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NORTHERN TERRITORY CRICKET

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET RETURNS

International Cricket returned to the Northern Territory for the first time in 17 years. The 2025-26 Australian Summer of Cricket officially began in August in Darwin with Australia taking on South Africa in two Men's T20 Internationals. Close to 18,000 people packed out TIO Stadium for what were the first T20Is ever played in the Top End.



8,816

ATTENDANCE
GAME 1

8,448

ATTENDANCE
GAME 2



WEATHERALD ASHES SQUAD SELECTION

The 2024-25 Sheffield Shield leading run scorer was rewarded for an incredible 18-24 months of performances with selection in the Test Squad for the 1st Ashes Test in Perth. Born and bred in Darwin, the left-hand opener will, if selected in the final XI, become the first ever Northern Territorian to play Test Cricket and wear the famous Baggy Green Cap.

RECORD-BREAKING TOP END T20 SERIES

The 2025 Top End T20 Series sponsored by Tourism NT achieved a global audience of 53.4m viewers (up from 12.8m in 2024) with the event quickly developing into Australia's leading domestic T20 competition outside the BBL. The fourth edition featured 11 teams including 5 BBL Franchises and International Teams from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and the US.

53.4M

BROADCAST
GLOBAL VIEWERS



Chrissie Ponter (left) and Mel Nixon (right) recognised nationally for their contributions.



Australia A squad at TIO Stadium ahead of the four-day match against Sri Lanka A.



NT Cricket's first U16 Female Team competes at CA National Championships.

FIRST NATIONS INVESTMENT

The Northern Territory Government delivered on its election commitment to support Indigenous cricket growth with funding of \$2.0M over four years to drive increased participation, engagement and representation, and inspire a new generation of Indigenous boys and girls across the Northern Territory to love and play the game.

\$2.0M

FUNDING
INDIGENOUS CRICKET

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Chrissie Ponter (Federal Cricket Club, Alice Springs) and Mel Nixon (Tracy Village Cricket Club, Darwin) became just the second and third Territorians to win Cricket Australia National Community Cricket Awards when they won the 2025 Volunteer of the Year and Women & Girls Initiative respectively.

AUSTRALIA 'A' LOOK TO DARWIN

First-Class Cricket returned to Darwin for the first time since 2006 with Cricket Australia choosing the Top End to host a series between Australia 'A' and Sri Lanka 'A'. Local boy Jake Weatherald made his Australia 'A' debut and scored a big century (183 off 275) in the second four-day match at DXC Arena to continue to push his claims for a Test debut.

FIRST NT U16 FEMALE TEAM

Thanks to 'Play Our Way Program' funding female participation in the NT continued to surge and for the first time ever the NT entered an U16 Female Team in the Cricket Australia Underage National Championships aimed at nurturing young female cricketers and helping them progress through the pathway.

OUR PARTNERS

As NT Cricket's Major Partner, DXC Technology (NYSE: DXC) continues to make a significant investment and contribution to the sport and broader community in the Northern Territory. DXC has been a sponsor of NT Cricket since 2019, initially becoming the Technology Partner and an Imparja Cup partner before further expanding their sponsorship to include naming rights of the Marrara Cricket Ground (now known as DXC Arena).

Over the course of 7 years the partnership between DXC and NT Cricket has grown to include broader community cricket and pathway programs. DXC showcases a strong commitment to innovation, inclusion and collaboration, including with fellow DXC partners Charles Darwin University and Shell V-Power Racing Team who come together in Darwin each year to promote DXC's Digital Futures Program.

The Digital Futures Program refurbishes and redistributes technology equipment and shares it with communities who need it the most. In the last two years, DXC has donated over 300 laptops to schools and community associations across the Northern Territory, believing access to technology is a significant indicator of socio-economic outcomes.

DXC Technology helps global companies run their mission-critical systems and operations while modernising IT, optimising data architectures, and ensuring security and scalability across public, private and hybrid clouds. The world's largest companies and public sector organisations trust DXC to deploy services to drive new levels of performance, competitiveness, and customer experience across their IT estates.

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TOP END T20 SERIES PARTNERS













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SUPPLY PARTNERS







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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It is my privilege to present my first report as Chair of NT Cricket, reflecting on a period that has been nothing short of historic for cricket in the Northern Territory.

I would like to thank the mums and dads, family and friends that continue to show up and support our players week in week out. From the car-poolers to the boundary markers, to the umpires, the scorers or the ones that turn up to watch, this is what grassroots cricket is all about and you are the foundation of our game and for that I would like to thank you.

In August we proudly hosted the first-ever Men’s T20 Internationals in the Territory, with Australia and South Africa launching the national summer of cricket here in Darwin. The first game sold out, and the quality of the TIO Stadium pitches received the ICC’s highest rating. These games not only delivered world-class cricket but also highlighted our rich and diverse culture, making clear the Territory’s ability to host major international events that bring broad ranging economic and social benefits.

The success of these matches was only possible thanks to the collective efforts of our staff. On behalf of the Board and as a cricket lover of the Northern Territory, I extend our gratitude to every member of the NT Cricket team. Your professionalism, passion, and dedication ensured these games will be remembered for decades to come.

We particularly acknowledge:

- **Our Events Team** for their commitment, energy, and generosity of time in delivering memorable experiences for fans.
- **Grounds and Facilities Team** for producing pitches and outfielders that drew praise from players, officials, Cricket Australia, and broadcasters.
- **Our Media and Communications Team** for creating engaging, high-quality content that connected fans across the Territory and the globe.
- **Our Community Cricket and Pathways Team** for their work with players, officials, volunteers, and the broader community to provide a truly world-class experience.
- **CEO Gavin Dovey and the leadership team of Nick Winter, Jake Pavlich, and Karl Mayne** for their vision and tireless efforts in elevating NT Cricket’s brand and reputation.

You have all demonstrated what is possible when teamwork, passion, and professionalism come together.

The 2025 Top End T20 Series was the most successful to date, establishing itself as the leading domestic T20 competition outside the BBL. With 11 teams, five BBL Franchises, International Teams from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and a U.S. based franchise, the competition reached more than 50 million total unique viewers worldwide.

Feedback from players, coaches, and officials has been outstanding, and this event now firmly positions Darwin and the Top End as Australia’s “Winter Cricket” Capital.

The tournament also provided invaluable opportunities for our NT Strike Squad. It was inspiring to see senior Territory players return to wear the NT colours alongside our next generation of talent. The performances of emerging players such as Tom Menzies, Charlie Smith, Cadell McMahon, Sam Barker, and Archie McCormack highlight the bright future ahead for Territory cricket.

We are also very grateful to Airport Development Group (ADG) for their ongoing major support of the 2025 Top End T20 Series. Their hospitality hosting visiting teams, match officials and event staff at Darwin Airport Resorts has been instrumental in our ability to continue delivering elite-level experiences. The partnership with ADG also embeds important tourism, economic and infrastructure benefits for the Territory.

The NT Government’s recent commitment of \$2 million over four years to develop Indigenous cricket participation is a landmark investment. It will underpin many of the programs we are delivering in regional and remote communities. Our commitment to inclusion continues to deepen. We are proud that over 200 young Indigenous girls have participated in remote community programs such as Woolworths Cricket Blast which continue to help expand our reach in remote areas.

The Multicultural Cup and Remote Carnivals remain central to our mission of ensuring cricket is welcoming, inclusive, and accessible across the Territory. These events strengthen community connections and provide pathways for participation and excellence.

We would like to thank all our commercial partners, particularly our long standing major partner DXC Technology, whose wonderful support remains vital to sustaining the growth of our game.

The achievements of the past year are a testament to the collective efforts of our CEO Gavin Dovey, NT Cricket staff, volunteers, players, officials, partners, parents and vast array of supporters. On behalf of the Board, thank you for helping us set a new benchmark for cricket in the Northern Territory.

Together, we have demonstrated that the Northern Territory is capable of delivering events and programs of genuine international standard, while continuing to nurture grassroots cricket and inspire the next generation. With this momentum, I am confident that the future of cricket in the Territory has never looked brighter.

Finally, I extend my thanks to Cricket Australia and the Northern Territory Government for their support in launching the international summer of cricket here in Darwin. Proudly recognised as Australia’s home of “Winter Cricket.”



Stuart Kenny
NT Cricket Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The 2024-25 season will be remembered as one of the most successful in the history of Northern Territory Cricket, defined by the return of International Cricket for the first time in 17 years, a now global T20 winter competition and record levels of investment in our community and grassroots programs.

In what was an incredible season for Northern Territory Cricket, I am pleased to share my third Chief Executive's Report.

Over the past two years I've spoken of our focus on deepening relationships, elevating the role we play in Australian Cricket, and seeking an appropriate and sustainable funding base that allows us to employ high quality people that can capitalise on the most exciting opportunity for cricket in the Territory in decades. As we enter the fourth year of our Strategic Plan, I'm proud to say we have achieved that in what has been a transformative year for our organisation.

The return of International Cricket to the Northern Territory was an extraordinary achievement. We thank Cricket Australia and the Northern Territory Government for supporting a unique opportunity to open the 2025-26 Australian Summer of Cricket right here in Darwin for what were the first Men's T20 Internationals ever played in the Top End.

The eyes of the cricketing world were on the dry season skies of Darwin as Mitchell Marsh hit the very first ball of the summer for six in front of a hysterical TIO Stadium sell-out crowd. That atmosphere and occasion will live with Territorians for a long time, and no doubt inspire the next generation of Jake Weatherald's and D'Arcy Short's to dream of representing their country.

We have worked incredibly hard to re-open the door to those national and international opportunities in what is now the second biggest sport in the world, showcasing our unique value proposition to both Australian Cricket and a Northern Territory Government looking to re-build an economy, grow a population and drive visitation.

Hosting the Australian Men's 'A' Team in a white and red-ball series against Sri Lanka 'A' in July, as well as training camps for both the Australian Women's Team and Australian Men's Team with an Intellectual Disability in May is a testament to that work, and the growing reputation Northern Territory Cricket is building as an elite cricket destination.

However, nothing highlights the progress and potential of our winter cricket business better than the quantum leap the Top End T20 Series took in 2025.

We've grown our total global audience from 4m (2022) to 10.6m (2023) to 12.8m (2024) to an incredible 53.4m in 2025, with more than half the Big Bash League and ICC Members (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal) sending teams to participate in what is quickly becoming regarded as the second best T20 competition in Australia behind the BBL. This year we also welcomed our first privately owned T20 franchise from the United States, the Chicago Kingsmen, illustrating the rapidly shifting global landscape of the sport and the enormity of space we can play in.

This year's event included 42 players with International experience, 45 players with BBL experience and 68 First-Class players, dramatically elevating cricket to an elite level and driving record levels of viewership, media coverage and social media engagement. The Perth Scorchers Academy claiming the trophy in an event that saw 11 teams play 36 T20 fixtures across 5 venues and 11 days.

Over the past 12 months we've recruited outstanding people into key roles across Community Cricket, High Performance, Media & Communications, Clubs & Competitions and Grounds and Facilities, and our strategy is now firmly embedded in our organisational culture. We have a team who are clear on our purpose and the huge opportunities in front of us, and the unprecedented progress and growth we have achieved this year is a reflection of their energy, effort and ambition.

This has required significant investment in facilities, programs and people, but we've laid the foundations for future growth while at the same time delivering immediate benefits to our community, clubs and competitions.

At the time of publication, we were thrilled with the announcement that Jake Weatherald had been selected in the Ashes Test Squad for the First Test. Born and bred in Darwin, the 30-year-old Northern Territorian grew up playing cricket for Darwin Cricket Club and Tracy Village Cricket Club and progressed through the NT Cricket pathway before relocating to Adelaide in his teens to pursue his dream of playing cricket professionally.



Pictured (left to right): NT Cricket Chair Stuart Kenny, Tourism and Events Chief Executive Suzana Bishop, Minister for Sport Hon Jinson Charls, Cricket Australia Chief Executive Todd Greenberg, Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations Hon Robyn Cahill OAM, NT Cricket CEO Gavin Dovey, ADG Chief Executive Tony Edmondstone, and DXC Technology President Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa Seelan Nayagam at Darwin Airport Resort prior to the 1st T20 International at TIO Stadium.

It has been wonderful to see Jake return to Darwin over the past couple of years to play for Darwin Cricket Club in the DDCC, and the NT Strike in the Top End T20 Series. Not only has it been clear to everyone locally that Jake works exceptionally hard on his game and is very clear and driven to achieve his goals, but that he remains incredibly grounded, approachable and grateful for the opportunities and support he received growing up playing cricket here in the NT.

Jake's selection in the Ashes Test Squad sends a wonderful, powerful and aspirational message to kids of all ages who dream of big things in all sports across the Northern Territory. The entire NT Cricket community is very proud of him and right behind him, and hopefully at the time of reading he has got the nod into the final XI in Perth.

Regardless, Jake is as close as anyone from the Territory has ever been, on the cusp of joining an illustrious group. Since 1877 and over the course of 148 years, there have only been 471 men go on to play Test Cricket for Australia. It has been a hell of a 12 months for cricket in the Top End, so if ever there was a year where Jake would become the first Territorian ever to play Test Cricket and wear the Baggy Green it is 2025.

Our Community Cricket staff have done an exceptional job driving increased participation across the Territory. They've created new and inclusive playing opportunities and delivered more programs in more schools, more clubs and in more remote areas than ever before. We have seen new pilot programs such as 'Girls-only Colour Blast', 'Woolworths Cricket Blast' and 'Social Smash' delivered across the Top End and Central Australia, supported in parallel by the professionalisation of our competition administration and the prioritisation of the 'participant experience'.

It has also been wonderful to see our incredible volunteers recognised on the national stage. Chrissie Ponter (Federal Cricket Club, Alice Springs) winning Cricket Australia's 2025 National Volunteer of the Year Award, a huge honour, and Mel Nixon (Tracy Village Cricket Club, Darwin) winning Cricket Australia's 2025 Women & Girls Initiative Award. Both Chrissie and Mel becoming just the second and third Territorians to win a CA National Community Cricket Award since the awards began in 2016.

