WAFC website. These coaching sessions were placed onto the website and provided all WACFL umpire coaches with the opportunity to view the latest methods and systems available. In addition coaching sessions were also conducted at Geraldton, Bunbury, Port Hedland and Kalgoolie via the Country Sports Enrichment Scheme.

The AFL Umpire road shows provide a tremendous opportunity for the umpires of tomorrow to learn and interact with AFL elite umpires whilst they also play a leading role in attracting potential recruits. WAFC Umpiring Development Officers Paul Pitchers and Glenn Omodei have done an outstanding job in conducting sessions at Geraldton and Kalgoolie where WA based AFL umpires Craig Hendrie, Mike Spear, Luke Farmer and Nathan Doig attended.

On behalf of WAFC Umpiring and the WACFL we sincerely acknowledge the ongoing support and commitment provided to umpiring by our key sponsor in **RICKHART**. Their invaluable sponsorship of our umpiring programs remains paramount to the ongoing success of umpire development programs in all regional areas.

In season 2009 WAFC Umpiring remains focused on enhancing all regional umpiring programs via an invigorated internal structure that will open the way for new strategic opportunities to develop whilst enhancing the sound working partnerships that are now in place with all WACFL stakeholders.

Steve Hargrave
GENERAL MANAGER WAFC UMPIRING





a flying mark ... a career highlight

WACFL 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

LANDMARK COUNTRY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Number of teams (23)
 - 15 Seniors (record)
 - 8 Colts
 - 5 Divisions
- South West FL dominating Championships winning both A and A Colts
- Goldfields FL back to back victory in B Section
- Central Wheatbelt FL promoted to B Section
- Lower South West FL welcomed back and secure C Section title
- Pilbara winning their first Championship

DEVELOPMENT

- Continued growth of 1.7% (affected by school industrial action)
- Continued growth of Auskick – 7802 participants up 555 from 2007

WAFL

- More than 20 country players made their WAFL debut in 2008 season
- 6 players in WAFL State team:
 - Brent LeCras
 - Kyal Horsley
 - Phil Read
 - Scott Siekierka
 - Toby McGrath (Captain)
 - Zac Beeck
- Kyal Horsley (Kangas, Goldfields FL) and Matt Brown (HBL, South West FL) tied for WAFL best first year for a country player.

AFL

- 51 AFL listed players
- 8 players drafted in 2007 plus 2 rookies
- 13 country players to attend AFL Draft testing
- 4 NAB Rising Star nominees (K Reimers, J Morton, C Morton and J Hill)

WACFL

- Record funding – distribution to leagues and clubs
- 4 successful CSES games:
 - Newman, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie/Boulder and Geraldton
- New major partnership with ORS over \$350,000 directly funded to country football clubs
- AFL Community Camps in Narrogin and Albany
- AFL preseason game in Albany – over 8,000 people in attendance and first game for 5 years played regionally

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

1990	A S (Bud) Byfield OAM
1990	J S (Jock) Coleman (deceased)
1993	K J Duffy
1993	N J (Jock) Beattie
1994	J J Lussick OAM AM
1996	K E Baxter OAM JP CITWA
1997	C Bray
2000	J Milloy
2003	D Seymour
	K Lynn
2005	T Waldron
2007	A McLellan
2008	R Daw

JOINT PATRONS

N J (Jock) Beattie
A S (Bud) Byfield OAM
J J Lussick OAM AM



never losing sight ...
of the main goal



WEST AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

1973	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith					
1974	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith					
1975	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Noll			
1976	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Noll			
1977	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Noll			
1978	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Leach			
1979	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Leach			
1980	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Leach			
1981	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Leach	C Bray		
1982	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Leach	C Bray		
1983	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	R Black	R Smith	K Baxter	K Leach	C Bray		
1984	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Smith	K Baxter	K Leach			
1985	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Smith	K Baxter	K Leach	D Pearce		
1986	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Smith	K Baxter	K Duffy	D Pearce		
1987	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Smith	K Baxter	K Duffy	D Pearce		
1988	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Kelly	K Baxter	K Duffy	D Pearce		
1989	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Kelly	K Baxter	K Duffy	D Pearce		
1990	A S Byfield	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Kelly	K Baxter	K Duffy	J Milloy		
1991	J Milloy	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Kelly	K Baxter	K Duffy	A Marshall		
1992	J Milloy	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Underwood	K Baxter	K Duffy	D Seymour		
1993	J Milloy	J J Lussick	J Beattie	C Bray	R Underwood	K Baxter	K Duffy	M McLennan		
1994	J Milloy	J J Lussick	K Jones	C Bray	R Underwood	K Baxter	K Duffy	M McLennan		
1995	J Milloy	J J Lussick	K Jones	C Bray	R Underwood	K Baxter	K Duffy	M McLennan	D Seymour	R Ditchburn
1996	J Milloy	J J Lussick	K Jones	C Bray	R Underwood	K Baxter	K Duffy	M McLennan	D Seymour	R Ditchburn
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1998	J Milloy	J J Lussick	K Jones	C Bray	R Underwood	K Baxter	A McLellan	M McLennan	D Seymour	R Ditchburn
1999	J Milloy	J J Lussick	K Jones/B Watson	C Bray	R Underwood	K Baxter	A McLellan	T House	D Seymour	R Ditchburn
2000	J Milloy	J J Lussick	B Watson	I Taylor	A Bishop	K Baxter	A McLellan	T House	D Seymour	R Ditchburn
2001	J Milloy	A Taylor	B Watson	I Taylor	A Bishop	K Baxter	A McLellan	T House	D Seymour	P Sheridan
2002	J Milloy	A Taylor	B Watson	I Taylor	A Bishop	K Baxter	A McLellan	T House	D Seymour	P Sheridan
2003	J Milloy	C VanderWeide	B Watson	G Young	A Bishop	K Baxter	A McLellan	T House	D Seymour	P Sheridan
2004	J Milloy	C VanderWeide	B Watson	G Young	A Bishop	K Baxter	A McLellan	T House	D Seymour	P Sheridan
2005	J Milloy	C VanderWeide	B Butterworth	G Young	A Bishop	K Baxter	A McLellan	T House	D Seymour	P Sheridan
2006	J Milloy	C VanderWeide	B Butterworth	G Young	A Bishop	K Baxter	A McLellan	T House	D Seymour	P Sheridan
2007	N Miguel	C VanderWeide	B Butterworth	G Young	A Bishop	K Baxter	M Kain	T House	D Seymour	P Sheridan
2008	N Miguel	C VanderWeide	B Butterworth	G Young	A Bishop	J Shadbolt	M Kain	T House	M Milloy	P Sheridan

