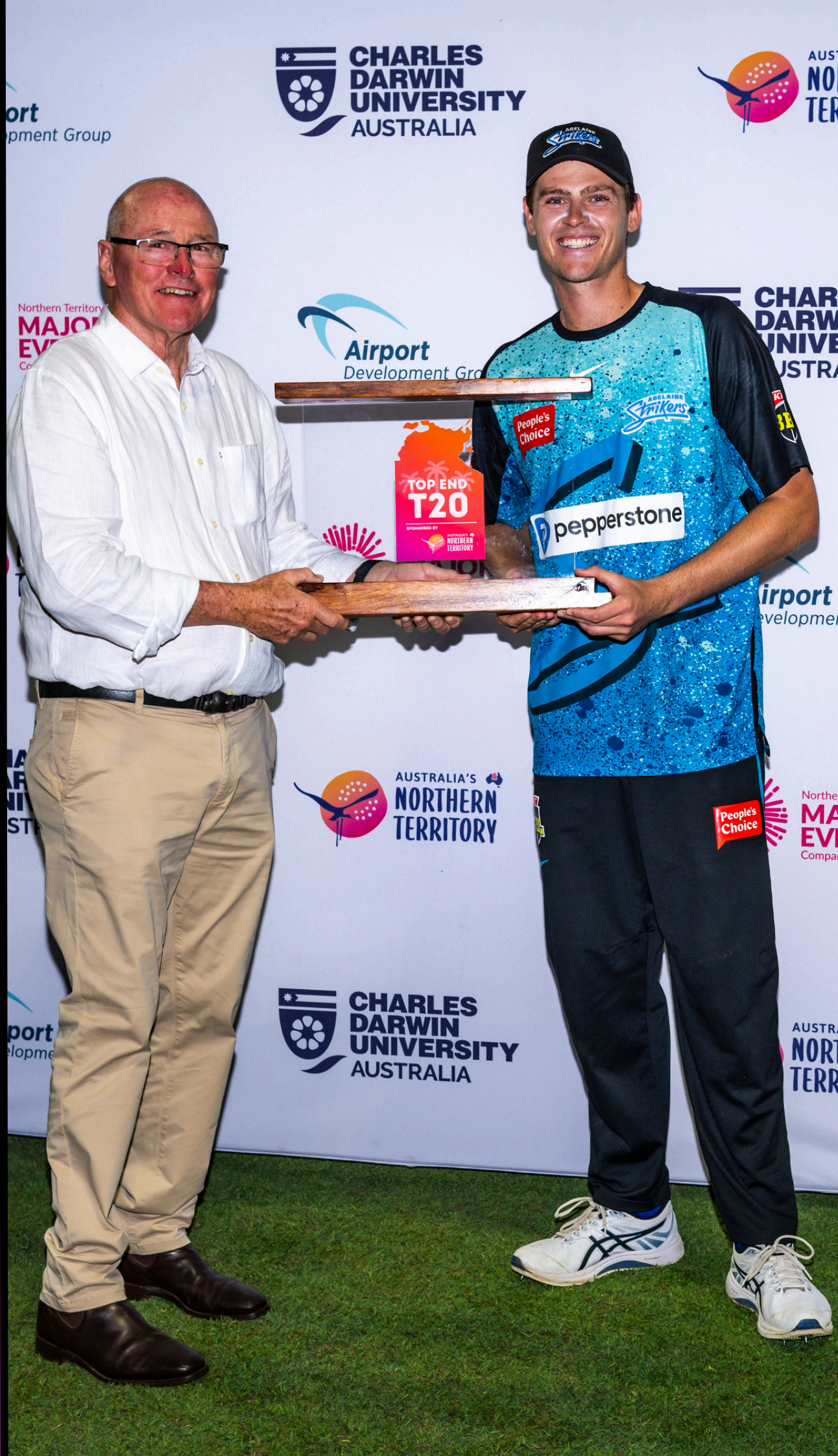


ANNUAL REPORT

2023/24



NORTHERN TERRITORY
CRICKET





Northern Territory Cricket respectfully acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Nations people of this country.

We acknowledge the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities, and the evolving cultures of all our First Nations peoples.

We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and to their leaders - past, present, and emerging.

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SPONSORS

MAJOR SPONSOR



CRICKET 365 SPONSORS



AUSTRALIA'S
**NORTHERN
TERRITORY**



Northern Territory
**MAJOR
EVENTS**
Company



OFFICIAL PARTNERS



HIGHLIGHTS



Life Member Ralph Wiese presented with Medal of the Order of Australia



The Federal Government awards NT Cricket "Play Our Way" Funding for 3 years to drive increased female participation, engagement and representation



NTC President Dr Bruce Walker AM inducted into NT Sports Roll of Honour



Palmerston Cricket Club (PCC) claim the double, winning both the 2024 Carlton Mid A-Grade and DXC Technology B-Grade Titles



NT Cricket launched first Volunteer Reward and Recognition Program in partnership with AANT



John Tate becomes only the second Territorian to win CA National Volunteer Award



NT Cricket plays its biggest ever role in CA National Play Cricket Week Campaign



The Country Liberal Party (CLP) commit \$2m towards the re-development of Darwin Cricket Club's Kahlin Oval Pavilion, in addition to \$2m towards Indigenous cricket programs and initiatives that makes the game more accessible



Simon Helmot and Tim Paine take charge of the NT Strike Senior Men's Team in the 2024 Top End T20 Series



The Adelaide Strikers take out the 2024 Top End T20 Series, defeating Bangladesh HP in the Final



The Women's Division of the 2024 Imparja Cup celebrated 20 years



Junior Participation in Darwin increased 26% (479 to 604)



Half the Big Bash joined the 2024 Top End T20 Series, with close to 1.3 million people (unique audience) around the world tuning in to watch



Justin Langer delivers Key Note Speech at NT Cricket "Business Bash" Luncheon in partnership with Chamber of Commerce



NT Cricket host Bi-Lateral Series between Pakistan Shaheens and Bangladesh High Performance Team



D'Arcy Short and Jake Weatherald returned home to represent the NT Strike

Over 100 new girls introduced to cricket via three 'Colour Blast Come and Try Days'



DXC Technology continue as the Major Partner of NT Cricket for a further 2 years

Record number of cricket programs delivered in remote communities



NT Cricket hosts Multicultural Cup with players representing five different countries

The 'Schools Division' is re-introduced to the 2024 Imparja Cup with 4 Schools participating

500 people turn up to Freds Pass Reserve for the 2024 Top End T20 Series 'Country Clash'

STRATEGIC PLAN

2022-27



OUR VISION

TO UNITE & INSPIRE OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH
CRICKET

OUR PURPOSE

CRICKET IS A
THRIVING SPORT
FOR ALL

STRATEGIC PILLARS

THRIVING CRICKET COMMUNITIES

We will make cricket fun, accessible and welcoming for everyone in our richly diverse community.

- More 5 - 12 year olds playing cricket
- More women & girls playing cricket
- More Indigenous Territorians playing cricket
- Strong and healthy clubs, competitions and communities
- Accessible and welcoming environment for all

STRONG CRICKET PATHWAYS & TEAMS

Our male and female players will play to win, compete with integrity and make Territorians proud

- Junior academies that develop great players and great people
- Respected and winning teams
- Grow and develop great coaches and officials
- Territorians have a clear pathway to elite cricket

GROW INVESTMENT IN CRICKET

We will grow our business and increase investment to ensure cricket thrives in the Northern Territory

- Grow the Cricket 365 program
- Cricket is the leading sports partner in the Territory
- Renovate the home of Territory cricket
- Build a winter cricket business in partnership with Australian Cricket

ENABLERS

Our People

Our Community

Partnerships

Australian Cricket Network

OUR GOVERNANCE

Northern Territory Cricket Limited is the Peak Sporting Body for the sport of cricket in the Northern Territory.

On 14 October 2021 NT Cricket Ltd transitioned from an incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Members of the organisation elect six Directors and the Board appoints three Directors. NT Cricket is an associate member of Cricket Australia.

OUR BOARD

				Directors' Meetings	
	Director	Category	End of Term	Eligible To Attend	Number Attended
1	Dr Bruce Walker AM <i>Chair</i>	Member Elected	2024 AGM	9	9
2	Mr Andrew Moo <i>Deputy Chair</i>	Member Elected	2026 AGM	9	7
3	Mr Lachlan Baird	Member Elected	2024 AGM	9	9
4	Ms Ann-Maree Andrews	Member Elected	2025 AGM	9	8
5	Mr Michael Trull	Member Elected	2025 AGM	9	8
6	Mr Tom Slettery	Member Elected	2026 AGM	5	5
7	Mr Rick Fletcher	Board Appointed	2024 AGM	9	4
8	Ms Jo Fitzpatrick	Board Appointed	2026 AGM	9	8
9	Mr Stuart Kenny	Board Appointed	2025 AGM	9	7

OUR PEOPLE

NT Cricket employs a diverse group of full-time and part-time staff with a broad range of skills and experience. There are currently 12 roles based in Darwin, with 1 role based in Alice Springs. NT Cricket also employs part-time, contractors and casual staff in line with peak periods and to supplement the many wonderful volunteers who work tirelessly to service and grow the game throughout the Territory.



