



**Women of Melbourne Cricket Club (WoMCC)
Annual General Meeting**

held on Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 6:00 – 6.21pm
in the Long Room of the MCG

Minutes

1. Opening and Welcome by the Chair Jacqui Morarty

1.1 The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6.00pm.

Welcome to 2023 AGM.

1.2 Acknowledgement of country

The Melbourne Cricket Club acknowledges the land in which we are situated and pays our respect to the people of the Kulin Nation. The MCC recognises and respects the cultural heritage of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their beliefs and their relationship with the land. We pay our respect to all Elders past, present and emerging.

1.3 Committee introductions

The executive and committee were introduced to the members and attendees present at the AGM.

2. Attendance and apologies

Present Committee: Jacqui Morarty, Sally Milner, Georgie White, Megan Shaw, Jacinta Atkinson, Kate Crosby, Caroline Darcy, Anita Donnelly, Lucy Eastoe, Wendy Moore, Lisa Owens, Nikhi Wagstaff. (12)

Present Members: Jane Nathan, Jess Perrin, Tatum de Silva, Caroline Ruddick, Jane Bentley, Cathy Lawrence, Kerrie Ludekens, Mary Mullane, Rachael Mittal, Jo Burch, Sarah Pike, Michael Hannan, Bianca Donnelly, Alexandra Baker, Kate Soumilas, Janette Guttmann, Rosemary Greivies. (17)

In attendance (from the MCC): Carolyn Bendall (MCC Committee Member). (1)

Apologies: Penny Ryan, Fiona Rudd, Kylie McRae, Suellyn Gillies, Jacqui Parker, Kim Brewer, Jilska Perera.

2.1 Quorum achieved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2022

3.1 Minutes of meeting held on 23rd November 2022 were tabled.

3.2 Motion: That the Minutes be approved.

Proposed: Anita Donnelly
Seconded: Wendy Moore
Approved

4. Adoption of the Chair's Report of the WoMCC

4.1 Report from the Chair of WoMCC Jacqui Morarty.

Each year the Women of the MCC (WoMCC) Special Interest Group continues to grow as demonstrated through not only our increasing membership but as shown through another new function being added to our calendar of events, our Champagne Function, tomorrow evening, as well as the interest in joining our committee. At our last AGM we had almost 100 members vote in our committee member election, required after receiving more nominations than vacant positions. We were delighted that Penny Ryan, Lucy Eastoe, Caroline Darcy and Kate Crosby were elected to the Committee, each having held a casual position on the Committee following an Expression of Interest in May 2022. Lisa Owens and Wendy Moore were also elected at the AGM, and we are excited to have new members join the Committee. With the resignations of Office bearers, the WoMCC also elected Georgie White as Treasurer and Megan Shaw as Secretary.

With our Committee formed for the coming year the WoMCC were eager to commence hosting our functions. There were many familiar faces at the Women in Cricket Breakfast, jointly hosted by the WoMCC and MCC on day two of the Boxing Day Test. Glenn McGrath was this year's guest speaker with Alison Mitchell delighting the full room with some of her best commentating stories. Tiffany Cherry emceed and interviewed the MCC Women's cricket representatives who recapped their successful season. The cricket on day two didn't disappoint, a highlight – David Warner scoring a double century in his 100th Test in the blistering sun.

Our very popular Women in Wine function celebrated two female wine makes from the Yarra Valley on the 9th March in the Long Room held on this date to coincide with International Women's Day. Erin-Marie O'Neill, Specialist Pinot Noir Producer from Nine-One-Six and Sandra de Pury, fourth generation winemaker at Yeringberg, were impressive and shared their individual stories of how they entered the world of winemaking. Our guests enjoyed learning about and tasting some different varietals including Marsanne, Viognier as well experiencing the different vintages of the Pinot Noir.

On the last Sunday in April, we were finally able to have Liz Quinn, Program Director and Head Coach of ADF Women's Football, as well as Culture and Leadership Coach at Richmond AFLW, as our guest at our traditional Women in Football function, held in the Committee Room. We had attempted over the past few years for Liz to be our guest and we were delighted to have persisted, with thanks to past committee member Narelle Jenkins. Liz detailed her background in the Navy and her transition into ADF Women's Football and the Richmond AFLW. She engaged guests with her insights on the importance of culture as a foundation for success. We also heard from AFLW Richmond player Katelyn Cox, who spoke

of how her perseverance to be drafted to AFLW paid off eventually being selected by the Tigers with pick 60 in the 2022 AFLW draft.

