Community Ambassador of the Year

- **Winner: Darren Werder (Mackay, QLD)**
  - Darren is from the Magpies Cricket Club all the way from Mackay in central Queensland. Darren has been described by his nominees as ‘a selfless ambassador who represents cricket with dignity, class and endless enthusiasm at every opportunity’. As well as being junior coach and vice-president of the Magpies, Darren has been the driving force in raising close to $100,000 for disability and cancer charities through the Mackay cricket community since 2014. Darren also created the ‘Cricket4Every1’ program with the Mackay district special school with the simple goal of giving young disabled children the chance to play cricket. In its first year, 14 kids with a disability were ‘buddied’ up with a player from the Magpies to teach basic skills like batting, throwing and catching. The program has been a remarkable success with two of the graduates now playing in the local junior competition. The program will return next season.

- **Highly Commended: Dan Rodgers (Deanmore Primary School, Perth, WA)**
  - Dan was the WA finalist in this same category for the 2018 A Sport for All Awards and has continued to grow and exceed his work as one of the best School Ambassadors in WA and a poster boy for school cricket everywhere! Dan has doubled the number of girls playing cricket at his school from 35 in 2018 to 72 into 2019 making it the largest girls Woolworths Cricket Blast program in Western Australia. Dan has created and grown a significant cricket culture at the Deanmore Primary School with eight teams participating in intra-school Carnivals, plus making the game a highlight of the term one and four PE programs. He has also been instrumental in hosting professional development days at his school for teachers in the western suburbs of Perth.

Community Facility Project of the Year

- **Winner: Irrewarra Cricket Club (Colac, VIC)**
  - Irrewarra has played a major part in transforming the CSC oval in Colac in to the premier sporting precinct of the city. The club spearheaded the construction of new clubrooms and change rooms on the CSC oval, which has multi-purpose benefit. By relocating the club to the new facility Irrewarra has not only maintained their existing senior membership base but increased the overall participation rates across the board. The club took a lead role in developing plans for a refurbished oval partnering with Council and lobbying both Local, State and Federal governments for $180,000 of funding and kicked in over $50,000 in cash and in-kind services of their own work to complete the project. They worked closely with local tradesmen to reduce costs by assisting in whatever way was possible and also sourced donated materials from local businesses. Without this, it would not have been possible to complete the project within the tight budget.

- **Highly Commended: Glenorchy Cricket Club (Hobart, TAS)**
  - Competing in the Cricket Tasmania Premier League, Glenorchy were in need of another turf wicket facility to accommodate their growing club at a junior, women’s and men’s level. By working closely with the local government and Cricket Tasmania,
the club actively pursued additional funding to make nearby Shoobridge Park from a synthetic facility into a turf cricket facility and have further funding to continue the improvements to the ground to ensure longevity. The club also hosts games of the Inter Cultural Sports League, offering cricketers with a diverse background an opportunity to play cricket on quality facilities in Hobart.

Community Official of the Year

- **Winner: Paul Todd (Adelaide, SA)**
  - Paul Todd has revolutionised indoor cricket umpiring in South Australia. He volunteered to take over the management of indoor cricket umpires in 2018 and act as an umpire coach to provide support and feedback to umpires. As a result of Paul’s appointment, the quality of umpiring has improved and subsequently improving the player experience demonstrating a significant uplift in player sentiment for umpires from the most recent player survey. Paul has a large emphasis on the importance of safety for players, ensuring standards were met and player safety comes first.

- **Highly Commended: Graeme Glazebrook (Bathurst, NSW)**
  - Graeme is a mentor first and foremost, dedicated to teaching new and existing umpires to help develop and increase the standard of umpiring across the Bathurst region. He’s also a quality umpire, winning the Kevin Pye Medal for Country Umpire of the Year in NSW for a third-time last year. He is a problem solver and ensures that all incidents in a match are dealt with in a calm, measured and appropriate way. He drives many hundreds of kilometres to umpire games from under-12 matches to national country championships. His mentoring spirit leads him to recruit a diverse pool of future umpires to ensure the legacy of quality umpiring lives on in Bathurst for many years to come.

Partner Organisation of the Year

- **Winner: Inclusion Solutions (WA)**
  - The WACA and Inclusion Solutions joined forces in 2018 to work in partnership to promote cricket as a sport for all Western Australians. The partnership has seen Inclusion Solutions provide training to staff, club administrators and volunteers and access to mentoring for cricket clubs aimed at strengthening operations, knowledge and skills in the area of inclusion and diversity. Already, Inclusion Solutions and the WACA have mentored 12 clubs and associations and its volunteers to help positively influence the clubs helping to achieve a more inclusive community.