Gavin Dovey
Chief Executive Officer
Commenced 2023



Olivia Sherlock
Head of Events,
Comms & Marketing
Commenced 2019



Nick Winter
Head of Cricket
Commenced 2024



Jake Pavlich
Head of Facilities
Commenced 2024



Karl Mayne
Head of Clubs &
Competitions
Commenced 2024



Jess Smith
Office Manager
Commenced 2019



Jack Doyle
Participation &
Growth Lead
(Darwin)
Commenced 2023



Keshav Keerthi
Participation &
Growth Lead
(Alice Springs)
Commenced 2023



Prav Thalagampala
Communications &
Digital Coordinator
Commenced 2023



Angus Vear
Senior Curator
Commenced 2024



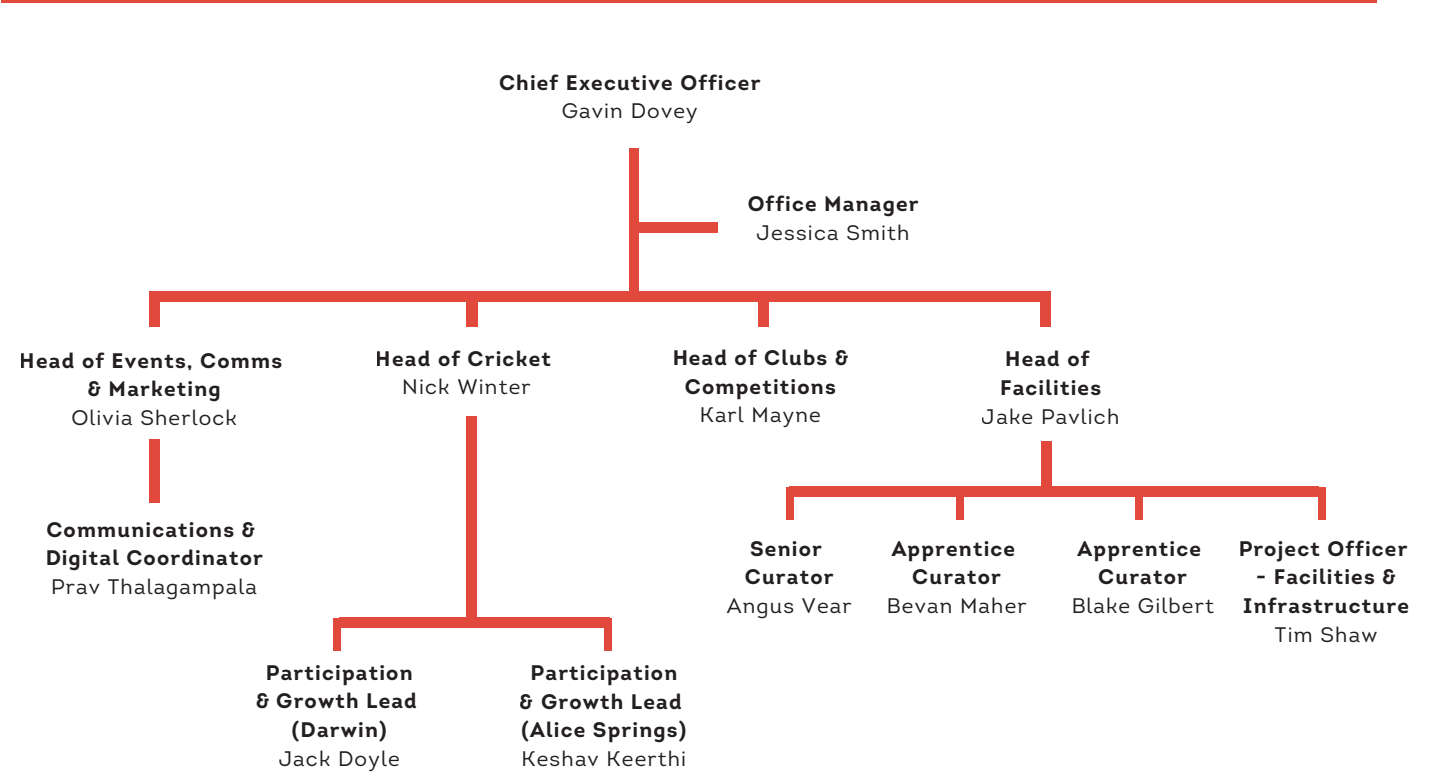
Bevan Maher
Apprentice
Curator
Commenced 2022



Blake Gilbert
Apprentice
Curator
Commenced 2023



Tim Shaw
Project Officer -
Facilities &
Infrastructure
Commenced 2024



OUR LIFE MEMBERS

Ralph Wiese OAM

Awarded Life Membership (2006)

Ian Butterworth

Awarded Life Membership (2021)

Jim Ford OAM

Awarded Life Membership (2010)

Chris Young

Awarded Life Membership (2022)

Dr Bruce Walker AM

Awarded Life Membership (2015)

Stephen Ward

Awarded Life Membership (2023)

John Marshall

Awarded Life Membership (2015)



Stephen Ward presented with his Life Membership in 2023

OUR PATRON

The Constitution of Northern Territory Cricket Limited states that the Administrator of the Northern Territory shall be the Patron of the Company.

His Honour Professor, the Honourable **Hugh Heggie PSM**, was sworn in as the 23rd Administrator of the Northern Territory on 2 February 2023.

On 17 February 2023, His Honour kindly accepted our Patronage Invitation.

Prior to his appointment as Administrator of the Northern Territory, His Honour demonstrated outstanding service and excellence in clinical practice, leadership, management and administrative fields over the course of a 50-year career in Health.

His Honour's compassionate and exemplary contributions to the health and wellbeing of the Northern Territory's population, particularly the Indigenous community, was recognised in January 2021 with the awarding of the Public Service Medal (PSM) for outstanding public service to community health.

NT Cricket thanks His Honour for his Patronage of cricket in the Northern Territory.



Hugh Heggie PSM hosting Order of Australia Medal recipients, including NT Cricket Life Member, Ralph Wiese OAM

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Northern Territory Cricket Limited I am pleased to report on the activities of the organisation for the year 2023-2024. This report ends the 45th year of our operation and signifies the end of my term as a Board Member and President of NT Cricket after 40 plus years of involvement (18 years as Vice-President and 22 years as President).

As context for the 2023-2024 Annual Report I begin by reflecting on the significant journey of NT Cricket since its inception in 1979 and I have taken the liberty of setting out my observations and learnings through that time and what I believe is before NT Cricket in the next period of its growth.

NT Cricket has had only three Presidents since its inception in 1979 - John Whelan, Ralph Wiese OAM and myself. For a small population base with considerable churn this is a remarkable achievement and while it goes against conventional good governance, it has been a fundamental stabilising aspect of the NT Cricket journey.

While there is much that could be debated, I believe NT Cricket has now come to the end of its second significant stage of development.

Cricket the Game (1979-2002)

The first 20 years or so for NT Cricket were largely about establishing the game, across

the Northern Territory. The focus was on developing players and competitions and engaging in coaching and development activities. Many volunteers worked assiduously to establish a presence and gain acceptance for our young cricketers in the national framework. This activity enabled NT Cricket to enter national competition in the U16 and U19 national championships.

NT Cricket began without a home or financial resources and in 1988 when the first game was played on Marrara Cricket Ground (MCG) we found that home. The construction of the facilities at MCG marked the first significant investment of the Northern Territory Government (NTG) in cricket since self-government.

In this development phase NT Cricket took opportunistic advantage of sponsorships that enabled visiting first class and international cricket fixtures to be played more so in Alice Springs than Darwin.

However, in the context of the national cricket organisation we remained on the outer as grant funded beneficiaries of the States via Cricket Australia.

Cricket the Business (2002-2024)

The second phase of NT Cricket's development in the subsequent 20 years or so was largely about establishing cricket as a business, including establishing the NT's place in the national cricket business.



In May 2000 Ralph Wiese and I presented NT Cricket's vision to the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) in Alice Springs. This meeting was the watershed for NT Cricket as it set the agenda for the following 22 years of development.

NT Cricket indicated to the ACB that we could lead and restore the ACB's shortcomings in their relationship with Indigenous Australians. Secondly, that the NT had the facilities to play first class and international cricket in Darwin during the winter months down south.

The ACB accepted both of these challenges. NT Cricket hosted a meeting of Indigenous leaders during the West Indies 2000 visit to Alice Springs and the CA Indigenous Cricket Strategy and the National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee (NICAC) were established.

Importantly, Shane Franey and Ross Williams offered the Imparja Cup as an entry point for CA to grow the national component to the carnival.

The second impact was the arrival of Test Cricket in Darwin. In 2003 we had the first Test Match played at TIO Stadium against Bangladesh on a relayed surface with new drop in wickets.



Dr Bruce Walker AM welcomes guests to the "Business Bash" Luncheon held in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce (August 2024)

This was the NTG's second major investment in cricket facilities in Darwin.

In 2002 the Board of NT Cricket announced a review by Ross Turner from CA's Game Development Department. Ross made recommendations in 2003 that resulted in both constitutional change, a physical move to a more corporate office in Keith Lane, Fannie Bay, and a reworking of the NT Cricket brand.

NT Cricket presented a proposal to the CA Board in Melbourne for a major ground upgrade at Marrara Cricket Ground (MCG) including office and training facilities. A grant for \$1million from CA (augmented by several million dollars from the NTG) and a contribution by Lords Taverners facilitated the construction of our current office and the undercover nets and training facility at Marrara. NT Cricket were now able to offer training facilities to state and national teams. Further Commonwealth and NTG investment enabled the installation of lights at DXC

Arena, and in Palmerston. Darwin Council funded lights at Gardens Oval and Alice Springs Town Council and NTG funded lighting at Albrecht Oval in Alice Springs. Slowly NT Cricket was compiling the business case for investment in cricket in the north.

The CA Board had made it quite clear that for further investment in NT Cricket we had to undertake activities that were in the national interest (that is in the interest of the CA members) not just for local cricket development. That national interest agenda for NT Cricket revolved around the development of the Cricket 365 branding. This period saw a significant increase in sponsorships as we were able to grow content in the business.

In line with the growth of the business, the NT Cricket Associations Inc transitioned to Northern Territory Cricket Limited in 2019. NT Cricket was invited to attend meetings of State and Territory Chairs of Cricket and became a formal member of the Australian

Cricket Council post the CA Cultural Review. Each of these changes in turn facilitated the business of building the NT's profile as a winter destination, aligning emerging players from sub-continent teams with emerging Australian talent, particularly in the T20 space.

It has taken an extraordinary length of time and effort by many people to establish this profile and acceptance of what the NT has to offer cricket nationally and internationally. We now have a three-year accumulated experience and data that demonstrates the growth in the C365 opportunity and are projecting a significant investment from CA in 2025 to further expand the concept.

My objective in my last term was to bed down the company structure, build out the strategic plan and resolve the funding model arrangements with CA. Through negotiations with CA we have been able to determine an agreed baseline of support that is required to operate an Australian cricket business in North Australia.

For the first time, NT cricket has been included in the CA four-year funding cycle rather than being supported through annual grants. We have achieved significant new investment from the NTG into Indigenous cricket as well as from the Federal government in growing women and girls participation in cricket.

Overall participation has increased. Competitions are vibrant and growing. In Darwin particularly, young people have had exposure to significantly more talent and coaching support surrounding C365.

I would never have imagined in 1981 that a cricket fixture in Darwin would have coverage available to 98 million people across Australia and the sub-continent through a range of broadcast channels. The C365 event has grown to a unique audience of close to 1.3 million people, with a global cumulative audience of between 12 to 13 million people.

The Future for NT Cricket

In business and sport numbers and markets count.

In the NT our numbers are comparatively low. While we argue they are important in comparison with other investment opportunities in cricket, they are seen by others as insignificant. Recognising this, NT Cricket has to think and act differently to be noticed in the national and international sporting world, particularly in cricket.

It is difficult to build a national sporting identity or NT team on a population base of 240,000 fans. We would go broke if we



Dr Bruce Walker AM welcomes Michelle Garland (DXC Technology), then Chief Minister the Hon Eva Lawler MLA, and Steve Lindsay (DXC Technology) to the 2024 Imparja Cup in Alice Springs

tried to play in Sheffield Shield or Big Bash. Similarly, while local competition is an important part of our role it will not in itself build the NT profile and business nationally.

Ultimately our greatest long-term challenge is growing the Territory population. This is an economic challenge and a business challenge for cricket. A challenge to which cricket can contribute. It is a challenge that needs leadership, innovation and connections.

Where will this future Territory population come from?

In a changing world you don't have to look far to know. The centre of gravity of the world of cricket is changing rapidly.

CA estimates the Border Gavaskar Series between India and Australia will eclipse the Ashes within 8 years. The Top End dry season gives Darwin a window into this market.

This year we streamed the Top End T20 Series live into India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. We have interest from the five major sub-continent nations in participation in this event. I contend it is these countries who will provide the bulk of the NT's future population (not

football loving people from the east coast moving up to the NT). Our point of difference with the football codes is that we have an expanding market opportunity that can directly contribute to the population growth of the NT.

