



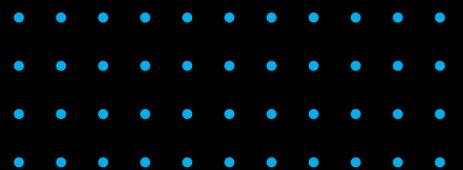
# 2024 METRO SOUTH ANNUAL REPORT



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## CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Metro South Regional Development Council, I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Nyoongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our game is conducted and pay my respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

My name is Karen Wheatland, and this is my third year in the role of Chair of the South Metro Regional Development Council. I would like to acknowledge the Metro South board who have been instrumental in delivering a year of amazing opportunities and initiatives for community football – an arena that we all love and every board member is passionate about nurturing, supporting, and growing this awesome space.

I'd like to celebrate the work and leadership of Corey Ranger, Head of Club Development & Volunteers, who drives the direction of the board with the tireless energy of the West Australian Football Commission's Club Development & Volunteer team. This comes from the RDC vision to support community footy, the players, parents, managers, coaches, umpires, committees, fans, and anyone else that I have forgotten.

We continued the grants program this year for clubs and delivered across the three regions for junior football. This year saw grants covering volunteer recognition and celebration grants, indigenous recognition grants, club-club partnership grants, All Girls Auskick grants and RDC strategy grants. This year saw the Metro South deliver an additional \$7,000 in grants in the 2024 season.

The combined RDCs were successful in a grant which produced an RDC Communications Strategy – Proposal. We engaged with junior club Presidents, junior club delegates, RDC board members, RDC Chairs and WAFC Club Development & Volunteer team through focussed workshops, 1:1 meetings and consultations. The work is finalised and a proposal is being considered and will be shared with the community of junior football in the coming months.

We hosted and celebrated our players with an Inaugural Metro Team of the Year event which brought all three regions together to celebrate the best and fairest players and coaches. Each player was awarded a guernsey that reflected the region, and it was a celebration that was attended by over 500 junior football participants and their families. Over 133 players and eight coaches were recognised and inducted into their regions' Team of the Year squads.

2024 saw high numbers of participation across all areas including youth teams, junior participants, female participant and participants with a disability.

Volunteer numbers recorded high participation rates and saw the Metro South Volunteers of the Year event celebrated. Congratulations to Nathan Velda – Baldivis FC, Richard Jarvis – Bullcreek Leeming JFC and Benjamin Meakins – Secret Harbour Dockers FC who were finalists.



It is now with a hint of sadness that I stand down as Chair of the Metro South RDC. Three short, very busy, very productive years at the helm of an incredible region. Leading a board with members that are giants of the game and of community football. To my board - I want to acknowledge and congratulate you all for your dedication and commitment, the support and trust you have given me will always be cherished.

To the community of Junior footy – I love the spirit, the commitment and the passion that you bring to the game. To enable the game to roll on week after week, year after year. To keep our kids safe, engaged, healthy and active!! You are all heroes and incredible people, and I thank you!

To the kids, the players, keep going! This is your game, and we all do what we do for you. Embrace it, enjoy it and make the most of every single game, training session and moment in the community that you play in.

To my fellow chairs Travis and Ian, it's been the most incredible experience. The camaraderie we have shared, I will always carry with me. It's been a pleasure working with the pair of you and I value both of you in high regard.

On that note I'd like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and I wish you all well. I'll see you sometime in the future, and remember to have fun, be kind and show respect.

With thanks.

**Kaz Wheatland**  
Chair  
Metro South Regional Development Council





## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 2024 football season has been an extraordinary year for the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) as we built upon the successes of 2023. This year saw the continuation of key initiatives and the introduction of new programs, all of which have strengthened the impact and visibility of junior football across the state.

We kicked off the season with a highly successful Season Launch at the Hyatt Regency Perth, which brought together over 500 community stakeholders to celebrate the start of the junior football season. This event set the tone for what would become one of our most memorable years yet.

The 2024 Team of the Year event at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre celebrated our talented young players. It included boys from Year 11-12 and girls from Year 9-12 competitions. The event received a lot of attention and helped make the RDC Team of the Year a bigger part of junior football culture.

One of this year's highlights was the 2024 Community Football Awards Gala which took place at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and attracted over 1,000 attendees. It celebrated the exceptional contributions of volunteers, umpires, administrators, and clubs, marking a significant milestone for community football in WA.

Another significant achievement this year was the successful completion of the Communications Strategy project. This initiative involved a series of consultations and workshops with community clubs, aimed at enhancing the positioning of junior football within the broader WA football structure.

These discussions helped bridge gaps in communication, ensuring that clubs have a clear understanding of how they fit within the overall strategic framework.

Club Development meetings were held throughout the year, further solidifying the partnership between the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) and the RDCs. These meetings provided an essential platform for clubs to discuss challenges, share insights, and receive tailored support from the WAFC, ensuring they are equipped to thrive.

2024 was also marked by continued investment in volunteer retention and club engagement. Volunteer support remained a priority, with new initiatives rolled out to simplify roles and responsibilities for club volunteers. We also saw a significant focus on promoting diversity and inclusion within the football community, with various projects aimed at broadening participation and recognition.

Our Community Club Grants Program continued to make a profound impact, with over \$60,000 in grants distributed to clubs across the metro area. This funding has been pivotal in driving localised strategies aligned with the RDCs goals of furthering the development of community football at the grassroots level.

The RDCs' collaboration with umpiring associations saw notable achievements, including the continued success of the NAIDOC Round umpiring initiative and the launch of the 2024 Community Umpire Service Awards. These programs have been essential in recognising the critical role umpires play in our game and in promoting pathways for their ongoing development.



We also continued our work with WAFL clubs, forging five Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) or partnerships across the metro area and investing more than \$40,000 in collaborative projects. This year's efforts have strengthened the ties between WAFL and community clubs, ensuring alignment in delivering football at all levels.

Looking ahead to 2025, the RDCs are well-positioned to build on the foundations laid this year. We will continue to focus on supporting junior football, enhancing the volunteer experience, and continuing the strong partnerships with WAFL clubs and other key stakeholders. The future is bright for community football, and I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

In closing, I would like to thank the Chairs of the RDCs, Ian Brotherton, Travis Burrows, and Karen Wheatland, for their leadership and support. I also thank every board member, volunteer, and club leader for their dedication to making 2024 a year to remember. Your contributions have been invaluable, and I look forward to working with you all in 2025.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season.

**Corey Ranger**  
Head of Club Development and Volunteers  
West Australian Football Commission  
Executive Officer  
Metro South, Metro Central & Metro North Regional  
Development Councils



# METRO SOUTH PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

## METRO SOUTH



**4,259**

**AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS**  
0% FROM 4,246



**6,796**

**JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS**  
DOWN 3% FROM 7,000



**4,203**

**YOUTH PARTICIPANTS**  
UP 7% FROM 4,008



**475**

**JUNIOR UMPIRES**  
0% FROM 477



**1,835**

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTICIPANTS**  
UP 4% FROM 1,765



**684**

**PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING AS LIVING WITH A DISABILITY**  
UP 12% FROM 601



**4,584**

**SENIOR PARTICIPANTS**  
DOWN 12% FROM 5,234



**462**

**SUPERKICK PARTICIPANTS**



**208**

**NINES PARTICIPANTS**

## EAST FREMANTLE



**1,409**

**AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS**



**2,308**

**JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS**



**1,588**

**YOUTH PARTICIPANTS**



**180**

**JUNIOR UMPIRES**



**416**

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTICIPANTS**



**221**

**PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING AS LIVING WITH A DISABILITY**



**2,098**

**SENIOR PARTICIPANTS**



**90**

**SUPERKICK PARTICIPANTS**



**46**

**NINES PARTICIPANTS**

## SOUTH FREMANTLE



1,517

AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS



2,216

JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS



1,223

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS



132

JUNIOR UMPIRES



839

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER PARTICIPANTS



270

PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING AS  
LIVING WITH A DISABILITY



1,211

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS



195

SUPERKICK  
PARTICIPANTS



91

NINES PARTICIPANTS

## PEEL



1,333

AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS



2,272

JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS



1,392

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS



163

JUNIOR UMPIRES



580

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER PARTICIPANTS



193

PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING AS  
LIVING WITH A DISABILITY



1,275

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS



177

SUPERKICK  
PARTICIPANTS



71

NINES PARTICIPANTS



## 2024 SEASON LAUNCH

On Sunday April 21, Metro Junior Football launched their 2024 season.

