



**Women of Melbourne Cricket Club (WoMCC)
19th Annual General Meeting**

held on Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 6:00 – 7.05pm
in the Long Room of the MCG

Minutes

1. Opening and Welcome by the Chair Caroline Darcy

- 1.1 The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Treasurer, Georgie White, then the meeting was opened by the Chair, Caroline Darcy, at 6.00pm. The executive and committee were introduced to the members and attendees present at the AGM.

2. Attendance and apologies

Present Committee: (11)

Caroline Darcy, Georgina White, Megan Shaw, Jo Burch, Kate Crosby, Tatum de Silva, Mimi Gibson, Wendy Moore, Lisa Owens, Alicia Robson, Caroline Ruddick.

Present Members: (16)

Jane Nathan, Kerri Spillane, Nicole Garrett, Janette Guttmann, Pam Hammond, Kadu Kapadia, Kerrie Ludekens, Lucy MacLachlan, Megan McIntyre, Prue Morris, Kat Pollard, Mary Robinson, Maria Scott, Ella White, Lois Taylor, Tracey Byron.

Apologies: (19)

Carolyn Bendall (MCC Committee Member), Nikhi Wagstaff, Lucy Eastoe, Rachael Mittal, Katherine Lock, Clare Springett, Lynne Williams, Jennifer Rennie, Mary Mullane, Sarah Perrett, Anita Donnelly, Maria Moore, Robyn Wood-Bradley, Suellyn Gillies, Sylvia Walton, Jilska Perera, Jacqui Morarty, Teresa Mcgrane, Sandra Stojkovic.

- 2.1 Quorum achieved.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 Nov 2024

- 3.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 20th November 2024 were tabled.

- 3.2 Motion: That the Minutes be approved.

Proposed: Caroline Ruddick, Seconded: Lisa Owens, Approved

4. Chair of the WoMCC Report

- 4.1 Report from the Chair of WoMCC Caroline Darcy.

Caroline recapped the refreshed purpose and strategic priorities for 2025 in advance of the 20-year festivities in 2026. All efforts will go back to our refreshed purpose and brand promise. The 2025 highlights were presented.

WoMCC undertook a member segment study to better understand our members from MCC data. MCC membership is 160k, with 41k female members, with 1,428 (3%) engaged in our

WoMCC ecosystem. Our event attendance has grown year on year, biased towards women, with some members attending multiple events and/or the same events each year.

Tatum spoke to the communications strategy with more curated content and collaboration with MCC channels to reach a wider audience. Boosting social posts has assisted in engaging existing members, broadening reach to new members and increased ticket sales for functions. Having a callout to WoMCC social handles at The Business Breakfast by Jacqui Felgate, as well as engaging content of the morning assisted in growing our Instagram account by 21.5% in and 49k views in one month, and Facebook grew 10%. WoMCC aims to continue this growth and momentum into 2026 with the 20-year anniversary and new programs and initiatives.

Wendy discussed our charity strategy and the use of existing funds in 2025, for the Afghan Women's Cricket Team for cricket coaching and career development. There was no fund raising for over 12 months, which the WoMCC are hoping to progress in 2026 with the MCC and the MCC Foundation.

- Jane Nathan noted that Clare Cannon, prior Chair WoMCC, had done an enormous amount of work in the background (via Cricket without Borders) for the Afghan Women's Cricket team.
- Maria Scott suggested an option of using Rotary as a vehicle to donate funds, but discussion felt this would be tricky with the MCC Foundation.

Caroline proceeded to run through the functions held since the last AGM:

- End of Year Celebration (Cheers to 40 years – of female membership)
- Women in Cricket, Boxing Day Test, Day 2 Breakfast
- Women's Ashes Test, Day 1 Lunch in the Members' Dining Room
- Women's Ashes Test, Day 2 Dinner in the Committee Room
- Women in Wine, in the Long Room showcasing Feathertop Winery
- Women in Football in the Hans Ebeling Room celebrating Melbourne FC mums
- Women of the MCC Business Breakfast, with keynote speaker Nicole Livingston AO
- Upcoming End of year function celebrating House of Arras in the Committee Room
- Upcoming Women in Cricket Day 2 Breakfast bookending the year with the Men's Ashes

Looking toward 2026, the WoMCC feel a strong sense of duty to honor our 20 year anniversary and our growing community. The 20 year initiatives will include storytelling, a commemorative badge, a Gala dinner at the end of the year, and curated content on our socials.

Alicia described the mentor program launching in 2026, sharing the timeline and asking for expressions of interest to the WoMCC Gmail. This program will be a long term legacy piece for the WoMCC and will enable members to engage with experienced MCC members in a variety of professions.