Throughout the year more than \$13 million was committed to current or future cricket infrastructure projects across the Territory. Thanks to the Federal Government, Northern Territory Government and the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF), facility upgrades will take place at Tracy Village Sporting Precinct (\$3m), Palmerston Cricket Club Woodroffe Oval (\$6.45m), Darwin Cricket Club (\$2m), Nightcliff Cricket Club (\$2.0m), Jim McConville Oval (\$1.4m) and DXC Arena (\$500k), helping enable and protect the future of our sport.

We've also made some tremendous progress in our pathway programs which are thriving under the leadership of former professional player Nick Winter (Head of Cricket) and Trent Keep (Pathways & Talent Development Coach), the latter's coaching potential recognised by Cricket Australia who appointed Trent to the Australia 'A' coaching staff for two separate tours throughout the year.

It was a proud and long overdue moment when for the first time ever we entered a Northern Territory U16 Female Team in the Cricket Australia Underage National Championships. While we needed some additional playing talent from Cricket Victoria to field a side, it was an important moment for female cricket in the Territory, giving 8 girls from Darwin and Alice Springs an opportunity they deserved and our organisation a 'no turning back' moment in which to further commit to building a broader and deeper female talent pool over the coming years.

The Northern Territory Indigenous Men's Team returned to the 2025 National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Mackay after the disappointment of not entering in 2024, with 16-year-old Garawa and Waanyi teenager Harrison Johnny performing well enough to become the first Northern Territorian to be selected in the annual Cricket Australia National Indigenous Training Camp held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

In a year of firsts, long serving local Darwin umpires Rob Stewart and Imran Muhammad became the first Territorians ever selected onto the Cricket Australia State & Territory Umpire Panel, as they continue to work towards their goal of umpiring at List-A, First-Class and National level.

On a much sadder note, I would like to pay tribute to former NT Cricket pathway player Adi Dave who tragically passed during the reporting period. Adi was a much-loved and very popular member of our cricket community and someone who despite his young age made a significant impact and lasting impression on many. Adi remains in our thoughts, as do Pankaj and Hetal Dave and all of Adi's friends and family.

We continue to receive wonderful support from our key stakeholders. I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our sponsors, members, staff, players, coaches, match officials, clubs and volunteers who make up our wonderful cricket community. Your dedication, passion and commitment have been central to everything we've achieved this year.

Our ability to grow the game in the Northern Territory is made possible by the leadership and support of our Board of Directors, whose strategic oversight and good governance continues to help shape our progress. I would like to make special mention of Director Michael Trull who has stepped down as President of the Alice Springs Cricket Association where over the course of five years he made a simply extraordinary contribution that is difficult to both convey and measure. We are lucky that Michael will remain involved in the sport through his ongoing Vice-Presidency of NT Cricket, but I would like to congratulate and thank Michael for everything he achieved for cricket in the red centre.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the work of former Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley who departed during the reporting period. Nick's values driven leadership and altruistic nature was instrumental in advancing an Australian Cricket that includes the Northern Territory, and much of our recent achievements would not have been possible without his support and advocacy.

We congratulate and welcome the appointment of Todd Greenberg as the incoming CEO of Cricket Australia and look forward to working closely with him and his staff to build on the progress we have made this year on cricket truly being a game for all Australians.

I am proud of what we have achieved in 2024-25. We have set some new benchmarks in what is possible for cricket in the Northern Territory. I'm confident we can scale new heights again in 2025-26 and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.



Gavin Dovey
NT Cricket CEO



NT CRICKET STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-27

OUR VISION

TO UNITE AND 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



NT CRICKET 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

Mr Stuart Kenny Chair – Board Appointed (2022)	
Ms Jo Fitzpatrick Director – Board Appointed (2021)	Mr Rick Fletcher Director – Board Appointed (2021)
Mr Michael Trull Vice President – Member Elected (2021)	Mr Andrew Moo Director – Member Elected (2021)
Ms Annie Andrews Director – Member Elected (2022)	Mr Tom Slattery Director – Member Elected (2023)
Mr Simon Matthias Director – Member Elected (2024)	Vacancy Director – Member Elected

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.



Australia T20 Captain Mitch Marsh and the Honourable Hugh Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory.

NT CRICKET 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)
Neville John Marshall Awarded Life Membership (2015)	
	
Shane Franey Awarded Life Membership (2024)	Ross Williams Awarded Life Membership (2024)



Clare Martin AO
Awarded Life Membership (2024)

MEN'S T20 INTERNATIONALS V SOUTH AFRICA

International Cricket returned to Darwin for the first time in 17 years as the 2025-26 Australian Summer of Cricket officially opened in Darwin with the first Men's T20 Internationals ever played in the Top End. Australia took on South Africa on 10 and 12 August as part of the BKT Tyres T20I Series, with capacity crowds and an incredible atmosphere showcasing arguably the sporting event of the year in the Northern Territory.

Close to 18,000 fans flocked to TIO Stadium across the two fixtures, with the opening game selling out in unprecedented time and 5 days prior to the event. Territorians' love of cricket was backed up by 76% local ticket sales, while cricket's national and global pulling power was demonstrated by 14% inter-state and 10% overseas ticket purchases. Cricket fans travelled to Darwin from across Australia, particularly Victoria, and from as far away as South Africa, the United Kingdom, India, the US and Malaysia.

The T20Is were also likely to be the most watched sporting events ever held in the Northern Territory thanks to cricket's massive global audience and world class broadcast partner coverage. Across just the five markets of Australia, India, South Africa, New Zealand and the UK, Game 1 was watched by an average audience of 1.53m people and Game 2 by 1.39m, with further audience expected through the wider subcontinent and other territories.

The first match saw Australia extend their T20I match-winning streak to a record nine games as they pulled off their lowest successful defence against South Africa despite losing six wickets inside the first eight overs. Amid an explosive start that included Mitch Marsh hitting a six off the very first ball of the summer, Australia stumbled to 6 for 75 before Tim David's superbly constructed 52-ball 83 and seventh-wicket stand of 59 with Ben Dwarshuis took them to a match-winning total and 17-run victory.

In the second match fans were treated to 22-year-old Dewald Brevis scoring South Africa's highest individual T20I score, South Africa's second-fastest T20I hundred off 41 balls and becoming the youngest South African to hit a century in this format as they put on their best score against Australia to square the series 1-1. Brevis, who already holds the South African domestic record for the highest T20 score of 162, put on a mesmerising display, hitting twelve fours and eight sixes for a total of 96 runs in boundaries.

Following the success of the T20Is, Northern Territory Cricket will now work closely with Cricket Australia and the Northern Territory Government to secure further International Cricket content in the coming years, giving Australian Cricket increased scheduling options throughout the year and helping drive a number of political, economic and tourism benefits for the Northern Territory.

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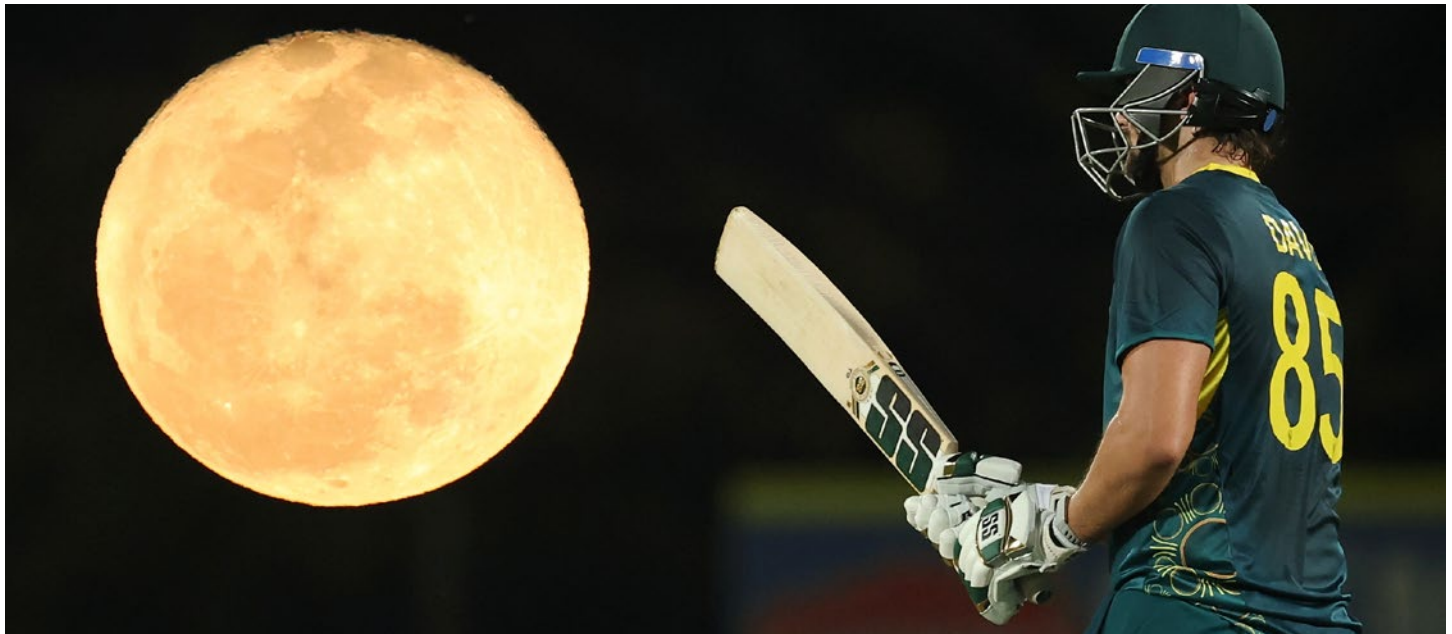
ATTENDANCE
GAME 1 – 10TH AUG 2025

8,448

ATTENDANCE
GAME 2 – 12TH AUG 2025



South African T20 Captain Aiden Markram, The Honourable Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, and Australian T20 Captain Mitch Marsh at the coin toss, pitchside at TIO Stadium ahead of Game One in Darwin.



WESTPAC FAN DAY

Thousands of cricket fans flocked to the iconic Darwin Waterfront to meet the entire Australian Cricket Team as part of a 'Westpac Fan Day' to celebrate International Cricket's return to Darwin and the announcement of Westpac as the new Principal Partner of Cricket Australia.

Westpac has joined with Cricket Australia in a new landmark four-year agreement that will help provide opportunities for women and girls on and off the field, support initiatives aiding local clubs, volunteers and communities, and build on projects that ensure cricket is a sport for all.

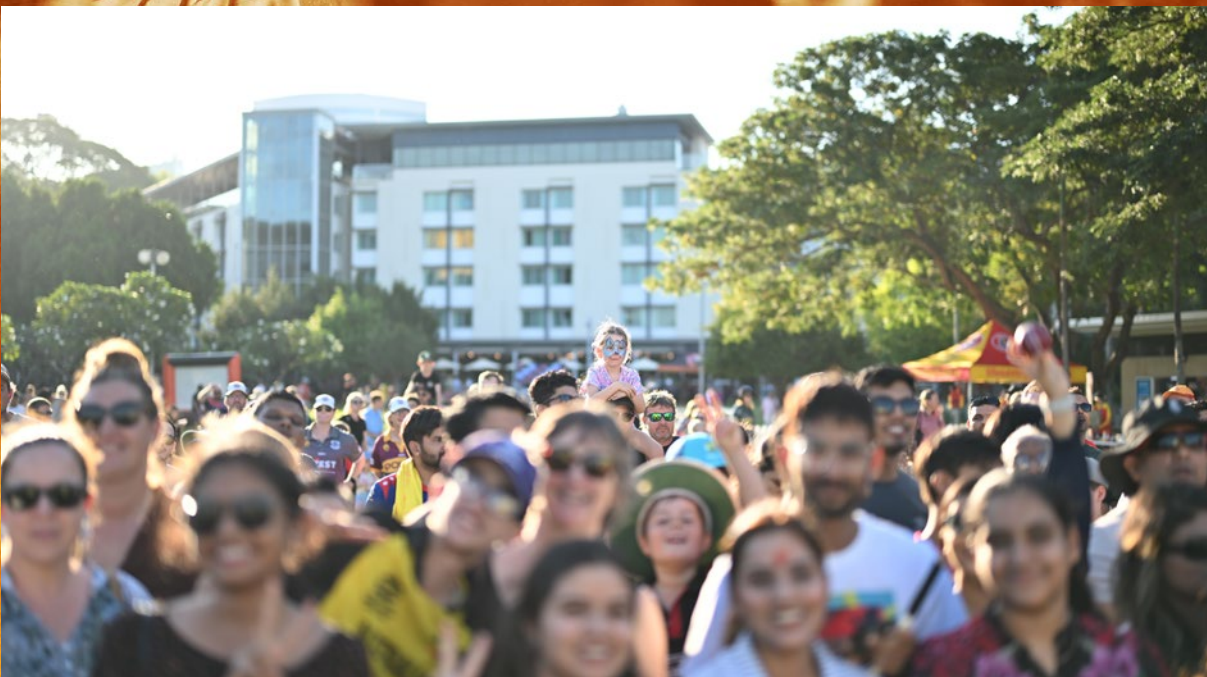
Local and travelling fans were treated to the rare opportunity to get up close and personal with the entire Australian Team ahead of the two T20Is, including hearing Q&As from the players, taking photos with the series trophy, and the chance to play a bit of backyard cricket with their heroes.

The Fan Day marked one of the largest full-squad public engagements by the Australian Men's Team since the 2015 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup victory reception at Federation Square in Melbourne.



The return of International Cricket to Darwin after 17 years is a proud and exciting moment for our sport and for Cricket Australia. We're committed to taking the game to all corners of the country, and this community event will be a fantastic opportunity to connect with fans in the Top End."

Todd Greenberg
Cricket Australia, CEO



AUSTRALIA A V SRI LANKA A SERIES

The Australia 'A' versus Sri Lanka 'A' series in July 2025 marked the return of First-Class Cricket to Darwin for the first time in 19 years. The series featured three unofficial one-day internationals followed by two four-day matches across both DXC Arena and TIO Stadium, delivering elite cricket competition in the middle of the Australian winter.