- **Highly Commended: Vodafone Australia (SA)**
  - As Principal Partner of the WBBL & BBL Adelaide Strikers and key supporters of Community Cricket in South Australia, Vodafone have implemented the ‘Compliant Helmet Initiative’, distributing almost 1,000 free British Standard helmets across South Australian junior community cricket clubs. With the commitment to distribute more than 2,500 over the next three years. Thanks to this partnership with Vodafone, junior teams have access to safe helmets and have brought down equipment costs as a barrier to participation and improving the quality of playing experiences.
Community Cricket Coach of the Year

- **Winner: Jeremey Byrne (Ballarat, VIC)**
  - Moving from Horsham to Ballarat approximately two-years ago, Jeremey wasted no time becoming a prominent figure in Ballarat’s cricketing community. He holds three different cricket coaching roles of junior and women’s teams and various other volunteer roles in the game and was instrumental in assisting the establishment of the Ballarat Bolts Women’s Cricket Club and is the inaugural Vice President. As coach of the Bolts, he had some incredible results. Not only did they win the Grand Final in their first year but 10 of the 15 players were not playing cricket prior to this season. Testament to Jeremey’s inclusive coaching style and belief in his players.

- **Highly Commended: Imran Webb (Adelaide, SA)**
  - Imran coaches the Deaf Fire Cricket Club and SA Deaf and Hard of Hearing team. He is passionate about creating an environment for players with a disability to develop their cricket and make them feel part of a community. Not only that, Imran has created a pathway for Deaf and Hard of Hearing cricketers in SA to play for their state or country. He has shown a continued desire to bring together a team of people with a disability and continually challenge them to become not only better cricketers but better people.

Premier Cricket Club of the Year

- **Winner: Ginninderra Cricket Club (Canberra, ACT)**
  - Ginninderra Cricket Club in the ACT has been tremendously successful on the field, but off it they are truly a club for all. The recent Belco Bash Multicultural Cricket Festival highlighted this where 48 players representing their countries of origin from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. The premise behind the competition was that cricket transcends borders and bonds people together. In 2020 the club will launch ‘Cricket for Mental Health’ gala day raising awareness for an important health issue for all people.

- **Highly Commended: Gold Coast District Cricket Club (Gold Coast, QLD)**
  - As one of the key influencers to bring international cricket to the Gold Coast in 2018/19, the Dolphins have done plenty to make cricket a sport for all in the land of sun, sand and surf. The Dolphins have long been recognised for their work with girls and women and the creation of an Under 13 all-girls team last season reinforced that commitment. This coming season the club is establishing an All-Abilities talent day as well as an Indigenous talent day aimed at creating new opportunities for players of all talent levels and backgrounds on the Gold Coast.

Junior Cricket Program of the Year

- **Winner: Quinns Rock Junior Cricket Club (Perth, WA)**
  - Quinns Rocks Junior Cricket Club is leading the way in WA in key focus areas such as inclusion, female cricket, schools and indoor cricket. They go out of their way to share their successful model of club management to demonstrate commitment to cricket and the positive impact it can have on individuals and families. QRJCC introduced their ‘Star Blast’ program last season which gives children with a disability aged 5 – 12 an environment where they can integrate into their existing Cricket Blast programs and gain a sense of belonging. It is a weekly hour-long session
allows children of all abilities to play cricket at their own pace, setting a great example in encouraging kids with disabilities to come and try cricket blast.

- **Highly Commended: Edinburgh Cricket Club (Fitzroy, VIC)**
  - Edinburgh Cricket Club was established 40 years ago under the founding principle of ‘cricket for everyone’. As one of Victoria’s biggest clubs, it caters for ages from four to 70; all genders and also diverse backgrounds. Remarkably there are 35 junior teams including three girl’s teams. But it is the Woolworths Cricket Blast program that the club has identified as critical to the future of the club, demonstrating unity, development and inclusion. In partnership with a local special school, over 15 all abilities children participated in the club’s Woolworths Cricket Blast program with coaching facilitated in an altered program to allow for all abilities children to enjoy cricket in a safe and inclusive manor which otherwise would not be available.

**Junior Cricket Champion of the Year**

- **Winner: Toby Morell (Perth, WA)**
  - Toby is the Director of Coaching at Quinns Rocks Junior Cricket Club in WA for the past seven years. He is literally at cricket every day of the week, helping parents, players, coaches and team managers alike. Toby was instrumental in the club becoming one of ten clubs to receive a mentorship program from the WACA to establish two new programs for children and teenagers with disabilities at their club. The Teenage Integrated Program allows teenagers with a disability to play cricket while learning and developing their skills in a fun environment. The innovative program is run alongside an existing junior team, with joint training sessions, and provides an environment where players can integrate into club cricket and gain a sense of belonging.

- **Highly Commended: Mick Varidel (Brisbane, QLD)**
  - In Mick’s nomination, it was stated that if Rick’s volunteer work could be represented through the feats of a player, he’d be a bustling fast bowler whose run-up wouldn’t tire from his first ball to his 100th ball. And he’d back up to open the batting. Mick does a fair bit in the cricket community: he’s the Girls Cricket Coordinator for club and association; he coaches multiple junior teams; he sits on the Junior committee; he is the club’s facility development contact; he set up the first MSWCA girls competition; and he writes all of the clubs grant applications! But his ultimate happiness would come when there are endless cricket fields full of players from all ages and demographics getting the chance to play his beloved game.

