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This report is for the period 1 July 2016 until 30th June 2017





SOFTBALL NSW POSITIONS

PATRON

Joan Fitton

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Frances Crampton
Vice-President	Bruce McCahon
Finance Director	Loretta Watts

Christine Halpin
Dianne McGowen
Craig Oberg
Nathan Organ

STAFF MEMBERS

General Manager	Cathy Kerr
Events Coordinator	Sandy Oldham
Venue Operations and Project Coordinator	Jody Neilsen
Inclusion Officer	Donna McGrath
CRM	Lynne Townsend
Administration Officer	Sushila Tikaram

CONSULTANTS

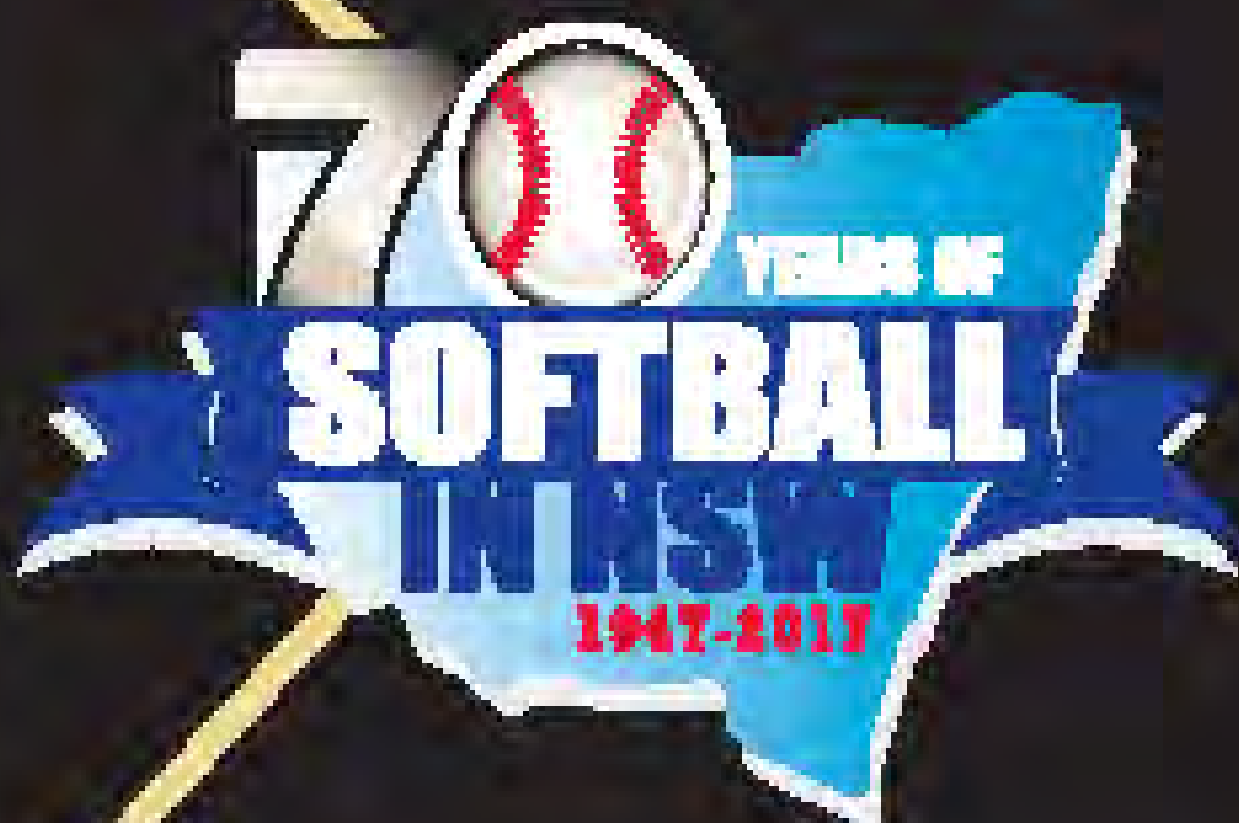
High Performance	John Crampton
Finance	Michael Hannelly
Governance & Policy	Lesa Straker

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs Pat Young*
Mrs Joyce Merret*
Miss Ruth Preddey*
Mrs Dulcie Isted*
Mrs Doris Simmonds*
Miss Edna Nash*
Mrs Shirley Fogarty*
Miss Joan Fitton
Mrs Ilma Burke*
Mrs Yvonne Edwards*
Mrs Glenda Leedham
Miss Dawn Young
Miss Pat Rawlings OAM*
Miss Judy Phelps OAM
Mr Alan Burke*
Mrs Leonie Ruddy*
Ms Kay Thompson
Ms Carole Peel
Mr Harvey Milson
Mrs Neidra Hill OAM
Mr Darrell Shephard
Mr Andrew Dodshon
Mrs Susan Rindfleish
(*Deceased)







President's Report
Mayor's Message

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TIME FRAME – SNSW PLANTINUM YEAR 2017

Sometimes we need reminding that this report covers a fiscal year, not a calendar year.

The latter half of 2016 saw preparations for 2017, including a decision to hold every State Championship at the Softball NSW headquarters, the 2000 Olympic venue. It was a busy time with meetings, annual forum weekend and an exciting opportunity for a group of 12-year olds to travel and compete in Japan. A most successful tour. Details in the GM's report.

2017 has been particularly exciting celebrating 70 years of Softball in NSW.

In a double celebration to start the year we hosted the 70th Anniversary of the Women's Australian Open for the Gilleys Shield and won the title. Not to be outdone in this celebration the Under 17 Women's National Championship for the Esther Deacon Shield was conducted in conjunction at BISP and the NSW Team won the title.

A fantastic opening event with icons of Women's Softball invited as guests of SNSW.

NSW has continued to dominate the National scene being National Champions in Open Women, Under 19 Women, Under 17 Women and Under 23 Women, Under 19 Men and Under 17 Men were Runners Up and the Open & U23 Men placed 3rd.

NSW fielded 36 players and 6 officials in National teams and squads.

TRIBUTES and RECOGNITION

Pillars of Recognition were installed along the walkway to the main stadium of SNSW headquarters at BISP. Throughout the year Plaques were launched to recognise NSW Members who have achieved success in the areas of Hall of Fame, Olympians, Australian Women's Representatives at World Championships, Australian Men's Representatives at World Championships, Australian U19 Women's Representatives at World Championships, Australian U19 Men's Representatives at World Championships, Life Members and Presidents. Special thanks to sponsor QRSA for additional support to install these pillars of tribute.

The AGM in September approved two new Life Members in past Presidents who have given years of service. Sue Rindfleish and Andrew Dodshon. Sue and Andy were recognised at the State Team Dinner in December.

Carole Peel and Sybil Turner were inducted into the SNSW Hall of Fame.

The 2016 Men's Open State Team were finalists in the Team of the Year at the Sport NSW Annual Awards. At these same awards Bruce McCahon was recognised with a Distinguished Long Service Award.

At the Sport NSW Community Awards Charlie Whetu was acknowledged with a Distinguished Long Service Award.

Ingleburn RSL Softball Club was a finalist for the Community Club Award.

Natalie Ward was inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions at the State Sports Centre, Olympic Park.

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Steve Casey and Adrian Rampoldi resigned just prior to the AGM.

Frances Crampton, Loretta Watts, Bruce McCahon and Chris Halpin were elected for a 2-year term and Nathan Organ, Craig Oberg and Di McGowen for a 1-year term.

The Board has worked hard and harmoniously covering considerable material and challenges.

This year we have implemented the Board Communique which is distributed in the week following each Board meeting to Affiliate Association Presidents and Secretaries.

To establish the focus and program for the annual Forum, Affiliates were surveyed to ascertain developments in their Associations in all the key areas.

At the request of the Affiliates the Presidents' Forum was reconvened and a strong program developed. Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

However, the Club Forums were well attended and focused on areas of Club need and development.

A Member Association Resource Manual was established to replace the old one of years gone by. A Club Resource Manual was also developed and distributed at the Club Forums.

Greater use of Social Media, particularly Facebook has developed over the year. The website is being updated while considerable time and energy has been devoted with Softball Australia and the other States to the vexed conundrum of the future of Softball in Australia as our lifestyles change.

STAFF

Having completed the Governance review last year, the Board moved on to the Operational/Management/Staff review.

As this reporting year concludes staff changes are being implemented, with new and some current positions to be advertised in the new fiscal year.

In the new Staff plan the position of Administration Officer became redundant and we sadly farewelled Sushila Tikaram after 18 years.

Once again, we thank our overworked staff for their outstanding dedication to SNSW. Particularly the General Manager Cathy Kerr and Venue Operations/Project Officer Jody Neilsen.

Kaye Greggs continues to lead the wonderful band of Scorers and Statisticians and Scott Rindfleisch heads the Umpires Association. Thank you both and your merry bands for your enthusiasm and leadership.

SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

We appreciate your support and genuine interest in Softball NSW. Please refer to the back of the Annual Report for details of the companies that support us and in turn we ask you to support them. Again, we highlight our two major supporters NSW Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation for their ongoing support and to Blacktown City Council/Blacktown Venue Management.

The facilities at Blacktown are still the best in Australia and recognised worldwide. This is evident from the number of Nations, particularly Japan and USA, that utilise the facilities for training and participate in events at BISP.

This year there has been a huge maintenance program undertaken with internal and external painting, new carpets, and numerous repairs and replacements.

We particularly thank Stephen Bali, the Mayor of Blacktown for his enthusiasm and support.

CONCLUSION

Think outside the square. Continue your enthusiasm, commitment and passion for this sport you love. While you are focused in your areas, recognise the same commitment from others.

Thank you for your involvement in the "Sport that teaches Life Values".

I am humbled by you all.