The last time a senior Australian Men's squad played First-Class Cricket in the Northern Territory was in 2006 when an Australia 'A' side captained by Brad Haddin and featuring senior stars Shane Watson and Mitchell Johnson played against a Pakistan side led by eventual Test Captain Misbah-ul-Haq.

This time round Australian Test players Nathan McSweeney, Matthew Renshaw and Kurtis Patterson headlined an Australia 'A' squad that also featured emerging players such as Josh Philippe, Mitch Perry and exciting 18-year-old Victorian prospect Ollie Peake.

The most pleasing selection however was undoubtedly Darwin local Jake Weatherald who was rewarded for his mountain of Sheffield Shield runs with a maiden Australia 'A' call-up. Weatherald scored an impressive 183 in the second four-day fixture at DXC Arena to further press his claims to become the first Territorian to ever play Test Cricket.

Another exciting element of the series was NT Cricket Pathways & Talent Development Coach Trent Keep being appointed by Cricket Australia to the Australia 'A' coaching staff alongside Tim Paine and Adam Griffith. This highly valuable professional development opportunity was not only great reward and recognition for Trent, but something that benefits our organisation and our talented male and female Academy players.

Australia 'A' won the 50 over fixtures 2-1 while both four-day matches ended in draws.

Northern Territory Cricket received outstanding feedback from Cricket Australia on the successful staging of the series, in particular on the performance of the drop-in wicket at TIO Stadium which will be central to ongoing discussions between CA, NT Cricket and the Northern Territory Government about the possibility of hosting a Test Match in the venue in future years.



It's fantastic to confirm a multi-format series which gives the next crop of emerging cricketers excellent development opportunities throughout the Australian winter. Darwin's dry season weather between May and September offers both the Northern Territory and Australian Cricket an incredible winter opportunity which allows cricket to be played in Australia all year round."

Peter Roach

Cricket Australia, Head of Cricket Operations



Trent Keep as part of the Australia A coaching staff under Tim Paine.

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S CRICKETERS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

In May 2025, the Australian Men's Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability (ID) Team embarked on a training camp in the Northern Territory, consisting of three matches against NT Cricket's Academy, as well as a mixture of training sessions and cultural activities.

The fixture highlighted the importance of inclusion and opportunity within Australian cricket.

As part of the training camp, NT Cricket hosted a 'NT Sports Disability Forum' at DXC Arena in partnership with Total Recreation NT, with guests discussing issues across the NT Disability Sports Sector, Paralympic Programs and Sports Inclusion Australia Pathways.

The event was attended by the Honourable Jinson Charls, Minister for People, Sports and Culture, and Minister for Disability, as well as Robyn Smith, CEO of Sport Inclusion Australia, who was a guest speaker.

The series also saw NT Cricket announce the continuation of its 'Official Charity Partnership' with Taverners NT for a 20th year. The new 3-year partnership aimed at continuing to raise funds for Northern Territory Cricket's inclusive cricket programs including Indigenous cricket and Women's Cricket.



Australian Men's ID Cricket Team with the NT Academy, joined by NT Cricket's Head of Cricket Nick Winter, and Jo Fitzpatrick Taverners NT Vice Chair. Also pictured are the Honourable Jinson Charls, Minister for Sport and Minister for Disability, and NT Cricket CEO Gavin Dovey.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S TOP END TRAINING CAMP

In May 2025 Northern Territory Cricket welcomed the Australian Women's Cricket Team to Darwin for a 5-day training camp focused on off-field planning and preparations ahead of their 50-Over World Cup defence in India later in the year.

All 18 female contracted players including Australian Women's Captain Alyssa Healy and global cricketing superstars Ellyse Perry, Ashleigh Gardner, Alana King, Phoebe Litchfield and Annabel Sutherland landed in the Top End for a week of bonding, culture and community.

The side's visit included a women's community event at DXC Arena where over 300 local women and girls enjoyed the rare opportunity to meet their heroes alongside the launch of 'Social Smash', a fast-paced, simplified, and fun version of cricket designed for players of all ages and skill levels, with a focus on social connection over competition.

The pre-season training camp also saw the team spend two days in Kakadu National Park as part of the team's commitment to learning about and celebrating Indigenous culture. The camp fittingly coincided with National Reconciliation Week and included a visit to Jabiru Area School where the team joined NT Cricket staff to run a two-hour clinic for local students.



We're all really looking forward to the trip to Kakadu as an opportunity to educate ourselves on the Indigenous culture in the region and thank NT Cricket for making the whole week possible."

Shelley Nitschke

Australian Women's Team Head Coach



Australian Women's Cricket Team walking Kakadu National Park.

TOP END T20 SERIES

Northern Territory Cricket's flagship Cricket 365 event continues to grow at an extraordinary pace and is not only providing Big Bash League (BBL) Franchises and International Teams with a genuine elite winter cricket opportunity, but the growing global nature of the tournament is proving an increasingly valuable platform in which to promote and market the Northern Territory.

A record global viewership of 53.4m people tuned in to watch a record 11 teams compete in 36 T20s played at 5 venues across 11 days. The Nepal National Team entered for the first time as they upped their preparation for T20 World Cup qualifiers, while Bangladesh 'A' and Pakistan 'A' returned for their second and third Top End T20 Series respectively.

We welcomed back 5 of the 8 BBL Franchise Academies including Hobart Hurricanes, Perth Scorchers, Adelaide Strikers, Melbourne Stars and Melbourne Renegades, while excitingly the 2024 Minor League Cricket (USA) Champions the Chicago Kingsmen travelled 15,000km to Darwin to become the first privately owned T20 franchise to participate in the event.

The Perth Scorchers claimed their first Top End T20 Series title, defeating the Adelaide Strikers by 15 runs in the final at DXC Arena. Baxter Holt produced one of the standout performances of the tournament with 114 not out from 63 balls, guiding the Scorchers Academy to victory.

However, the story of the 2025 event was Nepal's participation, marking the National Team's first ever tour to Australia. Cricket in Nepal, a country of more than 30 million people, continues to grow, with the National Team developing a cult following among their fans and the Nepalese diaspora around the world. A crowd of more than 1,300 spectators attended Pakistan Shaheens' one-run win over Nepal at DXC Arena, with Darwin's Nepalese community turning out in large numbers to support their national side.

The event continues to add enormous value to Australian Cricket by providing BBL Franchises and players an additional opportunity to play competitive T20 cricket in Australia during the winter and against high quality international competition, while at the same time offering ICC Members and privately owned T20 franchises the opportunity to expose their National Team, 'A' Team or High Performance Program to playing against always competitive Australian players in foreign conditions.

Northern Territory Cricket would like to thank our wonderful event partners Tourism and Events NT, Airport Development Group, bet365, DXC Technology, Asahi Beverages, Kookaburra Sport, Thrifty Car and Van Rental, Territory Sportsmedicine, Seven Network, FanCode and Cricket Australia.



TOP END
T20



AUSTRALIA'S
NORTHERN
TERRITORY



42

PLAYERS WITH
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

45

PLAYERS WITH
BBL EXPERIENCE

68

FIRST CLASS PLAYERS

This year's event included 42 players with international experience, 45 players with BBL experience and 68 First-Class players, dramatically elevating the standard.

Elite players such as Sandeep Lamichhane (68 T20Is), Rohit Paudel (76 T20Is), Milind Kumar (21 T20Is), D'Arcy Short (23 T20Is), Sharjeel Khan (21 T20Is), Billy Stanlake (19 T20Is), Scott Kuggeleijn (18 T20Is), Faisal Akram (3 ODIs), Will Sutherland (2 ODIs), Alex Ross (144 T20s), Jake Weatherald (98 T20s), Sam Harper (91 T20s), Tom Rogers (78 T20s), Harry Nielsen (49 T20s), Matt Kelly (42 T20s), Josh Brown (40 T20s) and Nick Hobson (39 T20s) headlining teams including the next generation of young talent such as Ollie Peake, Harry Dixon, Fergus O'Neill and Bryce Jackson.

TOURNAMENT

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

BANGLADESH 'A'



KINGSMEN



NEPAL



PAKISTAN 'A'



AUSTRALIAN TEAMS

NT STRIKE



HURRICANES



STARS



SCORCHERS



ACT COMETS



RENEGADES



STRIKERS



**I've got no doubt this is the
second-best T20 competition in
Australia behind the BBL."**

Tim MacDonald
Perth Scorchers Senior Assistant Coach

BROADCAST, BRAND AND MEDIA

The 2025 Top End T20 Series achieved record-breaking global reach, attracting a combined audience of more than 53.4 million viewers across television and digital platforms.

Television was the strongest driver, with A Sports reaching 35.3 million viewers in Pakistan and T Sports attracting 10.2 million in Bangladesh. Together, the two networks provided free-to-air coverage to a potential audience of more than 260 million households.

Digital platforms including 7plus in Australia, FanCode in India, Willow in North America, KTV Max in Nepal, and the Cricket Australia YouTube channel further expanded the Series' global footprint, adding 8.8 million unique viewers worldwide.

Clear airtime and non-competing content ahead of the 2025 Asia Cup also enhanced exposure and viewership across South Asia.

Fans consumed more than 5.8 million live viewing hours, representing a 357 per cent increase compared to 2024. The most-watched match of the tournament was Pakistan Shaheens v Nepal, which averaged 7.45 million viewers over its 3.5-hour broadcast.



53.4M

BROADCAST
GLOBAL VIEWERS

UP FROM 12.8M IN 2024



SOCIAL AND DIGITAL CONTENT

The Top End T20 Series achieved its strongest-ever digital performance, generating 19.4 million profile views, 551,000 content interactions, and 8,200 new followers across NT Cricket's Facebook and Instagram channels.

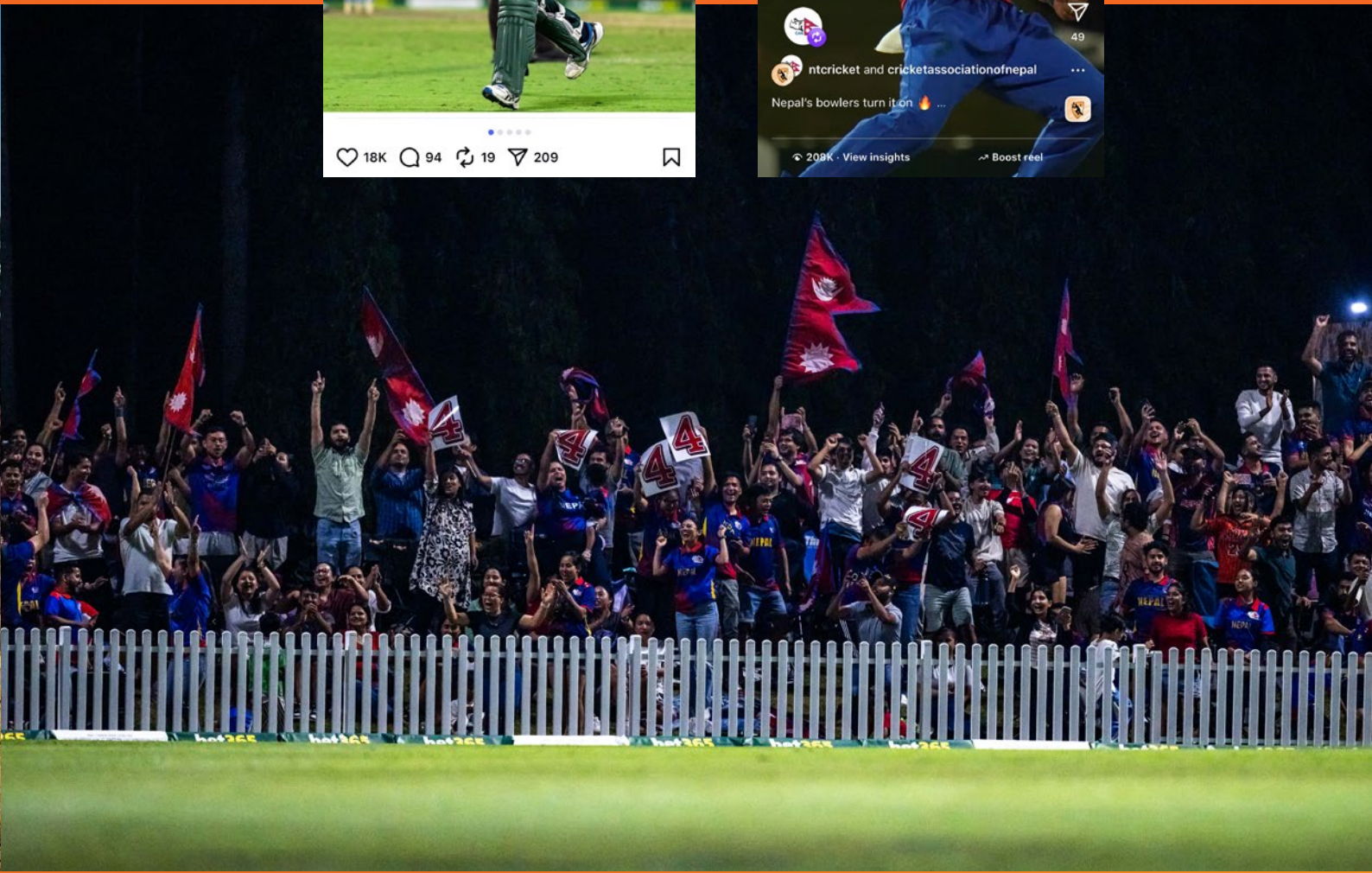
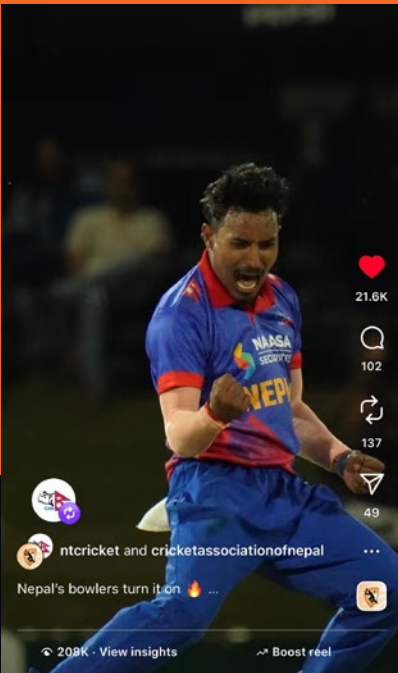
This growth was amplified through coordinated content collaborations with participating teams. BBL Franchises and international sides, which collectively hold more than 33.7 million Facebook followers, co-published match highlights, behind-the-scenes features, and player-driven content that extended the Series' reach to new audiences worldwide.