On the evening of the 12th of August, 110 WoMCC members and their guests enjoyed the sold-out WoMCC Match Day Function in the Hans Ebeling Room. Our Game Day function was introduced in 2017 to be a relaxed evening of networking with friends and fellow members, with no speakers or formalities planned. This evening will be long remembered not only for Carlton holding on for the win but the night that the Matildas advanced to their first World Cup semi-final, after defeating Sweden in the quarter final via the longest penalty shootout in World Cup history. Our members and guests were grateful that they could enjoy canapes, tacos and drinks, and watch this historic event prior to the featured football match enjoyed in their reserved seat.

Following the success of our inaugural Business Breakfast, our committee wanted to enable more members to attend thus the function was moved to the dining room and over 200 members and guests attended the function on Thursday 19th October. Once again Jacqui Felgate hosted the function and facilitated a panel discussion with accomplished leaders, Nicki Kenyon, Sharelle McMahan, and Diana Taylor.

An important aim of the Women of the MCC is to provide financial support to groups and encourage female participation. We also endeavour to use sport to improve the confidence and skills of women and girls. The funds raised from our raffles and auctions at WoMCC events, support our charity donations. Since our inception in 2006, the Women of the MCC has raised over \$90,000 and helped over 24 people or sporting bodies. Our Treasurer, Georgina White will provide further details in her report on the funds raised at each event. This year we provided \$3000 to members of Glen Waverley Softball Club, that enabled them to travel to New Zealand as members of the Australian under14's Softball Squad. Both girls we excited about their opportunity and thanked the Women of the MCC for our contribution.

I would like to thank all the generous supporters who have donated raffle prizes that enable the Women of the MCC to raise the money at our functions.

On behalf of the WoMCC Committee I would like to congratulate our Special Interest Group Members who have recently joined the 50-year member classification. We will acknowledge and celebrate the first women to join the 50-year membership at our Champagne Function tomorrow evening.

Our functions would not be the success they are without each subcommittee pulling together the event. This is not limited to planning of the event but also sourcing raffle prizes. Our committee members volunteer their time not only to plan our functions but the time to attend meetings, provisional member nights promoting our SIG as well as attending our functions as paying members but usually 'working' throughout the function to make the functions the success they are. Thank you to our committee members Jacinta Atkinson, Kate Crosby, Penny Ryan, Nikhi Wagstaff, Lucy Eastoe, Caroline Darcy, Wendy Moore, Lisa Owens, Anita Donnelly and office bearers, Sally Milner, Georgina White and Megan Shaw.

Thank you also to our MCC liaison Carolyn Bendall.

Elissa Cohen MCC Functions Experience Coordinator and other members of the MCC team, Tayla and Anna, thank you for providing the support that ensures our committee and functions are the best they can be.

To our two retiring committee members, Sally Milner and Jacinta Atkinson, who both were elected to the committee in 2016 and since election have made valuable contributions. Sally most recently as Vice Chair, your support has been invaluable and prior to that increasing the WoMCC profile across social media and being our fabulous emcee at events. Jacinta your work in organising the Women in Football functions, often with only a few weeks notice, is impressive in addition to the support you have provided to the committee.

Finally, my tenure on the committee has come to an end after nine fantastic years. I was encouraged to join the committee by the Chair at the time Kerry Spillane after attending a number of events. After one year on the committee both Suellyn and I were encouraged by Kerry to take on an office bearer role and since that time have held an executive position on the committee, firstly as Treasurer, followed by Vice Chair, then Chair. I would also like to thank our patron Jane Nathan, who has always given support, encouragement, and guidance. To past and current office bearers who I worked closely with in my various roles that enable the committee to continue to grow and achieve our goals, I have loved being a member of the committee; I would like to thank current and past committee members for their support and friendship and would encourage members to join this wonderful committee. Thank you to our members for joining us tonight.

4.2 Motion: That the Chair's report be adopted.

Proposed: Jane Nathan
Seconded: Lisa Owens
Adopted

4.3 The Vice Chair of WoMCC, Sally Milner, thanked the Chair for her leadership throughout her tenure.

5. Adoption of the Financial Report of the WoMCC for the calendar year to 31st October 2023

5.1 Report from the Treasurer of WoMCC Georgie White.

Good evening, Women of the MCC Committee and Members

Please note – our finance year runs from 1 November to 31 October.

For members here tonight who I haven't met, my name is Georgina White, and I have been Treasurer of the Committee since last year when Kylie McRae ended her tenure. I would like to note my thanks to Kylie for her assistance in the handover, and for her readiness to assist with any questions.