Frances Crampton AM
President





MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to congratulate Softball NSW on not only another successful year, but 70 years of operation! What a fantastic achievement for any sporting organisation.

Blacktown City is a proud sporting city, and Blacktown City Council has remained committed to maintaining the first class facilities at Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney – the home of Softball NSW.

Softball NSW has been an important part of the history of Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney and its development into an elite sporting facility.

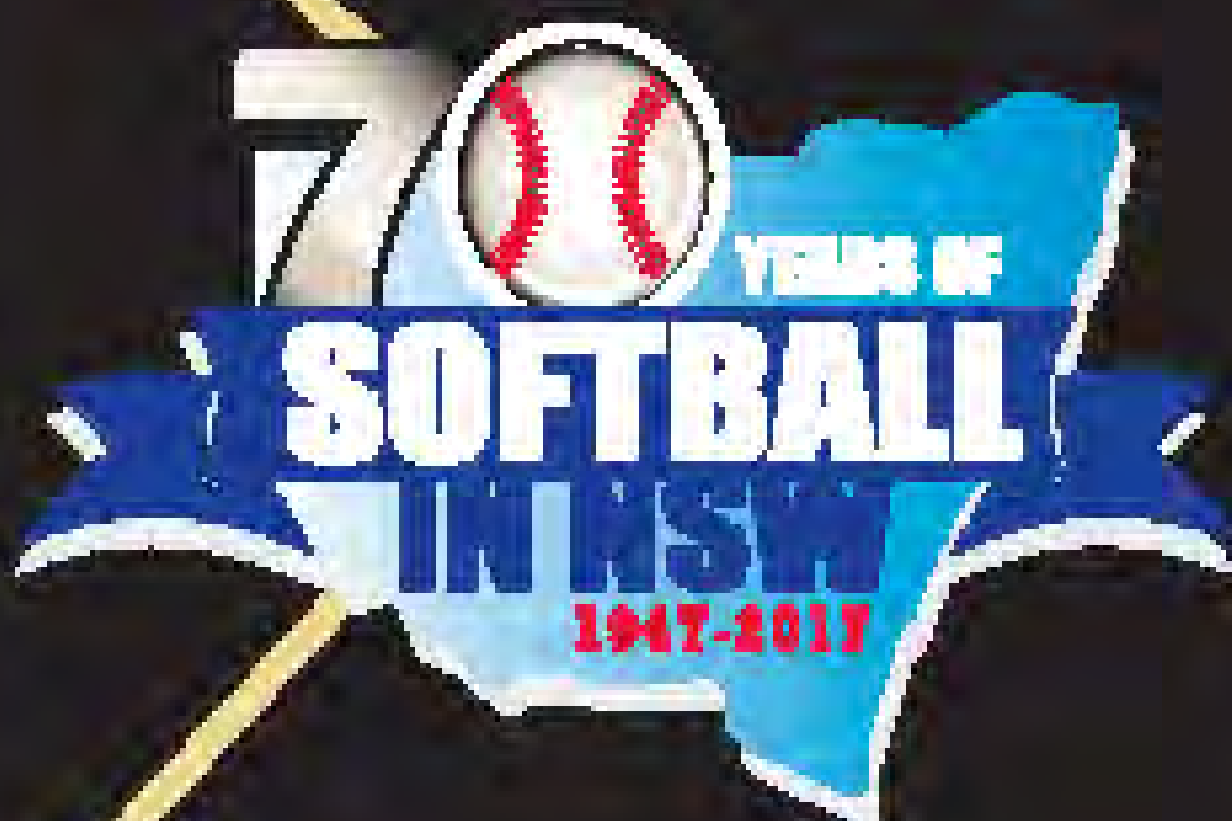
We are proud to offer pathways for sport from grassroots all the way through to development opportunities for elite athletes on their journey to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Congratulations to all of the NSW softball players, coaches, officials, volunteers and staff from Softball NSW on a wonderful 12 months.

Blacktown City Council and Blacktown Venue Management look forward to continuing our relationship with Softball NSW to bring high quality softball and opportunities for participation in the sport in NSW.

Councillor Stephen Bali
Mayor of Blacktown City





*General Manager's Report
Director of Scoring Report
Director of Umpiring Report*

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Well 70 years later and here we are !! I wonder what the pioneers of our great sport think of it now ?

Playing pants instead of Skirts
Skinned Diamonds instead of all grass
Yellow Balls instead of white
Aluminium Bats instead of wood
Men playing Softball not Baseball
Windmill pitching instead of slingshot
Fully Fenced diamonds
Olympic Games and the list goes on !!!

The sport has come a long way in 70 years and continues to develop despite a decline in numbers

I can only describe the past 12 months as WOW !!!

It has been a huge 12 months and all involved in Softball in NSW should be proud of our achievements.

Where do we start ?? At the top of course - Grass Roots !!

There has been some great success stories from grass roots including 5 Associations from NSW reaching Homeplate Status with Softball Australia with many more working their way towards this goal.

The willingness of the clubs to learn and find out ways of making the experience for their members better has been very encouraging. The Clubs Forum showed that clubs are thirsty for knowledge with over 40 clubs in attendance as well as clubs in Wagga Wagga, Tamworth and Far North Coast attending similar forums.

Whilst there has been an overall decline in membership some associations continue to grow and this can also be contributed to a high retention rate and the experience they are delivering to their members.

Communication has been high on the priorities of the office in particular and hope that clubs and affiliates have seen an improvement over the past 12 months in the way of direct contact as well as a focus on Social Media and Website communication.

The 70 year celebration has seen all State Championships for 2017 played at the NSW Softball Centre. These events have showcased the centre to many more people but also the events have had an amazing atmosphere and great attendance. Congratulations to all teams that were crowned State Champions in the past 12 months

In the past 12 months SNSW has hosted teams from Japan, USA, Indonesia and New Zealand. The visiting teams provide opportunities for our players to play against quality opposition throughout the year as well as providing great Softball for people to come and watch.

The presence of the Japanese National Team for a training camp for 21 days training at the Softball Centre was exciting and an education on how disciplined and how hard the number one team in the world train to hold that mantle.

It has been 11 years now that the Japanese All Elementary School Teams have been coming to Blacktown to play in the Blacktown Junior International Challenge and it is always a pleasure to have the players and their families over that weekend.

As part of the partnership with the Japanese group we were fortunate enough to take 2 teams of 12 year olds to play in the Biwako Open in August 2016. This tour was a great success and we hope to continue this in future years.

SNSW are fortunate to be able to host many events at the Softball Centre but the highlight in the past 12 months surely has to have been the 70th Gilleys Shield combined with the U17 Australian Women's Championship. In partnership with Blacktown Venue Management, SNSW delivered one of the best Softball Events seen in Australia for a long time. With over 80 volunteers helping out during the week long championship the event saw a bit of everything. Face Painting, Music, Kids activities, parents activities, fireworks just to name a few and to top it off some excellent Softball and 2 wins for the Blue Bloods. Thank you to all who contributed to making this event a success.

Our High Performance Program once again delivered the goods with a clean sweep of the Women's National Championships and good results in the Mens. Four National Championships, two Runners Up and two 3rd Placings rounded out the 2017 campaign. Thank you to all the staff of the teams who give up at least 5 months to ensure the preparation of the teams is first class.

With the news of the return of Softball in Tokyo 2020 it is important that the athletes are supported in their quest to become an Olympian. Whilst qualifying for the Games will be a challenge for Australia, Softball NSW will be endeavouring to provide additional support to our athletes to ensure they have the best possible chance of selection.

NSW continue to be well represented when it comes to Australian Squads and Teams, congratulations to all players and officials who have achieved selection in the past 12 months.

2017 saw 6 NSW players and 1 coach have the opportunity to experience the National Profastpitch League in the USA first hand being members of the Chicago Bandits Franchise. We look forward to having Taylah Tsitsikronis, Sam Poole, Rachel Lack, Kaia Parnaby, Stacey McManus, Ellen Roberts and Kathy Horton back home to share their stories and what they have learnt from the experience.

The Softball NSW Hall of Fame continues to grow, additional members were inducted over the past 12 months. Troy Baverstock, Peter Rainer, Carole Peel, Sybil Turner and Carol Deegan (Selem) were all recognised for their achievements.

Softball continues to have a presence in the Regional Academies of Sport with programs in Southern Sports, Western Sydney, South West Sydney and Hunter as well as additional programs in the Northern Met and Southern Met areas. Thank you to all the staff that are involved in these programs and the development of the athletes.

A review of our Disability Program sees the next 12 months focussing on expanding this program into more schools after the success of the program in late 2016. Whilst still connecting with group homes and providing days for them to enjoy the sport of Softball with their families.

The U15 Program now is entrenched and it will continue to improve and provide pathways for both players and coaches alike. SNSW once again entered 3 male and 3 female teams into the Softball Australia U15 Regional Tournaments in January with all teams performing well.

Another success over the past 12 months was the retention of all of our sponsors plus the addition of three. We thank Easton, QRSA, West City Tyres, GA Millers, Jas My Waffles, Coca Cola and Kays Custom Sportswear for their continuing support. We are pleased to partner with Nippon Travel, Elite Sports and SKLZ as our new sponsors and look forward to a long relationship with all three.

The support of Blacktown City Council and Blacktown Venue Management is outstanding. Not only in the maintenance of the Softball Centre, but also the continuing support through advertising, promotion and guidance for Softball. The support of the Mayor of Blacktown City, Stephen Bali, is second to none and SNSW love having him at any event that he can attend.

SNSW was successful in gaining additional funding through the Office for Sport grants program which went to facilitating the clubs forums conducted. Thank you to the Office of Sport for their support throughout the year.

SNSW was pleased to be part of the Office of Sport's SHOOSH Campaign in November 2016, encouraging good sideline behavior at sporting events.