I have attempted to convey to our own Members, the States and Territories, and CA an understanding of the unique aspects of the NT, its demography and geography and the implications and opportunities for cricket.

I have learned that the jurisdictional (federated) basis for cricket is changing rapidly. Borders are disappearing and there are a host of emerging scenarios for the Territory. Test Matches may be the pinnacle for older cricketers, but they rely on national borders to make sense but for every other form of the game the franchise business model predominates.

We were probably before our time suggesting Cricket North Australia as a brand. You will have noticed the number of fixtures being played in Mackay in North Queensland and the recent announcement that the National Indigenous Cricket Championships will be played there from next April.



The fact that NTG were unable to submit a bid for future fixtures over the next 7 years is an indication that our economy is too small to go it alone and we now need to forge alliances.

NT Cricket is well placed to deliver these alliances and I trust the new Board and leadership will support and encourage a broader vision of how cricket can be sustained in the NT. The next group of leaders will need to understand cricket as a business, they will need a 10 plus year horizon and an ability to read the market.

At the same time we need to continue to increase local participation and growth. We need to engage nationally and internationally. We have a wonderfully diverse community that will help us achieve that. We should celebrate the foresight of our early cricket leaders and administrators, and reflect on the valuable work of thousands of volunteers over the years who have contributed to the development of cricket and cricket infrastructure in the clubs and communities of the Northern Territory.

The Year 2023-24

We have increased registrations across many competitions, and importantly delivered significant growth in two target markets (5-12yrs and Women & Girls).

Congratulations to all the clubs who won trophies this season, particularly Palmerston Cricket Club who completed a rare double, victorious in both the Carlton Mid A-Grade and DXC Technology B-Grade in the Darwin and Districts Cricket Competition.

As we continue to re-build our pathway it was pleasing to see the NT Strike Team perform well again in the Top End T20 Series. Particularly in a tournament which included the Pakistan Shaheens ('A') and Bangladesh High Performance Team, plus 4 Big Bash Franchises and 2 State High-Performance Programs.

It was great to see Jake Weatherald and D'Arcy Short choose to play for the NT Strike and represent where they are from. Congratulations to both of them for all that they continue to achieve. This year D'Arcy became the first Territorian to win a Sheffield Shield Title, and Jake the Adelaide Strikers all-time leading run scorer.

It has also been terrific to see continued growth in female cricket. The Women's Competition in Darwin goes from the strength to strength, the Desert Rose Cup has been re-established and female leaders in our community such as Bronte Stray and Melissa Campbell are getting recognition and opportunities as part of the national 'Project Inspire'.

Our sustainability as a cricket organisation is linked to our engagement with Australian Cricket and the contribution we can make to the game nationally.

Cricket 365 is our chosen vehicle for this growth and this year we again exceeded all expectations for a third year running. The CEO's report will provide more on this exciting aspect of our strategy.

Last year I reported the new Chair of CA, Mike Baird AO, suggested a one-year funding agreement (instead of the regular 4 year agreement) while CA and the States had an opportunity to explore governance concerns and undertook an effectiveness and efficiency review of Australian Cricket in order to secure increased revenue.

While the uncertainty caused by the delay created some problems for the NT, we were successful in achieving a slight increase in funding support and an injection to provide continuity for Cricket 365. CA have acknowledged that the Territories have been chronically underfunded over past years and in addition to confirming this year's budget they have undertaken a cost base review to determine what a sustainable base is for a cricket business in the north.



I am pleased to say that this review is almost finalised and will, if accepted, result in a more significant uplift that NT Cricket can use as a baseline for future negotiations.

The Board continues to position opportunities for the NT within this changing environment for cricket globally. Our role is to find the balance between the external pressures on cricket and the local aspirations of members in their Clubs, Committees and Associations.

I thank all Directors for their support in maintaining cricket's leadership as a professional sporting business in the NT. Michael Trull has led Alice Springs Cricket Association (ASCA) with distinction and kept a watchful eye on our financial position through his participation in the CA Finance Working Group.

This year the Board welcomed Tom Slattery as a new Director for a three-year term and re-elected Andrew Moo. The Board reappointed Rick Fletcher for a further year. I wish to make special mention of the contribution provided by Lachlan Baird both in leadership of Darwin Cricket and also as a Director of NTC. Lachlan has contributed significantly as we have established the company and has held Directors and the company to account in terms of our respective duties and responsibilities. Whilst he is not seeking a further term as Director he has indicated he is willing to continue supporting NT Cricket.

I commend Gavin Dovey for his passionate leadership and commitment as CEO and all of our NT Cricket staff for their dedication to the game and

thank them for their tireless, and often thankless, work that goes on behind the scenes. Particular mention for Darren Treumer and Olivia Sherlock who have recently left NT Cricket. Both gave dedicated service to the game during a time of rapid growth and transition.

Gavin is a great asset for NT Cricket. His energy is infectious and he has a clear understanding of the Board's vision and how we can get there. He is already a staunch and passionate defender of the NT in Australian Cricket circles and has recruited an energetic team of permanent and casual staff to help him deliver the vision.

I commend this annual report to you and trust you will be inspired by the direction and growth of NT Cricket. It has an accepted national profile, an appropriate budget to sustain that profile and many exciting opportunities for young cricketers choosing to play in the NT. It is a platform that enables us to unite and inspire the community in the NT to love and play cricket.

I trust the forthcoming season presents you all with an opportunity to enjoy Australia's favourite sport – a sport for all that makes Territorians proud.

It has been an honour to serve you for the past 43 years. It has been a privilege to play my part in this unique cricket journey in the Northern Territory.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Bruce Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Dr Bruce Walker AM
Chair
NT Cricket Ltd



CEO MESSAGE

THROUGHOUT 2023-24 WE HAVE CONTINUED TO LAY STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR CRICKET IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY TO ACHIEVE RECORD GROWTH, INTEREST AND INVESTMENT OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT DECADE

Extraordinary Service

I would like to begin by paying tribute to outgoing President, Dr Bruce Walker AM, whose contribution to Northern Territory Cricket as both Vice-President (1984-2002) and President (2002-2024) over the course of 43 years is nothing short of extraordinary. Since Northern Territory Cricket was established in 1979, no single person has had a bigger impact or given more to cricket in this part of the country, and for that the sport both here and nationally owe Dr Walker an immense gratitude.

Under Dr. Walker's strategic leadership, Northern Territory Cricket has undergone significant governance reforms and operational professionalisation, alongside substantial infrastructure enhancements in cricket facilities across Darwin and Alice Springs that have grown, enriched and sustained the sport in the Territory. In addition, Dr Walker has been pivotal in the development and advancement of Australian Cricket's Indigenous Cricket Strategy, as well as the advocacy and realisation of the opportunity to host elite cricket in Northern Australia. In summary, much of what has been enjoyed or made possible over a considerable period has been because of the vision, effort, care and persistence of Dr Walker.

It was pleasing to see Dr Walker's invaluable contribution acknowledged on the national stage recently where members of the Australian Cricket Council, on which Dr Walker sits, congratulated Dr Walker on his decades of service, and paused to recognise the extent to which Australian Cricket has been a significant beneficiary of his unwavering commitment, passion and dedication to enhancing the sport. All in a voluntary capacity.



Over the course of my 15 years in Australian Cricket I've had the great privilege of working closely with some of cricket's greatest leaders, both on and off the field. Individuals such as Ricky Ponting, Steve Waugh, Rod Marsh, Tim Paine and Justin Langer, as well as outstanding administrators like James Sutherland, Belinda Clark and Pat Howard.

It is without question that Dr Bruce Walker is in that company, one of Australian Cricket's finest administrators, and a man who deserves nothing but respect, admiration and gratitude for the lifetime of service he has given to the sport. I thank him for his mentorship, wisdom and wise counsel. It will be missed.

Entering our most exciting period in over a decade

I'm proud to share and celebrate an incredible year for Northern Territory Cricket, a year in which we achieved some outstanding results, as well as continued to showcase, advocate and elevate the role we play in Australian Cricket.

Throughout my first 12-18 months as CEO, I gained real clarity about the leadership opportunity here in the Northern Territory, and that is one of unapologetically driving **C**hange, **E**quality and **O**ppportunity for the sport, our community and the future generations of Territory boys and girls that we want to play and love the game.

We embarked on year three of our Strategic Plan (2022-2027), and despite the unique challenges, obstacles and set backs that all sports here in the Territory experience, we have re-set the organisation and laid strong foundations that position us to achieve an unprecedented period of growth across all areas of the game.

Despite Cricket Australia being at a low point in its four-year financial cycle, this year we have continued to make sound progress with the National Governing Body in our long-standing effort to establish and agree an appropriate and sustainable funding base for administering and growing the sport here in the Northern Territory.

We have entered into record broadcast and commercial partnerships that drive revenue growth and reinvestment

We have also achieved record levels of investment from both the Federal Government and the Northern Territory Government, including in the areas of female participation, engagement and representation, as well as investment to help make cricket fun, welcoming and accessible to indigenous communities.

We have also been pleased to see further government investment into the creation and installation of a second drop-in wicket into TIO Stadium as part of continued efforts to secure the return of international cricket to the Top End for the first time since 2008.

By delivering a record number of Woolworths Cricket Blast Programs, we have achieved our highest ever junior participation numbers in Darwin, including a record number of women and girl participants

We have leaned into and strengthened our relationships with the cricket communities in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and throughout remote Northern Territory.

In addition, we have increased our focus and investment in the Imparja Cup and the unique remote Indigenous Cricket Carnivals that take place annually in Timber Creek, Borroloola, Katherine and Tennant Creek. These important community sporting events have been happening for decades, and we want to ensure they continue for years to come.





We have focused on creating engaging and dynamic content that tells our story better. Showcasing and recognising the many wonderful clubs, people and volunteers that make up the backbone of our diverse community. In the process achieving record growth in our social media engagement, following and profile.

Our decision to pause the Strike League concept in 2024 and focus on growing and developing the Top End T20 Series was vindicated by the arrival into Darwin of half the Big Bash League, the Pakistan Cricket Board, the Bangladesh Cricket Board, a partnership with Tourism NT, fixtures on KAYO Sports, and nearly 1.3 million unique viewers from around the world.

While the highs were high, our inability to field an NT Men's or Women's Indigenous Team in the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in 2024 was a reminder that there is still much work to be done across the game, but in particular in improving the growth and support of Indigenous cricket at a community and pathway level.

An incredible team

I was lucky to inherit the most incredible team of staff when arriving in Darwin in January 2023, but since then I've been further fortunate to have recruited a wonderful group of new people who are equally as passionate and committed to hunting the enormous opportunities that exist for the sport in the Northern Territory.

Our full-time, part-time and casual workforce have been herculean in their efforts these past 12 months, again going well above and beyond in their pursuit of our goals and the collective achievement of new and difficult projects.

I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of them, and both Northern Territory Cricket and Australian Cricket is indebted to their selflessness and sacrifice throughout 2023-24.

