



Title: Minutes of Northern Territory Cricket Limited's 2024 Annual General Meeting (**Draft**)

Meeting Location: Mercure Darwin Airport Resort (2 Sir Norman Brearly Drive, Darwin Northern Territory - Sir Reg Ballroom) and electronically via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting Date: Saturday 16 November 2024 @ 10am ACST

Present: **Affiliated Clubs:** Darwin Cricket Club, Southern Districts Cricket Club.
Affiliated Associations: Alice Springs Cricket Association
Life Members: Dr Bruce Walker AM, Mr Ralph Wiese OAM
Directors: Dr Bruce Walker AM (Chair), Mr Lachlan Baird, Mr Tom Slattery, Ms Jo Fitzpatrick, Mr Michael Trull, Mr Stuart Kenny, Mr Andrew Moo.
Individuals: Mr Gavin Dovey, Mr Bevan Maher, Mr Praveen Thalagampala, Ms Olivia Sherlock, Mr Jordan Wright, Mr Stephen Ward, Mrs Jessica Smith, Mr Jake Pavlich, Mr Angus Vear, Mr Blake Gilbert, Mr Chris Young, Mrs Belinda Shaw, Mr Tim Shaw, Mr Karl Mayne, Mr Muhammad Abdullah Sohail, Mr Nick Winter, Mr John Boxsell, Mr Simon Matthias, Ms Julie Paige, Mr John Tate, Mr Himanshu Bhatia, Mr Clint Hayward, Mr Mark White.

Proxies: Mr Rick Fletcher.

Apologies: Ms Clare Martin AM, Ms Annie Andrews, Mr Rick Fletcher, Mr Neville John Marshall, Mr Jim Ford, Mr Michael Martin, Mr Josh Smith and Mr Kevin Lafaber

1. Declaring the Annual General Meeting of NTC Ltd Open

- Dr Bruce Walker opened the AGM at 10:07am and welcomed everyone to the 46th general meeting of the organisation, thanking everyone for their attendance both in person and online.
- Dr Walker acknowledged that we are meeting on Larrakia Land, and that we play cricket on land with first nations people all over the Northern Territory and that our relationship with Aboriginal people - past, present, and future – is very important.
- Dr Walker mentioned the apologies received from Ms Clare Martin AM, Ms Annie Andrews, Mr Rick Fletcher, Mr Neville John Marshall, Mr Jim Ford, Mr Michael Martin, Mr Josh Smith and Mr Kevin Lafaber.

2. Confirmation of Minutes from NTC Limited AGM on 18 November 2023

- Dr Walker asked members who attended 2023 NTC Ltd Annual General Meeting and who had read the comprehensive minutes whether they were willing to accept them.

A motion was put forward to accept and receive the minutes.

Moved: Mr Tom Slattery. **Seconded:** Mr Stuart Kenny. **All were in favour. Motion carried.**

3. 2024 President's Report

- Dr Walker read out his President's Report in full which is detailed in the 2023-24 NT Cricket Annual Report.
- Dr Walker took the opportunity, given his stepping down after 43 years on the Board of NT Cricket, to firstly reflect on the significant journey that NT Cricket has taken since inception in 1979.
- Dr Walker set out his observations and learnings ahead of the next period of growth, speaking about 'Cricket The Game (1979-2002)' and 'Cricket The Business (2002-2024)' before sharing his views on 'The Future for NT Cricket'.
- Dr Walker commended the 2023-24 Annual Report, trusting all those in attendance would be inspired by the direction and growth of NT Cricket.
- Dr Walker closed by stating it had been an honour to serve the sport and community for the past 43 years, and a privilege to play his part in this unique cricket journey in the NT, before receiving a generous round of applause from members.

4. 2024 CEO's Report

- Mr Dovey thanked Dr Walker, acknowledged the emotion evident in Dr Walker's address, and stated it was his intention to finish with his own reflections and acknowledgement of Dr Walker's extraordinary contribution.
- Mr Dovey began his report by stating it was fantastic to see so many Life Members present, as well as members of the hardworking Board, staff and the many volunteers that make up our wonderful cricket community.
- Mr Dovey communicated that the 2023-24 Annual Report would be put up on the NT Cricket website over the weekend, and hard copies would be available in due course. Mr Dovey apologised for the delay but said recent staff departures had tested resourcing.