The review of the SNSW Office saw long time employee Sushila Tikaram depart, we thank Sushila for her contribution over many years. New positions will be filled over the next 6 months to ensure that the sport has the support it needs to grow.

I would like to thank the Board for their continuing support of the staff and feel that as a team we can achieve great things over the next 12 months.

Thank you to all the tireless volunteers at grass roots who drive this sport on a daily basis your efforts are amazing and greatly appreciated.

Cathy Kerr
General Manager





DIRECTOR OF SCORING

2017 SNSW State Team Statisticians

Diana Oakes	Open Men
Carolyn Buttsworth	Open Women
Sandra Palmer	U23 Men
Lynne Townsend	U23 Women
Maria Wakefield	UI9 Men
Damaras Clarkson	UI9 Women
Rhonda Schultz	UI7 Boys
Chris Fraser	UI7 Girls

SAL Appointment

Heartly congratulations to Rowena Whittle who was appointed statistician to the 2018 Australian Open Women's team (Aussie Spirit) which competed in the US World Cup of Softball and the Canadian Open Fastpitch International during July 2018. Rowena thoroughly deserves this honour and it is pleasing to see her reap the reward of her efforts.

Retirement

We thank Carolyn Buttsworth for her 30 years of scoring, representing State and Australian teams as well as at two Olympic Games, and wish her well in her retirement from this aspect of her life.

Official Scorers

Official scorers were supplied for the following championships and tournaments hosted by Softball NSW:

Softball NSW Events:

- 2016 Female and Male State League Games (Aug - Nov)
- 2016 Open Women's State Championships (October)
- 2016 Open Men's State Championships (November)

Thank you to Lynne Townsend who was TCS for the Open Women's and Open Men's events.

Softball Australia Events:

- 2017 Open Women's & UI7 Girls' Australian Championships in January
- 2017 Down Under Series in February

Scoring Courses and Accreditation

(August 2016 - July 2017)

Two Level 4 refresher courses were held during July. I was very pleased with the attendance at these optional days. There was profitable discussion on items that might be included in the update of the Level 4 Manual. I will take my summary of this to the National Forum in October.

Two Level 3 completion courses were held in October and November last year resulting in six new Level 3 scorers.

Seven Level 2 courses have been conducted, three at BIS (for Metropolitan affiliates), two at North Shore, and two country courses (Far North Coast and Orange) with a total of 41 attendees. Of these 14 have already completed their Level 2 practical assessment and I am hopeful that many more will avail themselves of the opportunity to sit their practical at this year's State League, Open Women's State Championship and Open Men's State Championship games.

Eleven Level 1 courses were held at affiliate level with 78 attendees gaining their scoring accreditation or reaccreditation. Although this is a slight increase in the number of courses from last year, fewer scorers attended the courses.

Many affiliates are now organising a Level 1 course during their season of Softball or combining with other affiliates to do so and I am hopeful of an increase in the number of Level 1 scorers this coming year.

NOAS Level 2 scoring accreditation has been achieved by these scorers:

Lisa-Ann Foweraker (C'town), Krissi Travers, Robert McIntosh (CNSA), Samantha Dowse, Alison Poulton (FNC), Hayley Keed, Ashleigh Kelly, Stella Kiel (ODSA), Evelyn Pettitt (NSDSA), Gia-Luise Palma (SDSA), Kerrie Bobbins (NDSA), Joan Grillo (SDSA), Bryarna Kelly, Liam Kelly (C'town), Mandy Sechi, Mirza Tong (HDSA), Georgina Smith (Macarthur), Cherri Stephenson (GRSA)

Fifteen scorers reaccredited their Level 2 status.

NOAS Level 3 scoring accreditation has been achieved by these scorers:

Sonja Godfrey-Chan (NSDSA), Daniela Palma, Jeanette Lingard (SDSA), Kim Crosby (NDSA), Karina Jensen (SSSA), Alison McDonell (HDSA)

Ten scorers reaccredited their Level 3 status.

NOAS Level 4 scoring & statistics accreditation has been achieved by these scorers:

Linda Passfield, Kellie Parker (SSSA), Karren Plain (Macarthur), Fiona Herbert (MWSA)

Six scorers reaccredited their Level 4 status.

I would like to thank the SNSW Board and Office Staff, Michael Hannelly and Lynne Townsend for their assistance given to me this year. Thank you also to the affiliate scoring conveners who organised courses this year.

Kaye Greggs
Director of Scoring





DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING

Softball Umpires first start and continue umpiring for many different reasons. Perhaps the first game was to fulfil a team duty or to support a family member as they played. Those who continue to umpire by either supporting their local competition or striving to advance through the umpiring pathway all have one thing in common. The love of the game.

There are hundreds of NSW umpires both accredited and unaccredited who play an important role providing service to games right across NSW throughout much of the year. I am humbled by the contributions of the umpires at all levels of our sport, and I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all umpires for your important service to softball.

It is fulfilling as a sports administrator to work with individuals and organisations to make umpiring successful in NSW. It is rewarding to see umpires give their time and energy to help our sport grow. In return, umpires enjoy great opportunities to develop skills in personal confidence, management, teamwork, conflict resolution and softball specific elements such as rules, procedures and competition management.

The SNSW Umpires Association (SNSWUA) continues to provide a range of services to individual umpires and to Associations with the primary goal of developing umpiring and the service to softball in NSW.

The SNSWUA's Our House Strategic Plan is focused on five key areas:

1. Leadership and Management
2. Service to Softball
3. Recruit Umpires
4. Develop Umpires
5. Retain Umpires

Within each area, or 'room of Our House', programs and initiatives are designed to challenge the status quo and push ourselves to achieved improved results every year. The elected SNSWUA Executive Committee Members do a tremendous job working throughout the year to bring innovation and new ideas while maintaining the stability of proven successful programs.

This year many SNSWUA programs achieved great results for individuals and for the program at large. Results have been consistent or improved this year versus last year. I have been proactive to objectively review our programs and have identified areas for improvement, and we will be making changes to components of our programs in the year ahead. This is exciting. We are committed to ensuring our programs remains strategically relevant, current, generate positive results and programs are executed in-line with technology changes and umpire expectations.

2017 SNSW Umpires Executive Committee
Scott Rindfleish - Director of Umpiring
Andrew Rindfleish - Deputy Director
Vicki Lansley - Secretary
Jay Gibson - Treasurer
Andrew Compton - Executive Member
James English - Executive Member
Leanne Gearside - Executive Member
Jesse Smith - Executive Member
Kristina Travers - Executive Member

Thank you to all umpires, umpiring coordinators, UICs, TCU's, mentors, trainers, assessors and support personnel who help deliver umpiring programs across NSW.

Umpire Level Advancements

44 umpires advanced accreditation this year. Up from 38 last year.

Level 1

20

Amanda Singleton – Cumberland Nepean
Camryn Batchelor – Cumberland Nepean
Cooper Casonato – Cumberland Nepean
Lara Needham – Cumberland Nepean
Mark McIntosh – Cumberland Nepean
Alexandra Becker – Georges River
Isabella Berg – Hornsby District
Matthew Clarke-Donaldson – Hornsby District
Jasmine Hale – Hornsby District
Courtney Liddle – Manly Warringah
Emma Wardman – Manly Warringah
Emma-Jane Reeve – Manly Warringah
Lauren Devine – Manly Warringah
Trevor Robinson – Manly Warringah
Elizabeth Powell – Newcastle
Matthew Zambra – Newcastle
Robert Powell – Newcastle
Matthew Beach – Penrith City
Zac Miner – Sutherland
Reid Kemna – Wagga Wagga

Level 2

13

Grant Kelly – Campbelltown
Jack Morel – Campbelltown
Karin Ursino – Central Coast
Richard Tame – Cumberland Nepean
Thomas Green – Cumberland Nepean
Lachlan Smith – Macarthur
Flora Van de Heide – Manly Warringah
Megan Holgate – Newcastle
Duncan Lapsley – North Shore
Caitlyn Bailey – Penrith City
Tim Walker – Southern Districts
Corey Hall – Sutherland Shire
Jason Turner – Sutherland Shire

Level 3
Shane McIntosh – Cumberland Nepean
Andrew Cooper – North Shore
Mac Reith-Snare – Orange

Level 4
Craig Oberg – Sutherland Shire

Level 5
Dylan Murdoch – Wagga Wagga

Level 6
Andrew Compton – Cumberland Nepean
Kristina Travers – Cumberland Nepean
Claire Austring – Penrith City

Level 7
Ron Houison – Penrith City

Level 8
Amanda Houison – Penrith City
Kyira Cox – SNSW

2015 SNSW Annual Awards
'Andrew Rindfleish ' Umpire of the Year
Amanda Houison

Director's Award
Kristina Travers

Individual Award for Umpire Development
Jean Morel

Affiliate Award for Umpire Development
Cumberland Nepean Softball Association

Encouragement Award
Jessica Rooke

International Umpire Appointments
2017 WBSC Jnr Women's World Championships
Jay Gibson

2017 Canada Cup & World Cup of Softball
Leanne Gearside

Softball Australia Appointments
National Umpiring Committee
Softball Australia Umpire In Chief - Scott Rindfleish
National Umpire Committee Staff - Kyira Cox, Ron Houison,
Darrell Shephard, Jesse Smith, Kristina Travers.