Gavin Dovey

Chief Executive Officer
Northern Territory Cricket Ltd

Thank You

A united and aligned Northern Territory Cricket system is a key strength and enabler of the long-term health and prosperity of our game, with the collective effort of our cricket community and other partners and stakeholders leading to the achievement of what was a landmark year for the game.

I thank all of our clubs, players, umpires, scorers, volunteers, and administrators, as well as our commercial, broadcast, media, government and charity partners, whose dedication to cricket and support of our aspirations ensures cricket remains at the heart of Australian life and plays an increasingly important role in the Northern Territory's diverse and growing communities.



COMMUNITY CRICKET





'Come and Try Day' at DXC Arena, Darwin

Junior Participation Records

Junior registration in Darwin reached a record 604 participants for the 2024 season (a 26% rise from 2023). This outstanding result was achieved off the back of a huge effort from clubs and community cricket coaches delivering Woolworths Cricket Blast Programs to 165 participants, as well as NT Cricket delivering over 42 school programs. A further highlight was the McDonalds U9s competition having a record 10 teams with all Darwin and Districts Clubs represented for the first time.

There have been some wonderful achievements in the community cricket space over the past 12 months, and we will continue to support our Associations, Clubs, Coaches, Match Officials, Committees and Volunteers as the backbone and lifeblood of the game here in the Territory.

Driving increased participation in our key target demographic of 5-12 year olds remained a key focus area for the team, and credit must be extended to our two 'Participation and Growth Leads', Jack Doyle (Darwin) and Kesh Keerthi (Alice Springs), for their tireless efforts in attracting more boys and girls to play cricket.

Jack, Kesh and our dedicated team of casual community cricket coaches have delivered record junior participation in Darwin, record Woolworths Cricket Blast participation in Alice Springs, and spearheaded the re-introduction of junior cricket in Katherine for the first time in a decade. They have also successfully delivered pilot programs such as 'Girls Only Colour Blast Come & Try Days' and Woolworths 'Brekky Blast'.

We have also received a record level of Sporting Schools requests for cricket programs throughout the Territory.

CA National Community Awards

Longtime Nightcliff Cricket Club (NCC) curator, umpire and volunteer John Tate was recognised nationally by Cricket Australia as part of their annual Community Cricket Awards.

Honoured with a 'Highly Commended' (runner up) award in the 'Volunteer of the Year' category, John is only the second person from the Northern Territory to be recognised by Cricket Australia since the national Awards launched eight years ago,

ACIF Investment

Throughout 2023-24 NT Cricket, via the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) and Grassroots Cricket Fund were able to make over \$138,000 available for community cricket infrastructure and facility initiatives, with a focus on growing participation.

Successful projects included Southern Districts Cricket Club (installation of a change room shade structure) and Alice Springs Cricket Association (cricket net refurbishment),



Gavin Dovey (NTC CEO) and Luke Gosling MP (Federal Member for Solomon) announce the successful Play Our Way Funding.

The feedback we continue to receive is boys and girls in regional, remote and very remote areas want to play cricket, they love the programs NT Cricket are delivering, and we therefore remain determined to make the sport fun and accessible.

In September 2024 NT Cricket was also advised it had been successful in obtaining funding from the Federal Government's \$200m 'Play Our Way Program' established to support initiatives that address participation barriers faced by women and girls.

As a result of the 3-year funding grant, NT Cricket will create new roles and deliver programs that drive increased participation, engagement and representation of women and girls throughout the Northern Territory, ensuring cricket is fun, welcoming and accessible to our regional and remote female communities.

There remains so much more to do in this vital area of the game, but we believe we are building the capacity and capability to drive significant change, create a new generation of boys and girls who love and play the game, and ultimately continue to embed cricket as culturally important in the Northern Territory.

Woolworths Blast Takes Off in Alice

Over 50 kids, aged from 5 – 12 years, took part in the seven-session program designed to provide young cricketers with basic skills to kickstart their cricketing careers.

The success of the program led to the establishment of an Alice Springs Cricket Association U10s competition for the first time, providing greater entry level opportunities for junior cricketers and building a pipeline of participants to feed into U13s and U16s.



Volunteer Recognition Program

NT Cricket entered into a 2-year partnership with the Automobile Association of the Northern Territory (AANT) to begin the organisation's first volunteer recognition program.

As part of the landmark partnership, the "AANT Volunteer of the Month" program has highlighted, celebrated and recognised the significant contribution volunteers make to grassroots cricket, celebrating club curators, junior coordinators and coaches.



Record 'Play Cricket Week' Delivery

NT Cricket played its biggest ever role in 'Play Cricket Week', with the Top End T20 Series aligning to the nationwide campaign and delivering a host of Big Bash and International players into schools in Darwin to promote cricket. NT Cricket enjoyed one of the highest representations of elite cricketers visiting schools, including Scott Boland, Will Sutherland, Jhye Richardson, Marcus Harris, as well as returning local heroes D'Arcy Short, Kane Richardson and Jake Weatherald.





Darwin & Alice Springs team together at DXC Arena, Darwin

DESERT ROSE CUP

Darwin Women's and Alice Springs Women's Teams once again competed for the Desert Rose Cup in September 2024, with a multi-format series taking place at DXC Arena, Darwin.

The annual event again played an important role in promoting female cricket in the Northern Territory. In addition, this year the event took on extra importance in also ensuring further development opportunity for the next generation of female pathway talent. Giving those younger talented players exposure to more competitive cricket in the lead into Cricket Australia Underage Championships in January.

Darwin won the T20 Series 2-1, before Monet Hunter's (Waratah Cricket Club) superb all-round display in the 40 Over Fixture (42 runs and 3/10) secured a 30-run and 3-1 series victory for Darwin. Series leading run-scorers were Bronte Stray (203), Monet Hunter (186), Aeryn McCormack (139) - while the top wicket takers were Monet Hunter (6), Melissa Nixon (5), Krystelle Jones (5) and Maisie Johnson (5).

MULTICULTURAL CUP

Multicultural cricket remains a key focus and opportunity for NT Cricket in line with Cricket Australia's recently released Multicultural Action Plan (2023-2027), the plan highlighting the Northern Territory as having the highest percentage of residents in the country with one or more parents born overseas (61%).

In 2024 NT Cricket hosted the Multicultural Cup, as the event took on a new format and identity, with players and teams representing their country of origin or heritage, supporting the aim of bringing the diverse and rapidly growing cricket community in the Top End closer together.

Played over the first three weekends of October, competitors braved the hot and humid 'build-up' conditions to showcase their love and passion for the game. Over 160 players from 6 different countries came together for 28 matches across 3 venues, with 10 teams competing under the banners of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Australia. The Australia 'B' side took out the inaugural edition of the tournament.



The 10 Captains of the 2024 Multicultural Cup



ASSOCIATIONS





DARWIN AND DISTRICTS
CRICKET



2024 CHAMPIONS

Senior

Carlton Mid Premier Grade Two Day Premiers: Palmerston
Premier Grade One Day Premiers: Nightcliff
T20 Premiers: Southern Districts
Quality People Women's Division: Waratah
DXC Technology B Grade Two Day Premiers: Darwin
Quality People C Grade: PINT
D Grade: Nightcliff
Sunday 1: PINT
Sunday 2: PINT

Junior

McDonald's Under 12 Blue: Palmerston
McDonald's Under 15 Red: PINT
McDonald's U15 Blue: Southern Districts
McDonald's Under 18 One Day: PINT
McDonald's Under 18 T20: Southern Districts



ALICE SPRINGS
CRICKET

2023-24 CHAMPIONS

Senior

A Grade One Day: Federal
B Grade One Day: West
C Grade One Day: Federal
A Grade T20: West
B Grade T20: Rovers
C Grade T20: Federal
Women's Premiers:
 Complete Construction

Junior

Under 13: West
Under 16: Federal



2023/24 Alice Springs Cricket Committee

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Mick Trull

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2024 DDCC AWARD WINNERS



2024 DDCC Club Champions
WARATAH CRICKET CLUB



2024 DDCC
Spirit of Cricket
Award
**TRACY VILLAGE
CRICKET CLUB**



2024 Bob Vowles Curator Award
NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB

2024 DDCC
Women's Cricketer of
the Year
**HANNAH
ARMSTRONG**

2024 DDCC Ralph Wiese
Medallist
JAGA KODURU

2024 Margaret Coady Memorial Award
for outstanding service to cricket
JAMIE FFORDE



2023-24 ASCA AWARD WINNERS



2023/24 Braszell Medallist &
Volunteer of the Year
EMILY MCBRIDE



2023/24 Ashton Medal:
KFC Summer League Player
of the series
MAISIE JOHNSON



Jarrod Wapper with
Samindra
Madushan

2023/24 ASCA Club
Champions
WEST CRICKET CLUB



2023/ 24 Jarrod
Wapper Medallist &
Cricketer of the Year
SAMINDRA MADUSHAN



2023/24 Junior Volunteer
of the Year
LARA DUNCUM **28**



KATHERINE &
DISTRICTS
CRICKET
ASSOCIATION

Season Review

The Katherine & Districts Cricket Association (KDCA) commenced the season in April 2024 with 6 teams participating across two venues, Peter Short Oval and the Katherine South School. Due to extreme heat the season was shortened to 12 weeks, with teams competing in 30 Over Fixtures.

The competition welcomed newcomers, The **Rhino's Cricket Club**, who joined 2023 Premiers **The Bulls Cricket Team**, along with regulars **The Camels Cricket Club**, **Tindal Cricket Club**, **The Katherine COWS** and **The KTroops Cricket Club**.

The KDCA games were closely contested every week, with The Katherine COWS showing all year why they would be a force to be reckoned with, dominated games and winning the close ones. Unfortunately, after playing so well all year, The COWS got knocked out of the Semi-Finals by the CAMELS who started finding their forms towards seasons end.

Team Of The Year

Shah Nawaz

Vikrant Jagarlamudi

Ken Peryman

Sailesh Narsinh

Chris Sparanza

Erin Shipp

Prakash Ghimire

Jinson Thazhathepuran

Bishleshan Karmacharya

Sumit Thapa

Lachlan Wareham

Logan Millar

Tim Delaney

Manoj Kumar

The Rhino's did well for their first season, but just couldn't find the extra bit required to get over the line. However, expectations are high for them in 2025. The KTroop Team made up of mostly health workers enjoy their cricket and always play "In the Spirit of the Game", while The Camels who struggle to field the same team each week due to work commitments (tradesmen) did an outstanding job to reach the final.

In the Grand Final the BULLS set up a good score of 145 runs which was chased down by the Camels with an over to spare. A classic Grand Final. The KDCA Presentation was then held at the Katherine Country Club with the following recipients winning awards.

**Best Batting
Aggregate**

Jinson Thazhathepuran

**Best Bowling
Aggregate**

Prakash Ghimire

**Player of The
Year**

Shah Nawaz



Purkiss Reserve Synthetic Nets Completed

As part of the \$9m government investment into the re-development of the entire Purkiss Reserve Sporting Precinct, NT Cricket was thrilled to see the completion of the brand new 3-lane synthetic net facility.