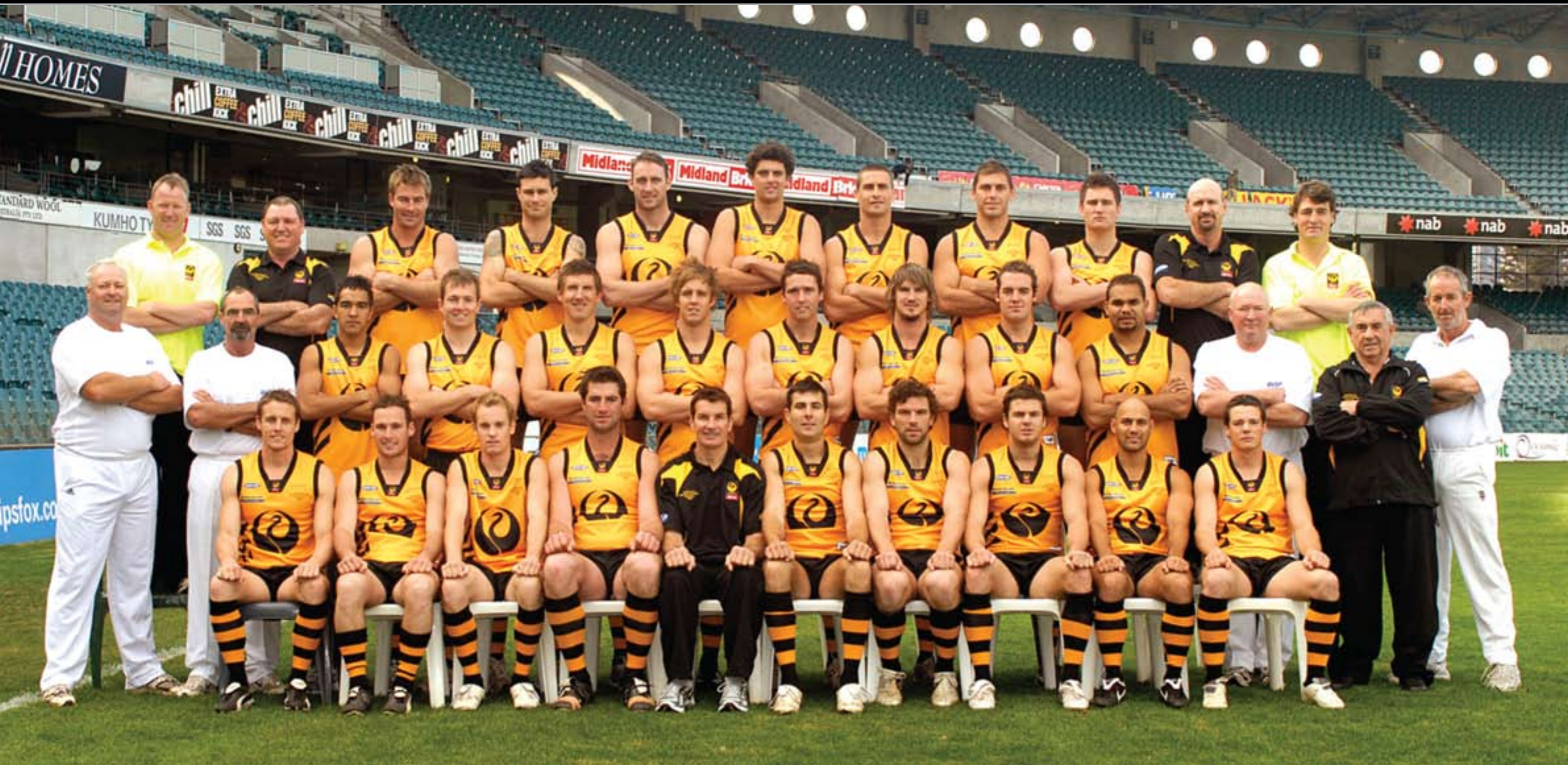
WEST AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY FOOTBALL LEAGUE OFFICE BEARERS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT	GENERAL MANAGER	SECRETARY/TREASURER
1973	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	N J Beattie		B Giles
1974	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	N J Beattie		N R Judge
1975	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	N J Beattie		N R Judge
1976	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	N J Beattie		N R Judge
1977	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	N J Beattie		N R Judge
1978	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	N J Beattie		N R Judge
1979	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	R Smith		N R Judge
1980	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	R Smith		N R Judge
1981	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	R Smith		N R Judge
1982	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	R Smith		N R Judge
1983	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	R Smith		N R Judge
1984	A S (Bud) Byfield	R Black	R Smith		N R Judge
1985	A S (Bud) Byfield	N J Beattie	R Smith		N R Judge
1986	A S (Bud) Byfield	N J Beattie	R Smith		P Evans
1987	A S (Bud) Byfield	N J Beattie	D Pearce		P Evans
1988	A S (Bud) Byfield	J J Lussick	D Pearce		J McKibbin
1989	A S (Bud) Byfield	J J Lussick	D Pearce		J McKibbin
1990	A S (Bud) Byfield	J J Lussick	K E Baxter		K J Duffy
1991	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy		K J Duffy
1992	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	K J Duffy
1993	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	K J Duffy
1994	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	K J Duffy
1995	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	K J Duffy
1996	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	K J Duffy
1997	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	K J Duffy
1998	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	K Jones
1999	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	D Molony (Treasurer)
2000	J J Lussick	K E Baxter	J Milloy	T K Waldron	D Molony (Treasurer)
2001	K E Baxter	I Taylor	A McLellan	C S Knapton	D Molony (Treasurer)
ADMINISTRATION ASST.					
2002	K E Baxter	I Taylor	A McLellan	C S Knapton	J Green
2003	K E Baxter	A McLellan	T House	C S Knapton	J Green/K Read
2004	K E Baxter	A McLellan	T House	C S Knapton	J Green/K Read
2005	K E Baxter	A McLellan	T House	C S Knapton	J Green
2006	K E Baxter	A McLellan	T House	C S Knapton	R Payne
2007	K E Baxter	T House	G Young	C S Knapton	R Payne/K McBean
2008	T House	G Young	C VanderWeide	C S Knapton	R Payne/K McBean



West Australian Country Football League State Team Touring Party 2008

Landmark Australian Country Football Championships, Shepparton, Victoria



BACK ROW: Dale Ballantyne (Runner), Raymond Joy (Chairman Of Selectors), Jon Ward, Michael Roney, Rowan Astbury, Jacob Williams, Dale Baynes, Matt Kennewell, James Thompson, Brett Duffield (Asst. Coach), Craig Doney (Runner)

MIDDLE ROW: Garry Miller (Trainer), Gary Bovell (Trainer), Jamie Bennell, Brad Hardingham, Adam Pearce, Kane Bebbington, Bryan Hardie, Nathan Elari, Rhys McFarland, Cleve Humphries, Gordon Davidson (Head Trainer), Ben Ralph (Property Man), Greg Richards (Trainer)

FRONT ROW: Damian Casson, Jesse Gribble, Daniel McGinlay, Ricky Mott (Vice Captain), Rod Williams (Coach), Simon Duckworth (Captain), Michael Sherry (Vice Captain), Clint Ernst, Brett Claudius, Mark Gilholme



WACFL premiers

2008

AVON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Quairading

Grand Final Score: Quairading 11.12 (78) d Railways 10.14 (74)
Best on Ground: Baxter Medal - Kane Marsh (Railways)
F&B: Byfield/Stacey Medal - Matt Stevens (Kellerberrin-Tammin)