19.4M

PROFILE VIEWS
INSTAGRAM + FACEBOOK

551K

CONTENT INTERACTIONS
INSTAGRAM + FACEBOOK









YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON (2023–2025)

The following section presents a comparison of key performance statistics from the past three years, highlighting trends across participation, events, and engagement.

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Metric	2023	2024	2025
Tournament Days	8	10	11
Teams	6	9	11
Matches	16	30	36
Venues	4	5	5
ICC Full Member Teams	1	2	3
Countries Represented	2	2	5
States & Territories Represented	3	6	6
Players	85	120	134

BROADCAST NUMBERS

2025 marked the first time the Top End T20 Series was televised live on free-to-air networks in Bangladesh and Pakistan. In the comparison data, television audiences are listed separately under Viewers. This figure represents the total number of households or individuals tuned into the channel during live match broadcasts, as measured by official audience rating systems in each market.

Metric	2023	2024	2025
Broadcast Hours Consumed	291	367K	5.8M
Free to Air – Viewers	–	–	45.5M
Digital Unique – Audience	613.7k	1.3M	8.8M
Total View Count	10.6M	12.8M	36.2M

SOCIAL MEDIA

Figures represent combined totals from NT Cricket’s Facebook and Instagram accounts during the tournament period.

Metric	2023	2024	2025
Views	–	–	20.0M
Reach	140.9K	255K	3.5M
Content Interactions	10.8K	24.5K	609.3K
Profile Visits	20.2K	80K	395.4K
New Followers	623	1,277	10.5K





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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF CRICKET

The past year has seen Northern Territory Cricket continue to focus heavily on community cricket, and I am pleased to report on growth across female participation, increased engagement with our diverse multicultural and Indigenous communities, and recognition for two outstanding volunteers at a national level.

The community cricket team has continued to expand, giving us much-needed capacity and capability within one of our most critical strategic areas. We welcomed Megan Harris and Hannah Armstrong into newly created 'Women and Girls Growth Lead' roles, while Jack Doyle (Darwin) and Kesh Keerthi (Alice Springs) both continued to achieve commendable results as broader 'Participation and Growth Leads'. Excitingly, we look forward to appointing two new First Nations community cricket roles in 2026 thanks to Northern Territory Government funding which will allow us to invest further in driving increased Indigenous cricket participation, engagement and representation.

The focus on attracting more 5–12-year-olds playing cricket remained at the core of our programs, with Cricket Australia data showing a strong correlation with entry-level programs and participants building a long-term affiliation with cricket.

We expanded our Woolworths Cricket Blast offerings leading to a rise in first-time participants - while school-based, holiday, and remote programs ensured cricket was accessible to all girls and boys right across the Territory; the latter including repeat visits to Borroloola, Katherine, Belyuen and Beswick on top of existing remote carnivals and Sporting School Programs.

We remained focused on overcoming risks to junior participation such as time and cost barriers, leading to the implementation of 'Smash Series' as an alternate social format (60 minutes, modified rules, no equipment) to traditional cricket. Acknowledging the additional heat factors within the Territory, NT Cricket has enjoyed early success with 'Smash' programs – with Darwin rolling out its first-ever junior 'Social Smash' in May and a Women's-only 'Mid-Week Smash' in October, while Alice Springs has seen several Smash programs increase engagement with young Indigenous cricketers who are new to the game.

The community team will continue to upskill and work alongside local volunteers and coaches given their role in shaping participant and club experience.

On this front I would like to highlight and acknowledge Chrissie Ponter (Volunteer of the Year) and Mel Nixon (Women and Girls Initiative) as winners of the Cricket Australia's National Community Cricket Awards, both of whom have led the way with their hard work and dedication over many years.

Nick Winter
NT Cricket Head of Cricket



PARTICIPATION

CENSUS YEAR (APRIL 16 - APRIL 15)	2023/24	2024/25
Program Category	UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS	
Entry Level Programs	225	1132
Junior Cricket	696	790
Senior Cricket	1618	1721
Total	2539	3633



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

NT Cricket expanded opportunities for young players through the delivery of a free Woolworths Cricket Blast Hub held over four weeks in February. The program introduced participants (aged 5 to 12) to cricket in a fun and accessible format, with a focus on transitioning them into one of seven Darwin & Districts Cricket Competition (DDCC) Cricket Blast programs and, ultimately, into junior club cricket. The results were encouraging – 40 of the 86 participants (47%) went on to join a club program, outperforming the national average for similar transitions.

DDCC Club Cricket Blast participation increased 21% from 2024 to 2025, with 245 total unique Blast participants across the NT Cricket Blast Hub and Club Blast combined. A four week Woolworths Cricket Blast Program was again delivered in Katherine throughout 2025, with 41 participants engaging (up from 34 in 2024).



↑ 21%

DDCC CLUB CRICKET
BLAST PARTICIPATION
INCREASED



PILOT PROGRAMS

Junior 'Social Smash' launched in Darwin in May, coinciding with the Australian Women's Cricket Team's visit to Darwin (with Australian players supporting the launch), and attracted 69 participants across four weeks – while a Darwin-based Women's-only 'Mid-Week Smash' commenced in October with 34 registrations.

In Alice Springs, over 72 boys and girls have engaged in social cricket throughout 2025, with NT Cricket hosting a girls-only and mixed Smash Series throughout October as a means of increasing registrations for the ASCA season. NT Cricket has also worked with Yipirinya and St Philips schools to run social cricket for 46 Indigenous youth and boarding students who are new to cricket.



36

WOMEN'S-ONLY
'MID-WEEK SMASH'
REGISTRATIONS



72

NEW GIRLS AND BOYS
ENGAGE IN CRICKET IN
ALICE SPRINGS



69

JUNIOR 'SOCIAL SMASH'
PARTICIPANTS ACROSS
FOUR WEEKS

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NT Cricket delivered over 35 school programs throughout 2025, highlighted by a 'school blitz' in Term 1 to drive registrations leading into the season which saw free programs across 16 primary schools in Darwin and over 4,957 students engaged. As part of NT Cricket's commitment to making cricket more accessible for all Territorian students, school programs expanded into rural and remote regions such as Lajamanu, Kalkarindji, Yarralin, Beswick, Jilkminggan, Ti Tree, Yuendumu & Belyuen (on top of the annual school programs delivered in Timber Creek, Borroloola, Katherine and Tennant Creek). Alice Springs also displayed greater reach into surrounding remote communities, with more than 500 Indigenous primary school students engaged in entry level cricket programs throughout 2025.



4,957 STUDENTS ENGAGED

DELIVERED SCHOOL PROGRAMS TO MORE THAN 35 SCHOOLS ACROSS DARWIN AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES IN 2025

TAKING CRICKET TO

- 📍 Belyuen (128 km)
- 📍 Katherine (318 km)
- 📍 Jilkminggan (461 km)
- 📍 Beswick (465 km)
- 📍 Timber Creek (601 km)
- 📍 Yarralin (701 km)
- 📍 Kalkarindji (777 km)
- 📍 Lajamanu (850 km)
- 📍 Borroloola (970 km)
- 📍 Tennant Creek (990 km)
- 📍 Ti Tree (1,303 km)
- 📍 Yuendumu (1,601 km)

* Distances in kilometres from Darwin.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

School holiday programs continue to run through each holiday period, with a variety of entry level and advanced offerings dependent on the time of year. Holiday programs delivered this year included a range of 'come & try days', indoor social tape-ball Smash programs (fun and social format for girls and boys to play), cricket clinics (current junior cricketers looking to upskill), and a first-ever Multicultural Cricket Blast Hub (targeted at girls and boys from a Multicultural background). More than 400 girls and boys engaged in programs across the 4 holiday periods in 2025.



400+ GIRLS AND BOYS ENGAGED

IN PROGRAMS ACROSS THE 4 HOLIDAY PERIODS IN 2025.

PLAY OUR WAY PROGRAM

Northern Territory Cricket was incredibly proud to be one of only two sports in the Northern Territory to be successful in their application for 'Play Our Way Program' funding to direct towards driving increased female participation, engagement and representation. The \$200m Federal Government initiative took effect in late 2024 aimed at removing barriers to women and girls playing sport, reducing discrimination and promoting equality.

Megan Harris and Hannah Armstrong (Women and Girls Growth Leads) joined our organisation during the reporting period and immediately got to work on delivering strategies and programs aimed at making cricket fun, welcoming and accessible to our female communities.

The outcome was a genuine watershed year for our sport in the Northern Territory. We set female participation records in structured competitions, social and entry level programs; we saw the emergence of talented and aspiring young players in our female Academy; we showcased and highlighted the incredible female volunteer base driving our community game; and we provided genuine, safe and inclusive opportunities for women and girls at all levels to step forward and play an increased role in the sport.

We are really pleased with the foundations we have laid in year one of the three-year funding agreement and we are excited and confident about the progress that can be made in 2025-26.



Girls-only Colour Blast, Darwin – September 2025.

535 UNIQUE REGISTRATIONS

Continued growth in girls' participation across entry-level cricket programs, reflecting a 12% increase from the previous year.

17% INCREASE IN DDCC FEMALE PARTICIPATION

Growth in female participation supported the introduction of a second Women's Division in the DDCC.

LAUNCHED FEMALE INTER-STATE PLAYER PROGRAM

Funding supported the introduction of female import players in Division 1, strengthening playing standards, coaching and mentoring opportunities.

FEMALE-ONLY SOCIAL SMASH

64 GIRLS | 36 WOMEN

Introduced dedicated Social Smash programs designed to engage women and girls in accessible, social cricket environments.

GIRLS-ONLY COLOUR BLASTS

339 DARWIN | 103 ALICE SPRINGS

Colour Blast events for girls created fun, welcoming cricket experiences across Territory.

📍 Tennant Creek

📍 Beswick

📍 Jilkminggan

📍 Belyuen

📍 Borroloola

+20 NEW REGISTERED FEMALE LEVEL ONE COACHES

DDCC and SEDA coaching programs expanded opportunities for women and girls to gain accredited coaching qualifications.

FEMALE HIGH PERFORMANCE ACADEMY ESTABLISHED

Launch of a dedicated female High Performance Academy, with Hannah Armstrong appointed as Assistant Coach.



First Womens-Only Social Smash, Darwin – October 2025.



Hannah Armstrong selected as Head Coach of the School Sport NT U12 Girls side for the National Championships.



Megan Harris, Ella Piccoli-Auckram (Nightcliff), and Hannah Armstrong selected for Australian Sports Commission's 'Women in Sport' Leadership Program.

MULTICULTURAL CUP

The 2025 Multicultural Cup, proudly sponsored by City of Darwin and the Northern Territory Government, was the second successive year Northern Territory Cricket ran the event that was previously known as the ‘Asia Cup.’

The Multicultural Cup aims to promote inclusivity and drive greater connection amongst the various diverse communities of Darwin with a focus on bringing local people together to celebrate a shared passion for cricket, culture and community.

Research continues to show that Southeast Asian cricket loving communities are driving the Northern Territory’s population growth, and Cricket Australia’s Multicultural Action Plan identifies the Northern Territory as having the highest percentage (61%) of people in the country with one or more parents born overseas.



The diversity of the Northern Territory is one of our greatest strengths, and events like this bring people together through a shared love of sport while showcasing the rich cultures that make Darwin such a vibrant community

Hon Jinson Charls MLA,
Minister for Sport and Multicultural Affairs



Pictured: the winning Multicultural Cup team, India Dingoes.

The 2025 tournament continued to grow in scale and inclusivity, featuring 12 teams representing 8 cultures, including new entrants England, Nepal, and First Nations Australia. All 33 matches were played at DXC Arena, bringing together 210 players and 18 Match Officials born in 8 different countries and representing families from 13 nations, including India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Argentina, Kuwait, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the United Kingdom.

The Grand Final saw Sri Lanka face the India Dingoes, with the India Dingoes claiming victory by 17 runs.

POOL – A	POOL – B
	
	
	
	
	
	



Pictured front row, fourth from left: Gurnam Singh, Cricket Australia Multicultural Ambassador; Hon Jinson Anto Charls, Minister for People, Sport and Culture and Multicultural Affairs; and Nick Winter, NT Cricket Head of Cricket.



Mr Luke Gosling OAM MP pictured with the Nepalese Multicultural Cup team.



REMOTE INDIGENOUS CRICKET CARNIVALS

Indigenous Cricket has a proud and rich history in the Northern Territory, celebrated through regional and remote carnivals including the Dingo Cup (Timber Creek), Barra Cup (Borroloola), Nitmiluk Cup (Katherine) and the Rossy Williams Shield (Tennant Creek).

The carnivals were founded by NT Cricket Life Member Marcus Rosas back in 2003 as a vehicle to promote increased Indigenous cricket participation. They are strategically structured to begin in the Top End before gradually making their way down the Territory alongside shifting weather patterns and culminating in Australia's largest Indigenous Cricket Carnival, the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs.

Dingo Cup: The Dingo Cup was held in Timber Creek through some seriously hot conditions in October. Despite the humidity, some fantastic cricket was played between the two competing sides, Timber Creek Bush Turkeys and the Kalano Crocs.

Barra Cup: The Barra Cup was another outstanding success, featuring five teams, including a primary and secondary school side from Borroloola School. The event concluded at the Kingash Bay Fishing Club, where the inaugural 'Shaun Cairns Memorial Trophy' was presented to Jamie Seib in recognition of his exceptional efforts to unite the community through cricket.

Nitmiluk Cup: Due to a significant increase in participation, the Nitmiluk Cup was expanded to two venues for the first time. Despite the hot and humid conditions, the carnival was a tremendous success with a record 12 teams, including travelling sides from Darwin, Timber Creek and Venndale.