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

Proposed: Caroline Darcy, Seconded: Jane Nathan, Adopted

5. Financial Report of the WoMCC for the financial year to 31st October 2025

5.1 Report from the Treasurer of WoMCC, Georgina White.

Our Financial Year runs from 1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025.

In 2024, the cash balance was split into 2 bank accounts. The “Main Operating” account which receives and pays monies largely for the events held in the year; and the “Fundraising Account” which holds the funds raised from fundraising activities (raffles, etc). The rationale was to keep track of fundraising monies, which are used specifically for charity donations. Our fundraising activities were paused under advisement from the MCC.

In summary, the total funds at year-end have decreased since the prior year. This is mainly due to \$8k of expenses paid for the WBB in October for which income is yet to be received. Once all the receipts are in, and the remaining invoices have been paid, the bottom line will look pretty similar to last years.

1. Main Operating Account

For the main operating account, the opening balance at 1st November 2024 was \$25,294.75

Receipts - During this financial year, \$81,224.30 in event receipts.

Payments - Paid \$90,577.76 in expenses during the year.

Balance at Year-end for the Main Operating Account is \$15,941.28

2. Charity/Fundraising Account

For this account, the opening balance at 1st November 2024 was \$20,148.95

Funds were placed into a term deposit with NAB. At year end, the term deposit had earned \$862.21 in interest, making the closing balance \$21,011.26 (~4.28% interest).

Another term deposit of \$16,011.26 with \$5,000 kept separate ready for the donation to the Afghan Women’s Cricket Team.

Balance at Year-End

The transactions for the year have resulted in a total cash balance at 31st October 2025 of \$36,952.54. This is reflected in bank accounts held at National Australia Bank

Main Operating Account	\$ 15,941.28
Charity/Fundraising operating account	\$ 5,000.00
Charity/Fundraising Term Deposit	\$ 16,011.26
	\$ 36,952.54

The bank balance is a snapshot in time. There are still some receipts and expenses outstanding from the Women’s Business Breakfast, but a healthy buffer is maintained in the main operating account due to some profitable prior and current year events.

Thanks to the Honorary Auditor

The Finance Report/Cashflow Statement and cash transactions are subject to an annual audit. Sincere thanks to Alison Foenander, Chartered Accountant and Director at Donegan’s Wealth Advisers for her continued support to the Committee in completing our Audit again for 2025. Alison has been completing our audit for around the last 10 years and heavily involved in the Hockey Section.

Comment from Jane Nathan: Finance review versus audit: find the level that triggers an audit versus a financial review and build into the Rules update. Action: Megan/Georgina

5.2 Motion: That the Finance Report for 2025 be ratified.

Proposed: Georgina White, Seconded: Caroline Ruddick, Ratified/Adopted

6. MCC Liaison – Carolyn Bendall

6.1 Carolyn Bendall, MCC Committee Liaison to the WoMCC, video presentation
Another huge year for the MCC, incredible cricket test series Australia v India, with record crowds, followed the Women's Ashes which was a highlight with four women added to the Honours Board. An amazing AFL home and away series with record numbers through the final's series, and several other major events. For the WoMCC, the freshly minted strategy has come to life this year. Refreshed committee delivered an amazing array of events, the ever-popular Women in Wine, and the Business Breakfast a couple of weeks ago, and many others through the year. Incredible innovation and energy to grow the WoMCC, including professional networking which will allow more members to benefit from what the WoMCC have to offer. Congratulations to Caroline, Chair, and Lucy, Vice chair, and the committee for all they do to make a vibrant special interest group for our club.

7. Special note of thanks

7.1 Caroline Darcy, Chair

Thanked Carolyn Bendall for her support, being part of the journey of the WoMCC, and helping to push key priorities through the MCC.

Thanked outgoing Committee, Lucy Eastoe, Nikhi Wagstaff, Kate Crosby for their highly valued contributions over the years. Jane thanked Kate Crosby for her VRC crossover initiatives.

Thanked Elissa and Tayla from the MCC for their support and dedication to the WoMCC.

Thanked Jane Nathan for her support and working on the history and 20-year initiative.

Thanked the Committee for volunteering their time and efforts in another productive year.

8. 2025 WoMCC Committee Election Results

8.1 Election results from the Committee ballot

The successful candidates in the Committee ballot were Mimi Gibson, Tatum de Silva, Lisa Owens, Wendy Moore, Katherine Lock, Mary Robinson, Lucy MacLachlan.

8.2 Committee Vote for Vice Chair

A vote was conducted for the position of Vice Chair and the successful candidate for the role in 2026 was Alicia Robson.