The upgraded practice nets will help revive cricket in Tennant Creek and encourage active participation within the community as we continue to seek to make the game fun, welcoming and accessible to remote communities,



**TENNANT CREEK
CRICKET
COMPETITION**

Before



After



Competition Cricket Returns to Tennant Creek

On the back of a very successful 2024 Rossy Williams Shield which was held in February with a record 9 teams, the Tennant Creek Cricket Competition got back up and running.

There were with 4 sides in the 2024 social T20 competition - BOBs Cricket Club, Old Shots, Spitfires Cricket Club and TC Smash.

NT Cricket would like to thank and acknowledge Irena Edwards-Kelly and Lachlan Dunemann for their hard work and efforts to drive and support cricket in the region.

Steve Edgington MLA (Member for Barkly in Tennant Creek) presents the Old Shots Captain with the Winners Trophy.



PATHWAYS



Having recently taken on the role of Head of Cricket, I am extremely excited for the opportunity to develop the Territory's best cricketers. I must begin by thanking Darren Treumer for his contribution to Pathways over several years, and I know that both he and Gavin Dovey have dedicated significant time and effort into assessing how we build 'Strong Cricket Pathways and Teams', which is a core pillar of the NT's Cricket Strategy (2022-2027).

My first two weeks in the job included the Top End Series, and having previously competed in Cricket 365, I was taken back by the year-on-year growth and high-quality cricket on display. To see local NT players interacting with and competing against Big Bash and Australian-level professionals is significant progress and should be celebrated. The impact of these elite players as 'role-models' to aspiring players and the local community should not be understated - with Scott Boland, Kane Richardson, Will Sutherland, Marcus Harris and many other Australian representatives engaging with NT players and stakeholders throughout this period.

There is huge potential for female cricket in the Territory so a key focus will be increasing the pathway opportunities for our best young talent. The inclusion (for the first time ever) of an NT U16 team at the 2025 National Championships reflects our growth and commitment, however further opportunities await with an NT Female U15s and U19s in the coming years. The Desert Rose Cup was another milestone weekend which celebrated women's cricket in Darwin and Alice Springs, and the learning opportunities and interaction between experienced female players and our best junior girls was extremely positive.

Finally, Academy Programs were held for U15 male, U17 male and U16 female (all junior ages) in 2023-24 and will continue to form a key part of our pathway offerings moving forward. The 'game of cricket' is evolving, and therefore our Academy Programs will be inclusive of mental, tactical, physical and skill components to ensure our players are developing holistically.



Nick Winter
Head of Cricket

NT Strike Head Coach, Simon Helmot, with
NT U17 Player Cadell McMahon



NT Cricket Development Squad

Darwin

U16 Girls

Aeryn McCormack
Vishali Bimbral
Jemima Anver-Raech
Matilda Clemmens
Joanna Pickett
Elisha Halvorsen
Eimi Smith
Addi Gallagher
Rihanna-Frances Clark
Jordi O'Toole
Charley Hill
Nishie Panchal
Ekam Dhillon
Abby Warton
Abbie Halvorsen
Sylvie Pritchard
Sophie Cameron

U15 Boys

Ben King
Will Gray
Lucas Nixon
Micah MacDonald
Marcus Nichols
Angad Panwar
Addison Omeike
Harry Tregloan
Tathira Wijegunaratna
Ben Koefoed
Brandon Gawthrope
Will Handford
Toby Anderson
Ty Jennings
Billy O'Toole
Eli Hayward
Joel Kitching
Harvey McCormick

U17 Boys

Cadell McMahon
Ralph Stephens
Matthew St Clair
Sam Barker
Mithuru Perera
Dhruv Shandilya
Noah MacDonald
Riley Suter
Harry Dixon
Arlo Everett
Tye Beer
Ben Koefoed
Max Wilson
Rithun Ramanan
Deepansu Panwar
Matthew Barber
Charlie Harragon



NORTHERN TERRITORY FIELDED TEAMS AT TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DURING 2023/24, GIVING OUR BEST YOUNG TERRITORIANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE ON THE BIG STAGE.

CRICKET AUSTRALIA 2023-24 UNDERAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 - 11 Jan 2024 - Ballarat

NT U17 Boys

Archie McCormick
Nicholas Fleming
Max Menzies
James Hatton
Ralph Stephens
Cadell McMahon
Matthew St Clair
Sam Barker
Mithuru Perera
Rehaan Shyamsundar
Dhruv Shandilya
Sam Rumpff
Brody Robertson
Lucas Rowlands

Head Coach: Anthony Judd
Assistant Coach: Dylan Slater
Manager: Karl Mayne

30 Nov - 7 Dec 2023 - Albury

NT U19 Boys

Tom Menzies
Zayden Lewis
Charlie Bignell
Charlie Kemp
Nicholas Fleming
Jayden Chatto
Clancy McCormick
Josh Gawthrope
Joel Wright
Everett Oxenham
Dhanvi Vemulapalli
Luke Tully
Aiman Nadeem
Arjun Sehrawat

Head Coach: Udara Weerasinghe
Assistant Coach: Dylan Slater
Manager: Madura Weerasinghe

The U17 Boys competed hard but unfortunately went winless throughout the tournament. Many of the players had their first experience at a National Championship level, and pleasingly will still be eligible for this age group next season. Performances from Max Menzies (42 v SA), Mithuru Perera (4 wickets v NSW Metro) and keeper Cadell McMahon (12 catches and 5 stumpings) were standout highlights.

The U19 Boys side finished the Championships with two strong wins against Tasmania and the ACT, after struggling in the first four matches against NSW Metro, NSW Country, WA and SA. Tom Menzies finished the campaign with 7 wickets at an impressive economy of 4.29, while Arjun Sehrawat (180 runs @ 45) and Charlie Bignell (178 runs @ 35.6) were in the top 20 run scorers for the tournament.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA (SSA) UNDER 12 CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the success of hosting the SSA Championships in June 2023, the NT will once again field both boys and girls teams in the SSA U12 age groups competing in Adelaide in December 2024. The U12 boys will be looking to replicate or better their third-placed position in 2023 – while Ekam Dhillon, Eimi Smith, Jordi O'Toole and Joanna Picket were all members of the U12 girls team who have since been rewarded with Desert Rose Cup selection, highlighting the importance of the SSA Championships in our Pathway Program. Moving forward, NT Cricket will be looking to participate in the SSA U15 Championships in both male and female competitions.

JUNIOR STRIKE LEAGUE

The 2024 Girls Junior Strike League saw NT play Victoria Big Cats across six matches, with the inter-state visitors proving too strong in all fixtures. Alice Springs duo Elizabeth Johnson (192 runs and 11 wickets) and Skylah Henwood (7 wickets) were the standouts performers for the home side, with Johnson later representing the ACT at the U19 National Championships.

The 2024 Boys Junior Strike League continues to grow in standing and reputation, with this year's event hosting five inter-state sides including Yarra Valley Grammar, Victoria Big Cats, Cricket for All, Cricket Mentoring, and Caulfield Grammar. The NT side won all their round robin matches to finish top of the table, however narrowly lost the final to Cricket Mentoring. Ralph Stevens (143 runs), Cadell McMahon (140 runs) and Sam Barker (8 wickets) were top performers.

INTERSTATE CHALLENGE SERIES

The Interstate Challenge expanded in 2024, welcoming Sydney University (NSW) for the first time into a new tri-series format alongside regulars Scotch College (SA) and the U17 NT Male Development Squad.

The Interstate Challenge continues to play a key role in the Pathway Program, providing the Territory's best young cricketers with the opportunity to improve their skills in a representative environment, as well as offer valuable preparation for the upcoming U17 National Championships (Launceston 2025).



Skylah Henwood and Vishali Bimbral during the 2024 Girls Junior Strike League



2024 Boys Junior Strike League Captains

ALICE SPRINGS MEN WIN SACA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Alice Springs Men's Cricket Team won the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) Country Cup in Adelaide in February 2024. This was the 7th SACA Country Championships that Alice Springs has entered a team into and the first time they've won it.

The Senior Country Cup consisted of 8 teams being split into two pools. Alice Springs finished top of Pool A, winning all three of their games throughout the week, before taking on Yorke Peninsula in the Grand Final at the beautiful Karen Rolton Oval. Moses Waring making 72 and Ben Ellis a quick 63 off 58, before Lucas Nitschke took 4/24 off his 5 overs to get Alice Springs the silverware.

Congratulations must be extended to ASCA President Michael Trull for his continued time, effort and commitment to growing and developing the sport in Central Australia and facilitating this opportunity, as well as ASCA players Ben Ellis and Harry Melzer who were named in the Team of the Tournament.



ASCA Players Jacob Goodlet, Jayden Dick, Kim Dick (Coach) and Yuen Gepp celebrate the win.



INDIGENOUS CRICKET





REMOTE INDIGENOUS CRICKET CARNIVALS

Indigenous Cricket has a rich history in the Territory with cricket carnivals in regional and remote locations such as the Dingo Cup (Timber Creek), Barra Cup (Borrooloola), Nitmiluk Cup (Katherine) and Rossy Williams Shield (Tennant Creek) providing important opportunities for the game to connect with remote and indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

Held between October and February each year, these unique and important annual community cricket events have been running for over 20 years and culminate with Australia's largest Indigenous cricket carnival, the Imparja Cup (Alice Springs).

This year's remote carnivals were a tremendous success, with increased focus on growing participation, broadening the demographic, encouraging more schools and kids to participate, increasing the connection with local communities, and promoting the events in a more dynamic and engaging way. The community cricket team braved extreme weather conditions, both intense heat and rain, to deliver brilliant experiences for players with a record number of teams participating. The Nitmiluk Cup and Rossy Williams Shield increased to 10 and 9 Teams respectively. These tournaments will continue to be an important vehicle for making the game fun, welcoming and accessible to our highly dispersed community.

October



February



Dingo Cup
(Timber Creek)



Barra Cup
(Borrooloola)



Nitmiluk Cup
(Katherine)



Rossy Williams Shield
(Tennant Creek)



Imparja Cup
(Alice Springs)

REMOTE SCHOOL VISITS

A key part of the strategy of further investing in, supporting and growing remote Indigenous cricket carnivals has been broader community engagement in and around each carnival.

In the lead up to the 2023-24 carnivals NT Cricket visited a number of remote schools to promote cricket and create a new generation of boys and girls who love and play the game.

NT Cricket delivered successful school clinics in the following areas, providing cricket equipment and giveaways as part of making the game sustainable and available long after the initial experience.

- Timber Creek School and Bulla Camp School which saw more than 50 young Indigenous participants.
- Borroloola School which saw more than 20 participants engaging with cricket, most for the first time.
- Katherine Primary School where a School Gala Day was delivered at Peter Short Oval for more than 60 students.

This activity created further community engagement momentum and opportunities. Due to the fantastic success of the Borroloola clinic, the community cricket team spent another week in Borroloola throughout June delivering a Sporting Schools Program. In addition, junior cricket continued in Katherine, with the creation of a first ever Woolworths Cricket Blast for kids aged 5-12 thanks to the Woolworths Community Fund (WWCF).



Children at Yarralin School (700km south of Darwin) enjoying the opportunity to learn and play cricket





31ST IMPARJA CUP

The 2024 Imparja Cup, powered by DXC Technology, saw 300 cricketers take part in the largest annual Indigenous cricket carnival in the country.