Nearly 450 volunteers from over 90 junior community and umpiring clubs across the Metro North, Central and South Conferences attended the Regional District Council's (RDCs) Metro Junior Football Season Launch. The event was an initiative of the RDCs, presented by the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC), at the Hyatt Regency Perth on Sunday night in preparation for an action-packed season of metro junior football.

Guests heard from keynote speaker and WA Hall of Fame Inductee Jan Cooper OAM, while Umpiring WA led a Q&A session, addressing umpiring misconceptions and shedding light on the umpire pathway. This pathway not only enhances players' fitness but also offers opportunities for additional income while developing a thorough understanding of the rules of the game.

The 2023 Life Member Inductees were celebrated on the night along with AFL Merit Award winner Gary Lovelock (Bassendean JFC):

### **Metro North Regional Development Council**

Ian Brotherton – Subiaco District  
Rhys Mola – Claremont District

### **Metro Central Regional Development Council**

Travis Burrows – Perth District  
Paul Masiello – Perth District  
Krystle Torpy – Perth District  
Dave Farthing – Swans District

### **Metro South Regional Development Council**

Anthony Doig – East Fremantle District  
Samantha Saffioti – South Fremantle District  
Mark Brookes – South Fremantle District

This year, guest speaker *Sock it to Sarcoma!* Executive Director, Mandy Bossen delivered a heartfelt presentation on the importance football plays in raising awareness and supporting families of the disease.

Football once again pulled up their socks to raise vital funds for Sarcoma by wearing odd socks during the *Sock it to Sarcoma!* round in June.

WA Football Head of Club Development and Volunteer, Corey Ranger was elated with the event's success.

"It was fantastic to bring together a vast range of junior community football stakeholders to celebrate the start of the Go for 2 & 5 Junior Football Season," Ranger said.

"The event was made possible by the support of the Metro South, Metro Central and Metro North Regional Development Councils who graciously subsidised the event for all attendees."

# WAFL GRAND FINAL RECAP

PEEL Thunder was on top of the WAFL ladder most of the 2024 season and now they are premiers for the third time after beating East Perth in a hotly contested Grand Final by 33 points at Optus Stadium on Sunday.

Peel had spent 13 weeks on top of the ladder through the season and East Perth were there for eight weeks, and the Royals finished on top but it was always going to be a Grand Final showcasing the two standout teams of 2024.

That's how it panned out but Peel pulled away with five consecutive goals in the third quarter to set up the eventual 14.8 (92) to 8.11 (59) victory and it was only fitting that Blair Bell kicked the game's last goal as he retires after 137 games and as a three-time premiership player.

East Perth kicked the first game of the Grand Final through Sam Van Diemen before Matt Taberner answered with a wonderful right foot snap from the boundary for Peel.

The Royals were leading by five points at quarter-time thanks to a goal to returning co-captain Hamish Brayshaw, but the Thunder began to pull away in the second term with the first three goals including two of them to Simpson Medallist Neil Erasmus.

Peel was still up by 15 points at half-time but East Perth was back within three points 10 minutes into the third stanza when defender-turned-forward Harrison Macreadie kicked truly.

However, that's when the Thunder made their charge with goals to Nathan Wilson, Cooper Simpson, Nathan O'Driscoll, Scott Tuia and Corey Tregenza to push the lead out to 32 points.

The Royals did make one last charge and were back within 10 points with a second goal to Macreadie at the 20-minute mark of the final quarter, but the Thunder answered.

Peel closed the Grand Final in style with goals to Voss, Simpson, Wilson and Bell to win 14.8 (92) to 8.11 (59) to make it a third premiership in the club's history and first since 2017 in front of a crowd of 25,481 at Optus Stadium.





## METRO SOUTH DISTRICTS REPORT

Our Clubs in the East Fremantle, South Fremantle and Peel Districts delivered a fantastic 2024 season. The focus on participation, competitions, Auskick and community generated great results for Metro South RDC, which we proudly share here.

The introduction of district meetings in 2023/24 has provided an excellent platform for engaging with presidents and delegates at clubs. These meetings allowed us to discuss key opportunities and receive informative updates from both the WAFC and clubland. More importantly, they served as a valuable networking event where clubs could share successes and challenges and learn from the collective knowledge and experiences of our dedicated volunteers.

The Community Club Grants returned in 2024 and it was great to see \$27,000 accessed in the Metro South (up from \$19,875 last year). The money was well spent on Volunteer Recognition, Young Volunteer Scholarships (new category for 2024), Indigenous recognition and celebration, Club-Club partnerships and All Girls Auskick Growth grants. Our goal for next year will be to grow the number of clubs participating across the region.

The RDC Teams of the Year event returned bigger and better than before, with a fantastic turnout at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The event received strong support from players, clubs, and families, and provided well-deserved recognition for the exceptional skills and commitment of the players and coaches named in the Teams of the Year. For those players finishing their junior community career we look forward following them to the next stage in their football journey, whether it be AFL, AFLW, WAFL, WAFL Women's, or Senior Community footy.

We look forward to building on these and more new initiatives in 2025.

Whilst not an exhaustive list, it was great to get the opportunity to attend many of the clubs' amazing initiatives throughout 2025:

- Indigenous Round events run by many clubs
- Auskick Gala at Brentwood Booragoon
- Riverton JFC Birthday celebration.
- Jandakot Jets Pink Day

It was fantastic to see the variety and number of events celebrating key milestones, themed rounds, volunteer celebration and various other events via your club's social media channels.

It was great to get out and be involved in the 2024 Finals series. The presentation of grounds and management on the day was certainly first class and a huge thanks to all the clubs that hosted finals this year. Congratulations to all teams and clubs that participated in the finals, they were certainly held in great spirits and a positive match day environment. We were very proud to see winners of all grand finals march on WAFL Grand Final day – an amazing experience for those out on Optus Stadium as they completed their lap of honour.

Our competition is not just about playing football, it is also about building a sense of community where everyone feels welcome, develop football skills, and have fun in a safe and inclusive environment.



This community thrives on the exceptional leadership of our Junior Football Clubs' committees and is supported by the dedicated efforts of thousands of volunteers, including canteen managers, orange cutters, first aid officers, interchange stewards, and many others. We recognise and celebrate all their significant contribution in 2024. Most particularly we recognise the effort of our Club Presidents, whose leadership within their own Clubs and across the whole football system was enormous. The role is crucial to the success of each club and the game, so it was fantastic to see the strong turnout at the 'New President and Vice President' Footy Forum, presented by the WAFC team.

We'd like to thank and recognise the incredible efforts of our coaches, a critical volunteer role in football. The best coaches work hard to create an environment that is safe, inclusive, enjoyable, and focused on the development our players on and off the field, and the coaches across Metro South clubs delivered a great season.

Massive thanks to the East Fremantle, South Fremantle and Peel Umpires who officiated in Metro South competitions in 2024; we appreciate the effort and professionalism you bring to prepare and manage games. Our District Umpire Associations and their leadership teams are invaluable assets to our game. It was great to be able to attend the umpiring end of year celebrations and see firsthand the leadership of such an important facet of our game. Thank you!

Seeing our players develop skills, show commitment and enthusiasm with their mates, and play some outstanding football is the reason we all are here. We are very proud of all of our players and how you represented yourselves, your teams, your clubs and districts.

Finally, quality football competitions and community programs cannot be delivered without committed and passionate professionals. The staff of the West Australian Football Commission ensure great outcomes are delivered for our clubs, volunteers and players in Metro South. Thank you for your dedication and quality efforts, you are amazing!

Enjoy the off season, we look forward to another successful year in 2025!

**Patrick de Haan and Anthony Doig**  
RDC Junior Club Representatives  
Metro South Regional Development Council



# METRO SOUTH AND PEEL COMPETITIONS REPORT

Junior footy put on a great show in 2024, with players giving their all each weekend. Coaches shared their knowledge and guidance, while volunteers took care of everything behind-the-scenes—from organising logistics to serving up food from the canteen. Football is truly a game for all West Australians; no matter your age, size, background, or talent, there is always a place for you.