- Mr Dovey believed the Annual Report was a fantastic celebration of what has been an incredible year for the sport, noting many people in the room (and many who aren't) had contributed to the achievements.
- Mr Dovey noted how proud he was to share and celebrate an incredible year for NTC, and he proceeded to read his CEO Report in full which is detailed in the 2023-24 Annual Report.
- Mr Dovey finished by acknowledging, recognising and celebrating Dr Walker's contribution, noting Bruce deserves nothing but respect, admiration and gratitude for the lifelong service he has given the sport, and the honour and privilege it has been serving alongside Bruce.
- Mr Dovey presented Dr Walker with a gift on behalf of the Northern Territory Cricket community, noting it was incredibly difficult to do justice to such service and find a gift commensurate that level of sustained contribution.
- Mr Dovey remarked that he hoped there would be plenty more opportunities for the community to all celebrate Bruce's contribution, but for the moment there was an exceptionally nice bottle of wine for Lorna and he to share together (the room broke out into applause).

A motion was put forward to accept and receive the President's and CEO's Reports.

Moved: Ms Julie Page. **Seconded:** Mr Chris Ward. **All were in favour, motion carried.**

5. 2024 Audit Report

- Mr Trull presented the FY24 Financial Report which is also detailed in the 2023-24 Annual Report.
- Mr Trull explained that the FY24 Financial Report has been on our website and online for about 3 weeks, and there had also been a financial information forum opportunity offered to all members to come and discuss any questions or comments they have on these.
- Mr Trull referred to Page 5 of the Profit and Loss – explaining based on gross income of \$3,701,526 less expenses resulted in a net profit for the financial year of \$135,967, after factoring in \$267,820 in depreciation.
- Mr Trull referred to Page 7 and explained this was a summary of net asset members funds in the business, with opening balance of \$5,922,451 plus asset revaluations that has happened over a number of years. Mr Trull confirmed a total opening balance of \$7,232,451 and a closing balance of members equity of \$7,368,418, noting this amount is loosely the net assets available within the organisation.
- Mr Trull referred to Page 8 and explained this was our cash flow for the year, providing an opening and closing cash position for the year with our cash balance increasing by \$434K.
- Mr Ralph Wiese asked Mr Trull for NT Cricket to provide an expanded Profit and Loss Statement with more detailed reports, and stated he had repeatedly asked for this information.

- Mr Trull explained to Mr Wiese that requests of this nature was the purpose and intent behind NT Cricket holding the financial information forum earlier in the week which he had attended. The financial information forum was open to all members who want further clarification, reports, or have questions regarding our financials. Mr Trull reiterated the purpose of today's AGM is to present, and hopefully pass, the audited financial statements, in line with the Corporations Act.
- Mr Trull asked the members for feedback on NT Cricket offering the same financial information forum opportunity next year. Mr John Tate said he had attended this year's forum and found it beneficial, so yes.
- Mr Dovey stated he felt Wiese's questioning was painting an inaccurate picture with members, the large majority who did not attend the financial information forum. Mr Dovey said it was important to state that 3 members had registered to attend the financial information forum held on Wednesday 5 November, each of those members had been contacted one week in advance and invited to communicate questions to aid discussion. Mr Dovey stated each of those members had been provided more detailed financial information in advance of the forum, and one of those members provided further financial information post the forum as requested. Mr Dovey said one of the NT Cricket Directors present at the financial information forum had also offered, repeatedly, to make himself available to a member to work through further questions, which had been declined.
- Mr Dovey said NT Cricket had engaged members in good faith and intent, based on feedback, and in a completely open and transparent manner, and any picture to the contrary was not accurate.

A motion was put forward to accept and receive the audited financial report.

Moved: Mr Andrew Moo. **Seconded:** Mr Chris Young. **All were in favour, motion carried.**

6. Declaration – Elections for the Management Board

- Dr Walker mentioned that members should all have received a note from the Nominations Committee, advising that NT Cricket received one nomination for two vacancies (for his position as well as Lachlan Baird's) and therefore under the constitution, NT Cricket could and would accept and announce that Mr Simon Matthias was appointed as a Director of Northern Territory Cricket Limited.
- Dr Walker congratulated Mr Matthias, as did members, and noted that the unfilled nomination becomes a casual vacancy, which will be filled by the Board in due course.
- Dr Walker noted Rick Fletcher has expressed his interest in staying on the Board for another 12 months, and that the Board will elect a President and Vice-President at the next Board Meeting in December.
- Dr Walker thanked the Noms Committee of Mr Michael Martin, Ms Annie Andrews and Mr John Marshall for their time, effort and support of the process.

7. Appointment of Auditor

- Mr Trull suggested a motion to remain with Perks Accountants, as they were the preferred choice again at a reasonable price, and local.

A motion was put forward that Perks Accountants be re-appointed as NT Cricket's auditor.