**Community Cricket Initiative of the Year**

- **Winner: Team Connect (WA)**
  - Team Connect aims to link at-risk girls at secondary schools in low socio-economic areas to a local junior cricket club to give girls a sense of belonging and a connection to their local community. Run by Cricket Australia’s 2017 National Volunteer of the Year, Margie Oldfield the program has made a significant impact in its first season with two new girls teams at Ascot Eagles Junior Cricket Club and Thornlie Junior Cricket Club for the 2018-19 season and attracted significant interest from a number of other schools in the metropolitan area. The work of Team Connect has changed the lives of players, their families and the teachers and volunteers that support the team.
Highly Commended: Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association (Sydney, NSW)
- This junior association has been extremely proactive in developing a ‘girls cricket hub’ so that girls teams throughout the association can play games at the same location and same times each week, strengthening the community of girl cricketers. The ‘hub’ has led to greater player, parent, sibling and volunteer participation and provided a more fun and enjoyable cricket experience. The association has already seen such outcomes as developing enhanced leadership, problem solving and communication skills, plus boosting girls’ confidence as well as self-awareness and developing friendships.

Cricket Association of the Year
- Winner: Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association (NSW)
  - Manly Warringah juniors has experienced significant player growth in the past seven years, increasing by around 50% to over 1,800 players. There is an excellent male pathway program, but the association is also at the forefront of creating opportunities for females to play cricket with many of these programs replicated across Sydney. There was one single female team in the 2014/15 which grew to 16 teams participating across Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 age groups and we now have over 200 females participating in cricket! The girls hub – referenced earlier in the evening – has given girls even more opportunity to play and be involved.
- Highly Commended: Para Districts Cricket Association (SA)
  - The association stretches across the northern suburbs of Adelaide and has a strong history of inclusion, with a large multicultural community in the district, running the longest standing women’s competition in SA (21 years) and working with SACA to find a way for a young cricket fan who is badly affected by cerebral palsy to score matches within their association. Recently judged by SACA as the best association in the state, Para Districts have embedded the Australian Cricket Junior Pathway right throughout their association and have empowered volunteers to use the LiveScore app to reduce the burden of manual entry for volunteers.

Community Cricket Club of the Year
- Winner: Quinns Rock Junior Cricket Club (WA)
  - Leading the way with three nominations, Quinns Rocks is leading the way in WA in key focus areas such as inclusion, female cricket, schools and indoor cricket. The club has a strong ‘Volunteer Recognition Plan’ that regularly and appropriately recognises the efforts of volunteers and also has a very proud statistic of 50% of their club committee is female, in line with the enormous growth in cricket for women and girls seen at the club. They facilitate ‘Coach the Coach’ sessions to upskill their Junior coaches, hold ‘How to Score’ nights for people who are interested in learning to score cricket matches, have strong links with all the schools in their local area and ran 15 sessions of Junior and Master Woolworths Cricket Blast over the 2018-19 season.
- Highly Commended: Youlden Parkville Cricket Club (Parkville, VIC)
  - Based in Royal Park near the Melbourne Zoo, Youlden Parkville is a community club that’s been around for the best part of 144 years. Since 2008, YPCC has grown from having three senior men’s teams into a vibrant and progressive community club
consisting of six senior teams and 14 junior boys and girls teams. They also operate one of their regions most successful Junior Blasters centres.

- In 2014, the club began running an innovative schools outreach program designed to link children of many different cultural backgrounds and genders to a community club where they can build life-long friendship networks and a love of the game. They have instigated a formal Welcome to Country ceremony led by a Warundjeri Traditional Owner at the start of cricket season and have been proactive in recruiting female coaches into outreach and junior programs with a third of their coaches being women.

Volunteer of the Year

- Winner: Charles Rose (Hobart, TAS)
  - Charles is the current President of the UTAS Cricket Club in Hobart, Tasmania and has worked tirelessly to create a culture of inclusion at the club and the greater community. As a graduate of UTAS with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, he has led from the front with the values of a competitive spirit, fairness, inclusion and fun. As President some of the initiatives he has pioneered include:
    - Hosting the “Don’t Give Up, Give Back” Cup in partnership with the Intercultural Sports League – a cricket tournament for people seeking asylum, refugees and international students from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and other nationalities.
    - Regularly opening up the club to culturally diverse and migrant communities in the Hurricanes Champions League.
    - Increased female participation and all-girls teams within the club.
  - UTAS also won the coveted Tasmania University Union sports club of the year award in 2018.

- Highly Commended: Travers Zanker (Mildura, VIC)
  - Travers has been the backbone of the Nichols Point Cricket Club in Mildura, Victoria for the past five years. He has built the junior program from five kids to over 100 and has ensured the club’s sustainability and viability for the future by:
    - Establishing a strong pathway link between local schools and the local club;
    - Coaching the boys and girls junior teams;
    - Coordinating the club’s Woolworths Cricket Blast program;
    - Acting as the Club’s delegate to the local association;
    - Scorer for the women’s team;
    - Part-time curator; and
    - Leading fundraising for the club.
  - In Travers five years at the club, they now have four senior men teams, two senior women’s teams, five junior teams and the first stand-alone girls team in the Sunraysia Cricket Association. In addition to all of this, he also runs a Primary School cricket competition in which over 200 students participate.