Open Men – Hawker, ACT
Jesse Smith

Open Women / Under 17 Girls - Sydney, NSW
Kyira Cox – Assessor
Leanne Gearside – Assessor
Andrew Rindfleish – Assessor
Andrew Birks
David Crowe
Ron Houison
George Norrish
Jessica Rooke
James Townsend
Krissi Travers

Under 23 Women / Men – Redlands, QLD
Jesse Smith – Assessor
David Crowe
Nicole Crowe
James English
Dylan Murdoch
Krissi Travers

Under 19 Men – Redlands, QLD
Jay Gibson – Assessor
Claire Austring
Andrew Compton
David Crowe

Under 19 Women – Mirrabooka, WA
Kyira Cox – Assessor
Leanne Gearside – Assessor
Dylan Murdoch
James Townsend

Under 17 Boys
Amanda Houison – Assessor
James English
Dylan Murdoch

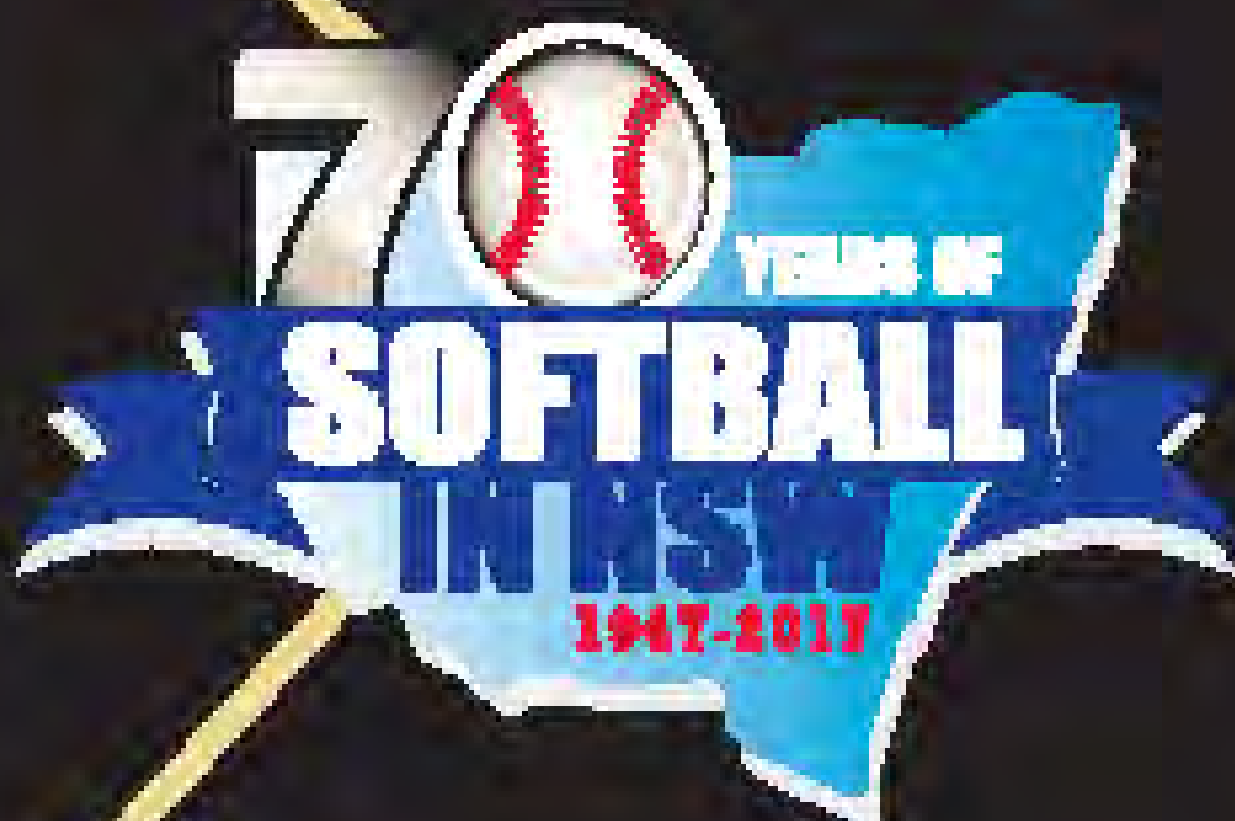
Under 15 Boys – Redlands, QLD
Georgia KIEL
Jessica ROOKE

Under 15 Girls – Mirrabooka, WA
Joshua Wilde

Wishing all umpires great success!

Scott Rindfleish
Director of Umpiring





Affiliate Reports



CAMPBELLTOWN

It is with enormous pride, mixed with some trepidation, that I submit my report as President of Softball Campbelltown. As a sporting organisation there has not been a more significantly challenging period across its entire history of Softball in Campbelltown than the past 4yrs.

As a sport we faced enormous challenges (4yrs ago). No venue; No funding; No direction; No Olympic dreams; No identity; No member protection; No development, etc. We could not continue to this day and rectify these alarming, concerns without: Volunteers, Passion, Club Leadership Engagement, Respect and Support. This requires ALL club leaders working for each other as we are all on the same ship sailing into the vision that "Softball must continue in the Campbelltown Precinct."

Whilst experiencing a "slowing down" of membership growth across New South Wales and Australia, Softball Campbelltown has led the charge and in return recognised by Softball New South Wales for our growth by receiving two consecutive "Membership growth awards" within a 4yr period.

To support these directions we have in place:

- A Publicity and Media officer
- Strategic plans based on key outcomes
- Campbelltown Council recognising our effective governance and programming.

I thank ALL Club Presidents and ALL SC members who have made our achievements possible.

The integrity/significance of SOFTBALL has been subject to significant challenge in recent years, inter alia given the growth of other sports e.g. rugby league, netball, cricket, AFL, soccer, etc. The assistance and support of the softball community and state authorities is needed by SC to allow us to tackle negative perceptions and commercial inaccuracies. Again I reflect on our numbers and say "we have made it a positive reality"

I would like to thank all current and previous Board Directors, part-timers and casual directors, who have engineered and tirelessly given their support, time and made significant contributions to ensure the Black, Red and White flag is flying proudly.

Achievements (summary)

2016-2017 has delivered New South Wales and representative achievements:

- Jack Morel – U/17 State Representative
- Joshua Ryan – U/23 State Representative
- Mitchell Dabinett - Open Men's Representative

- Colleen Franks - U/17 Women's Team Administrator

Across 4yrs we have achieved, that some associations can only dream of:

- (a) State Champions (Open Men)
- (b) 2x Plate Awards (junior girls divisions)
- (c) Received (2x)- Membership Growth Award
- (d) Player Development Award
- (e) Affiliate Finalist recognition
- (f) Club Finalist recognition- United Softball Club
- (g) Finalist Recognition of Ingleburn RSL for Community Club Award (Sports NSW)
- (i) Grant Kelly and Jack Morel received their LEVEL 2, umpire recognition and award
- (j) Successfully developed a constructive, positive and mutual respect with Campbelltown Council
- (k) Successfully developed a sound relationship with Macarthur Baseball
- (o) Able to successfully put on 1,500 games across a four year period.
- (p) Whilst not with 100% success, SC in a significant manner implemented electronic registration

Where to from Here !

- ALL clubs and or club members to respect each other at Milton Park, on the diamond and outside the gates of Milton Park, especially on social media
- Members to embrace and talk about the "GOOD STUFF" at Softball Campbelltown. What you say about SC in the community reflects on ALL of us-this in turn jeopardizes funding and growth
- Clubs/Members to raise the awareness that complaints management is a process to ensure procedural fairness

Thank You to our major sponsor – WEST LEAGUES CLUB for the significant contribution made to SC, supporting our participation program.

Thank You to Campbelltown Council, and especially the lifestyle and maintenance teams for assisting and supporting SC.

Thank You to Jive Beans for consistent and ongoing support for softball in Campbelltown.

Lastly, thank you to Softball New South Wales's manager, staff and volunteers who manage the day-to-day operations of this wonderful sport.

Let's adopt a "CCC" approach for the future of Softball Campbelltown.

CONSISTENCY - One association, One vision

COMMUNITY - How we are perceived

CULTURE - Sense of TEAM

Selwyn Williams
President





CENTRAL COAST

This Season saw us face many Challenges. With the reduced numbers in junior registrations we were forced to re-evaluate our age grading by having a U/11 T-Ball grade which was eventually combined with our U/8 T-Ballers. To make this competition less daunting to our younger players we requested the clubs play their stronger and older children in the junior softball grade.

Our next challenge was to combine our U/13's and U/15's into a U/15 competition, we once again requested the club play their rep and older players up to a youth competition. I would like to thank all 6 affiliated clubs for their support and understanding to help make this happen, because without it we would not have been able to field a fair junior competition this season.

On a positive note, we did have an increase in senior registrations allowing us to have senior grades from ladies div 1 right through to div 4. The growth in our men's registrations this season saw us field 4 standalone teams. Once again, I would like to thank the clubs that were involved for their efforts in chasing men to help the growth of our men's competition moving forward.

Also, this season we managed to hold a level 1 coaching clinic with the help of Softball NSW, which saw 15 attendees participate in this course. This is a positive move for the growth of coaches on the Central Coast.

Another positive step to promote softball on the Central Coast, we managed to have our NSW U/19 State team come to our grounds and hold clinics for our players and coaches. This was a very successful day which was finished off with a game played between U/19 state team and a combination of our div 1 players. It also exposed our sport to the local area via local media.

I would like to thank Michael Lees for maintaining our grounds each week so the players have diamonds to play on each week. Also, Michael Lees and Lynette Robertson who every week run our very efficient canteen along with help from all our clubs.

Our goal for the coming season is to expand our competition and increase the profile of our sport by holding registration days in local areas and shopping centres. We also intend to approach local schools and hold coaching clinics as part of our recruitment plan to build our junior numbers up again. For these plans to succeed we will need all our affiliated clubs to work as one and utilise as many volunteers as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank all our hard-working board members for all the time and effort that they contribute each and every week. This is a thankless job at times, but without board members our association would cease to exist.

John Bugg - Chairman CCSAI



CUMBERLAND NEPEAN

In completing my first term (2 years) as President at CNSA, I believe that the association has started to see change, adaptation and has begun to respond to the challenges that a sport in decline is currently facing whilst beginning to shape its future. Whilst change is inevitable, CNSA has started to take the journey, to ensure that it can continue to provide Softball in the local area for many years to come, of course there is always more we can do!

