



## To Our Valued School Community

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your patience as the WACA team has worked through the impacts of COVID-19 on our business and service delivery models. From a cricket perspective, while we were fortunate to complete our season, we are not immune to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and what it means for the 2020-21 season and beyond.

Over this period, the WACA has worked closely with Cricket Australia to understand the impact of the funding cuts from them as well as the local challenges we could potentially face in light of the current economic climate.

This has meant that we have had to make some difficult decisions across our business to ensure WA cricket remains in a strong position into the future to support our cricket community and continue to grow the game. Some staffing and structural changes have been made and as a result we have had to reset the way we deliver our services and programs.

In Community Cricket, we are pleased that we have been able to retain our Participation Officers, who you have come to know and work with. Unfortunately, their hours have been reduced for the upcoming season, as have the casual resources previously available to us, which will all have an impact on the way we service and support schools across the metropolitan area.

As such our school delivery model has been reset and will focus more on teacher delivered Health and Physical Education Programs and Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cups. We are also working on strategies to support schools through new professional development modules presented as live webinars each term (and on an as needs basis) as well as cluster and individual school opportunities to guide new and continuing teachers through the delivery of programs.

Please also find attached a list of the full suite of our cricket programs available for all schools to register for online and gain access to high quality, curriculum aligned education resources. Please note, due to the limited resources as outlined above, all programs have been designed to ensure they can be easily delivered by teachers or school staff, with the WACA providing a supporting role, either remotely or face to face where possible.

If your school participates in school competitions organised by the WACA, at this stage we expect these will go ahead as planned. However, we will be in touch directly with schools involved to provide a further update on details and any changes relating to these competitions.



Australian Cricket Return to Play protocols have also been developed as a guide for our sport. However, it is important to reference these against the WA Government COVID-19 Roadmap and related Sport and Recreation Guidelines as well as those of your Education Authority. Please visit [www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/covid-19/return-to-playing](http://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/covid-19/return-to-playing) for the Australian Cricket Protocols and [www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/covid-19-coronavirus-sport-and-recreation](http://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/covid-19-coronavirus-sport-and-recreation) for the WA Government COVID-19 Sport and Recreation Guidelines.

Your Participation Officer will be in contact with you to discuss your school's needs and how we can best support you and continue to build and maintain great relationships with your school. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your local Participation Officer.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding. I hope you have an enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to working with you in Term 3 and beyond and growing the great game of cricket!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Davies', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

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**General Manager, Community Cricket**

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