Started back in 1994 as a match between two towns in the Territory (Alice Springs and Tennant Creek), the annual sporting event celebrates cricket, culture and country.

This year's Imparja Cup was held over four days and comprised of 44 matches across four divisions and five venues around Alice Springs. Teams and Match Officials travelled from places far and wide, including Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Laramba, Melbourne and Perth.

NT Cricket would like to thank and acknowledge the many wonderful sponsors and partners who make this wonderful event possible, including Imparja TV, DXC Technology, NT Major Events Company, Alice Springs Town Council, Kookaburra and Yeperenye Shopping Centre.



Alice Wins Major Centres

Alice Springs took out the Yeperenye Shopping Centre Major Centres Division Grand Final honours. Alice Springs won for the second year running defeating Brothers In Arms who entered the T20 division for the first time in 2024 after being champions of the Men's Community Division in 2023.



Laramba Women Show Skills

Hailing from the small town of Laramba (200km northwest of Alice Springs), with a population of 300 people, these female softballers had never played cricket before but made the game look all too easy. Showcasing their skills and winning their way to the Women's Community Division Grand Final.



Golden Sistas Take Title

Celebrating the 20 year anniversary of the Imparja Cup Women's Division, it was only fitting the Golden Sistas' were triumphant. A number of the ladies in the team were the original key drivers behind in the inclusion of the women's competition including Jenny Kroker and Chrissy Ponter.



School Gala Day and Schools Division

A highlight of the Imparja Cup was the 110 students from Alice Springs who took part in the Imparja Cup Primary Schools Gala Day, as well as the re-introduction of the Schools Division which had 4 secondary schools and 40 players showcase their cricketing talent.



DXC COMMUNITY CONNECTION

DXC Technology, NT Cricket's Major Sponsor and Official Indigenous Engagement Partner, again demonstrated its long-term commitment to fostering growth and inclusion in the Northern Territory by generously donating laptops to the Kalano Community Association and Yipirinya Primary School in Alice Springs. In turn making a positive difference by connecting students through technology, reducing barriers and providing them with a platform that contributes to their educational success. These two donations mark the fourth such collaboration since 2023, with DXC Technology now having donated over 200 laptops to the local NT community.



Steve Lindsay and Michelle Garland from DXC Technology in Alice Springs for the announcement of their laptop donation to Kalano Community Association.

2024 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

NT Cricket, together with Cricket Australia, hosted the 7th Edition of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs. The event, which emanated out of the Imparja Cup in 2016, offers a pathway for talented and aspiring indigenous cricketers from all the States and Territories to showcase their potential.

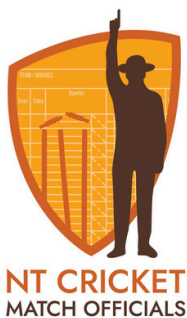
Unfortunately, in 2024 NT Cricket was unable to field a Men's or Women's Indigenous Team in the Championships which was an extremely disappointing outcome. While the Northern Territory undoubtedly has a rich history with Indigenous cricket and an enormous amount of talent in the region, in 2024 there were

simply not enough male or female Indigenous players available and interested in participating. NT Cricket worked with other States & Territories to explore opportunities for those who were interested to represent another State (as has occurred in the reverse in recent years with Tasmanian and South Australian players representing the NT) however these efforts were unsuccessful.

NT Cricket will continue to focus on driving increased participation and engagement of indigenous communities at a community, school and grassroots level, while continuing efforts to re-build interest and teams capable of competing at an NICC level.

OFFICIALS





NT CRICKET

MATCH OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

The Northern Territory Cricket Match Officials Association (NTCMOA) entered its third year in 2024, with President Rob Stewart again driving the recruitment, retention and development of umpires and scorers. With the volume of cricket content and opportunities here in Territory increasing in both the male and female game, the NTCMOA will continue to play an important role in supporting the growth of the sport at the junior, senior and elite level.



2024 NT Cricket Match Officials Association Committee

PRESIDENT	Rob Stewart
VICE PRESIDENT	John Tate
SECRETARY	John Ginnane
TREASURER	Kanishka Weearkoon
SCORERS DELEGATE	Mark White
UMPIRE MANAGER	Mark Donfeld

Cricket Australia National Underage Championships

Local umpires Rob Stewart and John Ginnane were again both rewarded with selection for the Cricket Australia National Championships, umpiring at the U17 Male and U19 Female tournaments respectively.



2024 Top End T20 Series

The continued growth and elevation of the Top End T20 Series again provided our best local umpires and scorers an excellent learning and development opportunity. It was excellent to see Imran Muhammad and Cory Skilton in particular get the chance to umpire elite teams and international cricketers.



Bangladesh & Pakistan Bi-lateral Series

The Pakistan Shaheens ('A') and Bangladesh High Performance Team travelled to Darwin to take part in a bi-lateral series consisting of 3x 50 Over Fixtures and 2x 4-Four Day Fixtures. Both travelling squads included a number of T20I, ODI and Test players.



Elite Panel Umpires

We were thrilled to welcome a number of International Cricket Council and Cricket Australia Elite Panel umpires to the Territory this year including Sam Nogajski, Mike Graham Smith and Andrew Crozier. This provided further opportunities for our local umpires to observe, stand with and learn from the best in the game.



FACILITIES





The past 12 months has seen the NT Cricket grounds team continue to strategically invest in and support the development of cricket infrastructure throughout the Territory, whilst at the same time delivering an extraordinary amount of cricket content. From community cricket and club competitions, through to hosting a growing Top End T20 Series and visiting international teams.

It is vitally important that we continue to invest in and build our capability to support the continued growth of the game, whether it be the installation or rejuvenation of synthetic cricket pitches at local schools or council grounds, or the creation, preparation and maintenance of turf wicket blocks that accommodate grade cricket and the growing volume of elite content here in the Top End. It has been exciting to work on significant projects such as the creation and installation of a second drop-in wicket in TIO Stadium, and the re-build of the turf wicket block at DXC Arena Oval #2 that will enable more local community use and higher standards of cricket to be played on the oval.

We are striving to provide the best facilities possible for our growing and rapidly diverse community, and we are committed to playing our role in uniting and inspiring our community through cricket.

Jake Pavlich
Head of Facilities

Building An Outstanding Grounds Team

The grounds team has seen significant change in the past year and a big thank you to Matthew Sandery for his outstanding work as Head of Facilities for 3 years prior to getting an exciting opportunity as the Head Curator at the Dubai International Stadium.

Angus Vear joined the grounds staff in May 2024 in the newly created position of Senior Curator. Angus joined from the highly regarded curating team at Blundstone Arena and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to NT Cricket. Alongside Angus and I, we are lucky to have two of the best young turf apprentices in the country in Darwin locals Bevan Maher and Blake Gilbert, who continue to demonstrate great potential and capability beyond their years.

We also welcomed Tim Shaw to the grounds team in the new role of Project Officer - Facilities and Infrastructure. Tim's experience in construction, plumbing, project management and community cricket will position us to make greater progress in infrastructure development.

A note of thanks to the casual grounds staff who provided great support throughout 2024. Lachie Bangs, Justin Galeotti, Felix Howard, Caelan Maladay and Zak Honeybrook made a significant contribution to NT Cricket this season. Their expertise, experience and work ethic were invaluable to our team and greatly appreciated.

Hopefully the experience of working in different conditions in the NT will stand them in good stead as they continue with their careers in turf management.

Two drop-in wickets being installed TIO Stadium in June 2024



TIO STADIUM INVESTMENT

We were pleased to welcome further investment by the Territory Labor Government into cricket specific infrastructure at TIO Stadium as part of ongoing efforts to secure international cricket in the future.

The Department of Sport, Recreation and Strategic Infrastructure completed the construction of a \$280,000 nursery which allows the ground staff to curate drop-in cricket pitches at TIO Stadium and facilitates the easier transition of pitches in and out of the venue. The nursery will eventually store three drop-in pitches.

In 2024 two freshly prepared pitches were dropped into the center of TIO Stadium and used for the Pakistan and Bangladesh Bi-Lateral Series, as well as the 2024 Top End T20 Series.

We extend sincere thanks to Mitch Hardy and Danny De Paul whose experience, guidance and support were critical to the success of the project.

PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH SERIES

The opportunity to host a bi-lateral series between the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) at DXC Arena and TIO Stadium was a great chance for us to showcase our growing standard of facilities and capability here in Darwin. The series including 3x 50 Over Fixtures and 2x 4 Day Fixtures.

There has not been a 4-day fixture played at DXC Arena for some time, so it was beneficial to test out the wicket block with back-to-back long format fixtures as we look to increase elite level content in the Territory. It was also terrific to get outstanding feedback from both Jason Gillespie (Pakistan Head Coach) and Corey Collymore (Bangladesh Head Coach).





Gavin Dovey (NTC CEO), Hon Robyn Cahill OAM (CLP Member for Port Darwin) and Hon Lia Finocchiaro (Chief Minister) announce the CLPs election commitment to re-developing Darwin Cricket Club.

2024 TOP END T20 SERIES

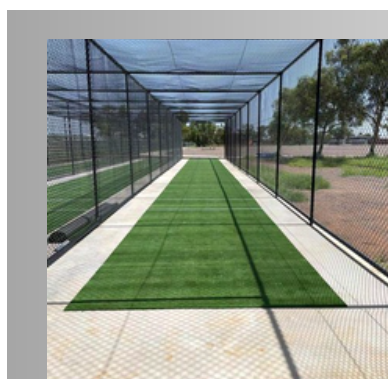
This year's Top End T20 Series was a great challenge for the grounds team, both in the scale and growth of the event, as well as the increasing standard of elite teams and players participating.

We relished the opportunity to demonstrate our capability to provide elite first-class facilities and pitches for 30 Fixtures across 9 days and 5 venues. Matches were held at DXC Arena (12), TIO Stadium (10), Gardens Oval (3), Cazaly's Arena (4) and Gerry Wood Oval (1), with most days hosting double and triple headers. The tournament was a huge success and would not have been achieved if not for the tireless efforts of the NT grounds team, as well as Steve Bailey (Green By Nature) at Gardens Oval and Jackson Isakka at Gerry Wood Oval. We look forward to hosting a bigger and better Top End T20 Series in 2025.



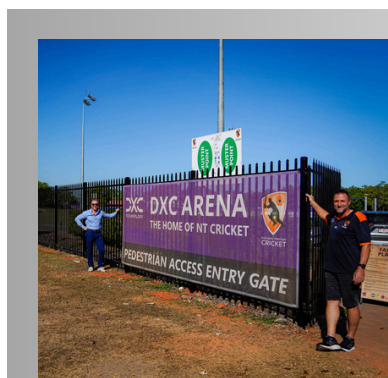
Country Liberal Party Commitment

In August 2024 the Country Liberal Party (CLP) announced a \$2m commitment to upgrade the Darwin Cricket Club (DCC) pavilion, including the construction of new change rooms. The Club has a long and successful history at Kahlin Oval, calling the site home since 1977. The funding will enable the club to provide better facilities for participants, especially women and girls.



