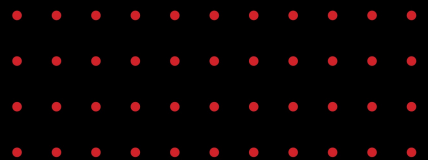




2024 METRO CENTRAL ANNUAL REPORT



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CHAIR'S REPORT

As we look back on the 2024 season, Metro Central RDC has enjoyed a truly successful year, on and off the field. This is a direct result of the collective efforts of countless individuals and stakeholders who for the most part are volunteers.

Consistent success in sport hinges on dedication, hard work, and a commitment to excellence. It's not just about the players who take the field; it also encompasses the coaches, support staff, families, and the entire football community that contribute to the overall experience. When all these elements align, it creates memorable and positive experiences for everyone involved.

Celebrating the achievements of the 2024 season is not only a recognition of past efforts but also serves as inspiration for continued excellence in the future. Whether we consider player or team performance, community engagement, or any other aspect, the ongoing success of Metro Central RDC is a testament to the teamwork and collaboration that are essential to our mission.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the contributions of various individuals who have played pivotal roles in the success of Metro Central during the 2024 season:

- **RDC Board Members:** Rob Geersen, Tony Pickburn, Shaun Hughes, Narelle Thredgold, Michelle Maynard, Dannielle Santoro, Jan Cooper, Hayden Cobby and Ryan Ramage deserve commendation for their hard work and unwavering support. I would like to acknowledge and thank their partners and families: their behind-the-scenes contributions have been invaluable.

- **Corey Ranger:** As Head of Club Development and Volunteers at the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC), Corey, along with his dedicated team of Zac Binning and Jenné Russell, has provided substantial support and guidance throughout the season.
- **Michelle Sewell:** Our Auskick and Alternate Formats Specialist, Michelle, has been instrumental in offering tremendous support to clubs and the RDC.
- **District Participation Officers:** A special mention goes to Josh Merrett (Perth), Eamon Gilbert (Swan Districts), and Lewis Daisley (East Perth) for their crucial roles in fostering development and engagement within the community.
- **WAFC Competitions Team:** Thank you to Catrina John Lennon, and the rest of the team for their critical efforts that are essential to the competition's success.
- **Umpires:** To Lewis Williams, Blake Glossop, Frazer Beazley, and their umpiring groups, your contributions are vital, and we appreciate all that you do to ensure our games run smoothly.

I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to and supported football this year.

The season highlights for Metro Central RDC in 2024 showcase our commitment to providing a diverse and inclusive experience:

- **Auskick:** 3,340 participants engaged, fostering early involvement in the game.



- **Teams:** A total of 380 teams across mods and youth competitions, demonstrating robust participation and enthusiasm for the game.
- **Female Participation:** 68 female junior football teams reflect the growing interest in women's football, providing more opportunities for young girls.
- **Male and Mixed Teams:** 311 male and mixed junior and youth football teams indicate that Australian Rules football remains a popular and inclusive choice.
- **Overall Junior Participation:** 7,456 junior football participants, showcasing our ability to engage a substantial portion of the youth population.
- **Total Participation:** A remarkable total of 10,796 participants when combining junior and Auskick programs, highlighting the broad reach and impact of Metro Central within the community.
- **Indigenous and Multicultural Participation:** With 1,883 Indigenous participants along with 241 participants who are born overseas, we celebrate our diverse community coming together through sports.
- **Participants with Disabilities:** 622 participants with disabilities have joined our programs, reinforcing our commitment to accessibility and inclusion in sports.
- **Volunteers:** ,451 club volunteers, including those from Auskick, demonstrate the dedicated individuals who contribute their time and effort to support clubs and the organisation.

Beyond participation statistics, there have been numerous initiatives and achievements to note for the 2024 season. The RDC Board welcomed WA Football Hall of Famer Jan Cooper OAM as Female Football Representative, Danielle Santoro as Senior Club Representative and Hayden Cobley as WAFL Representative to our board, bringing fresh perspectives and expertise.

We again celebrated with high-profile events like the Season Launch, Team of the Year, and the end of season Awards Night. This is part of our commitment to elevating the experience for everyone involved in junior football.

In 2024, the RDC Grants Program saw more than 60% of clubs access funding for initiatives, like Aboriginal and First Nations acknowledgements, Multicultural Rounds, All Girls Auskick program development, volunteer recognitions, and Young Volunteer Scholarships. These initiatives are making a real difference, and I'm pleased to confirm that they will return in 2025.

Congratulations to everyone involved in making this season a resounding success! I extend my heartfelt thanks to the RDC Board, clubs, volunteers, players, umpires, and club members for your ongoing support and commitment. As we look forward to 2025, let's remember that our focus remains about the kids.

Wishing you all a safe and satisfying holiday season, and I can't wait to see everyone in 2025.

Travis Burrows
 Chair
 Metro Central 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.