The annual Women in Cricket Breakfast was the first event since last year's AGM. Although now run by the MCC and therefore of no financial impact, the event maintains a strong link to the Women of the MCC and many of us attended.

We then hosted 4 events in the financial year, all of which broke even or made a small surplus.

To coincide with International Women's Day, our 2023 Women in Wine held in March was another sell-out. This year we were lucky to have two female winemakers from the Yarra Valley and the raffle for this function reaped over \$2,800.

Our Women in Football function held in April was also well attended. At this function we had a raffle and an auction, and together another \$2,400 was raised for our charity donations. A second, more casual, football function was held in August with no fundraising element, and again a very popular event.

In October, we held our second Women's Business Breakfast sponsored by Morgan Stanley. With such a fantastic attendance, this year it was held in the Members Dining Room. As this function was held just before our financial year-end, not all the transactions are reflected in the Finance Report (i.e., some receipts and payments occurred in November). But the function will result in a surplus, and the raffle for this event raised another \$2,800.

This year funds received from fundraising totalled \$5,763.19 (n.b. some of the fundraising from the Women's Business Breakfast were received post balance date). The success of our fundraising could not happen without the support of our donors, and we would like to note our appreciation for their generosity. We would especially like to acknowledge Morgan Stanley for their \$5000 sponsorship to our Women's Business Breakfast.

We made one charity donation for 2023; we gave \$3,000 financial support to the Glen Waverley Softball Club for two of their young players as mentioned by Jacqui.

Since 2008, the Women of the MCC is pleased to confirm that over \$90,000 has been donated. It is a Committee Rule that all proceeds raised at our functions/events through raffles/auctions will always be accounted for separately and clearly identifiable; and that these funds are only used to support chosen charities. We are always open to receiving applications for grants which support our "brief" of encouraging participation by women and girls in sport.

The numbers:

At 1st November 2022, the opening bank balance was \$30,167.11. During our financial year, we received \$51,367.00 for function attendance and \$5,763.19 in fundraising. We have paid \$46,652.86 in expenses, and \$3,000 in donations.

This has resulted in a cash balance at 31st October 2023 of \$37,644.44 which is reflected in our NAB Bank Account. Of this balance, \$11,605.66 is held for charity donations and the remaining \$26,038.78 as the operating/working balance. As mentioned, there are still some expenses outstanding from the Women's Business Breakfast, but we maintain a healthy buffer in the working balance due to some profitable prior year events.

The Finance Report/Cashflow Statement and cash transactions are subject to an annual audit. Sincere thanks to Alison Foenander, Donegan's Wealth Advisers, for

her continued support to the Committee in completing our Audit again for 2023. Copies of the Finance Report together with the Audit Report are available.

One more thank you to Elissa Cohen - MCC Functions Experience Co-ordinator, who is always a pleasure to deal with, and ensures all our events run smoothly. Thanks Elissa.

That's it for me, I now ask for ratification/adoption of the Finance Report for 2023.

- 5.2 Motion: That the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Proposed: Elizabeth Syle
Seconded: Kate Crosby
Adopted

- 5.3 The Vice Chair of WoMCC, Sally Milner, thanked the Treasurer for her work over the previous calendar year. In particular thanks were given for her transparency and ability to keep separate the charitable funds and the working balance.

- 5.4 The Vice Chair also thanked the Secretary, Megan Shaw, for her efforts over the last year.

6. Thanks to the Auditor

- 6.1 The Chair also thanked Alison Foenander, Director, Donegan's Wealth Advisors, and member of the MCC, for her pro bono auditing of the Women of the MCC books.

7. 2023 WoMCC Committee Election Results

- 7.1 Election results

Three Committee members, Anita Donnelly, Georgina White and Nikhi Wagstaff, were re-elected to the Committee, and three new nominations, Caroline Ruddick, Rachael Mittal and Jo Burch, were elected to the WoMCC Committee. Congratulations to the new and re-elected Committee members.

8. Any business arising from the meeting

- 8.1 Jane Nathan addressed the AGM floor. Jane thanked Jacqui for her tenure as the 5th Chair of the WoMCC. During her tenure the WoMCC has expanded its networks and profile within the club, as well as grown our diverse membership. The WoMCC has accomplished so much, with sell out functions. Jane expressed her warm wishes to Jacqui and her future ahead.

9. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 6.21pm.