CENTRAL KIMBERLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Bombers

Grand Final Score: Bombers 15.8 (98) d Bayulu Bulldogs 13.15 (93)
Best on Ground: Manado Medal - Noel Jones (Bombers)
F&B: Davies Medal - Jamal McCarthy (Magpies)

CENTRAL MIDLANDS COASTAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Cervantes

Grand Final Score: Cervantes 14.10 (94) d Jurien Bay 11.9 (75)
Best on Ground: Roger Tonkin Medal - Rowen McDonnell (Cervantes)
F&B: JJ Lussick Medal - Matthew Helms (Dandaragan)

CENTRAL WHEATBELT FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Koorda

Grand Final Score: Koorda 14.14 (98) d Beacon 14.11 (95)
Best on Ground: Ted MacTaggart Memorial Trophy - Alex Stewart (Koorda)
F&B: Jeffries Medal - Garrett Streater (Kalannie)

EAST KIMBERLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Halls Creek Hawks

Grand Final Score: Halls Creek Hawks 11.14 (80) d Warmun Eagles 7.13 (55)
Best on Ground: John Sosbey Cup - Tristan Bedford (Halls Creek Hawks)
F&B: Vagg Medal - William Ramsey (Warmun Eagles)

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Kulin-Kondinin

Grand Final Score: Kulin-Kondinin 17.13 (115) d Naremben 12.11 (83)
Best on Ground: Noel Cosgrove Medal - Brent Fotheringham (Kulin-Kondinin)
F&B: Miller Medal - Brendon Parsons (Naremben)

ESPERANCE DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Gibson

Grand Final Score: Gibson 9.14 (68) d Esperance 5.6 (36)
Best on Ground: Berwyn Davies Medal - Morgan Prott (Gibson)
F&B: Hepburn Medal - Roger Parsons and Ryan Neill (Esperance)

FORTESCUE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Towns

Grand Final Score: Towns 13.12 (90) d Panthers 13.7 (85)
Best on Ground: Willie Nona (Towns)
F&B: Bielski Medal - Allistair Smith (Towns)

GASCOYNE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Ramblers

Grand Final Score: Ramblers 9.11 (65) d Warriors 6.10 (46)
Best on Ground: Ryan Atherton (Ramblers)
F&B: Stuart Marum (Exmouth Eagles) and Wesley Mongoo (Warriors)

GOLDFIELDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Mines Rovers

Grand Final Score: Mines Rovers 14.11 (95) d Kambalda 13.5 (83)
Best on Ground: Fyson Medal - Cameron Allen (Mines Rovers)
F&B: Mitchell Medal - Matthew Johnston (Kambalda)

GREAT NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Towns

Grand Final Score: Towns 18.13 (121) d Railways 16.9 (105)
Best on Ground: Drew Carlyon (Towns)
F&B: JJ Clune Medal - Liam Carlyon (Towns)

GREAT SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE - North Albany

Grand Final Score: North Albany 15.8 (98) d Royals 5.7 (37)
Best on Ground: Brad Bootsma (North Albany)
F&B: Kleeman Medal - James McRae (Royals)

HILLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Mundaring

Grand Final Score: Mundaring 10.9 (69) d Gidgegannup 5.8 (38)
Best on Ground: Zac Altmann (Mundaring)
F&B: Benjamin Seabrook Medal - Joseph Cowton (Mundaring)

LOWER SOUTH WEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Deanmill

Grand Final Score: Deanmill 25.21 (171) d Imperials 9.11 (65)
Best on Ground: Keegan Bennett (Deanmill)
F&B: Muir Ford/Nissan Medal - Tyson Lee (Imperials)

MORTLOCK FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Dowerin

Grand Final Score: Dowerin 15.9 (99) d Calingiri 12.13 (85)
Best on Ground: Phil Mincherton Medal - Dean Trehwella (Dowerin)
F&B: Boekeman Medal - Craig Wilson (Dowerin)

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Tigers

Grand Final Score: Tigers 10.21 (81) d Saints 11.5 (71)
Best on Ground: Dryen Medal - Matthew Gardiner (Tigers)
F&B: Sir Ian McLennan Medal - Brian McKendry (Tigers)

NORTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Dongara

Grand Final Score: Dongara 22.16 (148) d Three Springs 13.10 (88)
Best on Ground: Len Angel Medal - Joe Leeson (Dongara)
F&B: Hal Hunt Medal - Brad Collins (Morawa)

NORTH PILBARA FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Dampier Sharks

Grand Final Score: Dampier Sharks 21.12 (138) d Port Hedland Rovers 11.13 (79)
Best on Ground: Pratt Medal - Jason Cox (Dampier Sharks)
F&B: De Grey Medal - Michael Formanczyk (Karratha Falcons)

ONGERUP FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Jerramungup

Grand Final Score: Jerramungup 12.16 (88) d Gnowangerup 10.9 (69)
Best on Ground: Justin Baldwin (Jerramungup)
F&B: Ganzer Medal - Brent Bailey (Jarramungup)

ONSHORE CUP FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Dunsborough/Yallingup Mulies

Grand Final Score: Dunsborough/Yallingup Mulies 9.12 (66)
d Busselton Bombers 8.3 (51)
Best on Ground: Justin Thomas (Dunsborough/Yallingup Mulies)
F&B: Onshore Cup Medal - Aaron Cooper (Dunsborough/Yallingup Mulies)

RAVENSTHORPE & DISTRICTS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Southerners

Grand Final Score: Southerners 16.20 (116) d Ravensthorpe Tigers 5.10 (40)
Best on Ground: Dave Gray Medal - Glen Barr (Southerners)
F&B: Rod Daw Medal - Glen Barr (Southerners)

SOUTH WEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Carey Park

Grand Final Score: Carey Park 18.12 (120) d
Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault 14.8 (92)
Best on Ground: Pike Medal - Justin Wilson (Carey Park)
F&B: Hayward Medal - Justin Wilson (Carey Park)

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Wickepin

Grand Final Score: Wickepin 15.5 (95) d Williams 12.15 (87)
Best on Ground: George Warren Medal - Reagan Duckworth (Wickepin)
F&B: Leo Graham Medal - Robert Rose (Williams)

WEST KIMBERLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Towns

Grand Final Score: Towns 7.4 (46) d Saints 5.3 (33)
Best on Ground: Father McMahon Medal - Brendan Butenhuis (Towns)
F&B: Kevin Bullen Medal - Lyle Buck (Looma Eagles)



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LANDMARK COUNTRY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS RECORD