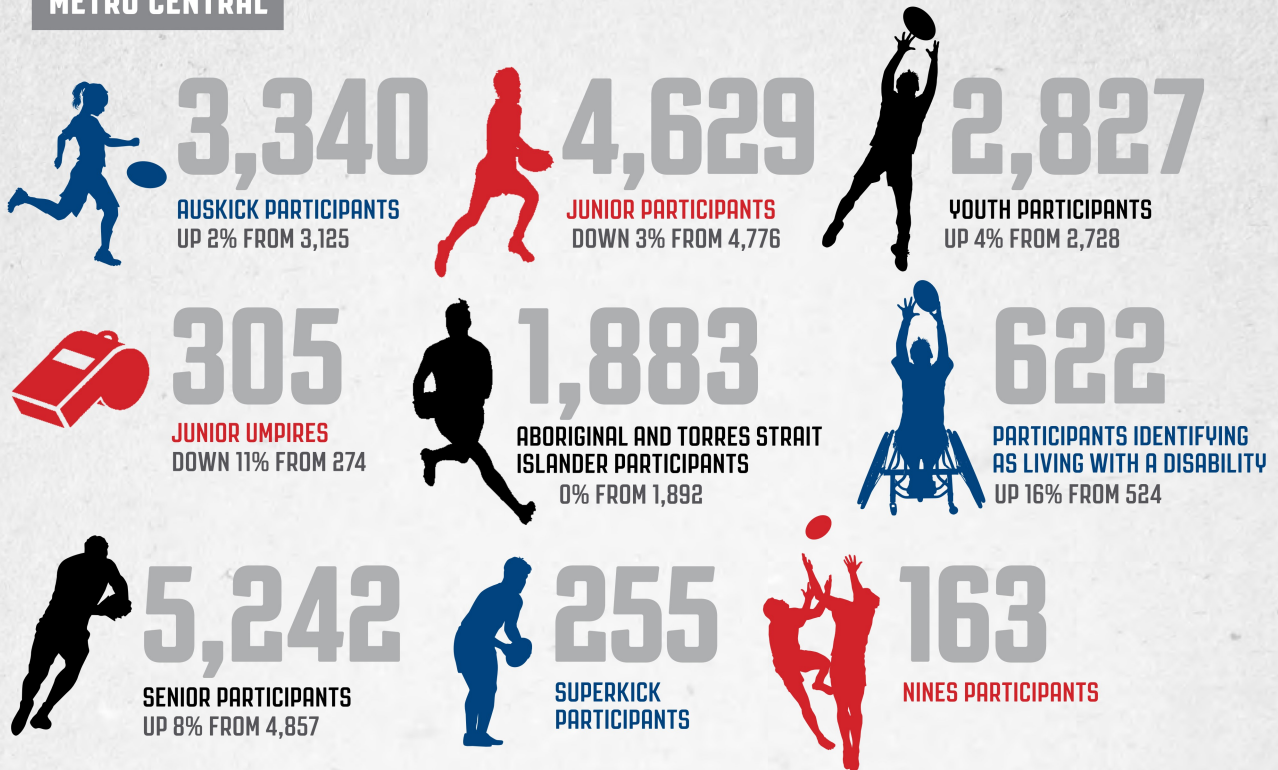
Corey Ranger

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Executive Officer – Metro North, Metro Central & Metro South
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METRO CENTRAL PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

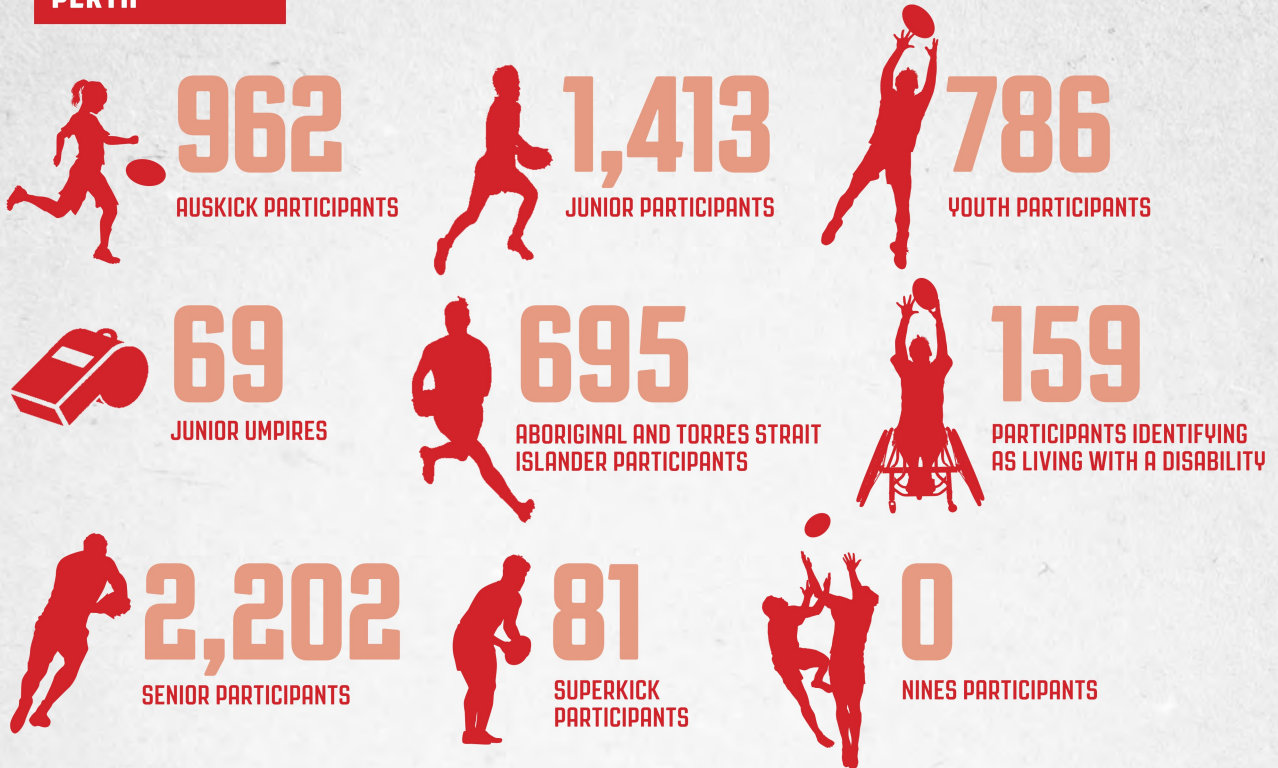
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2024 SEASON LAUNCH

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."

EAST PERTH DISTRICT REPORT

Just as the season began, it seemed to end.

The 2024 season was a resounding success, despite some challenges faced by our junior clubs and volunteers. To all those in club land, I and we cannot thank you enough.

I was able to attend several games at different locations, and it was fantastic to see how seriously our clubs approach game-day setups and the benefits they bring. The commitment shown by our volunteers is truly commendable.

There were a few celebrations across the conference during the 2024 season and in East Perth, the Mt Hawthorn Cardinals celebrate 65 years a remarkable achievement, and here's to another 65 years. There were some notable recruits including Sam Powell-Pepper (Port Adelaide) along with Adam Boules and Spider Lockitt both currently playing in the famous Royals colours.

To Rob and Rod who have stepped down as Club Presidents, we are forever grateful for your contribution to the district. John Pinneri, your Volunteer of the Year Award was thoroughly deserved and congratulations!

Female football in East Perth continues to grow strongly, with many clubs growing to two teams across the age groups, while some have introduced year 11/12's team for the very first time. A huge shoutout to all the female coordinators and support teams that are behind this fantastic growth.

To our umpires, quite simply, thank you. Under the professional leadership of Lewis Williams, umpiring continued to grow, with a significant increase in female umpires, replicating the rise in female participants across the district.

As a junior umpire within East Perth, Lewis became the new leader in umpiring at just 21 years of age, our youngest leader to date. He has a long list of achievements including leading

the trial and establishment of the Ellenbrook Satellite program, which allowed games in the northeast of the district to have umpires. I would like to thank Lewis for his contribution and dedication not only to his much-loved umpire group, but to our district. Thanks mate. His role will be taken on by Corey Wilson who has been Lewis' offside and learning the ropes for about two years. Welcome and all the best Corey!

To all teams that made finals, congratulations. To the clubs that hosted finals, thank you. I would like to acknowledge Bassendean, Noranda and Ellenbrook for hosting Grand Finals with a special mention to Ellenbrook who also hosted the year 11/12 male grand finals.

With 39 clubs, over 400 teams, and thousands of players, the work of our competition team, led by Catrina Fyfe, is truly invaluable.

To the Club Development and Volunteer team, thank you for your exceptional organisation on the three-conference Team of the Year event – it was a great success and we look forward to season 2025. Congratulations to Corey Ranger, Zachary Binning, Jenne Russell and Ryan Ramage for their outstanding planning and execution of the Community Awards Night.

Finally, to all the clubs, presidents, committees, coaches, managers and volunteers your efforts throughout this season have been remarkable. 'Thank you' doesn't seem enough.