One of the associations' greatest achievements this year is to be awarded Home Plate Status from Softball Australia. CNSA was one of the first associations in Australia and New South Wales to achieve this. A wonderful piece of recognition and a testament of all the hard work for all those involved at CNSA.

It was also a sad time for many at CNSA during this past season with the loss of Life Member Brian Tennant. Brian known my many a past and present CNSA member was a part of the Softball furniture at CNSA. His wealth of knowledge in regards to our game, ability to listen, train and support so many here at CNSA will be truly missed.

I continue to send my utmost thanks to all those who oversee the running of our clubs. The countless hours you all put in, the unrecognised tasks, in general for everything that you do to make our sport successful at CNSA, THANK YOU! Thankyous extend to my Executive Committee who once again have helped us all get through another season of Softball. Well done!

CNSA is one of the biggest Softball associations in New South Wales. Each year our clubs actively recruit and promote the sport which boards over 5 councils in the NSW metropolitan area. With a number of new suburbs developing in the area, CNSA and its clubs continues to promote the sport hoping to draw on any new population to the surrounding areas. This year we extended a warm welcome to Raptors Softball Club. We welcome you to Softball at CNSA and hope that you had a great season. It has been great having your members join our sport and to see you take out a Grand Final as Premiers was a highlight of the season. We look forward to working with you further as we do with all our clubs.

During the 2016/2017 our association continued to grow achieving 12.08% growth. Where we are continuing to compete with sports such as Cricket and Baseball during the summer, this result is FANTASTIC!



PROMOTION

The way in which we communicate and promote our sport is changing and during the 2016/2017 season we looked to provide greater visibility over what was happening via various channels to our members. These included:

- Increased use of Social Media – Facebook
- Relationship with Blacktown Sun (Local Paper)
- Cumberland Catch Up – Association Newsletter
- Utilisation of the Database for Communication
- Come and Try Day
- Blacktown Sportsfest
- Movie Night

OUR PROGRAMS

CNSA has continued to provide opportunities for individuals to grow and learn as well as try to improve the performance of its representative players. During this season CNSA has offered the following:

- Level I Scoring Clinic
- Introduction to Scoring
- Level I Community Coach
- Blues n Training
- High Performance Committee
- BlastBall
- FREE Pitching and Catching Clinics on Saturdays and Tuesdays
- Zooka Machine Introduction for U13s and Junior Boys

SOFTBALL INVOLVEMENT

With an increased focus on promoting the sport and full utilisation of the facilities provided CNSA has this year involved itself in a number of Softball (and Baseball) events. These have included:

- Hosting Winter and Development League
- Baseball NSW Little League Competition
- Gala days for U11, U13, U15 and U17
- Provide venues for multiple Masters Tournaments

These events provide CNSA with an opportunity to showcase its facilities as well as continue to make the sport visible in the local community. CNSA will continue to host events and look forward to hosting a State Championship in 2018.

COLOUR ME HAPPY

CNSA you are awesome! For the second time running, you were able to dig deep and have so much fun whilst doing it! Colour ME Happy was a huge success this year with our Cruisers club leading the way, raising funds for the Adolescent Ward at The Children's Hospital Westmead. CNSA raised over \$3,000. I look forward to seeing how we can continue these types of initiatives in 2018.

I trust that the next season of Softball at CNSA will continue to be even better than the last, bringing with it smiles to many faces and home runs to all!

Kristina Travers
President



No report submitted



FAR NORTH COAST

2016-17 started and finished as a year of goals to be achieved; not only for club participants and players, but also for an executive who had to deal with positively promoting the interests of softball, as well as re-establishing financial stability and lifting the standards of governance in compliance with statutory requirements.

It was a year that saw an increase of 50 additional players committing to the competition and, of course, an increase in club teams taking the field and competing in 4 divisions.... Congratulations to all clubs on such a concerted and positive effort.

It was also a year that forced the executive to come to terms with issues associated with growth of numbers and the impact on clubs and divisions; the need to review what was in the best interests of clubs and players and to accept that we needed to tighten the reins on our governance, both administratively and financially.

Some things we got right; some not so right... but I was fortunate enough to work with an executive that was not frightened to have their say, nor were they ignorant to the multiplicity of changes that were needed to be tackled in a single season time frame.

OUR STRENGTHS

We recognised the need to hear our member clubs and to act and be accountable on recommendations/criticisms and complaints. Meeting agendas were changed to permit clubs to put their issues to the meeting prior to dealing with governance reporting.

Media coverage of weekend games as well as special events was well-co-ordinated and reported.

We worked progressively at being more diligent with financial management and, after suffering a heavy blow to our financial health in the previous season, we worked to re-establish basic principles and controls to reduce our exposure to financial vulnerability.

Plans to secure corporate sponsorship were mooted and whilst still in early stages, it is envisaged that our ability to support representative teams will increase through this avenue of revenue stream.

The relationship between Baseball and Softball is becoming much more positively interactive. I thank Far North Coast Baseball for their willingness to share their perspectives on ground issues and support us with the equitable sharing of their liquor licence rights (allocating us half of their event dates for the season).

We have completed our "due diligence" requirements to ensure our association meets the benchmarks of Softball Australia. To all who assisted in those thankless tasks, I say thank you.

OUR WEAKNESSES

Whilst increasing the number of executive meetings to deal with issues affecting the association in general, we did not make it clear that such meetings were not a Carte-blanche for the executive to do as they pleased... For those clubs that believed they were exclusive (secret) meetings, I apologise sincerely. There will be times that the executive will need to meet in confidence on sensitive issues, but all meeting decisions are made available in the interests of transparency in our dealings.

Whilst a greater level of participation in umpiring and scoring is noted and applauded over the season, the level of voluntary assistance to ground maintenance and repairs as well as carnival canteen close downs was still disappointingly low. How to create a positive view to encourage volunteers to assist (even with just 15 minutes at the end of the day) with the more mundane tasks (like washing up in the canteen/ inspecting the grounds to ensure equipment is removed), is a real management task that has evaded the core of volunteers and executives who have always been relied upon.

As president for the year of 2016-17, I was blessed with a strong team who took on board criticism levelled at the association, both by clubs as well as individuals ; such criticisms in the main, aimed at our need to change; our need to be more pro-active; our need to think outside the square.

Whilst there continues to be room for further improvements, it was a year a year of goals and achievements.

I thank the executive members, as well as each club, player, official, volunteer and supporter who made the softball year of 2016 -2017 what it was. I have personally grown with the challenges presented and so has our association.

Champions Round Up

Division 4

Grand Champions - Nut's n Bolts

Runners Up - Mighty Ducks (Lismore Workers)

Division 3

Grand Champs - Woodburn Wonders

Runners Up - Goonellabah Gunners

Division 2

Grand Champs - Wild Turkeys (Lismore Workers)

Runners Up - Rous Hotel Warriors

Division 1

Grand Champs - Ballina Sharks

Runners Up - Byron Bay Whitesox

Sue Daikin
President



GEORGES RIVER

In 2016-17 Georges River Softball Association has worked to consolidate its position as an association and as leaders in softball. The Executive Committee developed a Strategic Plan to guide GRSA to 2020, focusing on key areas of administration, finance, competition and development. We have consolidated our financial position and ability to engage in new initiatives through sponsorships and fundraising.

Competitions and finance

Reforms are being made to our competitions in consultation with clubs. In May, the Executive Committee hosted a forum to review the competition structure and discuss new initiatives. We were pleased to have support from clubs for key changes and clubs' input on where best to invest our efforts and resources. Significantly, the Summer season (as of 2017-18) has been extended to commence in September and end in March, with a break for school holidays. We have also provided discounts on Winter registrations for those registered in Summer to better reflect actual costs. These changes will provide greater value to members, and makes GRSA's competitions consistent with other associations.

In the 2016 Annual Report, we set out a new fee structure to ensure that our registration income met the costs of our competitions. Despite being unable to run Ladies competitions as we had planned, our financial statements demonstrate that by and large we have met operating costs associated with the Summer and Winter competitions through registration fees. This gives us a strong base to ensure that other income, such as from canteen/barbeque sales and tournaments, can be reinvested in player development, recruitment and retention.

A Fundraising Committee has been established to target new projects and growth without imposing additional costs to members through registration fees. On behalf of the Association, I thank our sponsors Revesby Workers' Club, Elite Sports, Panania Diggers, Bankstown Sports Club, Padstow RSL and Richard's Quality Meats. Using these sponsorships, our representatives have been given an opportunity to purchase new personalised uniforms, with team staff uniforms purchased from sponsorship funds, and in the foreseeable future we will be able to fund larger initiatives and improvements to our facilities.

Changes to our competition are expected to have flow on effects improving recruitment and retention. Recognising a significant drop off from tee-ball to modball, we also piloted a retention scheme in Summer 2016 for players in their last year of tee-ball. Simple activities such as pitching tennis balls from a short distance and encouraging batters to watch the ball until they hit it taught participants that they could hit a ball and removed a barrier to their further participation in softball.

Representatives

Our representative program continues to show that Georges River is a strong and competitive association. Highlights included our Open Men's team taking out the 2016 State Championship in Newcastle and our UI3 Girls fighting their way into the grand final of their State Championship on home soil. These successes demonstrate the depth of our association and the rewards of focus and determination. GRSA has had a strong representation in State and National teams, and was fortunate to have coaching clinics offered to members from our National representatives and their teammates. These clinics were an excellent opportunity for young players to develop skills alongside the elite, and we appreciate our representatives investing their time in our juniors.