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER
1965	Subiaco Oval	Eastern Districts Football League
1966	Subiaco Oval	Eastern Districts Football League
1967	Subiaco Oval	Eastern Districts Football League
1968	Subiaco Oval	Upper Great Southern Football League
1969	Subiaco Oval	Great Northern Football League
1970	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1971	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1972	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1973	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1974	Subiaco Oval	Upper Great Southern Football League
1975	Subiaco Oval	Great Northern Football League
1976	Lathlain Park	Avon Football Association
1977	Lathlain Park	Avon Football Association
1978	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1979	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1980	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1981	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1982	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1983	Subiaco Oval	South West Football League
1984	Bassendean Oval	South West Football League
1985	East Fremantle Oval	South West Football League
1986	Perth Oval	South West Football League
1987	Leederville Oval	Great Northern Football League
1988	Claremont Oval	North Pilbara Football League
1989	Fremantle Oval	Great Northern Football League
1990	Lathlain Park	South West Football League
1991	Bassendean Oval	Upper Great Southern Football League
1992	Subiaco Oval	Goldfields Football League
1993	Subiaco Oval	Great Northern Football League
1994	East Fremantle Oval	South West Football League
1995	Subiaco Oval	Upper Great Southern Football League
1996	Lathlain Park	Great Northern Football League
1997	Subiaco Oval	Great Northern Football League
1998	East Fremantle Oval	Avon Football Association
1999	Claremont Oval	Upper Great Southern Football League
2000	Arena Joondalup	Great Northern Football League
2001	East Fremantle Oval	Upper Great Southern Football League
2002	Fremantle Oval	Avon Football Association
2003	Fremantle Oval	South West Football League
2004	Leederville Oval	Upper Great Southern Football League
2005	Leederville Oval	Upper Great Southern Football League
2006	Medibank Stadium	Upper Great Southern Football League
2007	Medibank Stadium	Upper Great Southern Football League
2008	Medibank Stadium	South West Football League

AFL PLAYERS LIST 2009

<p>Adelaide Jarrhan Jacky Scott Stevens Tom Lee</p> <p>Brisbane Ashley McGrath</p> <p>Carlton Eddie Betts</p> <p>Collingwood Shannon Cox Leon Davis Brad Dick Tarkyn Lockyer Alan Toovey</p> <p>Essendon Leroy Jetta Tayte Pears Kyle Reimers Patrick Ryder</p> <p>Fremantle Paul Duffield Paul Hasleby Roger Hayden Aaron Sandilands Casey Sibosado (rookie) Hamish Shephard (rookie)</p> <p>Geelong Harry Taylor</p> <p>Hawthorn Max Bailey Chance Bateman Lance Franklin Jarryd Morton Carl Peterson (rookie) Mark Williams</p>	<p>Kangaroos Liam Anthony Warren Benjamin Cruize Garlett (rookie)</p> <p>Melbourne Jamie Bennell Neville Jetta Cale Morton</p> <p>Port Adelaide Josh Carr Nathan Krakouer Jesse Laurie (rookie)</p> <p>Richmond Alroy Gilligan (rookie) Mitch Morton Graham Polak</p> <p>St Kilda Michael Gardiner Alistair Smith</p> <p>Sydney Ryan Brabazon Kristin Thornton (rookie)</p> <p>West Coast Liam Bedford (rookie) Dean Cox Darren Glass Adam Hunter Josh Kennedy Mark LeCras Quinten Lynch Mark Seaby Beau Wilkes</p> <p>Western Bulldogs Josh Hill</p>
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2008 LANDMARK COUNTRY ALL STARS

<p>AVON James Thompson, Railways FC Neil Martin, Federals FC Lucas Fielding, Railways FC</p> <p>CENTRAL MIDLANDS COASTAL Nathan Goddard, Cervantes FC</p> <p>GOLDFIELDS Justin Langridge, Mines Rovers FC Chris Maguire, Boulder City FC</p> <p>GREAT NORTHERN Dale Baynes, Towns FC Matt Kennewell, Railways FC</p> <p>GREAT SOUTHERN Cleve Humphries, Royals FC James McRae, Royals FC</p> <p>LOWER SOUTH WEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE Clint Ernst, Imperials FC John McGinty, Deanmill FC</p>	<p>MORTLOCK Nick Smith, Calingiri FC</p> <p>ONGERUP Luke Birstow, Lake Grace/Pingrup FC</p> <p>SOUTH WEST Michael Sherry, Harvey Brunswick Leschenault FC Nathan Elari, Harvey Brunswick Leschenault FC Jesse Gribble, Bunbury FC Jamie Bennell, Carey Park FC Kurt Hinkley, Carey Park FC Cody Miller, Augusta Margaret River</p> <p>UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN Mark Gilholme, Williams FC Bryan Hardie, Boddington FC</p> <p>COACH Mark Bayliss, Harvey Brunswick Leschenault FC, South West FL</p>
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2008 CBH COLTS ALL STARS

<p>AVON Ken Fitzgerald, Federals FC Todd Richards, Quairading FC</p> <p>CENTRAL WHEATBELT/EASTERN DISTRICTS Tyler Jeffries, Burracoppin FC Drew Maddock, Mukinbudin FC</p> <p>GREAT SOUTHERN Jayden Guidi, Denmark/Walpole FC</p> <p>KIMBERLEY Sonny Dann, Cable Beach FC Zaphaniah Skinner, Noonkenbah Blues Lewis Broome, Looma Eagles FC</p> <p>MORTLOCK Geoff Rouse, Dalwallinu FC Michael Patchings, Toodyay FC Todd McNeil, Dalwallinu FC Justin Kuhl, Gingin FC</p>	<p>PILBARA James Blaser, Wickham Wolves FC Craig Gallagher, Newman Tigers FC Tyson Nicholas, Wickham Wolves FC</p> <p>REGIONAL DISTRICTS Jayden Woods, Borden FC Dan Treleven, Lake Grace FC Aaron Turvey, Clontarf</p> <p>SOUTH WEST Curtis Guglielmana, South Bunbury FC Aaron Black, Eaton Boomers FC Teke Vernon, Collie Eagles FC Corey Griggs, Collie Eagles FC</p> <p>COACH Jason Reid, Eaton Boomers FC, South West Football League</p>
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2008 LANDMARK COUNTRY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

A SECTION

South West FL 23.9 (147) DEFEATED Avon FA 12.12 (84)

B SECTION

Goldfields FL 15.15 (105) DEFEATED Great Southern FL 14.13 (97)

C SECTION

Lower South West FL 19.6 (120) DEFEATED Central Midlands Coastal FL 12.10 (82)

COLTS A SECTION

South West FL 18.7 (115) DEFEATED Regional Districts 10.3 (63)

COLTS B SECTION

Pilbara 9.8 (62) DEFEATED Mortlock FL 5.12 (42)



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2008 awards

RAC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

A letter from Chunky

"As previously mentioned it has been a fantastic experience to be awarded the RAC Volunteer of the Year Award for 2008. The process, right from the regional nomination, to the gala Sandover Medal evening and then the AFL Grand Final has certainly been very exciting for my wife and I and a journey that we will always cherish.

Awards like this one are certainly not the reason that volunteers continue to throw their hats in the ring, but I'm sure that it has become an added incentive for long serving club people to continue to serve their organisations.

My passion for football has taken me to three different Clubs over two states and the friendships that have been forged over many years of involvement can and never will be replaced.

The sheer fabric of a footy Club, from the youngest to the oldest member, all play a very significant role that can't be replicated. This is what makes it so special to be involved in our sport.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, the RAC the WAFC and anybody else that is involved in this fantastic award and wish everyone the best for the future.