And with that, take a deep breath and see you 'round the grounds' in '25!

The East Perth Football Club would also like to extend a sincere thanks to all the volunteers that contribute to making football a fun, safe and enjoyable space.

Shaun Hughes

Junior Club Delegate – East Perth District
Metro Central Regional Development Council





PERTH DISTRICT REPORT

In 2024, as Junior Club Representative and RDC Member for the Perth District, I focused on strengthening communication with clubs to offer support, advice, and assistance. I continued engaging with individual clubs to address any concerns and acted as a conduit between clubs and the WAFC. I appreciated meeting with each of the presidents and thank them for sharing their time, concerns, and insights into their clubs.

A huge thank you must go to the amazing club volunteers for all your hard work, tireless commitment and dedication to the kids and the game, week in and week out. To all the presidents in the Perth District, a huge thank you for your continued service to your respective clubs. It is often said, but continues to be true, that being a club President is the hardest role in junior football and without committed individuals like yourselves we would not have the strong competition we have today.

An enormous thank you also to all of the Perth District umpires expertly managed by Blake Glossop. Without your hard work, dedication and expertise in the game, we would not have a junior competition and you are all to be thanked and congratulated for another wonderful season.

Travelling around to the clubs each week this season, I was incredibly impressed with the game day set-ups, the professionalism with which the clubs were run and last but certainly not least, the game day behaviour that I witnessed. I've said this before, for every unfortunate incident that occasionally makes its way into the media, there are dozens of other games every weekend where the game-day behaviour is commendable and worth celebrating.

Congratulations must go to those clubs who had the privilege of playing in the grand final this season, win, lose or draw, it is an honour to compete regardless. A huge thank you to Ellenbrook Junior Football Club for hosting the grand final games I attended. I personally witnessed some wonderfully competitive matches, tight score lines and excellent game day environment. An excellent venue and huge weekend for Jack, Shaun and all the volunteers involved.

Thank you also to the Competitions team headed up of Catrina Fyfe and John Lennon, a thankless job but an incredibly important one for the success of the junior competition.

A big thank you must go to Corey Ranger and his new team of Jenne Russell and Zachary Binning for all your advice, support and assistance this year. Your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to junior football is to be praised and congratulated and you also put on a pretty mean event or two this season. Thank you to my RDC colleagues Travis Burrows, Rob Geersen, Shaun Hughes, Narelle Thredgold, Michelle Maynard, Danielle Santoro, Jan Cooper and Ryan Ramage for again making this year both enjoyable and satisfying. As an RDC we achieved some really positive outcomes for junior football and I am very proud to be part of such a dedicated and professional group of individuals.

Thank you for trusting me to be your Junior Club Representative and RDC member for the Perth District again this year and I am very much looking forward to season 2025.

Tony Pickburn
Perth District Junior Club Delegate
Metro Central Regional Development Council

SWANS DISTRICT REPORT

The Swans District Junior Football Clubs have had an incredible 2024 season. Several changes have impacted our clubs, with the most significant being the shift to Saturday games for our junior modified teams. While adapting to this change has required effort, the year has also been marked by growth, achievements, and a strong sense of community spirit.

Our committees, parents, coaches and other volunteers have once again been the backbone of our clubs. Their tireless efforts have ensured positive transition to playing football on Saturdays, smooth game-day operations, and maintaining a welcoming environment for all. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has given their time and energy to support our clubs. To the presidents and other committee members stepping down this year – thank you for your efforts. Congratulations must go to the volunteers who were worthy recipients of the Club Person of the Year awards.

I watched many games this season and I was impressed with the game-day set-ups, the professionalism with which the clubs were run and the game day behaviour that I witnessed. For all the bad news stories there are dozens more games happening every weekend where the players and clubs they belong to should be commended. I saw players, volunteers and parents truly displaying the spirit of the game, having a great time and thoroughly enjoying the match.

Many of our clubs celebrated significant milestones this year. Congratulations to Mundaring JFC, Mount Helena JFC, Parkerville JFC and Chidlow JFC on celebrating their 60th anniversaries. Mazenod JFC celebrated their 50th year and Hills Rangers JFC have been part of football for 10 years. Thank you to the clubs that hosted finals, and congratulations to the clubs and teams who not only won premierships, but to all the teams that made it to the finals, you should be incredibly proud of your season.

The RDC Grants program had a good uptake this year and has allowed clubs to upgrade and purchase new equipment, run

community engagement programs and offer more support to their volunteers. We are glad so many clubs made use of the funding, and I am excited to see what clubs can do with the continued support next season.

The Swan Districts Junior Umpiring Association (SDJUA) has also seen remarkable development this year after their move to Boya, bringing them back within the district. This, along with the move to Saturday junior games, increased training opportunities and mentorship programs, has contributed to significant improvements in our umpires' participation, skills and confidence. The umpiring growth has directly contributed to so many of our junior games being officiated by District Umpires this season, which is another first for Swans Junior Clubs. To the SDJUA management committee lead by Frazer Beazley, congratulations on an outstanding season.

We have been thrilled to see the partnership with our WAFL Club – Swan Districts Football Club strengthen this season. There was significant junior club engagement, and many of our smaller clubs had the opportunity to participate in Little League and host players visit local community clubs. Their increased support has provided our players with excellent resources, coaching expertise, and pathways to higher levels of competition. This partnership has been invaluable in nurturing local engagement, and I look forward to seeing how this partnership will progress into next year.

Overall clubs in our district have achieved great success in 2024. From junior teams' premierships to players being awarded fairest and best, or being named in the Team of the Year, there is much to celebrate.

Looking ahead to 2025, I am excited about the future of Swans Junior Football. With our dedicated community, we are poised for even greater achievements in the coming years.

Narelle Thredgold
Junior Club Delegate – Swans District
Metro Central Regional Development Council





METRO CENTRAL COMPETITIONS REPORT

Football in the Metro Central Region continued to thrive in 2024. The junior competition remained steady with 379 teams from 38 participating clubs. Of the 30 clubs represented by youth teams, 28 had a team participate in finals, and 26 were represented in Grand Finals.

Our region is represented by clubs within the following Districts: East Perth (10), Perth (11), and Swans District (20). Out of the total 379 teams, 190 competed in our 28 Youth divisions, while 189 teams participated in our 19 Modified Rules Junior competitions.

2024 marked the first time all Year 3-6 mixed competitions across all three districts were aligned to Saturday competitions. We have seen an increase in junior umpires within the Swans District, with more games covered by association umpires each week. The feedback received to date has been positive. We will continue to support clubs that have faced challenges.

In the Swans District, we welcomed Bullsbrook JFC, who entered a Year 3 team in the competition. Our female football pathway remained strong and steady. Aveley JFC and Gosnell JFC entered their first-ever female teams into the competitions. We also welcomed two female teams from Guildford Grammar Community.

The dual age groups continued, commencing with Year 3/4 and continuing through to Year 11/12. Female participation was represented by seven youth divisions (46 teams) and three junior divisions (22 teams), totalling 68 female teams.