The Metro South and Peel Competitions were serviced by WAFC Team Leader Russell Askwith, Competition Administrators Robyn Elms (East Fremantle and South Fremantle) and Jenni Cocking (Peel), and Coach Coordinator Jayden Heuer. Each weekend, 97 matches took place in the Peel District, while our Metro South competitions ran 181 matches. The behind-the-scenes work that takes place to ensure that all of these matches are able to be played is absolutely mind blowing, and my sincerest thanks goes to Jenni, Robyn and Jayden for making this happen.

In 2024, we had 14 active clubs from the East Fremantle District, 12 active clubs from the South Fremantle District and 11 of our Peel clubs with active teams.

Given the proximity of our districts, we were able to once again include two Peel teams in the Metro South Year 11/12 female competition., A Year 9 team from Rockingham and a Year 10 team from Baldivis were able to compete in the top division of the Metro South competition in search of more competitive football. This was a resounding success, with the Peel competitions in these age groups becoming more competitive than before. Both teams representing their district were strong contenders for a finals appearance.

As we move forward, this flexibility between our South districts will hopefully see all competitions benefit from the ability to match a team with its most competitive division. Close games offer players, coaches and umpires the best experience in junior football, both in terms of enjoyment and development.

Female football continues its upwards trajectory, with a second division in the Year 11/12 female competition added for the first time this year. More and more clubs are now offering the full pathway of teams to their current and future players. This will lead to an increase in one-club players, allowing them to continue their junior football careers without leaving their original club. It will also encourage new players, who will see that they can remain at the club they feel most comfortable with throughout their entire junior playing career.



From a coaching perspective, we had many wins in the junior competitions. Between the East Fremantle, South Fremantle and Peel districts we had 26 coaches who were also current players at the club that they were coaching at. The willingness of these young people to give back to the junior club that has given them so much is fantastic to see. I'm sure that the players under their care will have appreciated the lessons that these coaches can provide from their own recent playing experience. We also had a total of 67 female coaches this year. This number increased dramatically from 2023, with various initiatives driving this. In an area that is traditionally male dominated, the more that we can do from a WAFC and club level to encourage more females to take up coaching roles, the better off our game will be.

To close out our season, we had our Grand Finals played over the weekend of September 6-8. This saw 35 premiers crowned from 23 different clubs. While a Grand Final win is not the truest measure of success for a junior football club, it was great to see a spread of winners.

What was most satisfying about the Grand Final weekend was the smiles on the faces of players, coaches and spectators, regardless of whether their team had a win or a loss. This demonstrated that the Spirit of Junior Football is alive and well in our South competitions, with the importance placed on player enjoyment rather than the win.

A huge thanks goes out to all the clubs who put their hands up to host a Grand Final day and provided an excellent game-day experience, as well as those who hosted throughout the Finals Series.

It would be remiss of me to not acknowledge the massive efforts of our Umpire Managers: Ben Cutri from South Fremantle, Ben Moore from East Fremantle and Jenni Cocking from Peel. Your leadership across the respective umpiring clubs ensured that the umpires were empowered to perform at their best week in, week out. These individuals bear the brunt of complaints about the performance of umpires, which are often unfounded and unwarranted. The wider umpiring community also deserves to be recognised for the voluntary work that they put in throughout the season to coach and support the younger umpires and ensure a positive match-day experience for them. The bravery of our young umpires should not be under-sold; there aren't many jobs where a child must show the level of maturity, discipline and mental fortitude expected of our umpires.

Finally, thank you to the club presidents and committees who undertake a mountain of work to achieve the goal of ensuring the game of Australian Rules Football is welcoming and inclusive of every single person. Junior footy is all about the kids having a great experience, and the group of presidents in 2024 genuinely had that at the forefront of their minds.

The strength of our competition is driven by the leadership that each of you show within your club and when working with other clubs. You have all set impeccably high standards at club level, and it has been my absolute pleasure to work closely with all of you.

To all our existing players and coaches in the Peel and Metro South Competitions, I look forward to welcoming you back in 2025. To our new and prospective players and coaches, we can't wait to show you the passion, excitement and teamwork of our uniquely Australian game. I look forward to seeing you all out and about in 2025.

**Russell Askwith**  
Competitions Team Leader – Metro South  
West Australian Football Commission





# 2024 GRAND FINAL RESULTS

## METRO SOUTH COMPETITION

COMPETITION	PREMIERS	RUNNERS UP
2024 MSTH Year 11/12 Blue	Hammond Park Blue	Winnacott Kats
2024 MSTH Year 11/12 Red	Jandakot Red	Fremantle City
2024 MSTH Year 11/12 White	Brentwood Booragoon	Roleystone
2024 MSTH Year 11/12 Female Blue	South Coogee	Palmyra
2024 MSTH Year 11/12 Female Red	Bullcreek Leeming	East Fremantle
2024 MSTH Year 10 Blue	Hammond Park White	Attadale Red
2024 MSTH Year 10 Red	Canning Vale White	Melville
2024 MSTH Year 10 White	Piara Waters Grey	Kardinya Suns White
2024 MSTH Year 9 Blue	Willetton	Armadale
2024 MSTH Year 9 Red	Attadale Red	South Coogee Black
2024 MSTH Year 9 White	Palmyra	Piara Waters Grey
2024 MSTH Year 9 Green	Melville Gold	South Coogee Red
2024 MSTH Year 9/10 Female Blue	Bullcreek Leeming Bulls	East Fremantle White
2024 MSTH Year 9/10 Female Red	Willetton	South Coogee Red
2024 MSTH Year 8 Blue	Piara Waters Raiders	Canning Vale Black
2024 MSTH Year 8 Red	Rossmoyne	Attadale Red
2024 MSTH Year 8 White	Mundijong Blue	Jandakot Jets Red
2024 MSTH Year 8 Green	Winnacott Kats	Applecross Mt Pleasant Brown
2024 MSTH Year 7 Blue	Brentwood Booragoon	Rossmoyne
2024 MSTH Year 7 Red	Melville JFC Gold	Kwinana JFC White
2024 MSTH Year 7 White	Palmyra	Bullcreek Leeming Bulls
2024 MSTH Year 7 Green	Hammond Park White	Mundijong White
2024 MSTH Year 7/8 Female Blue	Piara Waters Grey	Roleystone
2024 MSTH Year 7/8 Female Red	Kelmescott	Palmyra
2024 MSTH Year 7/8 Female White	Applecross Mt Pleasant	Bullcreek Leeming JFC

## PEEL COMPETITION

COMPETITION	PREMIERS	RUNNERS UP
2024 Peel Year 11/12	South Mandurah	Secret Harbour
2024 Peel Year 10	North Mandurah	Secret Harbour White
2024 Peel Year 9 Teal	Secret Harbour White	North Mandurah White
2024 Peel Year 9 Navy	Baldivis	Secret Harbour Purple
2024 Peel Year 9/10 Female	Baldivis Blue	Warnbro Female
2024 Peel Year 8 Teal	Rockingham Red	South Mandurah Blue
2024 Peel Year 8 Navy	North Mandurah Black	Baldivis Red
2024 Peel Year 7 Teal	Warnbro Gold	Halls Head White
2024 Peel Year 7 Navy	Baldivis Red	Secret Harbour Purple
2024 Peel Year 7/8 Female	Halls Head Blue	Halls Head White