Rossy Williams Shield: This year saw a record 10 teams participating at the Rossy Williams Shield, with all 70 participants residing in town. The highlight of the weekend was local Tennant Creek Primary School students, who had been engaged earlier in the week during school programs, playing social cricket games around the outside of the oval during the Rossy Williams Shield.



2024-25 Barra Cup held in Borroloola.



2024-25 Nitmiluk Cup held in Katherine.



2025 Rossy Williams Shield held in Tennant Creek.



2024-25 Dingo Cup held in Timber Creek.

32ND ANNUAL IMPARJA CUP

The 32nd Annual Imparja Cup powered by DXC Technology took place from February 15 to 19 2025 in Mparntwe (Alice Springs), continuing the event's legacy as Australia's oldest and largest Indigenous cricket carnival. This year's event drew over 300 players, coaches and match officials from across the Territory and Australia to compete across five days and four divisions including Major Centres, Men's Community, Women's Community and a Schools Division.

The story of this year's tournament was the Redfern All Blacks (Sydney's only Indigenous cricket club established in 2004) travelling 3,000 km to participate in the Major Centres Division as part of their 20-year anniversary celebrations. Other highlights included the Schools Division doubling from 4 teams to 8 including 2 female teams; the Schools Gala Day growing to five schools and 104 students; and the first-ever 'Girls-only Colour Blast' cricket clinic to be delivered on Arrernte Country.



Harrison Johnny bowling for Alice Springs.



Central Desert Regional Council women's team taking part in the Imparja Cup for the first time.

One of the more significant moments took place away from the field, with the event providing a fitting platform in which to present Shane Franey and Ross Williams with their NT Cricket Life Membership Award as the founders and driving force behind the Imparja Cup.

Former NT Cricket Chair, fellow Life Member and long-time Alice Springs resident Dr Bruce Walker AM was on hand to appropriately acknowledge and celebrate Shane and Rossy's remarkable contribution to the game. Over three decades, their passion and generosity shaped the Imparja Cup into a national fixture, fostering participation and pathways for Indigenous cricketers at all levels. Their efforts laying the foundation for the National Indigenous Cricket Championships and positioning NT Cricket as a leader in Indigenous cricket nationwide.

NT Cricket would again like to thank the many wonderful sponsors and partners who continue to keep the Imparja Cup story alive. The support of Imparja TV, DXC Technology, Alice Springs Town Council, Yeperenye, Kookaburra and No More remains central to the events viability and ensuring that future generations of Indigenous boys and girls get the opportunity to play in it for years to come.



Imparja Cup founding figure Shane Franey with NT Cricket CEO Gavin Dovey receiving his Life Membership.

32ND ANNUAL IMPARJA CUP

DXC TECHNOLOGY DIGITAL FUTURES PROGRAM

As part of the 32nd Annual Imparja Cup, Northern Territory Cricket and major partner DXC Technology once again teamed up to provide increased access to both cricket and technology in remote communities.

DXC Technology donated 30 laptops to Sadadeen Primary School and Kalano Community Association as part of their First Nations and Digital Futures Program which support increased self-determination and socio-economic outcomes.



At Sadadeen Primary, we have 180 students. Our values will help students use the technology safely and respectfully. I am thankful for DXC Technology and NT Cricket because we don't have enough laptops here at the school. We have enough now, so all our students can have a go and not miss out."

Anthea Frossinakis
Sadadeen Primary School Principal



NT Cricket CEO Gavin Dovey, Sadadeen Primary School Principal Anthea Frossinakis and DXC Technology First Nations Program and Digital Futures Program Lead Stuart Meadley



NT Cricket CEO Gavin Dovey, DXC Technology First Nations Program and Digital Futures Program Lead Stuart Meadley, Sport and Recreation Manager at Kalano Community Association Marcus Rosas, DXC Technology Head of Strategic Sponsorships Michelle Moore and NT Cricket Events Manager Paige Sutherland.

VOLUNTEERS

Northern Territory Cricket has an incredible community of volunteers and throughout 2024-25 we have continued to focus on improving how we recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of these wonderful people who are the lifeblood of our sport.

CRICKET AUSTRALIA NATIONAL COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARDS

The National Community Cricket Awards are the highest recognition across Australia for individuals, clubs, and associations that have shown excellence in their roles and made a positive impact in the communities they serve.

Since their inception in 2016, the NT has only had one previous 'Winner' with Marcus Rosas awarded the 'Official of the Year' in 2021, and one previous 'Highly Commended' with John Tate coming runner up in the 'Volunteer of the Year' award in 2024.

However, in 2024-25 Chrissie Ponter (Federal Cricket Club, Alice Springs) and Mel Nixon (Tracy Village Cricket Club, Darwin) became the second and third Territorians to win these major community cricket awards and receive national recognition for their outstanding efforts.

Chrissie Ponter (Federal Cricket Club, Alice Springs) won the highly prestigious 'Volunteer of the Year' award for her significant contribution to women's cricket in the red centre. Chrissie has been responsible for organising competitions, scoring matches, co-ordinating trainings, securing vital funding for improved female facilities and female pathway programs, fulfilling team manager duties, and driving Indigenous female participation at the Imparja Cup.



Chrissie Ponter (Federal Cricket Club, Alice Springs)

Melissa Nixon (Tracy Village Cricket Club, Darwin) won the 'Women & Girls Initiative' award, with her influence as a junior coordinator for the past five years (and now as the first female President of the club) resulting in high participation growth across Tracy Village's female programs. Mel's impact recognised through Tracy Village having the highest girls cricket blast participants, leading the way in providing female-inclusive environments (including subsidising costs), and the club winning the 2025 DDCC Club Championship for most competition points across male and female teams.

AANT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Our partnership with Automobile Association of the Northern Territory (AANT) continues to play an important role in highlighting our volunteers, with the AANT Volunteer of the Month program rewarding those who continue to make a significant contribution to our community.

From the monthly winners, Josh Smith, President of the Nightcliff Cricket Club, was awarded the Margaret Cody Award as the Volunteer of the Year for the DDCC.



Mel Nixon (Tracy Village Cricket Club, Darwin)

2024/25 AANT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS

NOVEMBER '24	CARLY MELBOURNE	TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB
DECEMBER '24	IRENA EDWARDS-KELLY	ROSSY WILLIAMS SHIELD - TENNANT CREEK
JANUARY '25	RAJNISH KANTH	ALICE TIGERS CRICKET CLUB
FEBRUARY '25	BROCK ALLIE	FEDERAL CRICKET CLUB
MARCH '25	LILY GELLEL	TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB
APRIL '25	JOSH SMITH	NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB
MAY '25	MARK DONFELD	NT MATCH OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
JUNE '25	DENISE COADY	PINT CRICKET CLUB
JULY '25	CRAIG JOHNSTON	SOUTHERN DISTRICTS CRICKET CLUB
AUGUST '25	MICHAEL ZAMPA	PALMERSTON CRICKET CLUB
SEPTEMBER '25	MELISSA CAMPBELL	WARATAH CRICKET CLUB
OCTOBER '25	MARK MACDONALD	PINT CRICKET CLUB



NT Cricket Head of Clubs and Competitions Karl Mayne recognising Nightcliff's Josh Smith for his volunteer contribution.



Federals' Brock Allie recognised for his volunteer contribution by AANT CEO Simon Matthias.



Waratah's Melissa Campbell recognised for her volunteer contribution by AANT Sales and Service Manager Julie Timms.



Palmerston's Michael Zampa recognised for his volunteer contribution by AANT Senior Operations Manager Edon Bell.



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DARWIN & DISTRICTS CRICKET COMPETITION

The 2025 Darwin and Districts Cricket Season has been a year of growth, innovation, investment and recognition.

This year marked a significant step forward on so many fronts, demonstrating as much as anything what is possible when the entire DDCC community works together and in everyone's best interests.

We launched the season on April 5 with a T20 Triple Header at DXC Arena, our earliest ever start, with close to 500 people attending this new concept that brought our cricket community together and set the tone for an exciting cricket season. For the first time we delivered a full Men's T20 competition, introduced a second Women's Division, launched an inter-state female player program, and added three new Sunday cricket offerings aimed at better catering for why people are playing the game.

These initiatives reflect our strategic purpose to unite and inspire our community through cricket, and our vision of cricket as a thriving sport for all. We had 1,447 unique participants (+10%) and hosted over 850 matches across all divisions of Men's, Women's and Junior cricket. Female registrations grew 14% as we continue to prioritise the growth of our female participation base.

Junior cricket continues to build momentum as a vital pathway for the future of the game. Thanks to the combined efforts of our Community Cricket Team and club-led Cricket Blast programs, participation at the junior level grew significantly this season. We recorded a 3% increase in junior registrations, with more teams competing in the Under 12 Red and Under 15 Red competitions than ever before. This growth reflects the success of our entry-level programs in transitioning young players into formal competition and strengthening the pipeline into senior cricket.

Looking ahead, junior cricket remains central to our strategy to ensure cricket is a sport of choice for the next generation. Continued investment in programs, coaching, and club support will be critical to sustaining this upward trend and fostering a lifelong love of the game among boys and girls across the Territory.

Our coordinated 'themed' rounds made a strong impact, with increased alignment across clubs this year. The Beyond Blue Mental Health Matches contributed considerable awareness and support for a cause close to our community, while Pink Stumps activities raised close to \$6,000 for the McGrath Foundation, with a significant portion due to the efforts of the Tracy Village Cricket Club.

NT Cricket would like to thank our wonderful sponsors who support the Darwin and Districts Cricket Competition - particularly our longstanding partners Carlton & United Breweries, DXC Technology, Casuarina All Sports Club, McDonalds and Kookaburra - as well as our incredible community of clubs, players, match officials and volunteers who have been central to everything that has been accomplished this year.

We are really proud of what the DDCC has been able to showcase this season and we are confident that together we have laid some excellent foundations for future growth in 2026. However, there is a strong body of evidence developing both nationally and globally that indicates we will need to continue to change, evolve and be courageous in our decision making if we are to remain a sport of choice for future generations of boys and girls.

Figures represent combined totals from DDCC's digital platforms.
Facebook and Instagram data are reported as a single social media total.

YOUTUBE

Views: 169,000
Total Watch Time: 19,338 hrs
New Subscribers: 1,200
Impressions: 2 million +

PLAYCRICKET

Views: 493k
Highlight Clips: 9,377
Matches Streamed: 267

SOCIAL MEDIA

Views: 941k
Reach: 127k
Visits: 51.2k
Followers: 3.82k

2025 RESULTS



MEN'S T20

Premiers: Palmerston
Grand Final:
Palmerston 5-151 def
Nightcliff 7-147



MEN'S ONE DAY

Premiers: Tracy Village
Grand Final:
Tracy Village 211 def
Nightcliff 203



MEN'S TWO DAY

Premiers: Darwin
Grand Final:
Darwin 9-257 def
Southern Districts 206



WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

Premiers: Southern Districts
Grand Final:
Southern Districts 0-106 def
Waratah 6-104

REGISTRATIONS

Unique Participants: 1447 **↑ 5%**
Senior Women: 178 **↑ 14%**
Junior Players: 573 **↑ 3%**

ALICE SPRINGS CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The Alice Springs Cricket Association (ASCA) senior competitions for Summer 2024/25 commenced on 12 October 2024 and concluded with finals and presentations on 10 April 2025.

The 2024/25 season continued the strong progress of cricket in Alice Springs. Since forming in 1976, the Association has maintained steady growth, and I am pleased to present this report at the conclusion of my fifth and final term as President.

Representative Cricket – Alice Springs competed in the SACA Country Championships in Adelaide, narrowly missing the grand final. Banjo Waring was selected in the Team of the Tournament following a consistent performance.

Season Overview – A wet summer created scheduling challenges, including interruptions during finals weekend. Thanks to the efforts of NT Cricket staff, curators and volunteers, most matches proceeded as planned. Turf wickets were used extensively, with several B Grade matches played on turf.

The C Grade competition was paused for the season, and B Grade was expanded to include up to nine teams. Cricket did not feature in the scaled-back Masters Games program.

Junior Cricket – Junior competitions continued to develop, supported by clubs and development officers. The season featured Under 16, Under 13 and Under 10 age groups, including Under 16 matches under lights. The Woolworths Cricket Blast program, supported by NT Cricket, attracted more than 50 participants.

Umpiring – Thank you to umpires Philip Nippres, David Young and Paul Rumpff, and to the club volunteers who assisted with officiating throughout the season.



Thank you to the ASCA executive team of Kim Dick, Mick Gill, Vicki Hutchinson and Richard Bond for their commitment across the year. Special acknowledgment to Neville Hill, who steps down after more than a decade of service, for his work in ground preparation, fixturing and operations.

As I complete my final term as President, I look forward to continuing my involvement with ASCA through other roles, including as NT Cricket Vice President. Thank you to all volunteers, clubs, stakeholders and NT Cricket staff for their continued support.

Michael Trull
ASCA President

2024 RESULTS



MEN'S T20

Premiers: Alice Tigers CC

Grand Final:

Alice Tigers CC 5-159 def
Federal CC 8-132



MEN'S ONE DAY

Premiers: Wests CC

Grand Final:

Wests CC 3-124 def
Federal CC 124



SENIOR WOMEN

Premiers: Federal CC

Grand Final:

Federal CC 4-93 def
Wests CC 8-91



Alice Tigers CC ASCA Men's T20 Premiers.

KATHERINE DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION



The Katherine District Cricket Association senior competition for 2025 commenced on 12 April 2025 and concluded in September 2025.

The 2025 winter season reflected the continued growth of cricket in Katherine, with strong participation across both senior and community competitions. Since its establishment, the Association has continued to strengthen its role in supporting inclusive and competitive cricket opportunities for the region.

Season Overview – The Saturday Senior Mixed A Grade competition featured five teams in a closely contested season. The Katherine Bulls finished on top of the ladder and claimed the premiership with a six-wicket win over the Katherine Cows in the Grand Final at Peter Short Oval on Saturday, 12 July 2025.

Multicultural Baru Cup – The Multicultural Baru Cup continued to expand, featuring five teams competing in a round-robin format followed by finals. The Lions were consistent across the season and secured the championship title in the Grand Final. The tournament remains a highlight of Katherine's cricket calendar, celebrating the region's cultural diversity and community engagement.