It is always incredibly rewarding to be involved with young people in our community. Children develop numerous social benefits by playing community sport, such as life skills, commitment, responsibility, teamwork, confidence, and the ability to cope with both success and failure. Additionally, the experience can lead to a lifelong involvement in sport. Watching and playing sport provides a much-needed escape from the stresses of daily life and brings communities together. The friendships, social involvement, and good times shared within community clubs help families establish a strong sense of community spirit. To be part of a great club is to be part of a wonderful community.

Each week, we support 188 games of football, officiated by approximately 300 umpires. Together with the support of over 1000 club volunteers, we work collaboratively to create positive game-day environments in our region.

Umpiring offers a fantastic opportunity for players to give back to the game while developing valuable life skills and character-building traits. We actively encourage all youth players to explore umpiring opportunities within their District to boost umpire participation – a crucial factor in growing our game.

We extend our gratitude to all clubs who hosted and delivered a successful junior finals series. Our Grand Finals were held at Ellenbrook District Open Space, Ellenbrook JFC (East Perth), Jubilee Reserve, Bassendean JFC (Swans), and Lightning Park, Noranda JFC (East Perth).



Throughout the year, we have had a dedicated team of Match Day Officials who have provided support and assistance at matches each weekend. Our valued team has shared their knowledge with club volunteers and enhanced the game-day experience.

The Competitions team reviews all disciplinary breaches involving players, parents, officials, and spectators throughout the season. These are typically reported through match-day incident reports.

All participants in our game are bound by the WAFC's Junior and Youth Policies, True Sport Codes of Conduct, and are subject to penalties at the discretion of the WAFC for any breaches. Overall, the season was a positive one.

Each year, the WAFC reviews policies and procedures, incorporating lessons learned from the previous season. We aim to provide increased education to upskill our club volunteers (presidents, committees, coaches, umpires, and participants) with a focus on creating positive game-day environments across all aspects of junior football.

We thank our club presidents and their committees for their tireless efforts and behind-the-scenes work throughout the season. Your contributions and those of your volunteers are invaluable and play a pivotal role in our football journey. The strength of our competition lies in our clubs and our people. Volunteers dedicate countless hours to support and develop their clubs. We are committed to investing in and developing talented individuals to step up and make a significant impact on their clubs.

To all our players and their families, we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 and providing a high-quality junior competition.

Catrina Fyfe
Competition Team Leader – Metro Central
West Australian Football Commission

John Lennon
Competitions Administrator – Metro Central
West Australian Football Commission

2024 GRAND FINAL RESULTS

METRO CENTRAL COMPETITION	2024 PREMIERS	RUNNERS UP
2024 MC Year 11/12 Male Black	Bayswater	Mazenod White
2024 MC Year 11/12 Male Blue	Manning	Bassendean
2024 MC Year 11/12 Male Red	Swan View	Huntingdale
2024 MC Year 11/12 Male White	Noranda	Coolbinia/Mt Hawthorn Red
2024 MC Year 11/12 Female	Kalamunda	Ellenbrook
2024 MC Year 10 Black	Ballajura	Hills Rangers
2024 MC Year 10 Blue	Belmont	Manning
2024 MC Year 10 Red	Mt Lawley Inglewood Blue	South Perth
2024 MC Year 10 White	Vic Park	High Wycombe
2024 MC Year 9 Black	Morley White	Morley Blue
2024 MC Year 9 Blue	Kalamunda	Coolbinia Black
2024 MC Year 9 Red	South Perth Green	Thornlie
2024 MC Year 9 White	Mazenod	Aveley
2024 MC Year 9/10 Female Gold	Upper Swan	Vic Park
2024 MC Year 9/10 Female Green	Coolbinia Black	Huntingdale
2024 MC Year 9/10 Female Orange	South Perth Black	Mt Lawley Inglewood Blue
2024 MC Year 8 Black	Vic Park	Bayswater Green
2024 MC Year 8 Blue	Redcliffe	Kenwick
2024 MC Year 8 Gold	High Wycombe	Kalamunda Black
2024 MC Year 8 Red	Mt Lawley Inglewood White	Caversham Blue
2024 MC Year 8 White	Ellenbrook	Mt Hawthorn Red
2024 MC Year 7 Black	Kalamunda Gold	Forrestfield
2024 MC Year 7 Blue	Ballajura	Mazenod White
2024 MC Year 7 Red	Manning Maroon	South Perth Green
2024 MC Year 7 White	Mt Hawthorn	Ellenbrook Purple
2024 MC Year 7/8 Female Gold	High Wycombe	South Perth
2024 MC Year 7/8 Female Green	Kalamunda Black	Thornlie
2024 MC Year 7/8 Female Orange	Manning	Vic Park



2024 METRO CENTRAL FAIREST & BEST AWARDS



2024 FAIREST AND BEST AWARD WINNERS

COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
Metro Central Yr 7 Black	Kalamunda JFC	Fairest & Best	Jimmy Crabb
	Forrestfield Football Club	Fairest & Best	Liam Smith
	Gosnells JFC	Runner Up	Samuel Catchpole
Metro Central Yr 7 Blue	Mazenod JFC	Fairest & Best	Maxton Fiori
	Ballajura JFC	Runner Up	Seth Leech
Metro Central Yr 7 White	Aveley JFC	Fairest & Best	Emmanuel Morris
	Mt Hawthorn Cardinals JFC	Runner Up	Tyson Hickey
	Bayswater JFC	Runner Up	Haro Tanabe-Armstrong
Metro Central Yr 7 Red	Ellenbrook JFC	Fairest & Best	Adamo Scrivera
	Manning Rippers FC	Runner Up	Jovan Fuchsichler
	Morley JFC	Runner Up	Sachin Whitby
Metro Central Yr 7/8 Female Gold	High Wycombe JFC	Fairest & Best	Keira Fawcett
	South Perth JFC	Runner Up	Maddison Haddrill
Metro Central Yr 7/8 Female Green	Thornlie JFC	Fairest & Best	Jaliyah Abraham
	Morley JFC	Runner Up	Mitchell Magireta
Metro Central Yr 7/8 Female Orange	Noranda JFC	Fairest & Best	Salematu Massaboi
	Manning Rippers FC	Runner Up	Athieng Jok
Metro Central Yr 8 Gold	High Wycombe JFC	Fairest & Best	Logan Venema
	Forrestfield Football Club	Runner Up	Jacob Hull
	Coolbinia JFC	Runner Up	Joshua Cassisi
Metro Central Yr 8 Black	Vic Park JFC	Fairest & Best	Hadley Walker
	Belmont JFC	Runner Up	Arnav Panday
Metro Central Yr 8 Blue	Kenwick JFC	Fairest & Best	Elisha Daah
	Mazenod JFC	Runner Up	Kobi Paull
Metro Central Yr 8 White	Mt Hawthorn Cardinals JFC	Fairest & Best	Eli Wirrpanda
	Bayswater JFC	Runner Up	Jett Mann
Metro Central Yr 8 Red	South Perth JFC	Fairest & Best	Ferril Nakaditya Herwanto
	Upper Swan JFC	Runner Up	Christian Lewis
Metro Central Yr 9 Black	Morley JFC	Fairest & Best	Tahj Kelley
	Morley JFC	Runner Up	Jesse Bonanno
Metro Central Yr 9 Blue	Coolbinia JFC	Fairest & Best	Callum Joseph
	Manning Rippers FC	Runner Up	Finn Gunton
Metro Central Yr 9 White	Mt Lawley Inglewood JFC	Fairest & Best	Samuel Keys
	Hills Rangers JFC	Runner Up	Xavier Daniel
Metro Central Yr 9 Red	Belmont JFC	Fairest & Best	Ashley Clayton
	Thornlie JFC	Runner Up	Dylan Dunlop