# 2024 FAIREST AND BEST AWARD WINNERS

## METRO SOUTH FAIREST AND BEST

COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
MSTH Year 7 Green	Mundijong Year 7 White	Fairest & Best	Corey Jarman
MSTH Year 7 White	Kwinana Year 7 Red	Runner Up	Ryan Lance
MSTH Year 7 Red	Kelmscott Year 7	Fairest & Best	Korben Lorimer
MSTH Year 7 Blue	South Coogee Year 7 Red	Runner Up	Samson Vaughan
MSTH Year 7/8 Female White	Hammond Park Year 7	Fairest & Best	Zane Shortte
MSTH Year 7/8 Female Red	Applecross Mt Pleasant Year 7	Runner Up	Willow Williams
MSTH 7/8 Female Blue	Kwinana Year 7 White	Runner Up	Koby Carne
MSTH Year 8 Green	Rossmoyne Year 7	Fairest & Best	Maverick Greive
MSTH Year 8 White	Brentwood Booragoon Year 7	Runner Up	Tommy Martin
MSTH Year 8 Red	Piara Waters Year 7/8 Orange	Fairest & Best	Ivy Ricci
MSTH Year 8 Blue	Piara Waters Year 7/8 Orange	Runner Up	Amaya Marinello
MSTH Year 9 Green	Palmyra Year 7/8	Fairest & Best	Willow Marshall
MSTH Year 9 White	Palmyra Year 7/8	Runner Up	Sol Eugene
MSTH Year 9 Red	Kelmscott Year 7/8	Runner Up	Ava Soper
MSTH Year 9 Blue	Roleystone Year 7/8	Fairest & Best	Olivia Ricupero
MSTH Year 9/10 Female Red	Piara Waters Year 7/8 Grey	Runner Up	Eva Dixey
MSTH Year 9/10 Female Blue	Kwinana Year 8 White	Fairest & Best	Jayms Ellis-Felstead
MSTH Year 10 White	Winnacott Year 8	Runner Up	Archer Roberts
MSTH Year 10 Red	Jandakot Jets Year 8 Red	Fairest & Best	Travis Bellotti
MSTH Year 10 Blue	Jandakot Jets Year 8 Red	Runner Up	Joshua Shreeve
MSTH Year 10 Green	Mundijong Year 8 Red	Runner Up	Kane Sargeant
MSTH Year 10 Yellow	Rossmoyne Year 8	Fairest & Best	Nate Pauline
MSTH Year 10 Purple	Attadale Year 8 Red	Runner Up	Kingston McClure
MSTH Year 10 Orange	Bullcreek Leeming Year 8 Bulls	Fairest & Best	Aiden Wilson
MSTH Year 10 Pink	Canning Vale Year 8 Black	Runner Up	Harrison Hammer
MSTH Year 10 Grey	Melville Year 9 Gold	Fairest & Best	Heath Eade
MSTH Year 10 Silver	Roleystone Year 9 Black	Runner Up	Brody Peake
MSTH Year 10 Bronze	Palmyra Year 9	Fairest & Best	Evan Bleakley
MSTH Year 10 Platinum	Piara Waters Year 9 Grey	Runner Up	Thomas Short
MSTH Year 10 Diamond	Bullcreek Leeming Year 9 Bulls	Fairest & Best	Jayden Makanza
MSTH Year 10 Emerald	Attadale JFC 9 Red	Runner Up	Kye Inferrera
MSTH Year 10 Sapphire	East Fremantle Year 9 Blue	Fairest & Best	William Martin
MSTH Year 10 Ruby	Armadale Year 9	Runner Up	Coby Douglas
MSTH Year 10 Garnet	Kwinana Year 9/10	Fairest & Best	Maningning Morales
MSTH Year 10 Amethyst	Applecross Mt Pleasant Year 7	Runner Up	Jayda Baker
MSTH Year 10 Topaz	East Fremantle Year 9/10 Blue	Fairest & Best	Logan Heygate
MSTH Year 10 Citrine	Bullcreek Leeming Year 9/10 Sharks	Runner Up	Zoe Antonelli
MSTH Year 10 Peridot	Fremantle City Year 10	Fairest & Best	Cameron Maynard
MSTH Year 10 Spinel	Kardinya Year 10 White	Runner Up	Jordan Correia
MSTH Year 10 Malachite	Melville Year 10	Fairest & Best	Alex Burnett
MSTH Year 10 Jade	Hammond Park Year 10 Green	Runner Up	Abiyie Riakgol Gordon
MSTH Year 10 Opal	Kardinya Year 10 Red	Runner Up	Brodie Farmer
MSTH Year 10 Sapphire	Hammond Park Year 10 White	Fairest & Best	Christian Leone
MSTH Year 10 Emerald	South Coogee Year 10 White	Runner Up	Chace Vanderhoek

## METRO SOUTH FAIREST AND BEST

COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
MSTH Year 11/12 Female Red	East Fremantle Year 11/12 Blue	Fairest & Best	Eva Flynn
	Bullcreek Leeming Year 11/12	Runner Up	Sienna Lilly
MSTH Year 11/12 Female Blue	South Coogee Year 11/12 White	Fairest & Best	Crystal D'Amato
	Palmyra JFC Year 11/12 Blue	Runner Up	Jess Stackhouse
	Brentwood Booragoon Year 11/12		Jacinta Stevens
MSTH Year 11/12 White	Roleystone Year 11/12	Fairest & Best	Rocco Darbyshire
	Brentwood Booragoon 11/12	Runner Up	Finlay Yeo
MSTH Year 11/12 Red	Attadale Year 11 Red	Fairest & Best	Alexander Redmile
	Fremantle City Year 11/12	Runner Up	Zac Godwin
MSTH Year 11/12 Blue	Palmyra Year 12 Red	Fairest & Best	Colby Gannon
	Hammond Park Year 11/12 Blue	Runner Up	Rhys Mercer

## PEEL FAIREST AND BEST

COMPETITION	TEAM NAME	PLACE	PLAYER
Peel Year 7 Teal	South Mandurah Year 7 Blue	Fairest & Best	Flynn Hearne
Peel Year 7 Teal	Mandurah Year 7 Red	Runner Up	Marley Evans
Peel Year 7 Navy	Safety Bay Year 7	Fairest & Best	Braxton Ware
Peel Year 7 Navy	Secret Harbour Year 7 Gold	Runner Up	Anthony Panaia
Peel Year 7/8 Female	Halls Head Year 7/8 White	Fairest & Best	Indiana Chalwell
Peel Year 7/8 Female	Secret Harbour Year 7/8 Purple	Runner Up	Sariyah Homer
Peel Year 8 Teal	North Mandurah Year 8 White	Fairest & Best	Isaiah Thorne
Peel Year 8 Teal	South Mandurah Year 8 Blue	Runner Up	Phoenix Baldwin
Peel Year 8 Navy	Warnbro Year 8 Gold	Fairest & Best	Dayne Okely
Peel Year 8 Navy	Secret Harbour Year 8	Runner Up	Marshall Morrison
Peel Year 9 Teal	Warnbro Year 9 Purple	Fairest & Best	Gabriel Gastev
Peel Year 9 Teal	Mandurah Year 9	Runner Up	Ezekiel Little
Peel Year 9 Navy	Halls Head Year 9 White	Fairest & Best	Jai Brown
Peel Year 9 Navy	Secret Harbour Year 9 Purple	Runner Up	Jai Keene
Peel Year 9 Navy	Halls Head Year 9 Blue	Runner Up	Hudson Sanders
Peel Year 9/10 Female	Warnbro Year 9/10	Fairest & Best	Talitha Kahura-Heta
Peel Year 9/10 Female	North Mandurah Year 9/10 White	Fairest & Best	Tiama Collard
Peel Year 9/10 Female	Baldivis Year 9/10 Red	Runner Up	Hayley Sinclair
Peel Year 10	South Mandurah Year 10 Gold	Fairest & Best	Layton Coad
Peel Year 10	North Mandurah Year 10	Runner Up	Joel Mildwaters
Joss O'Doriso Memorial Peel	South Mandurah Year 11/12	Fairest & Best	Rylan Wilson
Year 11/12	Halls Head Year 11/12	Runner Up	Ajay Moseley





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BACKS	<b>KAI EDWARDS</b> SECRET HARBOUR FC	<b>ANGUS MOSELEY</b> HALLS HEAD FC	<b>AUSTIN TREZISE</b> MELVILLE JFC
	<b>LUCA DI CAMILLO</b> MELVILLE JFC	<b>NATE SCOTT</b> PALMYRA JFC	<b>NICO ALLEN</b> ROLEYSTONE JFC
MIDS	<b>ROCCO DARBYSHIRE</b> ROLEYSTONE JFC	<b>AJAY MOSELEY</b> HALLS HEAD FC	<b>RHYS MERCER</b> HAMMOND PARK JFC
FORWARDS	<b>TYSON SMITH</b> SOUTH MANDURAH JFC	<b>MCKENNA PRINGLE</b> SAFETY BAY FC	<b>MACSEN WILLIAMS</b> WINNACOTT JFC
	<b>JOSH FROST</b> BULLCREEK LEEMING JFC	<b>ZAC GODWIN</b> FREMANTLE CITY JFC	<b>FIN YEO</b> BRENTWOOD BOORAGOON JFC
FOLLOWERS	<b>RYLAN WILSON (C)</b> SOUTH MANDURAH JFC	<b>COLBY GANNON</b> PALMYRA JFC	<b>ALEX REDMILE</b> ATTADALE JFC
INTERCHANGE	<b>DREW CLARKE</b> WARNBRO FC	<b>JAMIE MACLEAN</b> SECRET HARBOUR FC	<b>ARDEN BRIDSON</b> MELVILLE JFC
	<b>SAM HARTWELL</b> PALMYRA JFC	<b>KA-LEL WILSON-ALLEN</b> SOUTH COOGEE JFC	