Participation – A total of 144 players participated across all Katherine District Cricket Association competitions. This included 85 registered players in the Saturday Senior Mixed A Grade and 59 participants in the Multicultural Baru Cup.



Thank you to the players, volunteers, umpires and NT Cricket staff whose efforts ensured the success of the 2025 winter season in Katherine.

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KDCA President

2025 RESULTS



MEN'S ONE DAY

Premiers: Katherine Bulls

Grand Final:

Katherine Bulls 4-167 def

Katherine Cows 7-166

REGISTRATIONS

Total Registered Participants: 144

Katherine District Cricket Association: 85

Katherine Multicultural Baru Cup: 59

TENNANT CREEK CRICKET ASSOCIATION



Unfortunately, there was again no structured traditional club cricket competitions in Tennant Creek throughout the reporting period for a range of reasons however poor governance and compliance issues with the previously incorporated Association remain a central issue to be resolved.

Pleasingly there remains healthy interest from key stakeholders and local volunteers to re-establish a regular, viable and sustainable cricket presence in the town, and Northern Territory Cricket will continue to progress those discussions as quickly and practically as possible.



Senior Mixed A Grade Premiers Katherine Bulls.

MATCH OFFICIALS

The Northern Territory Cricket Match Officials Association (NTCMOA) completed its fourth year in 2025 under the continued leadership of President Robert Stewart. In a period of considerable growth for cricket in the Northern Territory the association has continued to play a key role in supporting the recruitment, retention and development of umpires and scorers.

The Association now boasts 54 Match Officials with a footprint across all grades, competitions and events, and credit must be extended to Muhammad Sohail (NT Cricket Competitions & Pathways Coordinator) and long-standing NTCMOA members John Tate and Mark White for the considerable role they played in record levels of individuals completing their Level 1 umpire course.

The return of First-Class and International Cricket to the Territory in 2025, as well as the flourishing Top End T20 Series, brought with it excellent development and representative opportunities for our most talented and committed umpires and scorers, the outcome of which were a number of milestones and achievements that several years ago would have been considered beyond reach.

Rob Stewart and Imran Muhammad were rewarded with selection by Cricket Australia onto the State & Territory Umpire Panel (STUP) for Season 2025-26, their inclusion marking the first time that members of the NTCMOA have been recognised at this level.

After standing at the Cricket Australia Under 19 National Championships at the end of 2024, Rob Stewart was selected to undertake the Cricket Australia Level 3 High Performance Umpiring course specifically designed to prepare umpires for the demands of First-Class and List A domestic cricket, representing a significant progression towards officiating at the national level.

Rob Stewart will stand in several W/BBL fixtures throughout the 2025-26 Australian domestic season, a wonderful achievement and a testament to Rob's continued dedication, hard work and ambition to progress to the highest levels of the game.

Congratulations must also be extended to long-standing NTCMOA members Mark White, Kathryn White and Cheryl Owens, who were appointed scorers for the T20 Internationals between Australia and South Africa, a wonderful experience, while Mark, Kathryn and Zita Varatharajan debuted at First-Class level, scoring throughout the Australia 'A' and Sri Lanka 'A' series.

At a more local level our umpires and scorers continue to play a critical role as part of a volunteer community that remains the lifeblood of our sport. Northern Territory Cricket and the NTCMOA would like to acknowledge the extraordinary job umpires and scorers across the Territory have done this season. The dedication, sacrifice and selflessness on display at cricket grounds every weekend is commendable and beyond appreciated.



Multicultural Cup Match Officials.



Imparja Cup Match Officials.

AWARDS



2025 DARWIN & DISTRICTS CRICKET COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

MAJOR AWARDS

Ralph Wiese Medal

Jacob Dickman, Darwin CC

Women's Cricketer of the Year

Kate Sheriff, Nightcliff CC

Junior Cricketer of the Year

Tye Jennings, Waratah CC

Coach of the Year

Harry Martin, Nightcliff CC

A Grade Umpire of the Year

Rob Stewart

Women's Div Umpire of the Year

Kevin La Faber

Margaret Coady Award

Josh Smith, Nightcliff CC

PREMIER GRADE AWARDS

Fielder of the Year

Rohan Phillip, Nightcliff CC

Bowling Award

Hamish Martin, Palmerston CC

Batting Award

Jacob Dickman, Darwin CC

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1 AWARDS

Bowling Award

Jordi O'Toole, PINT CC

Batting Award

Kate Sheriff, Nightcliff CC

CLUB AWARDS

Club Championship

Tracy Village CC

DDCC Minor Premiership

Tracy Village CC

Spirit of Cricket Award

Nightcliff CC

Bob Vowles Curators Award

Tracy Village CC

DDCC PREMIER GRADE TEAM OF THE YEAR

- #1 – Jacob Dickman ^(C), Darwin CC
- #2 – Jake Gerrans, Tracy Village CC
- #3 – Ryan Hammel, Southern Districts CC
- #4 – Angus Campbell, Waratah CC
- #5 – Jordan Roads, Nightcliff CC
- #6 – Cadell McMahon ^(WK), Palmerston CC
- #7 – Hamish Martin, Palmerston CC
- #8 – Charlie Smith, Nightcliff CC
- #9 – Reiley Mark, Darwin CC
- #10 – Dylan Mullen, Southern Districts CC
- #11 – Andrew Bourne, Palmerston CC

DDCC WOMEN'S DIV 1 TEAM OF THE YEAR

- #1 – Kate Sheriff, Nightcliff CC
- #2 – Sophia Di Venuto, Nightcliff CC
- #3 – Olivia McSweeney, Palmerston CC
- #4 – Rachel Andrew, Southern Districts CC
- #5 – Hannah Armstrong ^(C), Southern Districts CC
- #6 – Jasleen Kaur, PINT CC
- #7 – Louise Johnston ^(WK), Southern Districts CC
- #8 – Jordi O'Toole, PINT CC
- #9 – Alice Caldwell, Waratah CC
- #10 – Joanna Pickett, Tracy Village CC
- #11 – Sam Quinn, Southern Districts CC
- #12 – Sanjana Akula, Nightcliff CC



Ralph Wiese Medal

Jacob Dickman, Darwin CC

Women's Cricketer of the Year

Kate Sheriff, Nightcliff CC

AWARDS

2025 ALICE SPRINGS & KATHERINE CRICKET ASSOCIATIONS AWARD WINNERS

ALICE SPRINGS
CRICKET ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY

Jarrold Wapper Medal

Samindra Madushan, Wests CC

Braszell Medal

Zoe Trull, Complete Constructions CC

Senior Cricketer of the Year

Samindra Madushan, Wests CC

Jenny Kroker Cricketer of the Year

Olivia Schulz, Wests CC

Boys Junior Cricketer of the Year

Jordan McVeigh, Federal CC

Girls Junior Cricketer of the Year

Olivia Schulz, Wests CC

Women's Rookie of the Year

Minta Franks, Federal CC

Volunteer of the Year

Brad Coleiro, Wests CC

Women's Volunteer of the Year

Sandy Warner, Complete Constructions CC

National Volunteer of the Year

Chrissie Ponter, Federal CC

KATHERINE CRICKET ASSOCIATION
AWARDS

Bowling Award

Jinto Thottumkal, Katherine Bulls CC

Batting Award

Jinson Thazhathepuram, Katherine Bulls CC

Multicultural Baru Cup Bowling Award

Pratik Ojha, Falcons

Multicultural Baru Cup Batting Award

Lakshan Sameera, Lions



Jarrold Wapper Medal
Samindra Madushan, Wests CC

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF CRICKET

With over a year of experience now at NT Cricket, I feel I have learnt a lot about the Territory and the opportunities that present for growth across our pathway system.

At a high level, cricket in the Territory has never been in a more exciting place – with the return of international men's cricket, five BBL Franchises and four International Teams competing as part of the Top End Series, and four separate Australian representative teams touring Darwin across the dry season. My hope is that these touchpoints inspire the next generation of Territory boys and girls to one-day also be in the 'green and gold'.

While NT Cricket will always face challenges across resources, the introduction of Trent Keep as the Pathway and Talent Development Coach has been my highlight for the year – with Trent showing an unwavering connection to our pathway boys and girls, and consequently I have seen player performances and confidence improve as a result.

A key decision this year was to implement a renewed Academy, with NT Cricket committing more resources into the Territory's top players with the aim of developing professional players and bridging the gap to wider Cricket Australia high-performance systems. After 6 months, there has been a noticeable shift in the attitudes and professionalism from those involved.

Cricket Australia National Championships will remain the centrepiece of our pathway programs, and we will continue to ensure that NT sides are competitive and produce local talent; in particular, NT Cricket is looking forward to building upon our first-ever involvement at the U16 Girls Championships and also the reintroduction of NT at the NICC.

I must finally end by congratulating Trent Keep on two personal achievements, as he was selected as Assistant Coach for Australia A's tours of Darwin (June/July) and India (September). Trent's appointments reflect his immediate impact and high coaching potential, while also showing the growing recognition and importance of the NT pathway program within Cricket Australia.



Nick Winter

NT Cricket Head of Cricket



Archie McCormick pictured with his parents ahead of his NT Strike debut.



Sam Barker pictured with his mother ahead of his NT Strike debut.



NT STRIKE

For the first time, NT were able to welcome back all four current home-grown professional cricketers in Kane Richardson, D'Arcy Short, Jake Weatherald and Tom Andrews, with the quartet headlining an NT Strike team that also featured former Australian U19 fast bowler Tom Menzies and 2025 Ralph Wiese Medallist Jacob Dickman.

It cannot be overstated how significant and beneficial it was to be in a position, thanks to the rising standard and quality of the Top End T20 Series, to bring back Richardson, Short, Weatherald and Andrews to play for their home State.

The four best players to ever progress through the NT Pathway and on to become elite professional cricketers added star power and profile, and played an invaluable role in coaching, teaching and mentoring our next generation of talent who relished the opportunity to play with and learn from these guys.

Led by former New Zealand Blackcaps Bowling Coach and current Wellington Firebirds Head Coach Shane Jurgensen.

The Strike were victorious in their opening match against Nepal in front of more than 1,000 spectators at DXC Arena, before following up with two more wins against Hobart Hurricanes in the 'Country Clash' at Gerry Wood Oval and ACT Comets. The Strike's remaining matches saw narrow defeats to Bangladesh, Chicago Kingsmen and the eventual champions, Perth Scorchers, with the Territory narrowly missing out on finals with a 3-3 record.

Tom Menzies was the standout performer for the Strike, finishing with 12 wickets (5th leading wicket taker), while Connor Carroll led the way with 160 runs and Cadell McMahon finished with nine dismissals (2nd highest).

The Top End Series also saw local talent Archie McCormick (19 yrs) and Sam Barker (17 yrs) make their senior NT Strike debut after impressing in local DDCC cricket and the Academy, giving the local community a glimpse into the future alongside wicket-keeper Cadell McMahon (17yrs) who played in all fixtures.

NT STRIKE SQUAD

Archie McCormick	Waratah CC
Cadell McMahon	Palmerston CC
Charlie Smith	Nightcliff CC
Connor Carroll	Tracy Village CC
D'Arcy Short	Palmerston CC
Hamish Martin	Palmerston CC
Jacob Dickman	Darwin CC
Jai Allman	Nightcliff CC
Jake Weatherald	Darwin CC
Jordan Silk	Import
Kane Richardson	Waratah CC
Matt Hammond	Southern Districts CC
Sam Elder	Tracy Village CC
Tom Andrews	Darwin CC
Tom Menzies	Darwin CC

Shane Jurgensen	Head Coach
Trent Keep	Assistant Coach
Harry Martin	Development Coach
Coen McKinnon	Team Manager



Tom Andrews, Jake Weatherald, Kane Richardson, and D'Arcy Short.



Head Coach: Shane Jurgensen

ACADEMY

Led by newly recruited Pathways and Talent Development Coach Trent Keep, 2025 saw the implementation of a revised Academy program across Darwin (Feb-Sep) and Alice Springs (Sep-Feb), with a holistic focus for players underpinned by physical, mental, tactical, technical and individual development.

The Darwin-based Academy saw over 135 hours of 1-1 skills sessions (in addition to group trainings), dedicated sessions with professional cricketers and teams, additional match exposure against the Australian Men’s Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability, and access to additional services including strength and conditioning facilities, nutrition and mental performance training.

Out of the Academy program, Cadell McMahon, Sam Barker and Archie McCormick represented the NT Strike during the Top End Series – while Cadell McMahon, Joanna Pickett and Jordi O’Toole all featured in respective DDCC Team of the Year’s, with the latter finishing as the competition’s leading wicket taker at just 14 years of age.

The Academy also served as a vehicle for coach development, with local DDCC coaches offered an ‘open invite’ to attend these trainings as a means of upskilling and engaging in high-performance systems and strengthening the connection between club cricket and the Academy program. Further, Hannah Armstrong (U/16 National Championship Assistant Coach), Rhys French (U/17 National Championship Assistant Coach) and Harry Martin (NT Strike and U/19 Assistant Coach) were given representative coaching opportunities as part of their development and as a result of their engagement through the Darwin-based Academy.

NT FEMALE ACADEMY
Joanna Pickett - Tracy Village Cricket Club
Jordi O’Toole – Pint Cricket Club
Ekam Dhillon - Tracy Village Cricket Club
Abbey Warton – Waratah Cricket Club
Vishali Brimbal- Palmerston Cricket Club
Aeryn McCormack - Palmerston Cricket Club
Hannah Fior - Federal Cricket Club
Olivia Schulz - Federal Cricket Club
Lara Duncum - Federal Cricket Club
Hargun Kaur Johal - Federal Cricket Club

NT MALE ACADEMY
Rithun Ramanan - Waratah Cricket Club
Tye Beer - Tracy Village Cricket Club
Cadell McMahon- Palmerston Cricket Club
Ralph Stephens - Darwin Cricket Club
Matt St Clair – Southern Districts Cricket Club
Sam Barker - Southern Districts Cricket Club
Dhruv Shandilya - Tracy Village Cricket Club
Riley Suter – Nightcliff Cricket Club
Noah McDonald – Pint Cricket Club
Archie McCormick - Waratah Cricket Club
Max Menzies - Darwin Cricket Club
James Hatton – Nightcliff Cricket Club
Nic Fleming - Nightcliff Cricket Club
Junaid Mansoor - Waratah Cricket Club
Shakeel Faizer - Wests Cricket Club
Benjamin Cortissos - Wests Cricket Club
Oscar Collin - Federal Cricket Club
Samuel Rumpff - Federal Cricket Club



Australian Women’s Player Heather Graham at DXC Arena with members of the NT Female Academy.