2024 METRO CENTRAL FAIREST & BEST AWARDS



2024 FAIREST AND BEST AWARD WINNERS

COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
Metro Central Yr 9/10 Female Orange	Mt Hawthorn Cardinals JFC	Fairest & Best	Charlotte Bassett
	Mt Hawthorn Cardinals JFC	Runner Up	Giaan Versace
Metro Central Yr 9/10 Female Green	Noranda JFC	Fairest & Best	Rhenaë Beagley
	Coolbinia JFC	Runner Up	Daisy Phillips
Metro Central Yr 9/10 Female Gold	Thornlie JFC	Fairest & Best	Tasharna Cole
	Upper Swan JFC	Fairest & Best	Layla Rose Hagerstrom
	Kalamunda JFC	Runner Up	Ella Brooker
Metro Central Yr 10 Black	Ballajura JFC	Fairest & Best	Xavier Morrissey
	Ballajura JFC	Fairest & Best	Cody Mannion
	Forrestfield Football Club	Runner Up	Deklan Butterworth
Metro Central Yr 10 Blue	Aveley JFC	Fairest & Best	Kye Hrabar
	Belmont JFC	Runner Up	Isaac Giancola
Metro Central Yr 10 White	Mt Hawthorn Cardinals JFC	Fairest & Best	Marlon Nicholas
	Upper Swan JFC	Runner Up	Lachlan McGlade
Metro Central Yr 10 Red	Coolbinia JFC	Fairest & Best	Kyan Perera
	Kalamunda JFC	Runner Up	Samuel Deroost
Metro Central Yr 11/12 Black	Bayswater JFC	Fairest & Best	Marc-Anthony Paonni
	Mazenod JFC	Runner Up	Mark Fabriziani
Metro Central Yr 11/12 Blue	Bassendean JFC	Fairest & Best	Leeroy Nguyen
	Hills Rangers JFC	Runner Up	Noah Somas
Metro Central Yr 11/12 White	Noranda JFC	Fairest & Best	Jett Bishop
	High Wycombe JFC	Runner Up	Toby Cook
Metro Central Yr 11/12 Red	Swan View Football Club Junior	Fairest & Best	Lachlan Gray
	Mazenod JFC	Runner Up	Julius Parlapiano
Metro Central Yr 11/12 Female	Ellenbrook JFC	Fairest & Best	Stefany Stack
	Ellenbrook JFC	Runner Up	Raykaya Ryder



DAYTON DELIGHTS TO TAKE OUT WAFC AWARD

The Dayton District Open Space in Dayton claimed the 2024 West Australian Football Facility of the Year Award.

The Dayton project, located in the City of Swan, includes 15 hectares of open space. There are multi-use courts, AFL and cricket fields, synthetic and grass hockey fields, two sport pavilions with club changerooms and other amenities, a Family Hub and leisure and recreation spaces.

The development benefits the Caversham Suns Junior Football Club, Caversham Dayton Cricket Club, Ellenbrook Falcons Hockey Club, Eastern Blades Hockey Club, as well as the broader local community.

Steven Rose, Manager Facilities and Government Relations at the West Australian Football Commission said the \$30 million sport and recreation hub will support an area which will continue to see rapid growth in the next 30 years.

“The Dayton District Open Space is an outstanding example of how the right facilities can truly enhance a community,” Rose said.

“These modern, accessible football grounds will not only support the growth of our game but also serve as a hub for bringing people together.

“The collaboration between the City of Swan and the Caversham Suns Junior Football Club has been key to creating such a high-quality facility.

“This partnership highlights how strong relationships can lead to the development of spaces that will benefit the entire community.”

Michael Cooper, President of Caversham Suns Junior Football Club welcomed the new facilities which the Club has utilised this season.

“The club is extremely happy and excited with our move and transition from Caversham to our new facility in Dayton”, Cooper said.

“Relocation has provided the club with two ovals to now utilise, bringing together Auskick, Juniors and enabling our Year 10, 11 and 12’s the ability to finally play home games on a full-size oval instead of playing their games at other grounds that could accommodate us.”

Cooper said it was great to see the precinct come to fruition after being involved in the consultation process with the City of Swan for the last few years.

“Having a bigger club house and canteen plus more change rooms and defined spectator viewing areas, has given us the capacity for more spectators to watch,” Cooper said.

“We can now run multiple games at the same time, plus we hosted finals this season and received positive feedback on the new grounds and clubhouse”.

Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor said: “The Dayton District Open Space is a \$30 million investment into sport and recreation for the community, representing the City of Swan’s commitment to effectively plan and deliver infrastructure to meet the needs of our residents.

“Dayton forms part of the Swan Urban Growth Corridor which has experienced rapid growth in recent years and this top-class facility supports our expanding community, providing plenty of leisure and sporting opportunities.

“The City is proud to have been awarded the 2024 WA Football Facility of the Year – signifying the start of a thriving future for sports clubs at this facility.”

The complex will now be nominated for the National AFL Ken Gannon Community Facility Award, which recognises the best practice in community football facility development across Australia, along with the people, clubs and other stakeholders driving the best projects.

About the AFL Ken Gannon Community Football Facilities Awards:

The Ken Gannon Awards recognise best practice facility development across the country.

The awards are assessed by looking at the impact a project has consistent with the AFL’s aim of providing well-positioned, welcoming, fit-for-purpose football facilities that support our growing game’s strategic priorities.

AFL state and territory bodies identify their best community football facilities project of that year according to those criteria, which then places that project in the running for the National Award, pending assessment by the AFL National Facilities Panel in conjunction with Ken Gannon.