**COACHES - DARREN SMITH** HAMMOND PARK JFC AND **PAUL LEKIAS** SOUTH MANDURAH JFC

BACKS	<b>AMBER WYATT</b> BRENTWOOD BOORAGOON JFC	<b>MATILDA DUTHIE</b> ROLEYSTONE JFC	<b>HAYLEY SINCLAIR</b> BALDIVIS FC
	<b>LARA FULLER</b> JANDAKOT JFC	<b>AVUYA NOMLATYU</b> WILLETTON JFC	
MIDS	<b>LOGAN HEVGATE</b> EAST FREMANTLE JFC	<b>MANINGNING MORALES</b> KWINANA JFC	<b>JACINTA STEVENS</b> BRENTWOOD BOORAGOON JFC
FORWARDS	<b>JESS STACKHOUSE</b> PALMYRA JFC	<b>SIENNA LILLY</b> BULLCREEK LEEMING JFC	<b>TILY KAHURA-HETA</b> WARNBRO FC
	<b>ZOE ANTONELLI</b> BULLCREEK LEEMING JFC	<b>JAYDA BAKER</b> APPLECROSS MT PLEASANT JFC	
FOLLOWERS	<b>CRYSTAL D'AMATO (C)</b> SOUTH COOGEE JFC	<b>EVA FLYNN</b> EAST FREMANTLE JFC	<b>TIAMA COLLARD</b> NORTH MANDURAH JFC
INTERCHANGE	<b>CHERELL BONNEY</b> WINNACOTT JFC	<b>CHARLIE FLETCHER</b> BALDIVIS FC	<b>FREYA PALMER</b> SECRET HARBOUR FC
	<b>JADE BELL</b> SECRET HARBOUR FC	<b>EBONIE FAUNTLEROY</b> NORTH MANDURAH JFC	

**COACHES - MICHAEL HODGES** SOUTH COOGEE JFC AND **CODY FLETCHER** BALDIVIS FC

## UMPIRES

<b>KAI SAMERS</b> EAST FREMANTLE JUNIOR UMPIRES ASSOCIATION	<b>ABBY REICH</b> SOUTH FREMANTLE JUNIOR UMPIRES ASSOCIATION	<b>PAUL BLONDEAU &amp; LACHLAN STANDRING</b> PEEL DISTRICT JUNIOR UMPIRING CLUB
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## RDC TEAMS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

The Regional Development Councils (RDCs) Teams of the Year for Metro Central, Metro South and Metro North were announced at an annual function on Sunday October 6.

More than 550 club volunteers, participants and their families attended the event which recognised the outstanding achievements of players, coaches and umpires throughout the Metro regions.

Selection into the Team of the Year was based on Fairest and Best vote counts in each region, with a captain appointed for each team.

Premiership-winning coaches from the highest divisions were appointed Coaches of the six teams, while umpires selected had all earned Umpire of the Year honours in their districts.

Metro RDC Chairs Travis Burrows, Karren Wheatland, and Ian Brotherton praised the event.

“It was fantastic to see all regions come together to celebrate the success of all involved including the players, coaches and umpires,” they said.

The night included a Q&A session with team captains and coaches who shared insights into their football journeys and season highlights.

Since their establishment in 2019, the RDCs have contributed nearly \$430,000 to metro junior football with the support from the WAFC and nine WAFL clubs. This funding has assisted with a number of initiatives including community engagement, volunteer recognition, education and club participation.

# CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

2024 marked an exciting year for the Club Development and Volunteer team as it embarked on its first full year of program delivery, focusing on strengthening club capacity and enhancing volunteer retention and recognition. This included several new initiatives and streamlined program delivery across the three Conferences.

The team delivered a new President and Vice President Football Forum in February. This initiative focused on onboarding and educating new club leaders, ensuring they were well-equipped with the knowledge and resources necessary to succeed in their roles. While the focus was on new presidents and vice presidents, those already existing in these roles were also invited. The forum included a Q&A with three long term presidents who imparted some invaluable information and learnings.

The RDC Season Launch took place in April where all clubs were invited to join in a celebration of the commencement of the 2024 Metro Junior Season. After an inspiring Welcome to Country by Sharon Wood-Kenney, Metro South RDC Chair Karen Wheatland opened the event. WA Football Hall of Fame inductee Jan Cooper OAM gave a keynote address detailing the role football has played in her life from cheering on Swan Districts as a child to becoming the first woman to be inducted into the WA Football Hall of Fame in 2023.

This was followed by a Club Development and Volunteer update, then a heartfelt presentation and interview with Sock it to Sarcoma! which highlighted the importance of the odd socks for Sarcoma! round. An interview with South Fremantle Junior Umpires Association Manager Ben Cutri dispelled some umpiring myths, while a junior participants panel talked candidly about the role footy plays in their lives. The event concluded with a presentation, celebrating the induction of the 2023 RDC Life Members from across the three Conferences.

The WA Football Volunteer of the Year program commenced on May 20, during National Volunteer Week. The Club Development and Volunteer team provided clubs with a suite of resources which saw volunteers recognised across the week at games and across social media. The program concluded with Volunteer Appreciation Round which gave clubs the opportunity to thank those match-day volunteers, whom without our great game would not take place. Once again clubs were provided a toolkit to assist in recognising volunteers. The WA Football Volunteer of the Year Awards itself saw over 2,500 nominations received – an increase of 1,000 nominations from 2023.

To further acknowledge the contributions of volunteers, the Club Development and Volunteer team introduced the Volunteer Appreciation Carnival, where local club committees participated in an entertaining AFL Nines tournament during the Round 5 bye. 14 teams and 170 Volunteers took to the field in two competition formats with Huntingdale JFC and Mt Hawthorn JFC taking out the wins. All proceeds from registration fees went directly to SportsCARE.

The WAFC once again partnered with Sock it to Sarcoma! to raise much needed funds to support research and families living with sarcoma. Round 8 saw clubs from across the three conferences wear odd socks to raise money. An increased marketing campaign including a toolkit for clubs helped raise awareness of sarcoma and generated a total of \$24,474. An additional \$11,679 was raised in the silent auction and raffle at the Community Football Awards with a grand total of \$36,153 raised by junior football clubs.

In July the Club Development and Volunteer team sent out a mid-year survey to all metro junior clubs for feedback on what clubs identify as highlights, areas of support, challenges, engagement and key priorities. Nearly half of the 107 clubs across the metro junior competition completed the survey which provided insights into junior football clubs' needs and priorities.





Clubs were also invited to take part in a focus group session which culminated in 15 representatives from across the conferences providing feedback on:

- Volunteer recruitment
- Education retention and recognition
- What is club development and the Champion Club program
- Event and community initiatives

The insights attained from both the survey and the focus groups were then shared out to all clubs and are being used to help frame how the Club Development and Volunteer team will work with, and support clubs moving forward.

After the success of Team of the Year in 2023, this initiative was continued in 2024. The RDC Team of the Year recognises those stand out players across all top end youth divisions. Based on Fairest and Best vote counts, a male and female team was announced for each conference including the coach from the highest division premiership team. This year the accolades were expanded to include the Golden Whistle Umpire recipients from each conference.

The year wrapped up with the Metro Junior Community Football Awards which took place on Saturday, October 12 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. For the first time, metro junior football clubs from across all three conferences came together to recognise volunteers and clubs who made outstanding contributions throughout the year and to celebrate the conclusion of the 2024 football season.

The Club Development and Volunteer team is looking forward to 2025 and continuing to grow on the successes of 2024. The Champion Club program will be launched prior to the start of season and the team is looking forward to engaging more closely with clubs through this first of its kind platform. More toolkits will be developed to assist clubs and reduce volunteer workload and over \$200,000 worth of grants will once again be available to clubs through Telstra Footy Country Grants.