Pathways Coach: Trent Keep



Australia A Coach Tim Paine and members of his squad with NT Male Academy players.



IN MEMORY OF ADI DAVE

During the reporting period the Northern Territory Cricket community was deeply saddened at the loss of 23-year-old Adi Dave, a hugely popular and highly talented young member of the local cricket community.

Adi left a lasting impression at three Darwin and Districts Cricket Clubs, earned selection in numerous Northern Territory Pathway teams, and went on to represent the NT at Cricket Australia Underage National Championships, captaining both at U17s and U19s level.

A promising left-arm orthodox spinner, Adi made headlines in 2017 when at 15 years of age he fielded at short leg during an Australian Men's Test Team intra-squad match in Darwin.

Adi had the best seat in the house during a showdown between a Steve Smith XI and the David Warner XI when he was recruited as a substitute fielder for a three-day match at what is now known as DXC Arena.

Adi also had a very promising career ahead of him away from cricket. Dave was in the second year of a law degree at Deakin University and previously served as an associate to the Hon. Justice Judith Kelly in the NT Supreme Court from 2022 to 2023.

Northern Territory Cricket would like to acknowledge Adi's passing and the significant positive impact he had on so many people within the cricket community. Adi remains in our thoughts, and we extend our continued love and support to Pankaj and Hetal Dave.

NORTHERN TERRITORY UNDER 16 - FEMALE

Cricket Australia U16 National Championships – Ballarat

History was made with Northern Territory competing in the U16 Female tournament for the first time ever in 2024/25, with six players representing DDCC clubs and two players from ASCA including captain Skylah Henwood.

Northern Territory Cricket would like to acknowledge and thank Cricket Victoria for supporting our ambition to participate in this event by providing 6 Victorian players to represent the NT. Not only did these girls perform exceptionally well, but they represented the NT with pride and actively helped our girls develop confidence in what was the highest level of cricket they had ever played.

The NT's involvement at this national level age group has been long overdue and was an important step in progressing female cricketing pathways in the Territory. We will continue to focus on producing a broader and deeper talent pool throughout 2026 and pleasingly many of the 8 girls who represented the NT this year will remain eligible for this age group in 2026, 2027 and 2028.

SQUAD LIST

1.	Ekam Dhillon	Tracy Village CC
2.	Skylah Henwood	Federal CC
3.	Maisie Johnson	Wests CC
4.	Naomi McMahon	Palmerston CC
5.	Jordi O'Toole	PINT CC
6.	Joanna Pickett	Tracy Village CC
7.	Eimi Smith	PINT CC
8.	Abbey Warton	Waratah CC
9.	Eloise Wood	Victoria
10.	Anuki Dassanayake	Victoria
11.	Ruby Flett	Victoria
12.	Trisha Bajaj	Victoria
13.	Riva Guliya	Victoria
14.	Hannah Robins	Victoria

Head Coach	Bronte Stray
Assistant Coach	Karl Mayne
Team Manager	Ella Piccoli-Auckram



Back: Karl Mayne (Assistant Coach) Jimmy Thomas (Physio), Trisha Bajaj, Joanna Pickett, Eloise Wood, Hannah Robins, Skylah Henwood (captain) Jordie O'Toole, Abbey Warton, Bronte Stray (Head Coach) Shannon Lyons (Assistant Manager) Ella Piccoli-Auckram (Team Manager)
Front: Namoi McMahon, Anuki Dassanayake, Ekam Dhillon, Riva Guliya, Eimi Smith, Ruby Flett, Maisie Johnson

NORTHERN TERRITORY UNDER 17 - MALE

Cricket Australia U17 National Championships - Launceston

Northern Territory U17 Male team were unable to secure a victory in the 2024/25 tournament, however narrow defeats to ACT and Tasmania showed the potential of Territory players to be competitive at a national level.

Despite the tough results, a positive from this year's U17 cohort was the large contingent of players who had come through and earned selection from performances at the senior Darwin and Districts Cricket Competition (DDCC) level, as well as the fact that many of the players remain young enough to be eligible for this age group again over the coming years.

Standout performances from the tournament included Cadell McMahon's 72 against South Australia, which was one of the highest scores by a Territorian in recent seasons, while 14-year-old Tye Beer also contributed with a score of 42 against Victoria Country. With the ball, Rehaan Shyamsundar led the way with 11 wickets for the carnival, while Beer again featured with 7 wickets.

SQUAD LIST

1.	Tye Beer	Tracy Village CC
2.	Harry Dixon	Darwin CC
3.	Arlo Everett	Waratah CC
4.	Charles Harragon	Darwin CC
5.	Noah McDonald	PINT CC
6.	Cadell McMahon	Palmerston CC
7.	Riley Suter	Nightcliff CC
8.	Mithuru Perera	Waratah CC
9.	Sam Rumpff	Federal CC
10.	Dhruv Shandilya	Tracy Village CC
11.	Matthew St Clair	Southern Districts CC
12.	Ralph Stephens	Darwin CC
13.	Rehaan Sundar	Southern Districts CC
14.	Neel Patel	New South Wales

Head Coach	Greg Turner
Assistant Coach	Jesse Dinnie
Team Manager	Karl Mayne



Back: Karl Mayne (Team Manager), Greg Turner (Head Coach), Dhruv Shandilya, Matthew St Clair, Harry Dixon, Arlo Everett, Noah MacDonald, Mithuru Perera, Rehaan Shyamsundar, Jesse Dinnie (Assistant coach), Sam Lane (Physio)
Front: Tye Beer, Charles Harragon, Samuel Rumpff, Ralph Stephens (Captain), Cadell McMahon, Riley Suter, Neel Patel

NORTHERN TERRITORY UNDER 19 - MALE

Cricket Australia U19 National Championships – Adelaide

The Northern Territory U19 Male team ended the 2024/25 competition in sixth place with a 3-3 record after victories against Tasmania (twice) and New South Wales Country, while the team also won the ‘Spirit of Cricket’ Award.

James Hatton (6 wickets) and Archie McCormick (5 wickets) contributed with key wickets throughout the tournament, with the former claiming an impressive 4/49 against NSW Metro. Charlie Bignell (131 runs) was the highest local run scorer, followed by Cadell McMahon (76 runs) who also featured at an U17 level.

Last year’s captain Archie McCormick and wicketkeeper Cadell McMahon both recently debuted for the NT Strike as part of the 2025 Top End T20 Series, showing the importance of the U19 pathway through to senior high-performance cricket.

SQUAD LIST

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| 1. | Archie McCormick | Waratah CC |
| 2. | Nicholas Fleming | Nightcliff CC |
| 3. | Cadell McMahon | Palmerston CC |
| 4. | Max Menzies | Darwin CC |
| 5. | James Hatton | Nightcliff CC |
| 6. | Charlie Bignell | Palmerston CC |
| 7. | Josh Gawthrope | Southern Districts CC |
| 8. | Advith Boreddy | New South Wales |
| 9. | Josh Malone | New South Wales |
| 10. | Hayden McCarthy | New South Wales |
| 11. | Ryan Percival | South Australia |
| 12. | Suhas Challa | South Australia |
| 13. | Malay Doshi | South Australia |
| 14. | Jack Appleton | South Australia |

Head Coach	Dylan Slater
Assistant Coach	Himesh Silva
Team Manager	William Pilkington

JUNIOR STRIKE LEAGUE

The Kookaburra Junior Strike League continued to play an important role in the underage pathway, allowing NT Cricket to identify players who have been performing well in DDCC and ASCA competitions and provide them with representative cricket opportunities.

The Boys Kookaburra JSL saw the return of South Australia’s ‘Cricket for All’ and Gippsland-based ‘Victoria Big Cats’ in a reduced tournament which ran concurrent to Australia A’s tour of Darwin. The NT side finished on top of the table, with Ralph Stephens (160 runs), Dhruv Shandilya (100 runs) and Deepanshu Panwar (8 wickets) the standout performers for the local side.

The Girls Kookaburra JSL was played between NT and Victoria Big Cats, with the latter victorious across the 5-match series. Ekam Dhillon’s (115 runs including 72* in game three) batting was the highlight for the NT, while Joanna Pickett (89 runs) and Abbie Halvorsen (4 wickets) also played key roles throughout the tournament.



Back: Rithun Ramanan, Tye Beer, Arlo Everett, Ralph Stephens, Noah McDonald, Riley Suter
Front: Dhruv Shandilya, Lucas Nixon, Billy O’toole, Harvey McCormick, Tye Jennings, Deepanshu Panwar, Shakeel Faizer, Nate Watson, Angad Panwar



Back: Sam Lane (Physio), Dylan Slater (Head Coach), Charlie Bignell, Josh Gawthrope, Ryan Percival, James Hatton, Advith Boreddy, Cadell McMahon, Josh Malone, Will Pilkington (Team Manager), Himesh Silva (Assistant Coach).
Front: Malay Doshi, Hayden McCarthy, Nicholas Fleming, Archie McCormick (Captain), Max Menzies, Suhas Challa, Jack Appleton



Back: Meg McCartney (Assistant Coach), Hannah Armstrong (Head Coach), Vishali Brimbal, Skylah Henwood, Joanne Pickett, Jordi O’Toole, Naomi McMahon, Ekam Dhillon, Chrissie Ponter (Manager)
Front: Abbey Warton, Hargun Kaur Johal, Lara Duncum, Harshita Singh, Olivia Schulz, Abbie Halvorsen, Sophie Cameron

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Northern Territory returned to the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in April 2025, marking an important step forward for Indigenous cricket and pathways within the Territory after the disappointment of not being in a position to field a team in 2024.

The NICC was held in Yuwibara Country (Mackay, Queensland) for the first time having evolved out of the Imparja Cup in 2016 and only ever previously been held in Alice Springs.

The NT Indigenous Male team was led by Captain Lachlan Dunemann (Kalkadoon/ Tennant Creek), while six players were selected from performances at the 2025 Imparja Cup, including 15-year-old Harrison Johnny (Garawa Waanyi/Alice Springs), with an increased emphasis on positioning Imparja as a selection vehicle and pathway.

The NICC was unfortunately heavily rain affected, with all matches reduced to a T10 format and several abandoned. NT were winless across their five matches, with the closest a narrow defeat to South Australia by three runs. NT were awarded the Spirit of Cricket, while Bradley Illot (Arrernte) was named in the Team of the Tournament.

Following the conclusion of the NICC, Harrison Johnny was named in the Cricket Australia and Melbourne Cricket Club's annual National Indigenous Training Camp, which provides cultural, cricket and personal development opportunities for the best Indigenous male and female talent under 23 from across the country, culminating in a marquee match against the Melbourne Cricket Club on the MCG in October.

Head Coach Trent Keep again provided high level coaching and leadership to the group, while Assistant Coach Ben Abbatangelo and Mentor Ray White deserve credit for creating a highly positive, enjoyable and culturally strong environment that positions the group well to build on their experience next year.

NT INDIGENOUS MALE SQUAD	
Allister Young	Yawuru & Yamitji
Ayden Allan	Walpiri
Benjamin Stares	Dharug & Dharawal
Bradley Illot	Arrernte
Daniel Fett	Jawoyn
Matthew Groves	Ngarrindjeri
Djarrin Stuart	Arrernte
Greg Louis	Arrernte
Harrison Johnny	Garawa Waanyi
Lachlan Dunemann	Kalkadoon
Sam Richards	Ngiyampaa
Shane Buttfield	Kamilaroi
Steven Roser	Wuli Wuli
Tyler Kelly	Warumungu and Luritja

Trent Keep	Head Coach
Ben Abbatangelo	Assistant Coach
Ray White	Mentor



Back: Ben Abbatangelo (Assistant Coach), Shane Buttfield, Bradley Illot, Mathew Groves, Samuel Richards, Lachlan Dunemann, Greg Louis, Trent Keep (Head Coach), Ray White (Mentor)
Front: Lachlan Kelly, Stevie Roser, Harrison Johnny, Ayden Allen, Djarrin Stuart, Allister Young, Benjamin Stares



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

The past twelve months has been an extraordinary year for the Grounds and Facilities Team with some major milestones and achievements.

The 2024-25 season was the most ambitious cricket schedule in the Northern Territory in over two decades, if not ever, highlighted by opening the Australian Summer of Cricket in Darwin with the first Men's T20 Internationals ever played here and a Top End T20 Series that has grown from 11 to 36 fixtures in the space of four years to become a global event watched by 54m viewers.

First-Class Cricket returned to Darwin for the first time since 2006 with a 3 week white and red ball series between Australia 'A' and Sri Lanka 'A' and we hosted training camps for both the Australian Women's Team and Australian Men's Team with an Intellectual Disability, further showcasing our capability to deliver elite level cricket as well as our world-class cricket facilities.

At the community level we supported unprecedented growth in participation and programs. From multiple venues across the Darwin and Districts Cricket Competition and Alice Springs Cricket Association Competition, to events such as Kookaburra Junior Strike League and Interstate Challenge, the Imparja Cup, the Multicultural Cup and many others. We delivered or supported facilities for over 1,500 cricket matches across Darwin and Alice Springs in the only State or Territory in Australia that plays cricket all year round.

Through the hard work of our talented team, continued investment from the Northern Territory Government and Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF), as well as a strong partnership approach with local councils, sporting codes, clubs, and contractors, we have been able to deliver high-quality pitches and facilities from grassroots to international level.

I'm proud of the commitment, adaptability, and professionalism our team has shown in meeting the demands of a record workload. We remain driven to provide the best possible facilities for our community, ensuring the Territory continues to grow as a respected destination for cricket.