Craig Cahill"



RAC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Craig Cahill, South Bunbury FC



TELSTRA COUNTRY FOOTY LEGEND OF THE YEAR
Edna Simkin, Northampton FC

DICK SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD

Coach of the Carnival
Mark Bayliss, South West Football League

JJ LUSSICK AWARD

Umpire of the Carnival
Steven Dagleish, Goldfields Football League

LANDMARK MEDAL

Fairest and Best in A Section Grand Final
Bradley Hardingham, South West Football League

LANDMARK MEDAL

Fairest and Best in B Section Grand Final
Justin Langridge, Goldfields Football League

LANDMARK MEDAL

Fairest and Best in C Section Grand Final
Keegan Bennett, Lower South West Football League

CBH AWARD

Fairest and Best in Colts A Section Grand Final
Aaron Black, South West Football League

CBH AWARD

Fairest and Best in Colts B Section Grand Final
James Blaser, Pilbara

OVERALL FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS

A SECTION (Jock Coleman Trophy)

James Thompson, Avon Football Association

B SECTION (Bud Byfield Trophy)

Nick Smith, Mortlock Football League

C SECTION (Jock Beattie Trophy)

Clint Ernst, Lower South West Football League

COLTS A SECTION (Ken Baxter Medal)

Zaphaniah Skinner, Kimberley Spirit

COLTS B SECTION (Clem Bray Medal)

James Blaser, Pilbara

WACFL MEDIA AWARD WINNERS

- 1997 Alan East
- 1998 Tracey Searle
- 1999 Vin Dawes
- 2000 Glen Barndon
- 2001 Steve Butler
- 2002 Scott Coghlan
- 2003 Tracey Lewis
- 2004 Simon White
- 2005 The Western Front (Network Ten)
- 2006 Brad Elborough
- 2007 Diana Darmody and Natasha Harradine
- 2008 Steven Tuohey



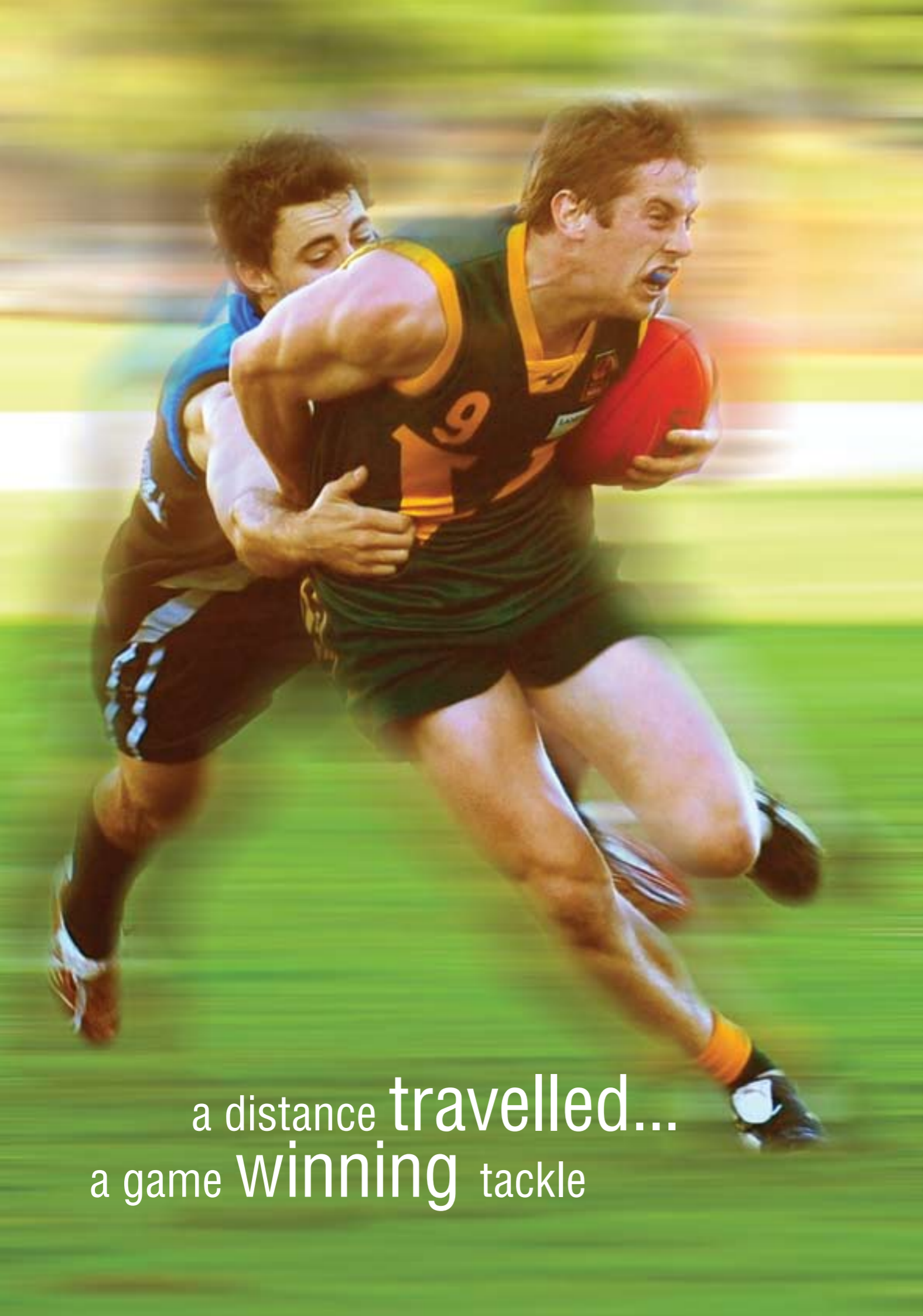
2008 Merit Award Winners (L-R): Gary Mitchell, Kojonup FC, Craig Cahill, South Bunbury FC, David Jasper, Cunderdin FC

2008 merit awards for service

PREVIOUS MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR	RECIPIENT	LEAGUE/CLUB	YEAR	RECIPIENT	LEAGUE/CLUB	
1995	Syd Armstrong	South Bunbury	2001	Graeme (Charlie) Young	Eastern Districts FL	
	Jim Milloy	North Midlands FL		Kevin Smith	Kellerberrin-Tammin FC	
	Ben Seabrook	Hills FA		Charlie Comeagain	Great Northern FL	
1996	Allen Bott	Brookton	2002	Dianne Stockden	Federals FC	
	Sid Coleman	Cunderdin		Geoff Davis	Central Kimberley FL	
	Ken Montgomery (Posthumous)	Northam Railways		Ian Ball	Williams FC	
	Derek Farrell	Chapman Valley	2003	John Foss	Eastern Districts FL	
	Alan Hamilton	Albany Royals		Ron Larkman	Cervantes FC	
	Jo Pearce	Kukerin		Shaun O'Callaghan	Carey Park FC	
	1997	Richard Earl	Collie	2004	Noel Hulm	Royals FC (Albany)
		Alan Rogers	Ongerup FA		Bubs Marsden	Railway FC Ladies Committee (Geraldton)
		John Martinson	Carey Park		Dawn Giltrow	
		1998	Arthur Buswell	South Bunbury	Imelda O'Malley	2005
Bevan Bell			Leeman	Michael McLennan	Borden FC	
Dennis Lane			Nukarni	Ian Clark	Goldfields FA	
1999		James Watson	Toodyay	2006	Gordon Davidson	Upper Great Southern FL
		Ray Williams	Bruce Rock		Kelvin Fisher	South West FL
		Geoff Mackin	Carnamah		John Morton	Great Southern Football Council
2000		Brian Harwood	Mount Barker	2007	Dale Simmons	Cervantes FC
	Robert Duff	Williams	John Ciabbarri		Southern Cross FC	
	Pat Ferguson	Quairading	Margaret Larsen		Lower South West FL	
2001	Ken Guest	Esperance	2008	Ben Ralph	WA State Team & WACFL Volunteer	
	Ivan Jones	Dowerin		Margaret Bird	Mortlock FL	
	Roger Tonkin	Central Midlands Coastal FL		David Boyle	Avon FA	
2002	Brian Barnett	Burracoppin	2009	Rod Daw	Ravensthorpe & Districts FA	
	George Warren	Upper Great Southern FL		Ian Stanley	Central Wheatbelt FL	
	Greg Astbury	Upper Great Southern FL		Harry Carroll	WACFL State Team Manager	
2003	Ray Browne	Williams	2010	Kim Parsons	Ongerup FA	
	Greg Haines	Newman FL				
	Calvin Wilson	Goldfields FL				
2004	Don Easton	Wyalkatchem FC				