On behalf of the Association, I congratulate Aussie Steelers squad members James Brownlow, Nathan Dickinson and Jayden Lach, and Junior Steelers squad member Bradley Kilpatrick, and our State team members:

UI7 Men – Bradley Kilpatrick, Chris Brownlow (Coach) and Dave Sheppard (Manager)

UI7 Women – Alana Kidd

UI9 Men – Bradley Kilpatrick and Kyle Tesoriero

UI9 Women – Rachel Zucchetti (Coach)

U23 Men – Callum Beashel, Chris Brownlow (Coach) and Craig Richardson (Manager)

Open Men – James Brownlow, Mitchell Brownlow, Nathan Dickinson, Lachlan Hay and Jayden Lach

As well as State and National representatives, a number of GRSA members participated in Softball NSW and Softball Australia events including the International Friendship Series and the Blacktown Junior International Challenge. Many of our junior players will be interested in the efforts of Callum Fulton, Grace Prior and Bronte Sheppard representing us in a Softball NSW team that travelled to Japan. I encourage our up and coming players to talk to our representatives about the opportunities that softball has provided them, and to learn about how they set accomplished their goals.

Acknowledgements

I ask Members to join me in thanking our 2016-17 Executive Committee Members Di Cooper, Mar McFadden, Cindy Patmore, Ange Prior, Tim Rimer and Dave Sheppard; grounds manager Neil Crisp; our subcommittee members; representative team staff; and all of our other volunteers. I encourage anyone who is considering volunteering to speak to one of the new Executive Committee members following the AGM about how you might be able to contribute, including by joining one of our subcommittees, playing a part in one of the projects in our Strategic Plan, taking up coaching, umpiring or scoring, or helping around the grounds.

James English
Chairperson



HORNSBY DISTRICT

Hornsby Softball had another great season during the 2016/17 summer. I would like to start off by extending my thanks to our Executive and Board Committee and our Sub-Committees for their continuous efforts to support the operations and development of our Association.

This season our registration numbers remained consistent with the previous. We were again able to have teams participate in all junior divisions and senior grades of our competition. Our tee-ball divisions continued to show growth and our modified Mod B competition allowed a pathway for returning players to enjoy learning the basics of softball while still having fun. We continue to pride ourselves on having strong, competitive Division I and A Grade competitions with four teams in each. Our seniors enjoyed both a fun and competitive season as well.

During the season, our Representative teams continued to display the great talent we have within our Association. Our 2016 UI9 team took out the title of State Champions in an exciting final. Our 2017 UI1 team had an incredible State tournament, finishing Runners Up. We also had a number of players excel at the NSW and Australian level. We had four players successful in NSW teams – Jorja Barrett (UI7), Chloe Holman and Kandra Lamb (UI9) and Alice Donohoe (U23). In addition, we had officials represent at NSW level – John Neilsen and Damaras Clarkson (UI9 Head Coach & Statistician respectively). The year was topped off with Kandra Lamb successful in the selection of the 2017 Australian Junior Spirit team. We are very proud of these players who provide the junior players within our Association a role model to show that goals can be achieved if you continue to work hard and follow your dreams. We are excited for the journey ahead as we approach Tokyo 2020.

We also had a number of players compete in our representative teams including Tanisha Hall, Lily Jehn, Teoni Lamb, Hannah Olive and Caitlin Wilde in NSW Metro & Country teams; Annalise Kemp and Mia Kellett in 2016 Japan Tour; Annalise Kemp and Antonia Medcalf in 2017 BJIC teams; Callista Gatt, Tara Gatt and Teoni Lamb in 2016/17 Western Sydney Academy of Sport; Lily Jehn, Sarah McDonnell, Blaise Stafford-Gaffney, Amy Tilley and Briana Titmuss in 2017 North Met Academy. We also had a number of players represent their schools at various PSSA & CHS events including Jorja Barrett and Kandra Lamb named in the 2017 NSW All Schools team.



Our Representative teams finished the season as below:

- 2016 UI3 HDSA team – 7th at State Championships
- 2016 UI5 HDSA team – 3rd at State Championships
- 2016 UI9 HDSA team – State Champions
- 2016 Over 35 Women's HDSA team – 7th at State Championships
- 2017 UI1 HDSA team – Runners Up
- 2017 UI7 HDSA team – 6th at State Championships.

We also honoured a dedicated family who have volunteered so much for the development of our Association and the players within. We recognised Steve & Lisa Casey with a new perpetual trophy – The Casey Family Trophy awarded for contribution to HDSA Representative Programs – to thank them for their tireless efforts, mostly behind the scenes.

During the past season, we were fortunate to receive a grant of \$20,000 to assist with the construction of an additional two permanent back nets for diamonds 2 and 4. We are looking to have these installed prior to the commencement of our 2017/18 season. Thank you to Matt Kean and Hornsby Shire Council for their support in developing Hayes Park for softball to grow our sport in the local area. We also received a grant from Baulkham Hills Sports Club to cover the hire costs of a function room for our AGM and monthly board meetings.

As always, thank you to everyone who has supported myself and our Association this season. Look forward to what the year ahead brings us.

Paige Hyslop
President



ILLAWARRA

We continue to progress with the development of our new diamond at Berkeley. This is being driven by the hard work of Randy Lawson and Herman Wahlfeld who can be seen down most days digging and organising subcontractors. We expect this field to be ready for play sometime through the 2017/18 season. Our Fastpitch competition continued with steady registrations and the majority would say the season was enjoyable. Unfortunately our final series was littered with poor weather with our Grand Final being washed out.

After approximately 20 years of affiliation to the IDSA our friends at Slowpitch will stand alone and organise their own non-affiliated competition for the upcoming season. This is not the end of the relationship as we see many players participate in both Slowpitch and Fastpitch played on different days all be it under a different banner. We wish the Illawarra Slowpitch community best of luck and success for the sustainability of their valued competition.

Lastly, thank you to our committee, team managers and volunteers for their continued work in providing a worthwhile weeknight competition.

Terry Ellem
President



MACARTHUR

The Association grounds are located at Rotary Cowpasture Reserve Camden alongside the Nepean River. We provide 11 diamonds – 3 fully fenced. The end of this season saw the establishment of artificial (all-weather) grass to the infield of 2 more diamonds to increase to 4 giving the opportunity to play in wet weather. The fields are used all year round. The main competition season runs from September through to April.

Macarthur's Grounds/Facilities are considered by many people (from within and outside of the Association) to be outstanding. This is due to the commitment and dedication of 1st Vice President Geoff Lowe and the volunteers from each club who maintain, prepare and improve the grounds. They have been utilised for many events including school PSSA and CHS events, State championships, Academy training, NSW Development teams competition, Representative training for Macarthur and State teams and our own local competitions.

The hard working Match and Fixtures Committee with the leadership of Tim Darby manage the very well organised local competition. Many obstacles can pop up during a season and the integrity of the competition is always maintained. This team also makes recommendations for adjustments to rules and regulations that would best meet the needs of the association's members.

Communication is crucial to the smooth and efficient functioning of any organisation and Lindsay Pudner as Secretary disseminates information that helps our Association function.

The central registration is still successfully managing the registration of all the members and efficiently transfers this information to Softball NSW. The Registrar, Lesley Darby, processes a lot of information from the data base as requested by Softball NSW, Macarthur and the individuals concerned. Things like Player on Permission, Player details for NSW representation, this role has been pivotal to ensuring all members' eligibility is protected.

Officials (Scorers and Umpires) have the opportunity to participate and further their skills under the leadership of the Director of Scoring (Kath Schofield) and the UIC (Phil Wardley). These leaders endeavour to offer opportunities in an equitable manner giving all interested parties the chance to fine-tune their skills or upgrade their levels.

All of our junior players play in mixed teams. We cater for a wide range of players from the young Tee ballers (from 5 years old), beginners of all ages, club players, and Macarthur, NSW and Australian representative players. We believe we are constantly searching for structures that provide the appropriate skill level/challenges for all players. The Ladies and Men's competitions are enjoyed by many players and spectators. Many of our senior rep players also support the development of our younger players by giving back through club/representative coaching thus continually developing the skills of all involved.

Our coaching staff continues to increase their knowledge and expertise and build on skills that they have acquired by involving themselves in the various coaching opportunities provided in the Softball NSW Calendar and personal learning. The access to quality coaching has assisted many of our players in reaching the higher levels of representation they seek.

The Representative season witnessed more of Macarthur's own Umpires assisting and gaining excellent experience. With our current umpires attending umpire Clinics and Academies helping to develop their skills gaining Level 2 and 3 Accreditation our pool of umpires is steadily increasing. The Junior Blues program is still a success and we constantly encourage members to provide attendance at club levels. We are certainly gaining momentum with the depth of our umpiring.

We continue to investigate new options for the game, development, member retention strategies and new member gains. We would like to acknowledge the continued assistance and support provided by Softball NSW as we strive to provide a quality sporting, social and community experience to the people of Macarthur.