**Corey Ranger, Jenné Russell and Zac Binning**  
 Club Development and Volunteers Team  
 West Australian Football Commission



# WA FOOTBALL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The WA Football Community Football Awards aims to recognise community football volunteers from across the state who go above and beyond in their roles. In 2024, the awards underwent some significant changes that assisted in raising the profile of the awards and recognising its recipients. This led to over 2,500 nominations.

Nominations opened in May in line with National Volunteer Week, and upon nomination, nominees received an email congratulating them on their nomination and included a video message from West Australian Football Commission CEO Micheal Roberts and a personalised certificate which included their name and category they were nominated in.

This year the awards ceremony took place at the WAFL Grand Final held at Optus Stadium, a change from the Sandover Medal, which created opportunities to expand the recognition afforded to the recipients.

In addition to the 17 District and Regional Volunteer of the Year finalists, the other category winners, with representation from across the state were also in attendance. In addition to a formal ceremony where all recipients were presented with a trophy, the recipients and their partners also took part in the pre-game parade and were announced on the big screen.

John Pinneri from Morley Junior Football Club was announced the 2024 WA Football Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding service and dedication to his club and to junior football.

We are delighted to recognise the following category award winners and the Volunteer of the Year Recipients from East Fremantle, Peel and South Fremantle Districts.

AWARD	RECIPIENT	CLUB
AFL School Teacher of the Year	Robert Beswick	Pinjarra High School
Community Umpire Award	Ben Cutri	South Fremantle Junior Umpiring Association
Disability Inclusion Ambassador	Mark Clayton	Quinns Districts JFC
Diversity Ambassador	Jessica Albers	Hedland Senior High School
Junior Club Coach	Kyle Quirk	Kalamunda JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Volunteer	Adam Goedecke	Broome Auskick Centre
Senior Club Coach	Kristy Jetta	Eaton FC
Young Volunteer of the Year	Zavier Hunter	Mandurah Mustangs





## **EAST FREMANTLE DISTRICT**

### **RICHARD JARVIS** Bullcreek Leeming JFC

Richard is the Registrar at Bullcreek Leeming JFC. He is also the year 9 assistant coach and has held numerous other roles over his tenure. As Registrar, Richard is very diligent with exceptional attention to detail and is quick to respond to all enquiries to promote football and participation.

Richard attends all meetings held by the WAFC and provides practical and sensible feedback on competition matters. He completes all administrative duties promptly and accurately and is respectful and professional in all of his details.

Richard was integral in the development of the female competition within the club, with the club fielding its first all-girls teams in 2022. Since then, Richard has been instrumental in promoting girls football, with the club now having teams from year 5/6 to 11/12, with more than 130 girls playing football for the club this season.

Richard is the first to put up his hand to help at all club events and Friday night Auskick, and he is heavily involved when the club hosts finals matches. He works closely with neighbouring clubs to develop merge teams and player permits where needed to maximise player participation and is always willing to change fixtures when required. Nothing is too hard for Richard and he is always there for the club.



## **PEEL DISTRICT**

### **NATHAN VALDA** Baldivis FC

Nathan is the Junior Vice President of Baldivis FC, the biggest junior club in the Metro South Conference with almost 700 players and 35 teams and 260 Auskicker. As part of a combined junior/senior club, he oversees all football operations for the junior competition.

Nathan also coaches the year 10 and year 11/12 female team and takes on the role of Match Day Official every weekend at home games when he is not coaching.

On top of all of this, he also plays in the senior competition. Nathan lives and breathes football and the club. He has worked tirelessly on recruitment and retention of female players and the club now has a full female pathway.

The Peel competition has not had a Year 11/12 Female competition for the previous two seasons so Nathan organised for the team to join the Metro South competition so the girls could complete their junior pathway at the club. If he had not done this, the players would have had to join the senior competition to continue playing.

In his role as Match Day Official, Nathan is highly regarded and can be relied upon to be fair and non biased confidently enforcing penalties where required. He is regularly called upon to watch games that have been flagged due to problematic spectators or officials.

Nathan always puts the players first and keeps registrations open all season so that anyone wanting to play football has somewhere to go. This dedication to players and the Club sets Nathan apart from other volunteers.



## **SOUTH FREMANTLE DISTRICT**

### **BEN MEAKINS Fremantle City JFC**

Ben wears many hats at Fremantle City Dockers JFC. He is Club President, Registrar, Auskick Coordinator and first aider for the year 7 team. To say he goes above and beyond for his club is an understatement.

Ben shows a high level of professionalism in all of his dealings whether it be with players, family, community, other clubs or the WAFC. He has a collaborative management style and is capable of making the tough decisions that comes with running

a football club. Ben has held almost every position at the club over the years and was instrumental in rebranding the club from Hilton Hawks JFC to Fremantle City Dockers JFC. Hilton Hawks JFC was a small club with only a handful of teams.

Fremantle City Dockers JFC now has a full pathway for both the male and female competition, something that Ben has continued to focus on as president.

Ben's dedication to the club is evident in the roles that he undertakes. He formed the first girls team in the club, coordinates Auskick although he has no children in the program. He has also advocated for upgraded facilities for the club including being a key stakeholder for the Hilton Park Masterplan, lighting and facility upgrades to Dick Lawrence Park and acquiring additional training venues.

Ben is an all round good guy who is widely respected across the football community. He is a strong, loyal and passionate Fremantle City Docker and nothing is too big for his club.



# 2024 WA FOOTBALL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The winner of the 2024 WA Football Volunteer of the Year has significantly contributed to the Morley Junior Football Club's growth and development.

John Pinneri has held numerous volunteer positions at the club, including President, Vice President, secretary, coach, assistant coach, runner, team manager, boundary umpire, goal umpire, interchanger, first-aider, canteen manager, line-marker, banner maker, and graphic designer – there isn't a role he hasn't done.

Pinneri, affectionately known as JP, has supported the club's expansion developing the female pathway within the club, securing funding for lighting and upgrades to the clubrooms and canteen.

WAFC Club Development and Volunteer Specialist, Jenne Russell said JP has been the driving force behind the club's positive development and is a role model for creating a fun and inclusive environment for players and the community.

"It's always difficult selecting the winner of the WA Football Volunteer of the Year award," Russell said.

"This year we had 17 finalists from each district and region across the state who were all worthy recipients.

"JP's dedication to the Morley Junior Football Club and the wider community really shone through. And I congratulate JP on this well-deserved achievement."

Pinneri said volunteering at the club has been rewarding.

"Being part of a community, not necessarily just a footy club, but being part of a community and meeting people just makes you feel really good." Pinneri said.

"There's a misconception that being part of a footy club and being on the committee and having responsibilities creates anxiety, because everyone is time poor.

"I think it's actually the opposite; I think it's been great for my mental health.

"It's very uplifting at times, there are challenges, but being part of a group of people who get through these challenges really lifts your spirits."

John, nominated as the WA Football Volunteer of the Year finalist from the East Perth district, receives \$4000 and a one-year subscription from the Sunday Times.

The West Australian Football Commission congratulates Pinneri on his award.