a distance travelled...
a game winning tackle

AFL footy in the USA

On 1 October 2008 I flew to Portland in the USA on the first leg of a trip to the United States which would see me take in AFL football with the Portland Power, the Seattle Grizzlies, Denver Bulldogs and culminate in two days of AFL footy at the 11th US AFL National Championships at the Naval Base in Colorado Springs.

The purpose of the visit was to follow-up the successful inaugural visit undertaken by Terry House and Cameron Knapton in 2007 to Kentucky, as well as to forge a stronger link between US Footy and the WACFL. During discussions an idea to develop a football exchange program was born and with it a new and unheralded market in AFL football for players, clubs and communities.

The championships provided a firsthand opportunity to promote the idea with US born AFL footballers to come to WA to play a season of country football. Some of these players only play five games per year, sometimes travelling two hours by plane to the game, so to train twice a week and play in a 14-16 round season followed by finals football is an exciting prospect for them.

Involvement in a panel night gave me the opportunity to promote the idea and sell a program to an ever increasing audience of US born and bred Aussie Rules footballers who love our game and

want to further develop their skills. Geelong coach, Mark "Bomber" Thompson, was also on the panel. Mark spoke about the game, answered questions about the AFL and generally proved to be a great ambassador for AFL football.

Where to from here? Since my return I have been in contact with Tony Fairhead who is on the US Footy Advisory Board and based in WA. We have developed a player profile and identified players interested in coming down under for the 2009 season. Along with the player interest, I have worked with Cameron Knapton to identify West Australian country clubs which we believe can offer a positive experience to visiting Americans. At this stage five players will be playing in regional WA in 2009. This number is manageable and if a positive experience is the outcome we believe the program will continue and grow into 2010.

The footballers who are coming to WA in 2009 are learning the game and are eager and willing to develop their skills in any way possible. We believe this is just the start of a great initiative that will bring future rewards to the game in both WA and the US.

Dale Ballantyne
COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER





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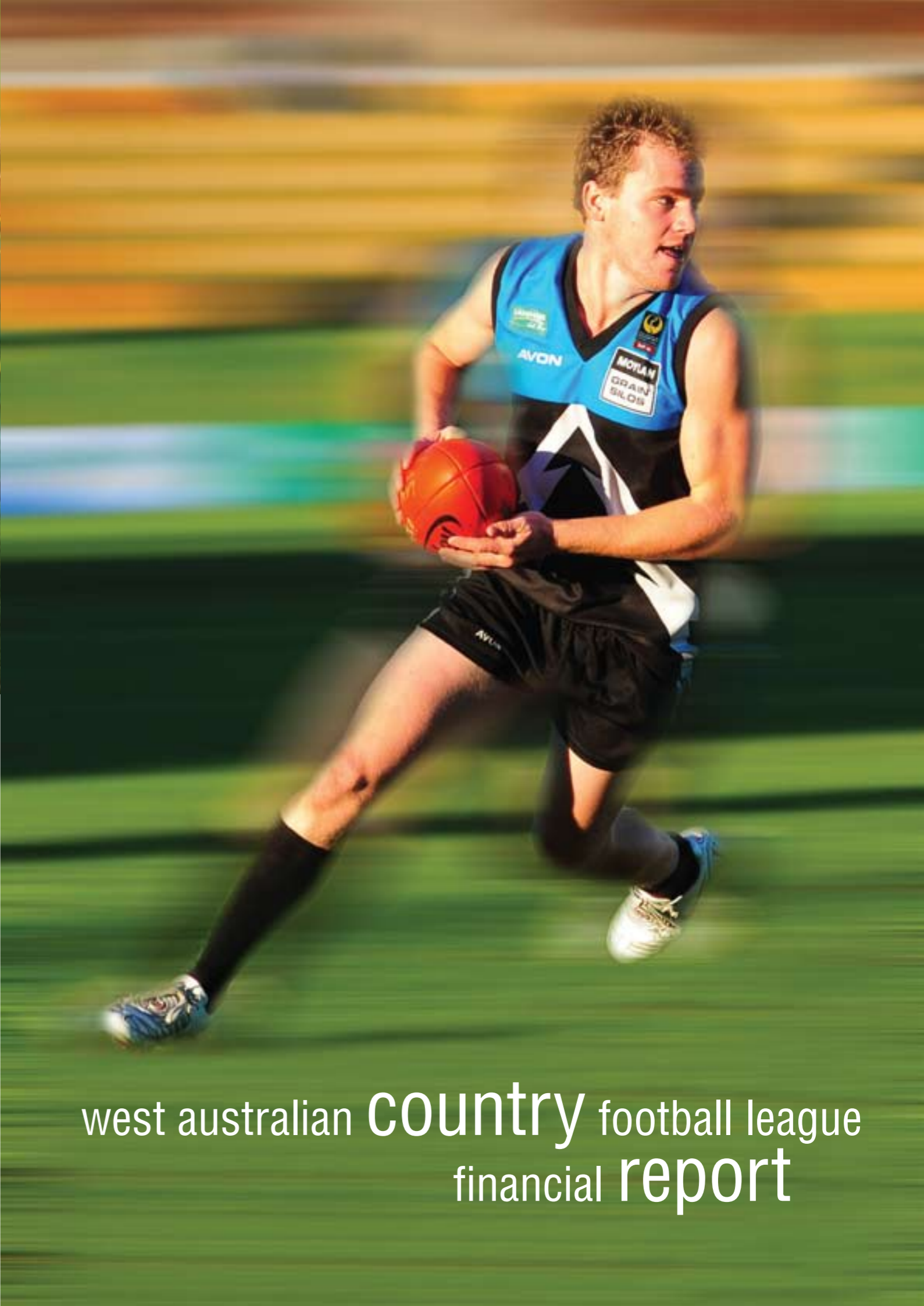
call me "Tuck"

Former WACFL General Manager and WACFL Life Member, Terry "Tuck" Waldron, has been appointed Minister for Sport and Recreation, Racing and Gaming and Minister Assisting on Country Health.