Jenny Todhunter
President



MANLY WARRINGAH

Sponsorship

- Acknowledgement – Pittwater House, Peninsula Club and Cunninghams Real Estate for supplying shades for the fields
- Sew and Sew – uniform sponsor for Over 35 Rep team

Highlights

- 2017 U/11 1st at State
- 2016 U/15 2nd at State
- 2017 U/17 1st at State
- 2017 U/19 2nd at State
- 2017 Manly Eagles 4th at Winter League
- 2016 Opens 1st at State
- 2016 Over 35 1st at State
- 2016 Manly Eagles 3rd at State League

State & Australian Players 2016-2017

- Jordyn Christensen – Australian Opens Down Under Series, NSW Opens,
- Tarni Stepto – Australian Opens Down Under Series, Junior Aussie Spirit Squad, Australian Junior Squad, NSW UI9
- Brianna Trim – Junior Aussie Spirit Squad, Australian Junior Squad, NSW UI9
- Jenna Trim – Junior Friendship series, Australian Junior Squad, NSW UI7 (Captain)
- Anisha Sawaid – Junior Friendship series, NSW UI7
- Emily Peters – Junior Friendship series, NSW UI7
- Maddy Beard – Australian Junior Squad, NSW UI9
- Lauren Herbert – Australian Junior Squad, NSW UI9
- Montana Kearnes – Australian Junior Squad
- Danielle Levido – NSW Open
- Jade Hermaridis – NSW UI9
- Mya Geros – NSW UI7

Technical Areas

- 27 level 1 & community coaches accredited
- 5 new level 1 Blues accredited
- 1 new level 2 Blue accredited
- 2 level 3 Blues accredited
- 1 new level 4 scorer accredited

Future

- Continue growth & development plan for association re coaches, umpires, scorers, grounds & players
- Continue to work with clubs to attract more teeballers
- Establish an Association growth & development program for pitchers & catchers

Doug Freeman
President



MID NORTH COAST

Welcome to our first season as MNC Softball !!
Thankyou all for another great year .

Where to start:

- Much patience was shown by our players adapting to a single diamond 3 timeslot format at the start, due an intruding light pole in right field on diamond 1 .
- Moving to online registration and recording of results online has worked well.
- We continue to use facebook as our main medium of communication ,it works for us .
- The new retractable net appears to also be working well . Council have continued to maintain our grounds really well. We thank Kerry and his staff for their assistance .

We have 6 teams this year plus the disability program in Kempsey, great to see many new faces across the teams. We are still a very social competition, I love the continuation of the borrowing rule to help each other out as required, its fantastic to be a part of such a great association. Different teams facing off in major finals is indicative of a good cross section of players within the association. Congratulations go to the Phoenix Club with both Enduro and Hanson securing the minor premiership in their respective divisions.

Our players continue to travel from far and wide, which is a credit to the calibre of players in our small but social competition. Thankyou to all our dedicated travelers for your continued support.

Our umpiring ranks have been very stable over the last season , Thankyou Bruce for assisting and joining Trevor, Ron and myself on regular basis (I haven't had to do much at all).

A highlight this season for me has been the introduction of Indoor Softball in recent weeks our numbers each week are averaging 16-19 plus Ren, Row and myself.

We didn't run a disability program in Port Macquarie this year due to Pan Pac Masters impact and availability volunteers to assist early in the season then the increased heat from end of November onwards. However now that the Ark Indoor Sport Centre are on board, we may be able to set up something which is easier for our less able friends to access. Especially in the hotter period or even during the cooler months. "watch this space"

Financially we are in a good position with no major outlays this year

Thankyou to committee and general members for your attendance and contributions over the last season.

Lea Smith
President



NEWCASTLE & DISTRICT

The season had a bit of everything in it, some great highs and some lows I only want to touch on the highs at the moment.

It started with our Registrar, Kristy Field, who I wish to thank for putting in countless hours to get the new database up and going.

We had the interruption of the Pan Pac games with quite a few deferments and plenty of people away. Followed very closely by NDSA hosting the SNSW Open Men's State Championship, this was a great success and thank you to all involved. We also had several washouts and heat days during the season which meant we had to play games on Sundays to make up rounds. The Grand Final Day was one of those days that were washed out and it was moved to the back-up weekend.

This was the most disrupted season of Softball I think I have ever been involved in. But through it all the Board stood strong and for that I want to thank them.

We have had some great results on the Rep front with the Over 35 Men last June coming second in the State, our combined U11 Teeball Team coming third and our U17 male players who combined to form a Hunter Team which placed third.

NDSA has secured several grants this year mainly due to the massive amount of work that our Finance Director, Christine Halpin, puts in. These grants have helped us to erect dugouts on Diamond 5 and 6, secure a new coffee machine for the top canteen among other things.

At the SNSW Annual Awards Dinner held in 2016 NDSA received 2 awards which reinforces the great work our Board has done. These were for Good Governance, a new award introduced last year to acknowledge associations that have all things in place as required and go above and beyond. The other award was for the prestigious Country Affiliate of the Year.

This year we attained Homeplate Status, 1 of only 5 at the time in Australia. This in itself is a great achievement and again I thank the Board who without their hardwork this would not have been possible.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped this year, in particular Eddie Cashen, Gary Hughes and The Halpin Family for the countless hours in and around the park and Softball Facilities.

Robert Powell
Chairperson





NORTH SHORE DISTRICT

Representatives

UIIs 5th at State
UI3s 3rd at State
UI5s 3rd at State
UI7s Runners Up at State
UI9s 1st at State
State League Runners Up

NSDSA had 4 players on the NSW UI7 team
NSDSA had 1 assistant coach on the NSW UI9 team.
NSDSA had 3 players, 1 administrator and 1 statistician on the NSW U23 team.
NSDSA had 8 players, 1 head coach and 1 assistant coach on the NSW Opens team.
NSDSA has 6 players in the Australian (Spirit) Opens squad
NSDSA has 4 players playing with Chicago Bandits in the National Pro Fastpitch League in the US
NSDSA has a head coach and assistant coach of the Aussie Junior Spirit

Technical Areas

Umpiring:

21 levelled umpires from NSDSA
5 levelled umpires from other associations
8 Blues in Training and 4 Junior Blues
9 umpires achieved Level 1 Accreditation
1 umpire achieved Level 2 Accreditation
1 umpire achieved Level 3 Accreditation

Scoring:

1 Level 1 clinic held
1 Level 2 clinic to be held in August
16 new Level 1 Scorers accredited
1 new Level 2 Scorer accredited
1 new Level 3 Scorer accredited

Future

One of the main challenges for the future at North Shore is the continuing need to recruit more players in the junior area. This year we had a disappointing reduction in numbers at this level, and we will focus on this with a more concerted targeting of preschools and kindergartens by our clubs, along with a review for the potential of a mid-week competition.

Geoff Day
President



ORANGE & DISTRICT

This last twelve months has seen some changes to our long standing committee, with some positions changing hands and some valued members stepping aside or taking up a new role on the committee, plus a few new members joining in to help out. A big thank you goes to those that have put in many hours to assist with the organisation of the association and a warm welcome to the new members taking up various roles on the committee. We look forward to another successful year

We have made small progress with our long awaited facilities, with Orange council applying for grants to assist with construction but were unsuccessful in gaining funding. Discussion with council may yet prove fruitful with a number of staff pushing to have our toilet block progress through council works program. The association has recently carried out, with assistance of successful grant applications, construction of some shade areas and purchased an additional grandstand. Plus we are currently having plans drawn to submit a DA to do a small storage extension to our current canteen.

The joint "Kandooz" Disabilities program, run between the Dept of Sport and Rec and ODSA has had another fantastic year with the players having an awesome time yet again and receiving some great recognition through social media, with also great recognition for the instigator/coach/ mentor Steve Rath receiving runner up in the Western Region Sporting Spirit Volunteers Awards. A big thank you goes to Steve & Lyn Rath, their bubbly daughter Samantha, and Cathy Gutterson for the organisation and delivery of the program and the great comrades within the group

We tried an experiment this last summer season which wasn't too successful, splitting mixed B grade into a Friday night social comp plus a competitive Saturday arvo comp. We will again offer these two separate comps with a bit of tweaking to times and rules etc in an attempt to increase participation. Our numbers decreased in some age groups but increased in others but overall we were down slightly on last years figures.

We again had a large number of tee ball sides (I3), modball, I5's, I9's and opens. Plus as part of player development, we had a large number of players attending BJIC and then go onto play for Country NSW at UI5's Aussie regionals and again just recently had ten players (4 girls and 6 boys) selected into Country for next years regionals. We also had two selected for UI9's Men's State side (Aiden and Mac) one in U23 men's state side (Aiden) and one in Aussie development squad at recent friendship series (Mac). We've also had rep teams in nearly all age groups at state championships and a number of boys and girls playing in development leagues, winter and state league

We have also had an increase in our scoring and coaching ranks with more people giving up their time to gain or increase their accreditation. And finally we have had an adult commit to umpiring and gain accreditation to share the load, with the last few seasons being carried by a fantastic crew of teenage umpires.

Looking forward to another great season

Geoff Kelly
President



PENRITH CITY

In my first year as President I have had a great learning experience it has been both rewarding and challenging at times, some things have been a success and others have failed. My goal for the year was to please the majority of members not the minority and I think we have succeeded in that.

We had a season of up and downs one week it was 40 plus degrees the next it was torrential rain and our last round a thunder storm rolling through with 5 minutes to go. These situations are always difficult for the executive to make the right decision and we won't always please everyone with the outcome, when making these decisions the health and safety of our members comes first.

I would like to start by thanking each and every one of you. The clubs, members, volunteers, coaches, umpires, scorers and parents you are the reason this association is great and it makes me proud to be a part of it.

I would like to thank our executive staff for the countless hours and dedication that each and every one of you put in as a volunteer, it is testament to you and your character, we have a great mix of people on the executive with a common goal, we all want the Penrith City Softball Association to be at the top of the game. I'm sure if you cut the executives they would bleed red, black, green and gold.

Also, a big thankyou to the executive families, every Saturday they are first at the grounds and the last to leave, the help from their partners and kids setting up, packing up and helping out where ever needed is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee members Loretta Watts & Chris Fraser for your years of service you have both been an asset to this association and will be sorely missed.

I would like to thank Kristen Saunby and Meegan Wright who both jumped in at the last minute to run the canteen, without you two stepping up we would have struggled to manage the canteen each week. I would also like to thank all clubs, members and parents for completing their canteen duties this year.