New Cricket Nets at Tennant Creek

As part of the broader Purkiss Reserve re-development, 2024 saw the completion of brand-new synthetic cricket nets within the multi-sport facility. The upgraded facilities will help keep cricket alive in Tennant Creek and encourage activity participation within the community as we seek to make the game accessible to remote communities within the Territory.



DXC Arena Facility Upgrades

Thanks to support from the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) and as part of the DXC Masterplan, we were able to install a brand-new steel Garrison Fence at the front entrance of the facility, as well as convert a storage room into a completely renovated fully functional meeting room with new flooring, furniture and audio-visual capability that can be used by staff, coaches and teams.





CRICKET 365



SCHEDULE

9-18 AUGUST 2024

TOP END T20

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FRI 9 AUG	6PM-9PM	NT	SCORCHERS	DXC
SAT 10 AUG	10AM-1PM	RENEGADES	STARS	DXC
	3PM-6PM	SCORCHERS	PAKISTAN	DXC
	6PM-9PM	TIGERS	STRIKERS	TIO
SUN 11 AUG	10AM-1PM	BANGLADESH	RENEGADES	GARDENS
	1PM-4PM	STRIKERS	NT	FREDS PASS
	3PM-6PM	PAKISTAN	STARS	GARDENS
MON 12 AUG	10AM-1PM	TIGERS	NT	TIO
	2PM-5PM	SCORCHERS	ACT	DXC
	6PM-9PM	TIGERS	BANGLADESH	TIO
TUE 13 AUG	10AM-1PM	STARS	STRIKERS	CAZALYS
	1PM-4PM	NT	RENEGADES	DXC
	3PM-6PM	STARS	ACT	CAZALYS
	6PM-9PM	TIGERS	PAKISTAN	DXC
WED 14 AUG	10AM-1PM	RENEGADES	SCORCHERS	CAZALYS
	1PM-4PM	STRIKERS	BANGLADESH	DXC
	3PM-6PM	RENEGADES	TIGERS	CAZALYS
	6PM-9PM	NT	STARS	DXC
THU 15 AUG	1PM-4PM	ACT	BANGLADESH	TIO
	3PM-6PM	SCORCHERS	STRIKERS	GARDENS
	6PM-9PM	RENEGADES	PAKISTAN	TIO
FRI 16 AUG	10AM-1PM	TIGERS	STARS	TIO
	2PM-5PM	ACT	NT	GARDENS
	6PM-9PM	PAKISTAN	BANGLADESH	TIO
SAT 17 AUG	10AM-1PM	ACT	STRIKERS	DXC
	2PM-5PM	BANGLADESH	SCORCHERS	TIO
	6PM-9PM	ACT	PAKISTAN	DXC
SUN 18 AUG	10AM-1PM	SEMI-FINAL 1 (1)	SEMI-FINAL 1 (4)	DXC
	10AM-1PM	SEMI-FINAL 2 (2)	SEMI-FINAL 2 (3)	TIO
	4PM-7PM	GRAND FINAL		DXC

ALL TIMES AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (ACST)

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9-18 AUGUST 2024



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AUSTRALIA



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SPORTS



INDIA

FANCODE



PAKISTAN



BANGLADESH



NEPAL

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2024

TOP END T20

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BY THE NUMBERS



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TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW



10

DAYS



9

TEAMS



30

MATCHES



5

VENUES



2

ICC FULL MEMBER
TEAMS



6

STATES & TERRITORIES
REPRESENTED



40+

PLAYERS - INTERNATIONAL,
FIRST-CLASS OR BIG BASH CONTRACTED

ECONOMIC BENEFIT



61

OVERSEAS VISITORS



129

INTERSTATE VISITORS



\$7.4M

ADVERTISING SPACE RATE (ASR)



\$900K

DIRECT SPEND IMPACT



3,140

VISITOR NIGHTS GENERATED



3,802

ATTENDANCE

BROADCAST



367K

BROADCAST HOURS



129

BROADCAST
COUNTRIES



1.3M

UNIQUE AUDIENCE



12.8M

TOTAL VIEWERS

FACEBOOK



10.1K

TOTAL ENGAGEMENT



66K

PROFILE VISITS



187K

REACH



727

NEW FOLLOWERS

INSTAGRAM



14.4K

TOTAL ENGAGEMENT



14K

PROFILE VISITS



68K

REACH



550

NEW FOLLOWERS

CDU TOP END T20 SERIES



CRICKET 365



2023 OVERVIEW (COMPARISON)

TOURNAMENTS OVERVIEW



6

TEAMS



2

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED



3

STATES & TERRITORIES
REPRESENTED



85

PLAYERS



16

T20 MATCHES



8

DAYS

ECONOMIC BENEFIT



\$220k

DIRECT SPEND
IMPACT



1,078

VISITOR NIGHTS
GENERATED



36

OVERSEAS
VISITORS



76

INTERSTATE
VISITORS



112

TOTAL
VISITORS

BROADCAST



121

BROADCAST
COUNTRIES



613.7k

UNIQUE
AUDIENCE



291

BROADCAST
HOURS



10.6m

TOTAL
VIEWERS

FACEBOOK



6,405

TOTAL
ENGAGEMENTS



16.4k

PROFILE VISITS



118.7k

REACH



474

NEW FOLLOWERS

INSTAGRAM



4,396

TOTAL
ENGAGEMENTS



3,777

PROFILE VISITS



22.2k

REACH



149

NEW FOLLOWERS



2024 Top End T20 Captains at Mindil Beach

The Top End T20 Series took a quantum leap forward in scale, profile and reputation in 2024, with the fourth edition of NT Cricket's marquee 'Cricket 365' event further showcasing the potential of winter cricket.

A record 9 Australian and international teams entered this year's event, with a total of 30 fixtures delivered across 9 days and 5 venues.

NT Cricket welcomed 'Tourism NT' as a Major Partner. The tourism body logo adorning the front of the NT Strike shirt as part of a joint collaboration with Major Events Company. The partnership built on all three organisation's commitment to using the Top End T20 Series as a vehicle to promote the Territory as a unique, must visit destination to a global audience.

On the field, we welcomed the Bangladesh High Performance Team, who were joined by the 2023 finalists and returning Pakistan Shaheens. The two sub-continent powerhouses

Broadcast Numbers CRUSHED Again!

The 2024 Top End T20 Series saw broadcast numbers increase significantly, with 1.3 million unique viewers across Australian and international platforms. The series attracted 12.8 million total viewers, showcasing the Northern Territory as a destination to a global audience.

**1.3
MILLION
UNIQUE AUDIENCE**
↑110%

Big Bash Teams Travel North

Five-time KFC Big Bash champions, the Perth Scorchers, participated for the first time, alongside the Adelaide Strikers and Tasmania Tigers. The Melbourne Renegades and Melbourne Stars returning for their third series.



Bangladesh HP join Pakistan Shaheens

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) joined their sub-continent neighbours, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), in this year's event. The two ICC Full Member Associations giving the series incredible global scale and reach, with Pakistan (250m) and Bangladesh (173m) in the Top 10 most populous countries in the world



Top End T20 Series Debuts on KAYO

The success of the 2024 Top End T20 Series local broadcast on the Cricket Australia YouTube channel (27 round robin fixtures had over 500,000 views) saw the two Semi-Finals and Final shift to KAYO Sports, Australia's leading OTT sports streaming platform.

Kayo

Gavin Dovey (NTC CEO) and Scott Lovett (Tourism NT Executive) announcing the NT Government's support of the 2024 Top End T20 Series



adding a point of difference and plenty of class and appeal to the growing event, with Australian teams keen to test themselves against high quality and varied opposition.

Darwin's August winter cricket window lining up perfectly against Bangladesh and Pakistan's monsoon season and giving both the BCB and PCB the opportunity to expose their best young talent to Australian conditions and players.

Closer to home we welcomed half of the Big Bash League, with the Perth Scorchers and Adelaide Strikers entering teams for the first time alongside the Tasmania Tigers, joining Top End T20 regulars the Melbourne Stars, Melbourne Renegades and ACT Comets.

The quality of the players, teams and cricket again led to opportunities to enter into partnerships with both domestic and overseas broadcasters. This included with Fancode in India who have over 100 million users across its platform, as well as Australia's KAYO Sports who picked up the finals.

Short and Weatherald Back in Black

Born and bred Territorians D'Arcy Short (Katherine) and Jake Weatherald (Darwin) returned to their roots, choosing to pull on the black and ochre of the NT Strike. The Adelaide Strikers opening duo treating the locals to some incredible hitting and inspiring the next generation of Territory kids to follow in their footsteps.



ADG Continue Support of Cricket 365

NT Cricket were delighted to announce the continued support of Airport Development Group (ADG) for the 2024 Top End T20 Series. The Darwin based company have been a founding partner and sponsor of Cricket 365 and without their incredible support the event would not have been possible.



Bi-Lateral Series

Bangladesh and Pakistan battled it out in 2x Four-Day Fixtures and 3x 50 Over Fixtures at DXC Arena and TIO Stadium in the lead into the 2024 Top End T20 Series.



Helmot and Paine Lead NT Strike

Experienced T20 Franchise Coach Simon Helmot (IPL, W/BBL, CPL, LPL, BPL), took charge of the NT Strike Team, with support from former Australian Test Captain and newly appointed Adelaide Strikers Head Coach Tim Paine. The duo leading the local boys to the semi-finals.



2024 TOP END



Jhye Richardson



Will Sutherland



Hilton Cartwright



Lloyd Pope



Scott Boland



Jordan Buckingham



Marcus Harris



Jake Doran



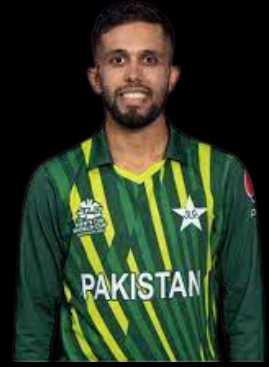
Josh Brown



Afif Hossain



Arjun Nair



Mohammad Harris



Jake Weatherald



Irfan Khan



Kane Richardson



Matthew Kelly

T20 PLAYERS



D'Arcy Short



Ripon Mondal



Sam Fanning



Gabe Bell



Sam Elliott



Liam Scott



Fergus O'Neill



Jahandad Khan



CHRIS ROGERS



WADE SECCOMBE



JEFF VAUGHAN



COREY COLLYMORE



TIM PAINE



CAMERON WHITE



SIMON HELMOT



TIM McDONALD



ROB CASSELL



MUHAMMAD MASROOR



CARL HOOPER



JONO DEAN

COACHES





“IT’S BEEN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY FOR D’ARCY AND MYSELF, TO COME AND SEE THE BUDDING TERRITORIANS SHOW THEIR SKILLS IN FRONT OF THE REST OF AUSTRALIA”

JAKE WEATHERALD ON PLAYING FOR NT STRIKE IN 2024 TOP END T20 SERIES



COUNTRY CLASH AT DISTRICTS

NT Cricket took a 2024 Top End T20 fixture out to Southern Districts Cricket Club as part of an initiative to strengthen the connection between the event and the local cricket community in Darwin. Over 500 spectators packed out Freds Pass Reserve, enjoying a Sunday afternoon cheering on D'Arcy Short, Jake Weatherald and their local NT Strike as they defeated eventual champions the Adelaide Strikers.

MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

TIO Stadium came alive on a Friday night under lights, with the local Bangladesh and Pakistan communities getting behind their teams and countries, showcasing their incredible love and enthusiasm for the game with plenty of noise and colour. Over 500 fans turned out for the 'Multicultural Celebration' fixture with the Pakistan Shaheens getting home in a tight one against the Bangladesh HP Team, winning by 3 wickets.







BUSINESS BASH WITH JUSTIN LANGER

NT Cricket partnered with the NT Chamber of Commerce to host a “Business Bash” Luncheon at the picturesque Gardens Oval, Darwin, with former Australian Men’s Head Coach and Test Player Justin Langer AM sharing his lessons on life, leadership and the art of leading teams. Langer entertained over 120 corporate guests and cricket lovers, with the crowd enjoying the opportunity to network over lunch and listen to a Q&A that included former Australian Test Captain and newly appointed Adelaide Strikers Head Coach, Tim Paine.

ADELAIDE STRIKERS WIN TOP END T20

The Adelaide Strikers got their tournament off to an inauspicious start, losing 2 of their first 3 games, before sneaking into the semi-finals when other results went their way. The young Strikers squad upsetting the highly fancied Pakistan Shaheens at DXC Arena in their semi-final, before going on to defeat Bangladesh HP in the final. Jake Winter, Harry Manenti and Liam Scott finishing 2nd, 3rd and 8th Top Run Scorers respectively for the tournament, while Tim Oakley and Lloyd Pope finished 3rd and 5th Leading Wicket Takers.





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Northern Territory Cricket Limited

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Directors' report

30 June 2024

The Directors present their report on Northern Territory Cricket Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Information on directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to date of the report are:

Bruce Walker - Chair

Andrew Moo - Deputy Chair

Jo Fitzpatrick

Rick Fletcher

Michael Trull

Lachlan Baird

Richard Johnson - resigned November 2023

Stuart Kenny

Ann-Maree Andrews

Tom Slattery - appointed November 2023

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of the report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities

The principal activity of Northern Territory Cricket Limited during the financial year was to develop the standards of performance, participation and administration in cricket in the Northern Territory. .

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

Members' guarantee

Northern Territory Cricket Limited is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the company, the amount capable of being called up from each member and any person or association who ceased to be a member in the year prior to the winding up, is limited to \$ NIL for members that are corporations and \$ NIL for all other members, subject to the provisions of the company's constitution.

At 30 June 2024 the collective liability of members was \$ NIL (2023 \$ NIL).

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the year.

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Directors' report

30 June 2024

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 9 meetings of directors (including committees of directors) were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

Directors	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Bruce Walker - Chair	9	9
Andrew Moo - Deputy Chair	9	7
Jo Fitzpatrick	9	8
Rick Fletcher	9	4
Michael Trull	9	8
Lachlan Baird	9	9
Richard Johnson - resigned November 2023	4	4
Stuart Kenny	9	7
Ann-Maree Andrews	9	8
Tom Slattery - appointed November 2023	5	5

Auditor's Independence Declaration

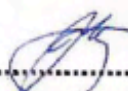
The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been received and can be found on page 4 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of directors.



Director

Dated this 22nd day of October 2024


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Director

Auditor's independence declaration under Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Northern Territory Cricket Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended
30 June 2024, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out
in section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;
and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in
relation to the audit.


Perks Audit Pty Ltd
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Darwin NT 0800


Peter Hill
Director
Registered Company Auditor

Dated this 22nd day of October 2024

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Audit
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under Professional Standards Legislation.

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Australian Financial Services
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Finance
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Australian Credit Licence No. 378241

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities		3,701,526	3,181,535
Employee costs		(1,215,805)	(952,171)
General expenses		(1,248,935)	(976,538)
Travel and accommodation		(397,877)	(353,508)
Depreciation		(267,820)	(257,866)
Repairs and maintenance		(137,096)	(206,031)
Broadcast		(88,700)	(170,982)
Coaching expenses		(90,693)	(117,432)
Umpire expenses		(50,560)	(43,747)
Australian Cricket Infrastructure fund		(27,332)	(67,428)
Uniforms		(40,741)	(48,466)
Surplus / (deficit) before income tax		135,967	(12,634)
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus/ (deficit) from ordinary activities		135,967	(12,634)
Total comprehensive income for the year		135,967	(12,634)

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Assets and Liabilities Statement

As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,650,874	1,216,728
Trade and other receivables	4	118,632	98,648
Other assets		3,932	3,125
Total current assets		1,773,438	1,318,501
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	6,088,957	6,356,777
Total assets		7,862,395	7,675,278
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	134,771	223,980
Employee benefits	9	55,380	66,224
Lease liabilities	6	10,435	9,927
Other liabilities	8	268,915	107,786
Total current liabilities		469,501	407,917
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	6	24,476	34,910
Total liabilities		493,977	442,827
Net assets		7,368,418	7,232,451
Equity			
Retained earnings		6,058,418	5,922,451
Reserves		1,310,000	1,310,000
Total equity		7,368,418	7,232,451

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2024

2023	Retained earnings \$	Revaluation surplus \$	Total \$	Total equity \$
Opening balance	5,935,085	1,310,000	7,245,085	7,245,085
Profit for the year	(12,634)	-	(12,634)	(12,634)
Closing balance	5,922,451	1,310,000	7,232,451	7,232,451

2024	Retained earnings \$	Revaluation surplus \$	Total \$	Total equity \$
Opening balance	5,922,451	1,310,000	7,232,451	7,232,451
Profit for the year	135,967	-	135,967	135,967
Closing balance	6,058,418	1,310,000	7,368,418	7,368,418

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipt from grants	2,616,700	2,397,139
Receipts from other sources	1,002,278	597,638
Interest received	47,711	18,707
Interest paid	(2,016)	(2,050)
Payments to employees	(1,226,649)	(1,015,435)
Payments to suppliers	(1,993,952)	(2,112,373)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	444,072	(116,374)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	(86,616)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	-	(86,616)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from borrowings	-	52,739
Repayment of borrowings	(9,926)	(7,902)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	(9,926)	44,837
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	434,146	(158,153)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,216,728	1,374,881
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	1,650,874	1,216,728

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements cover Northern Territory Cricket Limited as an individual entity. Northern Territory Cricket Limited is a not-for-profit Company incorporated in the Northern Territory under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the not-for-profit Company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore a special purpose financial statements that has been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Company is a not-for-profit company for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the *Corporations Act 2001* and the material accounting policy information disclosed below, which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Material accounting policy information adopted in the preparation of these financial statement are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

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Notes to the financial statements

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2. Material accounting policy information

a. Revenue and other income

Grants and sponsorships

When the entity received operating grant revenue or sponsorships, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15 .

When both these conditions are satisfied, the Entity:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised on transfer of goods to the customer as this is deemed to be the point in time when risks and rewards are transferred and there is no longer any ownership or effective control over the goods.

Dividend income

The Company receives monthly dividend payments from the Casuarina Club, these are recorded on an accrual basis when the Company is entitled to them.

Grant revenue

Government grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating. Grants relating to assets are credited to deferred income at fair value and are credited to income over the expected useful life of the asset on a straight-line basis.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Company is entitled to it

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2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

b. Income tax

The Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

c. Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

d. Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Company has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2024, refer to the Change in accounting policy note, for details of the changes due to standards adopted.

e. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks.

f. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, independent or directors' valuation. All assets excluding freehold land and buildings, are depreciated over their useful lives to the Company.

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Company, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

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2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

g. Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages, salaries and annual leave which may be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on costs.

The Company recognises a liability for long service leave when the employee has reached 5 years of service. The Board of Directors have determined that not discounting these future cash flows would not have a material impact on these financial statements. They are recorded at the amounts expected to be paid when settled.

Contributions are made by the Company to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

h. Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership that are transferred to the Company are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Company will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease.

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3. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	1,650,874	1,216,728
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,650,874	1,216,728

4. Trade and other receivables

Current	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	135,287	109,176
Provision for impairment	(16,955)	(16,955)
	118,332	92,221
GST receivable	-	6,127
Other trade and other receivables	300	300
Total trade and other receivables	118,632	98,648

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Notes to the financial statements

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5. Property, plant and equipment

a. Property, plant and equipment details

Description	2024 \$	2023 \$
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Freehold Land		
At independent valuation		
Total Land	294,000	294,000
Buildings		
At independent valuation	1,016,000	1,016,000
At cost	3,564,477	3,564,477
Accumulated depreciation	(1,383,533)	(1,253,297)
Total buildings	3,196,944	3,327,180
Total land and buildings	3,490,944	3,621,180
Plant and equipment		
At cost	500,013	500,013
Accumulated depreciation	(305,715)	(265,315)
Total plant and equipment	194,298	234,698
Motor vehicles		
At cost	59,614	59,614
Accumulated depreciation	(29,237)	(19,654)
Total motor vehicles	30,377	39,960
Light towers		
At cost	2,628,041	2,628,041
Accumulated depreciation	(254,703)	(167,102)
Total light towers	2,373,338	2,460,939
Total plant and equipment	2,598,013	2,735,597
Total property, plant and equipment	6,088,957	6,356,777

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6. Borrowings

CURRENT	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Lease liabilities	10,435	9,927
Total current borrowings	10,435	9,927
NON-CURRENT	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Lease liabilities	24,476	34,910
Total non-current borrowings	24,476	34,910

7. Trade and other payables

Current	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade payables	-	178,343
GST payable	(20,334)	-
Accrued expenses	71,971	35,907
Other trade and other payables	83,134	9,730
Total trade and other payables	134,771	223,980

8. Contract liabilities

Current	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Contract liabilities	268,915	107,786
Total contract liabilities	268,915	107,786

9. Employee benefits

a. Employee Benefits

Current	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Long service leave	2,687	-
Annual leave	52,693	66,224
Total current employee benefits	55,380	66,224

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10. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 2024 (2023: None).

11. Events occurring after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

12. Statutory information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is:

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DXC Arena

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Marrara NT 0812

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Directors' declaration

The Directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the Company declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 2 - 16 gives a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
- in the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that Northern Territory Cricket Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Director

Dated this 22ND day of October 2024



Director

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Northern Territory Cricket Limited (the Company), which comprises the profit and loss by division as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code)* that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Corporations Act 2001*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in Director's Report, (but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon).

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

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As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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P Hill

Peter Hill

Director

Registered Company Auditor

Dated this 22nd day of October 2024

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Northern Territory Cricket Limited

30 June 2024

Compilation report to Northern Territory Cricket Limited

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statement of Northern Territory Cricket Limited, which comprises the profit and loss by division for the year ended 30 June 2024. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statement has been prepared is to provide information to the board.

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The Responsibility of the Directors

The directors of Northern Territory Cricket Limited are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statement, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statement was prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statement in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in the notes to the financial statements and APES 315: *Compilation of Financial Information*.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statement in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in the notes to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)*.

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Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile this financial statement. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on this financial statement.

The special purpose financial statement were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statement may not be suitable for other purposes. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statement.

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Dated this **22nd** day of October 2024

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