The WACFL Executive, staff and all affiliated members send their congratulations.

Tuck has made an outstanding contribution to country sport, particularly football and cricket, both as an outstanding player and later as an administrator.

We wish him all the very best in this challenging but exciting portfolio.



west australian **Country** football league
financial **report**



statement by members of the executive

The Executive Members have determined that this is a special purpose financial report and in the opinion of the Executive:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the West Australian Country Football League as at 31 October 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the West Australian Country Football League will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Terry House
President

C.S. Knapton
General Manager

Dated this 21st day of January 2009

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qualified independent audit report

TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WEST AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SCOPE

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of West Australian Country Football League (WACFL) for the year ended 31 October 2008 comprising of the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity, Notes to and forming part of the accounts and Statement by Members of the Executive Board. The Executive Board is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of WACFL's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Executive Board. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on its preparation and presentation to the Executive Board. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Executive Board.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the Executive Board for the purpose of fulfilling WACFL's financial reporting requirements under WACFL's constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Executive Board, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report. These policies do not require the application of all Statements of Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views).

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

QUALIFICATION

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for WACFL to maintain an effective system of internal control over the donations and fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our testing in relation to donations and fundraising activities was limited to amounts recorded.

QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report of West Australian Country Football League as at 31 October 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Dated this 22nd day of January 2009.

AMW (AUDIT) PTY LTD

Anderson Munro & Wyllie

ANDERSON MUNRO & WYLLIE
Chartered Accountants

Christopher McLaughlin

CHRISTOPHER McLAUGHLIN
Director

balance sheet

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	2	81,539	303,926
Receivables	3	553,961	414,820
Total Current Assets		635,500	718,746
TOTAL ASSETS			
		635,500	718,746
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	4	313,246	315,905
TOTAL LIABILITIES		313,246	315,905
NET ASSETS			
		322,254	402,841
EQUITY			
Balance at beginning of the year		378,939	365,542
Operating (deficit)/surplus for the year		(56,685)	37,299
TOTAL EQUITY		322,254	402,841

The above Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

income statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME		
Affiliation fees	23,223	15,400
Grants	221,900	198,296
Insurance - premiums	221,511	272,604
Sponsorship	546,844	263,732
Interest received	18,779	21,359
Royalties received	15,308	26,267
Landmark income	62,700	65,216
Sundry income	5,534	2,519
Donations and nominations	2,804	5,742
Gate receipts	7,707	9,079
WAFL grand final function	3,309	5,893
New Holland/AMCAP	5,000	-
TOTAL INCOME	1,134,619	886,107
EXPENSES		
ACFC	2,645	5,058
Accommodation	26,955	4,135
Administration expenses	11,987	10,876
Advertising	38,193	34,974
AFL tickets	3,269	1,403
AGM costs	10,019	15,207
Bank charges	496	199
Equipment	14,698	7,115
Food & beverage	10,227	7,755
Functions	20,305	20,145
Grow the game initiatives	13,054	11,168
Insurance	222,546	251,172
Landmark Carnival	67,334	55,339
Printing & stationery	980	2,901
Royalties	2,604	9,470
RUM program	10,500	8,100
Sponsorship servicing costs	5,874	10,077
State team	10,439	949
Sundry costs	2,807	5,027
Telephone/fax	6,995	6,182
Travel	60,701	27,226
WAFC grant & sponsorship disbursements	636,676	330,580
WACFL ambassador	-	2,500
Grant disbursement - ARG	12,000	21,250
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,191,304	848,808
Operating (deficit)/surplus for the year	(56,685)	37,299

cash flow statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts		974,177	842,984
Payments		(1,196,564)	(857,337)
Net cash flows used in operating activities		(222,387)	(14,353)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(222,387)	(14,353)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		303,926	318,279
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	2	81,539	303,926
The above Cash Flow Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.			

statement of changes in equity

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance at 1 November 2006	365,542	365,542
Operating surplus for the year	37,299	37,299
Balance at 31 October 2007	402,841	402,841
Balance at 1 November 2007	378,939	378,939
Operating deficit for the year	(56,685)	(56,685)
Balance at 31 October 2008	322,254	322,254
The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.		



notes to the financial statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES	
<p>This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the West Australian Country Football League (WACFL) constitutional requirements to prepare financial statements.</p> <p>The accounting policies used in the preparation of this financial report, are in the opinion of the members of the Executive, appropriate to meet the requirements of the WACFL.</p> <p>The requirements of Australian Accounting Standards do not have mandatory applicability to the WACFL because it is not a reporting entity. The members of the Executive have determined that in order for the financial report to fairly present the results of the WACFL, accounting standards relating to recognition, classification and measurement of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses have been complied with. This includes the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements and AASB 107 Cash Flow Statements.</p> <p>The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on the historical costs.</p> <p>The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.</p> <p>Statement of Compliance The financial report complies with the recognition, measurement and classification requirements of Australian Accounting Standards, which includes Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) and the disclosure requirements of accounting standards AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements and AASB 107 Cash Flow Statements.</p> <p>Going Concern This financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis. The going concern basis has been implemented, as the Executive Members believe that the cash flow projections are sustainable and the WACFL has a large surplus of cash on hand.</p> <p>Revenue Recognition Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the WACFL and the revenue can be reliably measured.</p>	<p>Trade and Other Payables Trade payables and other payables are carried at cost and represent liabilities for goods and services provided during the financial year that are unpaid at year end and future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services is required.</p> <p>Income Tax As both a not-for-profit and statutory body, there is no obligations to pay income tax.</p> <p>Goods and Services Tax Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax, except:</p> <p>(i) Where the amount of GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which the case the amount of GST is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense items as applicable; and</p> <p>(ii) Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.</p> <p>Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash is defined as cash on hand and cash equivalents, including highly liquid assets, which have a maturity of less than three months from Balance Date.</p> <p>Trade and Other Receivables Trade and other receivables are recognised and carried at cost. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable.</p>