9. Any other business

9.1 Questions from the floor

Maria Scott noted the NFL event in September 2026 with the LA Rams and San Francisco 49ers. The WoMCC will explore the opportunity to host a function.

10. Meeting close

10.1 Jane Nathan, Patron of the Women of the MCC

The WoMCC committee shows enthusiasm, passion and growth for the future. WoMCC members want to make business connections, open doors to important relationships, build a community for their health, work and life balance. The WoMCC stated purpose of building a sense of belonging for women within the MCC builds those connections both within the MCC membership as well as outside.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Annex 1: Selected slides from the AGM slide presentation

What did we achieve in 2025?

2025 Highlights

- Strategic review completed and embedded
- Member insights study delivered
- New comms and social strategy launched
- Introduced new events incl. Women's Ashes Test Lunch & Dinner
- Membership up 7%; social followers and event attendance grew
- Increased member voting participation by 45%
- Supported the Afghan women's cricket team
- Developed 2026 strategy with 20-year anniversary plan

Charity Donation \$5,000 Afghan Women's Cricket Team

- Formed in Australia by former Afghan national players who fled the Taliban in 2021, the Afghan Women's Team debuted internationally in January 2025 against Cricket Without Borders.
- With support from Emma Staples and Mel Jones, many players resettled in Melbourne.
- In April 2025, the ICC recognized the team's 25 players as potential beneficiaries of its renewed support for Afghan women's cricket.



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WoMCC Summary of 2025



What can we expect in 2026

WoMCC Celebrates 20 Years in Style!

As we mark two decades of empowering women, we're excited to share what's ahead

- **Launching 20-year campaign**
- **Growing our community** through membership and engagement
- **Welcoming fresh faces** to the committee
- **Boosting our digital presence** and social media impact
- **Collaborations** with Special Interest Groups

2026 Year Commemorative Badge



Here's to the next
**20 years of
connection,
celebration, and
progress!**

Mentor Program - Launching 2026

THE OPPORTUNITY

Provide WoMCC members an opportunity to
➤ Connect with like minded women and

WHAT ARE THE KEY GOALS?

1. Build confidence and leadership
2. Offer career guidance
3. Foster professional relationships
4. Encourage peer support
5. Enable reverse mentoring
6. Grow membership

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ❖ March to August 2026
- ❖ 4 mentors / 4 mentees
- ❖ Minimum 4 meetings with mentor / mentee
- ❖ Come together at WoMCC events
- ❖ Online community formed for members

Mentees will be selected in February 2026. Any questions, contact womenofthemcc@gmail.com

Annex 2: Cash Flow statement

Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club			
Finance Report			
1st November 2024 to 31 October 2025			
WoMCC Main Operating Account			
Opening Balance in NAB At 31st October 2024 (Audit date)			\$ 25,294.74
<u>Cash Inflows</u>		Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
MCC receipts WBB24	event	21/11/2024	\$ 6,550.00
MCC receipts Champagne Celebration24	event	21/11/2024	\$ 7,195.00
Champagne Sales to WoMCC	event	13/12/2024	\$ 580.18
MCC receipts Champagne Celebration24	event	9/01/2025	\$ 13,075.00
MCC receipts Ashes Event 2025	event	27/02/2025	\$ 14,480.00
MCC receipts WIW25	event	27/02/2025	\$ 21,810.00
MCC receipt WIF24 (late adjustment)	event	27/02/2025	\$ 270.00
MCC receipts Ashes Event 2025	event	20/03/2025	\$ 280.00
MCC receipts WIW 2025	event	20/03/2025	\$ 3,450.00
Wine Sales to WoMCC	event	21/03/2025	\$ 225.00
Champagne Sales to WoMCC	event	24/03/2025	\$ 438.44
MCC reimbursements for various events	event	3/04/2025	\$ 1,859.30
MCC receipts Ashes Event 2025	event	30/04/2025	\$ 450.00
MCC receipts WIF25	event	29/05/2025	\$ 8,490.00
MCC receipts WIF25	event	1/07/2025	\$ 3,315.00
<u>Sub Total cash inflow</u>			\$ 82,467.92
<u>Less Cash Outflows from Activities</u>	<i>Payee</i>		
<u>Function Costs</u>			
WBB24 Catering	<i>Delaware North</i>	8/11/2024	\$ 9,755.00
WBB24 Meta Advertising	<i>Meta</i>	21/11/2024	\$ 126.43
Champagne for Champagne Celebrations	<i>Pommery</i>	21/11/2024	\$ 8,355.99
Champagne Celebrations - Catering	<i>Delaware North</i>	11/12/2024	\$ 10,026.90
Ashes Event 2025 - Flowers	<i>Flower Temple</i>	4/02/2025	\$ 385.00
Ashes Event 2025- Catering	<i>Delaware North</i>	21/02/2025	\$ 15,011.00
WIW25 - Printing	<i>Digital Print</i>	12/03/2025	\$ 70.40
WIW25 - Feathertop Wines	<i>Feathertop Winery</i>	12/03/2025	\$ 3,540.00
Champagne Celebration 2024 - Refund	<i>MCC</i>	27/02/2025	\$ 195.00
WIW25 - AV	<i>Encore</i>	24/03/2025	\$ 674.04
WIW25 - Catering	<i>Delaware North</i>	24/03/2025	\$ 20,527.95
WIW25 - Photographer	<i>Michelle Goulding</i>	24/03/2025	\$ 495.00
WIF25 - Chocolates for Guests	<i>Chocolatier</i>	24/04/2025	\$ 476.47
WIF25 - Social Media Boost	<i>Apple</i>	5/05/2025	\$ 33.00
WIF25 - Gift bags for WIF speakers	<i>Coles</i>	21/05/2025	\$ 32.00
WIF25 - AV	<i>Encore</i>	21/05/2025	\$ 1,087.58
WIF25 - Catering	<i>Delaware North</i>	28/05/2025	\$ 10,080.40
WBB25 - Social Media Boost	<i>Meta</i>	8/10/2025	\$ 84.00
WBB25 - J Felgate Presenter Fees	<i>TGI Sports</i>	23/10/2025	\$ 3,850.00
WBB25- AV	<i>Encore</i>	23/10/2025	\$ 2,423.30
WBB25- Photographer	<i>Michelle Goulding</i>	23/10/2025	\$ 742.50
<u>Adhoc Expenses</u>			
Meeting Expenses 28/10/24	<i>Delaware North</i>	21/11/2024	\$ 84.00
Gift for outgoing Committee member	<i>Crown</i>	21/11/2024	\$ 100.00
Badges for new Committee members	<i>Patricks</i>	3/12/2024	\$ 36.30
Thankyou gift - Auditor	<i>The Road Stall</i>	3/12/2024	\$ 110.00