# 2024 COMMUNITY FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS

AWARD	DISTRICT	WINNER	CLUB
Administrator of the Year	South Fremantle District	Brodie Holland	Mundijong JFC
Administrator of the Year	East Fremantle District	Krista Harris	Rossmoyne JFC
Administrator of the Year	Peel District	Jennifer Capitano	Warnbro SFC
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	East Fremantle District	Sarah Jackson	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	Peel District	Esther Amory	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Female	South Fremantle District	Tanaya Prentice	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	East Fremantle District	Isaac Pavy	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	Peel District	Christopher Martin	
Community Umpire Engagement Award - Male	South Fremantle District	Mitchell Brookes	
Female Coach of the Year	East Fremantle District	Natalie Williams	Bullcreek Leeming JFC
Female Coach of the Year	South Fremantle District	Kristy Bowell	Kwinana JFC
Female Coach of the Year	Peel District	Nancy Thompson	Warnbro SFC
Further With Football Award	East Fremantle District	Clontarf Aboriginal College Partnership	Applecross Mt Pleasant JFC
Further With Football Award	South Fremantle District	Blue & Pink Rounds	Jandakot JFC
Further With Football Award	Peel District	Outdoor Family Movie Night	South Mandurah JFC
Junior Club of the Year	East Fremantle District		Bullcreek Leeming JFC
Junior Club of the Year	South Fremantle District		Roleystone JFC
Junior Club of the Year	Peel District		Safety Bay SFC
Male Coach of the Year	South Fremantle District	Leon Musca	Bibra Lakes JFC
Male Coach of the Year	Peel District	Brett Neucom	Halls Head JFC
Male Coach of the Year	East Fremantle District	Robert Haddrill	Palmyra JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	South Fremantle District		Bibra Lakes JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	East Fremantle District		Forrestdale JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Centre of the Year	Peel District		South Mandurah JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	East Fremantle District	Kelly Jury	Canning Vale JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	South Fremantle District	Lisa McConachy	Roleystone JFC
NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator of the Year	Peel District	Rebecca Wallis	South Mandurah JFC
Volunteer of the Year	Peel District	Nathan Velda	Baldivis JFC
Volunteer of the Year	East Fremantle District	Richard Jarvis	Bullcreek Leeming JFC
Volunteer of the Year	South Fremantle District	Ben Meakins	Fremantle City Dockers JFC
Young Volunteer of the Year	South Conference	Evan Dellaca	Piara Waters JFC
Youth Club of the Year	East Fremantle District		Forrestdale FC
Youth Club of the Year	Peel District		Halls Head FC
Youth Club of the Year	South Fremantle District		Kardinya JFC



# JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMMUNITY UNITES TO CELEBRATE SEASON AND RAISE OVER \$36K FOR CHARITY

Over 1,000 volunteers and guests from Metro North, Metro Central, and Metro South Conferences came together for the first time to celebrate the 2024 Metro Junior Community Football Awards on October 12.

Volunteers and clubs who made outstanding contributions throughout the year were recognised during the event.

Highlights from the event included the recognition of Club Persons of the Year, departing Presidents, and acknowledgement of the many clubs who hosted the junior football competition finals.

Superkids Superheroes made a special appearance to present the Auskick Awards, adding excitement to the night.

The event also supported a great cause, with the presentation of a \$24,474 cheque from funds raised during the annual Sock it to Sarcoma! charity round.

An additional \$11,679 was raised for Sock it to Sarcoma! through an online raffle and silent auction held at the event.

West Australian Football Commission Club Development and Volunteer Specialist, Jenné Russell said the event brought together metro junior football clubs from Pinjarra in the south to Yancheep in the north, for the first time.

“Volunteers are the backbone of community football, and it is important to recognise their contributions to our great game - the Community Football Awards achieved this on an unprecedented scale,” Russell said.

“I congratulate not only the award winners but all football club volunteers for their outstanding efforts in the 2024 season.”

On the night, individual volunteers and clubs from each district were awarded in the categories of male and female coach of the year, male and female community umpire engagement, Auskick coordinator and Auskick centre of the year, further with football award, administrator of the year, and volunteer and young volunteer of the year.

The awards concluded with the announcement of the coveted district junior and youth clubs of the year which recognised the outstanding efforts of top performing clubs in areas including administration, growth and retention, conduct and engagement.

## Junior Club of the Year (Yr 3 – 6)

- Claremont District – Marist JFC
- Subiaco District – Kingsley JFC
- West Perth District – Quinns Districts JFC
- East Perth District – Ballajura JFC
- Perth District – South Perth JFC
- Swans District – Swan View FC
- East Fremantle District – Bullcreek Leeming JFC
- South Fremantle District – Roleystone JFC
- Peel District - Safety Bay FC

## Youth Club of the Year (Yr 7 – 12)

- Claremont District – Wembley Downs JFC
- Subiaco District – Carine JFC
- West Perth District – Ocean Ridge JFC
- East Perth District – Ellenbrook JFC
- Perth District – Gosnells JFC
- Swans District – Aveley JFC
- East Fremantle District – Forrestdale JFC
- South Fremantle District – Kardinya JFC
- Peel District – Halls Head FC



## PARTICIPATION OFFICERS' REPORT

In 2024, all three Participation Officers completed a full season in Metro South. This further strengthened the districts and helped to bring them together.

Additionally, mid-2024 brought a shift in leadership, with Jonelle Morley taking over as the Head of Participation, becoming one of our primary points of contact for all football participation and engagement activities within Metro South.

We extend a sincere thank you to the West Australian Football Commission staff, club committees, officials, and umpires for their unwavering commitment, flexibility, and dedication throughout the 2024 season.

Special thanks goes out to our District Umpire Managers for delivering quality umpiring programs. Your continued support is invaluable, ensuring that matches are well run each week. We also acknowledge the countless parents, coaches, and volunteers who make the football competition so vibrant. Your dedication makes this game and its operations possible.

Auskick continued to thrive in 2024, building on the momentum of recent years. The Rookie Series took another leap forward. The Year 2 Rookie Series, a 4-week program, involved three weeks of round-robin modified games across hubs, culminating in the Festival of Football. This year, we held a combined Metro South Festival of Football – thanks to Brentwood Booragoon JFC for hosting this event. Across the three districts, more than 60 Rookie Series teams registered, involving around 1,200 participants.

Our district-based Pre-Primary and Year 1 Auskick Gala Days were, as always, a highlight. A total of 180 teams participated across the three districts, with an estimated 1,800 kids enjoying the experience of playing against other junior clubs.

Auskick participation numbers in Metro South saw a slight decrease overall, with 3,942 participants in 2024 compared to 4,246 in 2023. 430 females participated in the season, and we are committed to growing these numbers in the coming years. A big thank you to Michelle Sewell and Josh Embry for their tireless work in the Auskick space.

In September we again ran our popular Year 6/7 Holiday Boys Academies, and Year 5/6, 7/8 Holiday Girls Academies. These programs were a huge success, with over 280 junior players, including 80 females from Metro South clubs participating. A special thanks to Baldivis Sporting Complex for once again allowing us to use their facilities.

Our new holiday programs were also a major success, with each Superkick and Auskick clinic at Willetton, Botany/Honeywood and Baldivis, attracting over 40 participants per category. The clinics not only helped develop football skills but also fostered fitness, teamwork, and enjoyment for all involved.

In schools, the 2024 Play AFL campaign was a key focus, with free football clinics offered to roughly two-thirds of primary schools within the South Fremantle, East Fremantle and Peel zones. We also organised eight one-day carnivals across primary and secondary schools, including two successful carnivals for students from education support centres.





# METRO SOUTH UMPIRE REPORTS

## East Fremantle District Umpire Report

The East Fremantle umpiring group had another successful season with an increase in female umpires and more umpires joining the WAFL ranks. The EFUA welcomed our first ever female president Ella Spinks. Ella has done a fantastic job leading the association in 2024. We look forward to growing our squad and continuing to service the Fremantle conference in 2025.

**Ben Moore**  
 Umpire Coach  
 East Fremantle Umpires Association

## Peel District Junior Umpire Report

The 2024 season for the Peel Junior Umpire group has been very rewarding. The development of the umpires has been beyond outstanding and this is a credit to all of the umpires in the Peel District. To achieve so much in a season is a credit to all of the umpire coaches and the working relationship we all have within Peel to further grow the umpire programme. Michael, Peter, Sam, Chris, Janhavi, Lindsay, Declan, Maison, Ben, Rod & Frank, thank you to your dedication and support during the year and I look forward to the 2025 season.

**Jenni Cocking**  
 Umpire Manager  
 Peel District Umpiring Club

## South Fremantle District Umpire Report

2024 has shaped up to be everything that we at SFJUA were hoping it to be and more! The first year under our newly incorporated Association saw a myriad of debuts for our junior umpires into higher grades, our total number of umpires continue to grow, our female umpire numbers more than quadruple, a new coaching panel flourish, training shirts for our umpires for the first time and a personal record number of umpires be submitted for the WAFL Talent ID Carnivals – amongst so many other wonderful things. It has been a privilege to be a part of this exciting group this season as new heights are constantly surpassed and the people, we were able to achieve these successes with made it all the more worthwhile. Keep your eyes on this space once more in the 2025 season!

**Ben Cutri**  
 Umpire Manager  
 South Fremantle District Junior Umpires Association

# COMMUNITY UMPIRING WEEK: CELEBRATING THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE GAME

WA Football celebrated the unsung heroes of our great game during Community Umpiring Week in May.