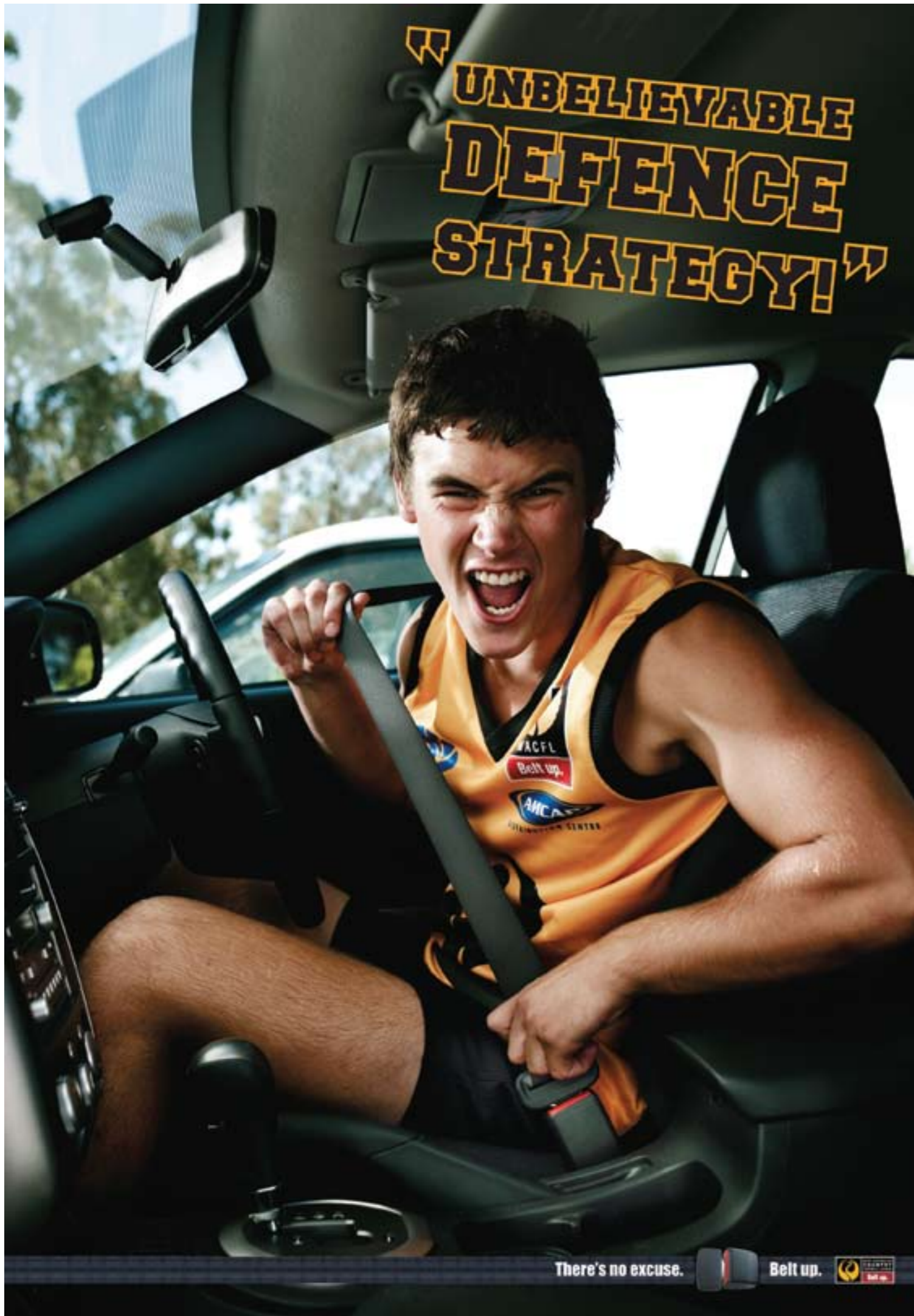
notes to the financial statements (cont'd)

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	2008 \$	2007 \$
2. CASH		
Petty cash	350	350
Cash at bank	(50,105)	33,587
Investment account	170	147,829
Term deposit	131,124	122,160
	81,539	303,926
3. RECEIVABLES		
Trade debtors	499,681	370,340
GST refundable	-	44,480
Sundry debtors	54,280	-
	553,961	414,820
4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
Trade creditors	298,378	303,907
Sundry creditors	12,976	-
Unearned sponsor revenue	-	11,998
GST payable	1,892	-
	313,246	315,905

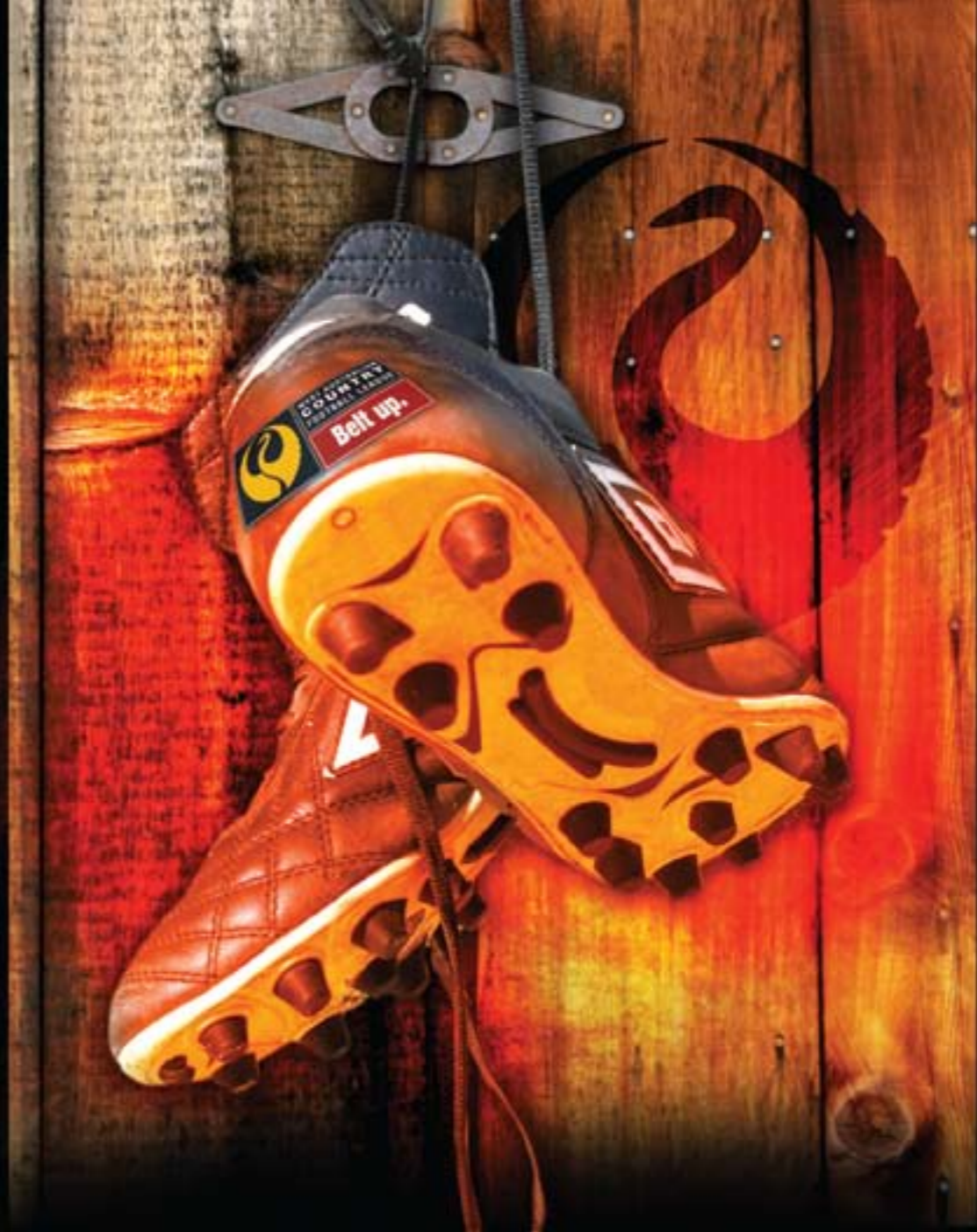
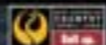


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