Moved: Mr Mick Trull. **Seconded:** Mr Ralph Wiese. **All in favour, motion carried.**

8. Appointment of Life Members – Ms Clare Martin AO, Mr Shane Franey, Mr Ross Williams

- Dr Walker announced that the Board has recommended that Ms Clare Martin AO, Mr Shane Franey and Mr Ross Williams be appointed Life Members of NT Cricket in recognition of their contribution and dedicated service to cricket in the Northern Territory.
- Dr Bruce Walker read out the citations that are listed on NT Cricket's website before asking the room to support the Board's recommendation and appoint the three (3) individuals to Life Membership. The hands of all those present were raised and applause followed.
- Dr Walker noted that it was NT Cricket's intention to find the appropriate time and place to inaugurate Ms Clare Martin AO, with plans to inaugurate Mr Shane Franey and Mr Ross Williams at the 2025 Imparja Cup.

A motion was put forward that we all accept and appoint these 3 people as Life Members.

Moved: Mr Steve Ward. **Seconded:** Ms Julie Paige. **All were in favour, motions carried.**

9. Transacting such other business as may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the constitution of NTC Ltd

- Dr Walker invited questions, issues or comments before bringing the 2024 Annual General Meeting to a close.
- **Q1:** Mr Ian Butterworth mentioned his 42 years of involvement in cricket – congratulated Dr Bruce Walker on all of his achievements and long service and hopes his future is bright. He mentioned one of his biggest joys in his time in cricket, was the 'Calder Shield' which was an intra-Territory competition which included teams from Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Katherine, Darwin, Groote Island, Gove and

Jabiru – which has subsequently ceased. Mr Butterworth noted there were some really good cricketers that emerged from this competition and wondered if this event will be coming back, or what are we doing to grow cricket and discovered talent in these regions instead.

- **A1:** Dr Walker said this is the value of the NTC Annual Report, which talks about what is happening everywhere, such as all the remote carnivals and cups happening throughout communities.
- **A1:** Mr Dovey then mentioned that we're doing everything we possibly can to make the game accessible to everyone within our community. The challenge is capacity and bandwidth. Mr Dovey provided two great recent examples where we had community cricket staff go on the road for 10 days visiting remote communities in Lajamanu, Kalkaringi & Yarralin and working their way up to Timber Creek where we hosted the Dingo Cup. A couple weeks later the community cricket team travelled up to Borroloola and engaged with schools and community leading into the Barra Cup. We would obviously love the opportunity to do more of these trips, but is dependent on capacity, funding, staff, and other business priorities.
- **Q2:** Mr Wiese asked if Matthew Stephens history research and project is ongoing.
- **A2:** Mr Dovey confirmed this project was ongoing and progressing. Mr Dovey said NT Cricket is funding this project and that Mr Stephens was currently completing two chapters per year. Mr Dovey said the current project plan has a completion date aligned to 2028 and the 50 Year Anniversary.
- **Q3:** Mr Wiese said that NT Cricket had just accepted three (3) Life Members but they're not affiliated with Darwin cricket. Mr Wiese believed there was, due to the unique governance in place for Darwin Cricket since the late 1990s, no mechanism for recognising in such a manner individuals who had made significant contributions to Darwin cricket. Mr Wiese made the comparison with Alice Springs Cricket Association (ASCA) who can bestow Life Membership on an individual.
- **A3:** Dr Walker explained that a citation is proposed to the Board for nomination, then the Board will review and decide. They need to be nominated to the Board before they can be considered.
- **A3:** Mr Andrew Moo explained that if there was contribution to a Darwin Club and the Competition, the Board would definitely consider them – but yes, they need to be nominated and put forward.
- **Q4:** Mr Wiese wished to bring to NT Cricket's attention Wally Mauger's deteriorating health, noting he is a long standing member of Northern Territory Cricket, Board Member, and previous Vice-President. Mr Wiese suggested it would be appropriate and appreciated to send a note to Wally's wife Fathma to say how much we appreciated what Wally's done for the sport over these years.
- **A4:** Mr Dovey confirmed this would be done and the least we could do.
- **Q5:** Mr Wiese's final point was to endorse what Mr Dovey said about Dr Bruce Walker. Mr Wiese wanted everyone to accept a motion, a vote of thanks for the tremendous work that Dr Bruce Walker has done for us. There was a large round of applause in the room.

- **A5:** Dr Walker thanked members for their support and pointed out that he's been a member elected Director for 43 years thanks to all the good things that Wally did. Dr Walker thanked the room again.

10. Meeting Close

Dr Walker declared the AGM closed at 11:35am.

This is a true and correct record of proceedings.

DR BRUCE WALKER AM
PRESIDENT & CHAIR
NORTHERN TERRITORY CRICKET LIMITED

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