METRO
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2024
TEAM OF THE YEAR

BACKS	EDWARD CROCKETT HUNTINGDALE JFC	LEO GILLA HUNTINGDALE JFC	BEN PADDON KENWICK JFC
	HUNTER LAV COOLBINIA JFC	JACK WRIGHT BASSENDEAN JFC	ETHAN VLAHOS MORLEY JFC
MIDS	MARTY PRONNI BAYSWATER JFC	JULIUS PARLAPIANO MAZENOD JFC	TOBY COOK HIGH WYCOMBE JFC
FORWARDS	LUKE SOUTH BELMONT JFC	LEVI CALCOTT BELMONT JFC	EVAN BERSON MT HAWTHORN JFC
	RILEY PEARSON COOLBINIA JFC	NOAH SOMAS HILLS RANGERS FC	MARK FABRIZIANI MAZENOD JFC
FOLLOWERS	LOCHIE GRAY (C) SWAN VIEW FC	JETT BISHOP NORANDA JFC	LEEROY NGUEN BASSENDEAN JFC
INTERCHANGE	ROYV BRADLEY KALAMUNDA & DISTRICTS JFC	THOMAS SHADFORTH HUNTINGDALE JFC	MAX BOWDEN MAZENOD JFC
	WILLIAM CROCKETT HUNTINGDALE JFC		DECLAN POWER KENWICK JFC

COACH - HAMISH MORE SWAN VIEW FC

BACKS	NIA DIAS-KELLY COOLBINIA JFC	FVNAE MCGRECHAN MORLEY JFC	SOPHIE DE MASI COOLBINIA JFC
	MARY TURVEY HUNTINGDALE JFC		DHIVRANA PERERA MORLEY JFC
MIDS	CHARLI BASSETT MT HAWTHORN JFC	RAVKAYA RYDER ELLENBROOK JFC	LAVLA ROSE HAGERSTROM UPPER SWAN JFC
FORWARDS	HEIDI THOMPSON FORRESTFIELD FC	TYRA DUGUID MT LAWLEY INGLEWOOD JFC	ELLA BROOKER KALAMUNDA & DISTRICTS JFC
	DAISY PHILLIPS COOLBINIA JFC		GIAAN VERSACE MT LAWLEY INGLEWOOD JFC
FOLLOWERS	STEFANY STACK (C) ELLENBROOK JFC	TASHARNA COLE THORNIE JFC	RHENAE BEAGLEV NORANDA JFC
INTERCHANGE	DANIELLA VIRGO MORLEY JFC	FULORI LAARI COOLBINIA JFC	ELLA SANDRINI AVELEV JFC
	KINLEV WADLEY VIC PARK JFC		USHALAR SAMSON HUNTINGDALE JFC

COACH - ROB MILLER KALAMUNDA & DISTRICTS JFC

UMPIRES

WILLIAM DAY EAST PERTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION	RILEY WILSON DEMONS DISTRICT FOOTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION	PAUL MARRONE SWANS DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL 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 East Perth, Perth and Swans 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





EAST PERTH DISTRICT

JOHN PINNERI Morley JFC

John Pinneri (JP) has been involved with Morley Bulldogs JFC for the past 15 years. He 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. Basically, he's done it all.

JP has significantly contributed to the club's growth and development, including developing the female pathway within the club, securing funding for lighting so that night games can be played and recent upgrades to the clubrooms and canteen. He has also actively sought merchandise and sponsorship deals to support the club.

JP dedicates considerable time at the club. He attends training sessions during the week supporting the coaches and players and is there every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from set up to pack down. He can be found working in the canteen or out on the grounds chatting to parents. He loves to see new faces around the club and always offering guidance and support. He embodies the club motto Football, Family, Fun.

JP demonstrates his strong leadership through the support he provides the committee, his interactions with WAFC and the wider community and through the way he conducts himself as a President. He is solution focused and upholds the values of sportsmanship and the spirit of the game. JP has been the driving force behind the clubs positive development and a role model for creating a fun and inclusive environment for players and the community.



PERTH DISTRICT

DARREN GUILD Belmont JFC

Darren has been President at Belmont JFC for three years. Prior to this he has held positions as Vice President, Auskick Coordinator and Coach. Darren is dedicated to his role as President and works hard to foster a positive and inclusive environment for all players, parents, committee and volunteers.

Darren has a people first approach which is evident in the way he interacts with the football community, always making himself available and responding calmly and rationally in any situation. Darren uses his experience and knowledge as a CEO to mentor fellow committee members to ensure they are supported, learning and effective in their roles.

Darren's leadership and tireless efforts have significantly improved the clubs success over his tenure with growth in membership, players and overall positive atmosphere throughout the Belmont JFC community. He spends an enormous amount of time ensuring the success of the club and has a presence across the whole club from Auskick to year 11/12 leading by example, setting up ovals, pumping balls, cleaning toilets and engaging with players and families.

During his time at the club, and especially in his role as President, Darren has had a really positive impact on the clubs culture ensuring the clubs good standing. Players and parents alike show respect and pride for their club and this is evident in the dealings across the board with the WAFC.

Darren's character exemplifies sportsmanship and integrity, acting as a true ambassador to community football. His leadership inspires others to volunteer their time and give back to their community.



SWANS DISTRICT

HAMISH MORE Swan View FC

Hamish has been volunteering in the Swans District for 20 years supporting his children through their community football journeys. He has been a coach throughout this time and has held positions as Club President, Vice President, Coach Coordinator, Auskick Coordinator, Parent Umpire and Club Delegate. He has been involved in Upper Swan JFC, Swan View JFC, Chittering JFC and Swans District.

Hamish's accolades are vast. As Auskick Coordinator in the mid 2000's at Upper Swan JFC, participation almost doubled and in 2009 he was awarded WA State Metropolitan Auskick Coordinator of the Year.

In 2011, Hamish received the Swans District Coach of the Year and in 2012 was made Life Member at Upper Swan JFC. He has participated in four grand finals and coached in excess of 400 games.

Whilst an Executive on the Upper Swan JFC Committee, Hamish was instrumental in securing playing standard lights which supported fixturing for the expanding club. During his tenure, the club was named Champion Club in 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2012. In 2012 the club achieved Glod Level Accreditation in the AFL Quality Club Program, which was driven by Hamish.

In 2018 Swan View JFC was unable to secure a year 11/12 coach. Hamish stepped into this role whilst also coaching a junior team at Upper Swan JFC. This goes to show that Hamish is a true ambassador for the game and he is admired within the football community for his commitment, dedication, honesty and hard working ethos. Hamish is in his last year of junior football coaching his youngest sons Year 11/12 team.



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.