Jake Pavlich
NT Cricket Head of Grounds and Facilities



CURATING TEAM

Northern Territory Cricket has a rich history of outstanding curators, the likes of Isaac McDonald, Brad Baptist and Matthew Sandery, and that has continued this year with the performance of our current Grounds and Facilities Team who have continued to set new standards for hard work, quality and commitment.

Senior Curator Angus Vear, along with apprentices Bevan Maher and Blake Gilbert, have been exceptional. Dylan Fry made a valuable contribution during a short-term secondment from the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA), while Justin Galeotti, who joined the team for six months through our peak period, was simply outstanding.

The appointment of Tim Shaw as Project Officer – Facilities and Infrastructure has strengthened the team's capacity to deliver projects across the Territory. His background in construction, plumbing and community cricket has positioned him to lead and support key NT Cricket and community infrastructure initiatives and make a significant and immediate impact.

NT Cricket acknowledges the important contribution of local curators, councils and contractors in maintaining high-quality facilities. Special thanks to Steven Bailey, Craig Johnston, Anthony Scott, Adam Melbourne, Danny Griffiths, John Tate, Kym Lawrence, Alex Bleakley, Ben Ellis and Paul Rumpff for their ongoing support and dedication.

Across the Territory, our staff and contractors worked hard to deliver a demanding schedule, and their attention to detail ensured that every wicket and outfield met the expectations of both local players and International athletes. The ongoing development of local curating talent within our grounds team remains a key focus, ensuring we build long-term capability for NT Cricket's future.

Further praise and credit must go to the Northern Territory Government and the Department of Sport and Recreation, in particular Mitch Hardy and Danny De Paul, for their ongoing commitment to ensuring TIO Stadium operates as a multi-sport venue 12 months of the year.

The continued investment in the TIO Stadium pitch nursery and drop-in wicket program has been critical in maintaining elite playing surfaces, enabling the growth of the Top End T20 Series, securing the return of International Cricket to the venue, and ultimately achieving the highest pitch ratings possible by the International Cricket Council (ICC) following the Men's T20 Internationals.



NT Cricket Grounds & Facilities Team installing the two drop-in wickets into TIO Stadium.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

The continued investment in cricket infrastructure and supporting amenities remains critical to the growth and progress of the sport at all levels, and we oversaw some excellent progress on this front throughout 2024-25.

Bringing the DXC Arena Master Plan (2020-2025) to life remains one of our top priorities as we seek to build a boutique elite cricket ground similar to Junction Oval in Melbourne and Karen Rolton Oval in Adelaide that can enable and support further elite cricket opportunities in future years.

We were grateful to the Northern Territory Government (Community Benefit Fund) and Cricket Australia (ACIF) for investment that allowed us to commence Project 3: Turf Maintenance Facility to construct a fit for purpose building at DXC Arena to house our critical people, machinery and materials that underpin turf creation and maintenance at both the grassroots and elite level.

We also extend our thanks to Cricket Australia for their willingness to re-direct funding initially allocated for temporary sight screens required to host the Australia 'A' v Sri Lanka 'A' series towards the cost of constructing what is remarkably the first permanent sight screen ever built at DXC Arena.

The construction of a new white steel picket fence around the perimeter of DXC Arena to replace the original dilapidated wire mesh fence was not only necessary but has completely changed the aesthetics and presentation of the venue, important as we continue to welcome international elite teams and give our community a beautiful venue to play at for finals and key events.

More broadly the year saw over \$13m committed to current or future cricket Infrastructure projects thanks to the Federal Government, State Government and Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF). It is exciting to think of the quality of community cricket facilities that will be in place at Tracy Village Cricket Club, Darwin Cricket Club, Nightcliff Cricket Club and Palmerston Cricket Club in future years once these projects are complete.

Further, thanks to \$279k from the ACIF, we have seen new cricket facilities being built or restored at places such as Haileybury College (formerly Kormilda College), Good Shepherd College and Berry Springs Oval, expanding our footprint to deliver and support cricket at a school and local level.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look toward 2025/26, our focus will be on continuing to strengthen NT Cricket's reputation nationally and globally and we are excited about the potential opportunity to host a Test Match in Darwin for the first time since 2004. We are building a skilled and dedicated team, have developed strong relationships and partnerships, have clear strategic goals and we are well positioned to deliver another outstanding year for cricket in the Northern Territory.

KEY CRICKET INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

BERRY SPRINGS OVAL NEW SYNTHETIC PITCH	\$30,000
DARWIN CRICKET CLUB KAHLIN OVAL PAVILION	\$2,000,000
DARWIN CRICKET CLUB UPGRADED PRACTICE NET LIGHTING	\$110,000
DXC ARENA PICKET FENCE UPGRADE	\$230,000
DXC ARENA SOUTHERN SIGHTSCREEN	\$125,000
DXC ARENA TURF MAINTENANCE FACILITY	\$350,000
GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE NEW SYNTHETIC PITCH	\$30,000
JIM MCCONVILLE OVAL	\$1,400,000
NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB CHANGE ROOMS	\$2,000,000
NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB PRACTICE NET REPLACEMENT	\$40,000
PALMERSTON CRICKET CLUB WOODROFFE OVAL	\$6,450,000
PINT CRICKET CLUB PRACTICE NET REPLACEMENT	\$20,000
TRACY VILLAGE SPORTING PRECINCT RE-DEVELOPMENT	\$3,000,000
TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB - 5TH TURF WICKET	\$17,000



DXC Arena picket fence upgrade



Palmerston Cricket Club Woodroffe Oval



Mr Luke Gosling OAM MP with representatives from Tracy Village sporting codes after his \$3 million upgrade commitment.



Good Shepherd College's New Synthetic Pitch

\$13M

COMMITTED TO SIGNIFICANT
LARGE SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT
CRICKET

\$279K

INVESTED BY CRICKET
AUSTRALIA AND NT CRICKET
INTO ACIF PROJECTS



DXC Arena sight screen installation.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

30 June 2025

The directors present their report on Northern Territory Cricket Limited ("the Company") for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

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

- Stuart Kenny - Chair
- Michael Trull - Deputy Chair
- Andrew Moo
- Jo Fitzpatrick
- Rick Fletcher
- Ann-Maree Andrews
- Tom Slattery
- Simon Matthias - Appointed November 2024
- Bruce Walker - Chair - Resigned November 2024
- Lachlan Baird - Resigned November 2024

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

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

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

OPERATING RESULTS

The (deficit) for the year amounted to \$156,503. (2024: Surplus \$135,967)

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.

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 2025 the collective liability of members was \$ NIL (2024 \$ NIL).

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

During the financial year, 6 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
Stuart Kenny Chair	7	6
Bruce Walker - Former Chair	4	4
Michael Trull - Deputy Chair	7	7
Jo Fitzpatrick	7	6
Rick Fletcher	7	6
Andrew Moo	7	7
Ann-Maree Andrews	7	3
Tom Slattery	7	7
Simon Matthias	3	3
Lachlan Baird	4	4

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 2025 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


Director

Dated this 7th day of October 2025

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 2025, 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

PERKS AUDIT PTY LTD
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P Hill

PETER J HILL
Director
Registered Company Auditor, 72701

Dated this 7th day of October 2025

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	NOTE	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue	3	4,741,719	3,701,766
Employee benefit expenses		(1,740,095)	(1,227,606)
General expenses		(1,460,273)	(1,078,075)
Travel and accommodation		(639,278)	(397,877)
Repairs, maintenance and renovations		(213,368)	(207,361)
Broadcast		(137,059)	(88,700)
Motor vehicle expenses		(85,781)	(87,018)
Coaches' Payments		(80,347)	(90,693)
Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund		(70,773)	(27,332)
Asbuild Sinking Fund		(66,000)	-
Umpires		(54,193)	(50,560)
Uniforms		(53,169)	(40,741)
Depreciation	6	(290,827)	(267,820)
Finance expenses		(7,059)	(2,016)
Total expenses		(4,898,222)	(3,565,799)
Surplus / (deficit) before income taxes		(156,503)	135,967
Income tax	2.b	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		(156,503)	135,967
Total comprehensive income for the year		(156,503)	135,967

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT

As at 30 June 2025

	NOTE	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,888,469	1,650,874
Trade and other receivables	5	174,902	118,630
Other assets		98,079	3,932
Total current assets		2,161,450	1,773,436
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	6,323,961	6,088,959
Total assets		8,485,411	7,862,395
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	372,227	134,772
Employee benefits	11	96,533	55,380
Contract liabilities	9	413,953	268,915
Motor vehicle finance	7	53,984	10,434
Revenue received in advance	10	230,000	-
Total current liabilities		1,166,697	469,501
Non-current liabilities			
Motor vehicle finance	7	106,799	24,476
Total liabilities		1,273,496	493,977
Net assets		7,211,915	7,368,418
Equity			
Retained earnings		5,901,915	6,058,418
Reserves		1,310,000	1,310,000
Total equity		7,211,915	7,368,418

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

As at 30 June 2025

2024	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	REVALUATION RESERVE \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	5,922,451	1,310,000	7,232,451
Surplus for the year	135,967	-	135,967
Balance at 30 June 2024	6,058,418	1,310,000	7,368,418
2025	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	REVALUATION RESERVE \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1 July 2024	6,058,418	1,310,000	7,368,418
(Deficit) for the year	(156,503)	-	(156,503)
Balance at 30 June 2025	5,901,915	1,310,000	7,211,915

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipt from grants	3,159,138	2,616,700
Receipts from other sources	1,577,686	1,002,278
Interest received	45,937	47,711
Interest paid	(7,059)	(2,016)
Payments to employees	(1,698,942)	(1,226,649)
Payments to suppliers	(2,439,206)	(1,993,952)
Net cash flows from operating activities	637,554	444,072
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(525,832)	-
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(525,832)	-
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from borrowings	162,485	-
Repayment of borrowings	(36,612)	(9,926)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	125,873	(9,926)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	237,595	434,146
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,650,874	1,216,728
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	1,888,469	1,650,874

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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 is consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2) MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

a) Revenue and other income

Grants and sponsorships

When the entity receives 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 Company:

- 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.

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 payables 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) Cash and cash equivalents

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

e) 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.

2) MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

f) 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.

g) Financed vehicles

Financing 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.

3) REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue		
Grants	3,428,053	2,724,486
Revenue from ordinary activities	872,198	355,959
Sponsorship and advertising	441,468	621,321
Total revenue	4,741,719	3,701,766

4) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash at bank	1,888,469	1,650,874

a) Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the assets and liabilities statement as follows:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	1,888,469	1,650,874

5) TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

CURRENT	2025 \$	2024 \$
Trade receivables	177,519	135,285
Provision for impairment	(7,500)	(16,955)
	170,019	118,330
GST receivable	4,583	-
Other trade and other receivables	300	300
Total current trade and other receivables	174,902	118,630

2) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Land		
Land at Valuation	294,000	294,000
Buildings		
Improvements at Valuation	1,016,000	1,016,000
At cost	3,735,934	3,564,478
Accumulated depreciation	(1,518,516)	(1,383,533)
Total Buildings	3,233,418	3,196,945
Plant and equipment		
At cost	625,175	500,014
Accumulated depreciation	(337,249)	(305,715)
Total Plant and equipment	287,926	194,299
Motor vehicles		
At cost	292,176	59,614
Accumulated depreciation	(69,383)	(29,237)
Total Motor vehicles	222,793	30,377
Light towers		
At cost	2,628,041	2,628,041
Accumulated depreciation	(342,217)	(254,703)
Total Light towers	2,285,824	2,373,338
Total property, plant and equipment	6,323,961	6,088,959

3) REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

CURRENT	2025 \$	2024 \$
Motor vehicle finance	53,984	10,434
Total current borrowings	10,435	9,927
NON-CURRENT	2025 \$	2024 \$
Motor vehicle finance	106,799	24,476
Total non current liability	106,799	24,476

8) TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

CURRENT	2025 \$	2024 \$
GST payable	44,403	(20,333)
Accrued expenses	52,174	71,971
Other trade and other payables	275,650	83,134
Total current trade and other payables	372,227	134,772

9) CONTRACT LIABILITIES

CURRENT	2025 \$	2024 \$
Other contract liabilities	413,953	268,915

Contract liabilities represent grants received for the purpose of a specific program or capital expenditure. When the obligations have not been satisfied at year end, the balance of that grant is recorded as a contract liability.

10) REVENUE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Deferred income	230,000	

Deferred income represents sponsorship and advertising revenue relating to the Top End Series held in August 2025.

11) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

CURRENT	2025 \$	2024 \$
Current		
Provision for long service leave	16,147	2,687
Provision for annual leave	80,386	52,693
Total current employee benefits	96,533	55,380
Non-current	-	-
Total non-current employee benefits	-	-
Total employee benefits	96,533	55,380

12) CONTINGENCIES

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 2025 (2024: None).

13) 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.

14) STATUTORY INFORMATION

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is: Northern Territory Cricket Limited

DXC Arena
155 Abala Road
Marrara NT 0812

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 2 to the financial statements.

The directors of the Company declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 - 16 gives a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 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


Director

Dated this 7th day of October 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
NORTHERN TERRITORY CRICKET LIMITED

OPINION

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Northern Territory Cricket Limited ("the Company"), which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2025, 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 presents a true and fair view, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2025, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements and 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 Company 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 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 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Company in meeting its reporting requirements. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Company and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Company. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

INFORMATION OTHER THAN THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT THEREON

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in the 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.

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 reporter, 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.

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.

COMPILATION REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
NORTHERN TERRITORY CRICKET LIMITED

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Northern Territory Cricket Limited based on information you have provided. This financial statement is comprised of the attached detailed profit and loss statement for the year ended 30 June 2025. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statement has been prepared is to provide financial information to the Committee.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTORS

The Board of Northern Territory Cricket Limited is 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.

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 professional expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile this financial statement. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards). These financial statements and the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them are the Board's responsibility.

ASSURANCE DISCLAIMER

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 these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statement was 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 statements.

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PETER J HILL
Director
Registered Company Auditor, 72701

Dated this 7th day of October 2025



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