Annex 1: Cash Flow statement

Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club
Finance Report
1st November 2022 to 31st October, 2023

Opening Balance in NAB At 31st October 2022 (Audit date)			\$ 30,167.11
		Date	
<u>Cash Inflows</u>			
Payment by MCC for Committee Attendance	event	10/11/2022	\$ 462.00
MCC payment for WIW23	event	16/03/2023	\$ 20,580.00
Raffle WIW23	fundraising	10/03/2023	\$ 2,840.12
MCC payment for WIF23	event	27/04/2023	\$ 11,550.00
Auction WIF23	fundraising	30/04/2023	\$ 420.00
Raffle WIF23	fundraising	30/04/2023	\$ 2,003.07
MCC additional for WIF23	event	11/05/2023	\$ 595.00
MCC receipts (WIF)	event	20/07/2023	\$ 230.00
MCC receipts (reimbursement for MCC committee members WIF)	event	27/07/2023	\$ 345.00
MCC payment Stand Up Footy Function	event	16/08/2023	\$ 8,105.00
Raffle WBB23 (cash component)	fundraising	19/10/2023	\$ 500.00
MCC payment WBB23	event	26/10/2023	\$ 9,500.00
<u>Sub Total cash inflow</u>			<u>\$ 57,130.19</u>
<u>Less Cash Outflows from Activities</u>			
<u>Function Costs</u>			
WBB22AV	Encore	10/11/2022	\$ 1,110.45
Gifts for WIW guest speakers	Fiskar's	9/03/2023	\$ 99.93
WIW23 Wine	961 winery	27/03/2023	\$ 2,493.00
WIW23 Wine	Yeringberg	27/03/2023	\$ 1,623.82
WIW23 AV	Encore	5/04/2023	\$ 489.23
WIW23 Catering	Delaware North	12/04/2023	\$ 13,410.00
WIF23 Catering	Delaware North	15/05/2023	\$ 12,090.10
Stand Up Footy Function Catering	Delaware North	24/08/2023	\$ 8,038.80
WBB23 Accommodation for Guest Speaker	Pullman	20/09/2023	\$ 237.30
Gifts for WBB guest speakers	Fiskar's	4/10/2023	\$ 204.95
WBB23 MC J Felgate	TLA	23/10/2023	\$ 3,300.00
WBB23 Photographer	SDP Media	23/10/2023	\$ 660.00
<u>Refunds</u>			
Business Breakfast 2022 Adjustment	MCC	16/03/2023	\$ 10.00
<u>Adhoc Expenses</u>			
Voting Software		4/11/2022	\$ 172.70
Flowers for retiring Exec Members		18/11/2022	\$ 285.00
Retiring Members/Committee Dinner & Meeting		18/11/2022	\$ 964.73
AGM catering		18/11/2022	\$ 732.90
Badges - new Committee members		22/12/2022	\$ 36.30
Flowers - 2022 Auditor Thankyou Gift		13/02/2023	\$ 115.95
Square (second one for functions)		9/03/2023	\$ 38.00
Committee Meetings (sep22 to march23)		5/05/2023	\$ 364.20
Committee Meeting 080523		8/05/2023	\$ 91.00
Committee Meeting 190623		2/08/2023	\$ 84.50
<u>Donations Paid</u>			<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
<u>Sub Total cash outflow</u>			<u>\$ 49,652.86</u>
<u>NET CASHFLOW</u>			<u>\$ 7,477.33</u>
<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>			<u>\$ 37,644.44</u>
	<i>As per Bank</i>	31/10/2023	\$ 37,644.44
<u>Monies held for Charity Donations</u>			
Balance Held at 31/10/22			\$ 8,842.47
Fundraising since balance date			\$ 5,763.19
Total			<u>\$ 14,605.66</u>
Less Donations paid			\$ 3,000.00
Sponsorship Lexie (Waverley Baseball Club)	1500		
Sponsorship Elise (Waverley Baseball Club)	1500		
Subtotal of monies left to be paid to charity			<u>\$ 11,605.66</u>
<u>Funds available (working bank balance)</u>			<u>\$ 26,038.78</u>

Annex 2: Auditor's report



AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOMEN OF THE MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report of the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club comprising the accompanying Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31st October 2023.

In my opinion the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club as at 31st October 2023 and of its financial performance for the period then ended.

Restrictions on Distribution and Use

The financial report has been prepared to enable the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club to provide the Members with a financial report regarding the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club's activities for the year ended 31st October 2023. My report is intended for the Members of the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club and should not be distributed to or use by other parties other than the Members.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison Foenander'.

Alison Foenander, C.A
Director

11th November 2023

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