2024 COMMUNITY FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS

AWARD	DISTRICT	WINNER	CLUB
Administrator of the Year	East Perth District	Chloe Cushing	Coolbinia JFC
Administrator of the Year	Swans District	Andrew Haines	Forrestfield FC
Administrator of the Year	Perth District	Peta Bydder	Manning FC
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	East Perth District	Cate Martin-Davies	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	Perth District	Tahlia Satti	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	Swans District	Naomi Bates	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	East Perth District	Declan Kennett	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	Perth District	Riley Hearne	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	Swans District	Adrian Dunstall	
Female Coach of the Year	East Perth District	Aleisha Bordas	Coolbinia JFC/Mt Hawthorn JFC
Female Coach of the Year	Swans District	Eva Benn	Hills Rangers FC
Female Coach of the Year	Perth District	Jayde Dalton	Redcliffe JFC
Further With Football Award	East Perth District	NAIDOC Recognition	Caversham JFC
Further With Football Award	Swans District	2024 Season Launch	High Wycombe JFC
Further With Football Award	Perth District	Vic Park Street Party Footy Activation	Vic Park JFC
Junior Club of the Year	East Perth District		Ballajura JFC
Junior Club of the Year	Perth District		South Perth JFC
Junior Club of the Year	Swans District		Swan View FC
Male Coach of the Year	Swans District	Michael Gilders	Kalamunda & Districts JFC
Male Coach of the Year	East Perth District	Darren Kowal	Mt Hawthorn JFC
Male Coach of the Year	Perth District	Martin Freer	Vic Park JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	East Perth District		Caversham JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	Swans District		Gidgegannup JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	Perth District		Manning FC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	Swans District	Dale Blackman	Bassendean JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	Perth District	Allira Mach	Belmont JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	East Perth District	Colleen Skrapac	Coolbinia JFC
Volunteer of the Year	Perth District	Darren Guild	Belmont JFC
Volunteer of the Year	East Perth District	John Pinneri	Morley JFC
Volunteer of the Year	Swans District	Hamish More	Swan View FC
Young Volunteer of the Year	Central Conference	Nick Drew	Huntingdale JFC
Youth Club of the Year	Swans District		Aveley JFC
Youth Club of the Year	East Perth District		Ellenbrook JFC
Youth Club of the Year	Perth District		Gosnells 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 – Aveyley 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 in coaching development throughout the 2024 season, despite some challenges. Here's a summary of key highlights and takeaways:

Positive Engagement and Participation:

- A total of 38 workshops and support sessions were delivered across the season, engaging 27 of 38 clubs in person (71%) and providing remote support to another five clubs.
- The preseason workshop at EJ Oval in South Perth reached 27 clubs, addressing critical topics including player development, motivation, and managing parent expectations.

Coach Education and Development:

- 190 coaches participated across all workshops, with high demand for sessions on “better training” and tackling techniques.

- Notably, five standalone tackling sessions were held, focusing on safe tackling methods, attended by nearly 200 coaches and facilitated by Wade Spilcker, a tackling expert.
- Three Level 2 AFL coaching accreditation courses were run, with 85 coaches participating. Guest coaches from WAFL, AFL, and AFLW were involved, enriching the program with diverse expertise.

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 starting in November 2024, 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 Central District.

While there were a few high-profile incidents during games, it is encouraging to note that coach citations and suspensions remained consistent with the previous year, showing that overall discipline and conduct have not deteriorated despite challenges. This demonstrates resilience in the district and a commitment to maintaining standards of behaviour throughout the season.

Ben White
 Coaching Coordinator – Metro Central
 West Australian Football Commission



PARTICIPATION OFFICERS' REPORT

The 2024 season continued the positive growth trend in junior football, building on last year's success. This growth also brought about changes within our Central team, as the Participation Officer roles for the Perth and Swans Districts became vacant and were filled toward the end of Term 2. Josh Merrett (Perth) and Eamon Gilbert (Swans) have since hit the ground running, making positive progress.

Alongside the changes to the Participation Officer roles, former Swans Participation Officer Joshua Embry stepped into the Auskick Specialist role, while Jonelle Morley, formerly the Chief Operating Officer of Basketball WA, joined as the new Head of Participation.

We extend a sincere thank you to the West Australian Football Commission staff, club committees, officials, and umpires for their unwavering commitment, flexibility, and dedication throughout the 2024 season.

Special thanks goes out to our District Umpire Managers—Blake Glossop (Perth), Lewis Williams (East Perth), and Frazer Beazley (Swans) for delivering quality umpiring programs. Your continued support is invaluable, ensuring that matches always run smoothly and are well officiated each week. We also acknowledge the countless parents, coaches, and volunteers who make the football competition so vibrant. Your dedication makes this game and its operations possible.

Auskick continued to thrive in 2024, building on the momentum of recent years. The Rookie Series took another leap forward. The Year 2 Rookie Series, a 4-week program, involved three weeks of round-robin modified games across hubs, culminating in the Festival of Football. This year, we once again held a combined Metro Central Festival of Football and thank Midvale JFC for hosting this event. Across the three districts, more than 50 Rookie Series teams registered, involving around 930 participants.

Our district-based Pre-Primary and Year 1 Auskick Gala Days were, as always, a highlight. A total of 99 teams participated across the three districts, with an estimated 1,202 kids enjoying the experience playing against other junior clubs. A special thanks to East Perth, Perth, and Swans WAFL clubs for providing player and staff support on these days.

Auskick participation numbers in Metro Central saw a slight decrease overall, with 2,989 participants in 2024 compared to 3,125 in 2023. Female participation also slightly dropped, with 462 female players this year, compared to 510 in 2023. However, we are committed to growing these numbers in the coming years. A big thank you to Michelle Sewell and Josh Embry for their tireless work in the Auskick space.

In September and October, we again ran our popular Year 7 Holiday Academies, while also introducing a new Year 6 Holiday Academy. These programs were a huge success, with over 250 junior players from Metro Central clubs participating. It was fantastic to have WAFL players from East Perth, Perth and Swan Districts supporting the academies, offering invaluable insights to young players. A special thanks to Bassendean JFC for allowing us to use their facilities at Jubilee Reserve.

Our new holiday programs were also a major success, with each Superkick and Auskick clinic at Swans, East Perth, and Perth attracting over 40 participants per category. The clinics not only helped develop football skills but also fostered fitness, teamwork, and enjoyment for all involved.

In schools, the 2024 Play AFL campaign was a key focus, with free football clinics offered to roughly two-thirds of primary schools within the East Perth, Perth, and Swans zones. Eight one-day carnivals across primary and secondary schools were delivered including two successful carnivals for students from education support centres. School Auskick, a successful model seen over in the Eastern states, was introduced in WA, with programs run in the Perth and Swans districts, Perth boasting the largest center, seen at Kewdale's Australian Islamic College.



The facility of All-Abilities clinics in schools alongside the West Australian All Abilities Football Association was another prominent feature in 2024, with 15 schools from our districts participating in clinics and carnivals!

AFL Nines gained significant interest this year, with the reintroduction of the competition in the Royals district. The Les Lilleyman Reserve competition saw 16 new teams register, further contributing to football participation growth in the Metro Central region.

One of the standout events of 2024 was the Nicky Winmar Carnival and Kirby Bentley Cup, held on October 13 at UWA Sports Ground. Indigenous players from each district proudly represented their teams under the guidance of Lewis Daisley (East Perth), Josh Merrett (Perth), and Eamon Gilbert (Swans). The carnival was a tremendous success, with all participants thoroughly enjoying the experience. Special thanks to the East Perth, Perth, and Swans coaches for guiding the next generation of Indigenous players.

The 2024 season welcomed new staff members, the introduction of exciting new programs and the continued improvement of participation within the Metro Central districts. With the 2025 season just around the corner and big goals set, the Central crew is excited to get cracking on what we are sure will be an amazing year!