Thankyou gift - MCC	<i>Coles</i>	3/12/2024	\$ 109.90
Gift for outgoing Committee member	<i>Lucas Group</i>	16/12/2024	\$ 101.85
Catering - AGM	<i>Delaware North</i>	3/12/2024	\$ 1,036.50
AGM Audio Visual	<i>Encore</i>	21/11/2024	\$ 617.93
Catering - Outgoing Committee	<i>Auburn Hotel</i>	16/12/2024	\$ 507.02
AGM Election Runner Fees	<i>Election Runner</i>	16/12/2024	\$ 378.36
Gifts - Committee members	<i>MCC</i>	24/03/2025	\$ 165.00
Catering - Committee Meeting 17/3/25	<i>Delaware North</i>	2/04/2025	\$ 207.20
Badges for new Committee members	<i>Patricks</i>	10/04/2025	\$ 36.30
Catering - Committee Meeting 19/5/25	<i>Delaware North</i>	10/06/2025	\$ 84.00
Catering - Committee Meeting 28/7/25	<i>Delaware North</i>	18/10/2025	\$ 84.00
AGM Election Runner Fees	<i>Election Runner</i>	23/10/2025	\$ 191.06
Sub Total cash outflow			\$ 91,821.38
NET CASHFLOW			-\$ 9,353.46
CLOSING BALANCE	<i>As per Bank</i>	31/10/2025	\$ 15,941.28

Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club			
Finance Report			
1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025			
WoMCC Charity/Fundraising Account			
<u>Monies held for Charity Donations</u>			
Balance Held at 31/10/24			\$ 20,148.95
Interest Earned (to date)			\$ 862.31
Total			\$ 21,011.26
Less Donations paid			\$ -
Bank Balance Charity Funds at 31/10/25			\$ 21,011.26
<i>Represented by:</i>			
<i>WoMCC No 2 Account</i>			\$ 5,000.00
<i>Term Deposit (6 months at 4.0%, matures at 29/3/26)</i>			\$ 16,011.26
			\$ 21,011.26
TOTAL WOMCC FUNDS 31st October 2025			\$ 36,952.54

Annex 3: Auditor's report



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

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report of the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club comprising the accompanying Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31st October 2025.

In my opinion the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club as at 31st October 2025 and of its financial performance for the period then ended.

Restrictions on Distribution and Use

The financial report has been prepared to enable the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club to provide the Members with a financial report regarding the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club's activities for the year ended 31st October 2025. My report is intended for the Members of the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club and should not be distributed to or use by other parties other than the Members.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alison Foenander'.

Alison Foenander, C.A
Director

18th November 2025

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