Community Umpiring Week highlights the integral role umpires play at all levels of the game and promotes the importance of respect for umpires.

At the AFL Round 9 game between Fremantle v Sydney, on 10 May, McKenzy Harris, along with five junior umpires walked onto Optus Stadium alongside the AFL umpires.

This was a dream come true for a young girl, who at the age of seven decided she wanted to become an umpire.

As a junior McKenzy loved football, but it was at a West Coast Eagles v GWS game, where she experienced how the crowd treated umpires, that she decided she too wanted to become an umpire.

"I knew it was something I wanted to do, so I just did it, I waited and waited until I was old enough to join," McKenzy recounted.

After joining Swan Districts Junior Football Umpires Association, McKenzy quickly rose through the ranks from umpiring Modified Rules to boundary umpiring Year 9s.

Through the guidance of umpiring coaches and mentors, McKenzy now has the confidence to take to the field in front of parents and coaches and over 30 players to officiate games each weekend.

"The people, SDJFUA, the mentors and the other umpires are amazing, they are all so supportive and kind," McKenzy said.

"I was the youngest umpire at the club but even though most of our coaches and umpires are in their late teens and early 20s, and are boys, they never treated me like I didn't belong.

"From day one I was part of the team and they believed in me; it was a really nice feeling."

Last year McKenzy was rewarded with the Best Modified Rules/ Junior Field Umpire of the Year Award.

The award is a reflection of her effort and love for umpiring.

"I love being right in the middle of the game (without having to play it)," she laughed.

Prior to the Round 9 AFL game, McKenzy said she was excited to



be taking part in pre-game event and joining the AFL umpires prior on the ground to the game.

"I'm looking forward to being able to see how the umpires prepare and handle their nerves and excitement up close, and also being able to see the players up close as they get ready to play," she said.

Throughout Community Umpiring Week, McKenzy encouraged everyone who is part of the game to remember this: "We are human, we are doing our best; teach your children to take the good calls with the bad and be good sports," she said.

"This is our job and we love, live and breathe it.

"Be kind and respectful because we are a necessary part of the game that you all love."

# COACHING REPORT

This update reflects the great strides made in coaching development throughout the 2024 season. Below is a summary of key highlights and takeaways:

## 1. Positive Engagement and Participation

Throughout season 2024 several club-based workshops were held across clubs in Metro South. The most popular workshops included Effective Training, Attend a Training and Masterclasses (Tackling).

The preseason workshop, Umpire Coach Connect, held in Success was attended by majority of clubs in the South and East district. This workshop is used to help build relationships between our umpires and coaches at community level.

In 2024 the West Australian Football Commission implemented a targeted approach to support clubs in Peel (Rockingham and South Mundijong) and East Piara Waters that requested additional assistance. This approach helped build stronger relationships and positively impacted training standards and game-day environments.

In 2024 I was able to attend 63 games across the Metro South.

## 2. Coach Education and Development

Nearly 200 coaches attended five standalone tackling sessions, focusing on safe tackling methods, which was facilitated by Wade Spilcker, a tackling expert.

Three Level 2 AFL coaching accreditation courses were run, with 85 coaches participating. Guest coaches from WAFL, AFL, and AFLW were involved, enriching the program with diverse expertise.

## 3. Transition to a New Accreditation System

The AFL is set to launch a new coach accreditation system and framework, transitioning from the current Level 1, 2, and 3 to Bronze, Silver, and Gold accreditations.

Coaches will be able to earn these new levels through various learning methods, including Recognition of Prior Learning, online modules, and new 'elevate' programs, aligning to the current Level 2 and 3 content.

## 4. Future Sessions and Plans

Gold Level accreditation sessions, or 'elevate' programs, will be offered in November, initially focusing on those coaching within WAFL. Further sessions will follow, and coaches will be informed of specific dates and details as they become available.

**Jayden Heuer**  
Coaching Coordinator – Metro South  
West Australian Football Commission



# RDC LIFE MEMBERS



Anthony Doig  
Max Freeman  
Chris Gibbons  
Russell Masters



Vanessa Bartley  
Colin Meeres  
Teresa Ong



Mark Brookes  
Don Camporeale  
Ron Capes  
Terry Dean  
Gino Debari  
Robyn Elms  
John Foster  
Gary Gough  
Wally Hagan  
Shane Harding  
Jim Hurst  
Arthur Maskos  
Peter Matier  
Tony Molica  
Dom Ricci  
Samantha Saffioti  
Graeme Smith  
Garry Taylor  
Robert Taylor  
Sharon Taylor (Greengrass)  
Bill Wallington  
Sheryl Ward



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METRO SOUTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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# COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

METRO SOUTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Metro Central Regional Development Council for the financial year ended 31 October 2024.

## **Committee Members**

Karen Wheatland – Chair  
Corey Ranger – Executive Officer  
Ryan Ramage – Secretary  
Tracey Rafferty - Treasurer  
Anthony Doig – East Fremantle District Junior Club Delegate  
Patrick de Haan – South Fremantle District Junior Club Delegate  
Sam Skinner – WAFL Club Representative  
Geoff Hiller – Senior Club Representative  
Sarah Christensen - Female Football Representative  
Tameeka McCorkell – Community Football Representative  
Rob Pini – Community Football Representative

## **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to provide funding to junior club initiatives for clubs within the Metro South District.

## **Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

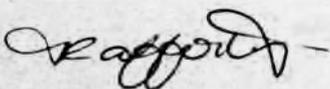
## **Operating Result**

The net deficit for the council was (\$67,600) (2023: (22,160).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Chair  
Karen Wheatland



Treasurer  
Tracey Rafferty

Dated this day of 20/11/2024

# PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

METRO SOUTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
<b>Revenue</b>			
Other Revenue		7,436	30,000
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>7,436</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Uniforms		17,209	11,478
Club Development		3,500	2,500
Coach Academy		8,800	-
Participation Program		7,000	-
Umpire Contribution		-	500
Multicultural Initiatives		500	-
Volunteer Events & Recognition		22,743	31,960
Strategy Grants		1,000	1,710
Indigenous Grants Program		7,000	2,512
NAIDOC Grant		1,000	500
Girls Development Grant		5,000	-
Other		1,284	1,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>75,036</b>	<b>52,160</b>
<b>(Loss)/Profit Before In</b>		<b>(67,600)</b>	<b>(22,160)</b>
Other comprehensive (loss)/gain		-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income/(Expense) for the period</b>		<b>(67,600)</b>	<b>(22,160)</b>

# BALANCE SHEET

METRO SOUTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	211,180	286,147
Trade and Other Receivables	4	7,436	30,000
Total Current Assets		218,616	316,147
<b>Total Assets</b>			
		218,616	316,147
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	5	-	29,931
Total Current Liabilities		-	29,931
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			
		-	29,931
<b>Net Assets</b>			
		218,616	286,216
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated Surplus	6	218,616	286,216

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METRO SOUTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The financial statements cover Metro South Development Council as an Individual entity. Metro South Regional Development Council is a not-for-profit Association Incorporated in Western Australia under Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

In the opinion of Committee and Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cashflows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Impairment of Non Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period the association determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less cost of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss, except for goodwill.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are ready convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METRO SOUTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
<b>3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
Cash at Bank		211,180	286,147
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>211,180</b>	<b>286,147</b>
<b>4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>			
Trade Debtors		7,436	30,000
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>		<b>7,436</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>			
Trade Creditors		-	29,931
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>29,931</b>
<b>6. EQUITY</b>			
Opening Balance		286,216	308,375
Surplus/(Deficit)		(67,600)	(22,160)
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>218,616</b>	<b>286,216</b>
<b>7. STATUTORY INFORMATION</b>			
The registered office of the association is:			
105 Banksia Street, Tuart Hill, WA, 6060			
The place of business is:			
105 Banksia Street, Tuart Hill, WA, 6060			

# STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

## METRO SOUTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The committee has determined that the association 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.

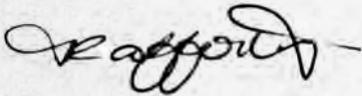
In the option of the committee financial report as set out on pages 37 to 42:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Metro South Regional Development Council as at 31 October 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Metro South Regional Development Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Chair  
Karen Wheatland



Treasurer  
Tracey Rafferty

Dated this day of 20/11/2024