Thank you for the outstanding 2024 season. Bring on 2025!

Lewis Daisley
East Perth Participation Officer

Eamon Gilbert
East Perth Participation Officer

Josh Merrett
Perth Participation Officer
West Australian Football Commission



UMPIRE REPORTS

East Perth District Umpires Report

In 2024, we entered our third and final year of our strategic plan aiming to provide an inclusive environment for all individuals to flourish not only as umpires but as people.

For the fourth year in a row, we have exceeded over 150 umpires across field, boundary and goal disciplines. We had five umpires transition to the WAFL program which brings our total number of East Perth Umpires at WAFL level to 20.

We have continued to work with our 10 junior clubs to provide a safe game-day environment for our umpires. Additionally, we have collaborated work with the West Australian Football Commission to implement our inclusion program, which focuses on female umpire retention and celebrating cultural diversity. Looking ahead, our group is well-positioned for the new year with many exciting initiatives on the horizon.

Lewis Williams
Umpire Manager
East Perth Junior Umpiring Association

Perth District Umpires Report

In many ways season 2024 has been a rollercoaster ride; we've had many successes and great challenges. It has been great to see an abundance of fresh faces join our modified rules squad, and I hope they continue on the umpiring pathway with us in the years to come. However, a shortage of umpires in our open rules squad has led to a consistent struggle with youth appointments throughout the year.

The season has been filled with many individual successes, with some of our senior umpires being selected for National competitions and many umpires debuting in higher competitions.

Blake Glossop
Umpire Manager
Demons District Football Umpire Association

Swans District Umpires Report

The Swan Districts Junior Football Umpires Association is experiencing robust growth, with more than six umpires advancing from Mods to Open Field this year. We are thrilled to witness our members flourish, including the debut of our first all-female umpire panel, embodying the determination and spirit of Swans. We are always striving to be our best at Swans, that is why the *Future of Umpiring is Here!*

Frazer Beazley
Umpire Manager
Swans District Junior Umpiring 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



Reno Boin
Travis Burrows
Glen Burton
John Dorazio
Kirsty Drew
Daniel Gibbons
Marshall Hannah
Amber Hazel
Anne Latter
Ross Leipold
Paul Masiello
Sharron Murray
Terry Murray
John Ottaway
Krystle Torpy
Joanne Warner
Bradd Webster
Joe Wieclaw



Geoff Abbott
Ang Barbaro
Joe Barbaro
Jo Davies
Vince Del Prete
Bill Forrest
Matt Gray
Lyndall Jones
Laurie Kennedy
Ken McCallum
Brett Richardson
Paul Robinson
Troy Starcevich



Sav Borg
Darryl Carter
Bob Davis
Dave Farthing
Ian Foss
Trevor Gossatti
Andrew Hayes
Garry Lovelock
Dee Moore
Mike Perry
Steve Symcox
Keith Taylor
Wayne Taylor





FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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

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

Committee Members

Travis Burrows - Chairman
Narelle Thredgold - Swans Junior Representative
Shaun Hughes - Royals Junior Representative
Tony Pickburn - Demons Junior Representative
Rob Geersen - Community Representative
Ryan Ramage - Secretary
Jan Cooper - Female Football Representative
Michelle Maynard - Treasurer
Corey Ranger - Executive Officer

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

Community Club Grants Program

The RDC Community Grants funding packages was provided to clubs across the metro area, working across all areas of community football including community engagement, volunteers, game environment and club-based participation.

Volunteer Recognition and Education Grants

\$500 grants were available to clubs. Applications were aimed to assist clubs in undertaking a range of NEW volunteer recognition or education activities and initiatives of your choosing.

RDC Indigenous & NAIDOC Grants Package

\$500 grants available were available to clubs. Applications were aimed to assist clubs in undertaking a range of indigenous activities or initiatives.

RDC Multicultural Grants

\$1,500 grants available were available. Applications were aimed to support clubs in achieving outcomes located within the RDC strategy.

WAFL Club Collaborations

Emphasis on WAFL club relationships resulted in over 3 MOUs and partnerships and a \$15,000 investment in WAFL Club collaborations.

RDC Engagement and Events

The RDC's invested in the Season Launch, Team of the Year and Community Football Awards major events this season.

Significant Changes

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

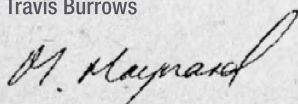
Operating Result

The expenditure of the association for the financial year amounted to \$84,699.

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



Chair
Travis Burrows



Treasurer
Michelle Maynard, CA CTA

Dated this day of 26/11/2024

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

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

	NOTE	2024	2023
Other Income			
Other Revenue		42,646	66,200
Total Other Income		42,646	66,200
Total Income		42,646	66,200
Expenses			
Auskick Program Development Grant		5,000	-
Coaching Initiatives		21,450	-
Communications Strategy		39,215	-
Community Coaching Grant		-	11,550
Consulting & Accounting		-	1,000
Expense Reimbursements		596	818
Indigenous Development		10,250	5,458
Multicultural Recognition Grant		3,000	-
Other Expenses		9,224	-
RDC Apparel		17,248	-
RDC Season Launch		5,210	-
RDC Strategy Grants		500	1,500
Umpiring Grants		-	1,000
Uniforms		-	8,948
Volunteer Events		15,652	15,371
Total Expenses		127,345	45,644
Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation		(84,699)	20,556
Net Profit After Tax		(84,699)	20,556

BALANCE SHEET

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

	NOTE	2024	2023
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	113,266	204,732
Trade and Other Receivables	4	24,646	30,000
Total Current Assets		137,912	234,732
Total Assets		137,912	234,732
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	-	12,121
Total Current Liabilities		-	12,121
Total Liabilities		-	12,121
Net Assets		137,912	222,611
Equity			
Retained Earnings	6	137,912	222,611
Total Equity		137,912	222,611

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

In the opinion of Committee 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 an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

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

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

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

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

	2024	2023
3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank		
Business Account	13,266	204,732
Term Deposit	100,000	-
Total Cash at Bank	113,266	204,732
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	113,266	204,732
4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Sundry Debtors	24,646	30,000
Total Trade and Other Receivables	24,646	30,000
5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Other Creditors	-	12,121
Total Trade and Other Payables	-	12,121
6. EQUITY		
Opening Balance	222,611	202,055
Current Year Earnings	(84,699)	(20,556)
Total Retained Earnings	137,912	222,611
7. STATUTORY INFORMATION		
The registered office of the association is:		
105 Banksia Street, Tuart Hill, WA, 6060		
The place of business is:		
105 Banksia Street, Tuart Hill, WA, 6060		

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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

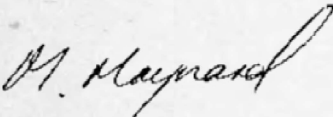
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements. In the option of the committee financial report as set out on pages 38 to 43:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Metro Central 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 Central Regional Development Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



Travis Burrows
Chair



Michelle Maynard, CA CTA
Treasurer

Dated this day of 26/11/2024