My goal this year was to improve on our facilities and equipment, we started the season by replacing the old diamond carts and cleaning out the storerooms and installing racking, we now have a storeroom with uniforms and equipment, a game day room setup with line markers, bases, etc. and finally a grounds keeper storeroom. The next thing was to improve the kitchen facilities we installed a new kitchen and replaced the old appliances. We have also replaced the old temporary diamond nets with larger easy to use pop up nets. We have just had council install power in the batting cages and purchased a new pitching machine that will be in

use for next season, Plus many other little improvements along the way.

My second goal for this year was development teams, this will help us improve the next generation of representative players and have them ready to go if they are selected for representative teams. I believe this will help us bridge the gap between other associations and give more kids a better opportunity to further their skills in the sport.

The first year with the new online registration process was extremely challenging for all parties involved we had delay after delay from Softball Australia before we finally had a program that was user friendly, I thank all registrars for their patience and understanding in this testing time hopefully our second year will run more efficiently.

The clubs have done a great job recruiting and retaining players but we need to do more to increase our numbers across the fields, this year we managed to keep the same amount of members as last year, but we would have had more if the mixed competition went ahead. Clubs need to get on board and try and push these competitions otherwise we will lose more and more players each year. It is always easier to retain existing members if you cater for what they need. We need to work on recruiting this year and really push our sport within pre-schools, primary and high schools. We have had an increase in blue crew umpires this year but I would like to see this increase a lot more in the future, there are a lot of kids out there that are ready to learn and take the next step into umpiring we just need to cater the right program to help them succeed. Thank you to all the clubs for their commitment to umpiring duties we had a few dropped this year but it was great to see other clubs help where they could.

I would like to congratulate all of our Representative teams and their management staff for a successful year on and off the field. It is a privilege to wear the PCSA representative uniform and by putting that uniform on, you represent each and every member within this association, so wear it with pride and respect. Every time you take the field do so with 100% commitment and you will be a better person and player for it. Congratulations also to the PCSA players that have represented NSW and Australia in the past 12 months it goes to show with dedication and commitment what you can achieve.

We ran an extremely successful UI5 gala day with 27 teams from across NSW and ACT attending, the positive feedback I have received from other associations proves we are doing something right and we are at the forefront when it comes to running these events. Unfortunately we had to inform the 25 teams attending the Panther Paws gala day that it was washed out but we will come back next time bigger and better.

To all clubs and members we are appointed by you to run this association, the executives do not make any decisions lightly, we do not have personal vendettas and we do not favour our own clubs, when we walk into the meeting room we are neutral and we take the time to try and work out what is best for the future of this association, if you feel you can help out or you have some great ideas please feel free to put your hand up and apply for an executive

position. Please remember there are nine of us and over seven hundred of you so any help is appreciated and welcomed.

Finally, If you are on the sidelines watching kids or playing in the afternoon with your friends please be positive and support the kids or your mates, yell out positive comments don't be negative after all remember this is a game and we are here for the fun and the love of the sport.

Justin Saunby
President





SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

Facilities

The Association continues to have the use of Jacquie Osmond Reserve / Softball Centre for both summer and winter seasons. We continue to work with Liverpool City Council to develop our facility and ensure maintenance requirements are carried out when necessary.

Unfortunately the flood in early June 2016 created a great deal of damage to our grounds and facilities and took a long time to be repaired. Unfortunately this meant we were unable to host the UI3s State Championships. We got up and running for our Summer season competition.

Unfortunately in April this year we had a car burnt out at the amenities building which caused a lot of damage. With the help of Council and our volunteers the facility has been cleaned up and progressively repaired.

Sponsorship

Qudos Bank is our major sponsor. This is a renewed partnership for two years

All Designed Projects has continued as a sponsor for a further 12 months.

Liverpool City Council provides us tremendous support in repairs and maintenance of our diamonds and amenities as well as giving us the opportunity to apply for grants.

Highlights:

SDSA continues to provide the following programmes to promote the sport in our District.

- A Batter Up Program – achieved similar participants as last year
- Continuation of our Winter Slow Pitch competition which increased in numbers this season
- Also our clubs continuing recruitment and retention programs.

The Association continues to provide opportunities and support to our players and officials who strive to represent the Association, NSW & Australia.

In 2017 the Association had 11 players & 3 officials; Zac Raso, Daniel Harrison, Blake Jackson, Tom Zeylemaker, Hayden Mathews, Kieran O'Leary, Liam O'Leary, Aidan Kajan, Izack Rossi, Mason Rossi, Tim Nazar, represent NSW at the National Championships. Tony Jackson was an Assistant Coach with the Under 17 Men's Team, Maria Wakefield statistician with the Under 19 Men's State team & Fiona Williams as Administrator with the Under 19 Men's State Team.

Blake Jackson & Tom Zeylemaker were selected into the UI9s Australian Squads for the International Friendship Series in Brisbane & Hayden Mathews and Liam O'Leary were selected into the Australian Men's (Aussie Steelers) team who competed at the Men's Worlds Championships in Canada in July.

Bruce McCahon, SDSA Life Member and former Board member received a Sports NSW Distinguished Long Service Award in February this year.

Technical Areas

The Association continues to develop a small but enthusiastic team of umpires. Paul Bourke, Steve Smith and Jennie McKenny lead a team of umpires and are developing our Blues in Training program with steady results.

In the scoring area our Scoring Co-Ordinator, Peta Wakefield has been successful in developing scorers in the Association and a number of people are looking to continue in this area of the sport. Malcolm Nunn was appointed as our coaching co-ordinator for the 2016/17 season.

Future:

We are looking forward to maintaining a great relationship with Liverpool City Council who provides us with a facility that is developing all the time. This will be extremely important again over the next twelve months.

The Association will be continuing and hopefully expanding the Batter Up Program and Winter Slow Pitch competition.

Also we look to develop more sponsors and maintain a strong relationship with our current sponsors Qudos bank and All Designed Projects

Rae Knapp-Robinette
Acting President





SUTHERLAND SHIRE

Softball as a National Sport continues to struggle with national membership numbers continuing to fall. Unfortunately, our membership overall also continues to fall however we managed to field 61 teams this year, up one from 60 and across approx. 670 individual members, down from 702 last season.

However, even though we had fewer members I think the role of the Association is to provide the best Softball experience possible no matter how many members we have and to that end I believe we continued to provide a great Softball experience to all our members in the 2016/17 season.

I hope all players and officials walked away from the 2016/17 season with many great memories and I look forward to everyone "bringing a friend" to next year's competition, particularly in the senior grades.

The fun did not stop at our fields with many of our Representative Teams going on to do Sutherland proud over the year well done to all the players and officials who worked so very hard to make all our representative teams a success again this season.

2016/17 saw continued support of SSSA Representative in State Tournaments. Sutherland Association Teams entered into State Tournaments included:

- UII's Girls & Boys
- UI3's Girls & Boys
- UI5's Girls & Boys
- UI7's Girls & Boys
- UI9's Women & Men
- Open's Women
- Winter League Women
- State League Women

Sutherland was proud to be crowned the Over 35 Womens State Champions this year. This is a wonderful competition and the girls love playing the sport and really enjoy the atmosphere at BISP. We have been on the podium a few time but it was a thrill for the girls to take that Championship this year after being so close so many times before.

Sutherland was very well represented at NSW and Australian level. Our players helped win National Championships in the Opens and UI7s.

Well done to all those who were successful in making a New South Wales, Australian or National or International Teams/Squads, you continue to make Sutherland very proud. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Australian Open Women: Stacey McManus
 Australian UI9's: Shannon Keevers, Montana Kearnes
 NSW Open Womens: Stacey McManus, Danica Howlett (AC)
 NSW U23 Womens: Emma Iuliano, Chantelle Ladner, Bria Toohey
 NSW UI9 Womens: Montana Kearnes, Shannon Keevers
 NSW UI7 Womens: Sophie Aitken, Sasha Willems, Jessica Woolbank
 NSW UI7 Mens: Nicholas Plunkett

Our representative portfolio cannot function without the support of so many people who make everything happen. I would like to thank all our Coaches, Managers, Scorers, Umpires who attend all our tournaments, Parents and The Management Committee. Also a huge shout out to our group of dedicated umpires who support the teams throughout the rep season.

I would like to wish all our future rep players and staff the very best in the upcoming season – go get'em Sutherland...

Craig Oberg
 President





TAMWORTH

This year has been a success after a slow start to organise the Board. I was quite happy to have an enthusiastic and contributing board to work with of which we have been able to maintain another season of Softball for Tamworth

It was pleasing to see junior numbers maintain and for the Teeball competition to continue once again. Looking from the sideline there are many participants who I saw having improved skills and game knowledge as the season progressed. It was pleasing to see a 4 team competition which maintained numbers throughout. The many coaches and parents who also participated to give our juniors help are an asset to this organisation and I would like to publicly acknowledge their efforts for keeping the sport alive. It was disappointing with not being able to field junior representative teams due to lack of interest and numbers. I am of an understanding that there are plenty of other sports competing with Softball in this regard. Hopefully with the reintroduction of Softball back into the Olympics we may see a rise in the profile of our sport and who knows maybe an injection of interest from locals who may again come back to the sport.

Senior competition this year exploded to a six team social and three team league. Disappointing to see only one team in the mens which led to a combined mixed competition. In my time at Tamworth Softball there have only been women so for me this was something different. Numbers were still fairly reasonable in mixed early in the comp with some challenges for us as a board to find a way of re-engaging the teams after the break. This came with issues and frustrations as teams forfeited due to lack of numbers which disappoints those who look to play for fun. Still a 3 team mixed competition was fairly inspiring. The highlight was to get a growing interest in the social Softball competition. It was pleasing to offer 3 games each week without a bye and an opportunity to play as much Softball as possible. Pleasing also to see juniors play up into this competition and for them to be challenged with the prospect of playing actual Softball with live pitching against Teeball. It was great to see combinations of mother-daughter and father-daughter playing together throughout the season.

We need an outlet for more advanced to play but also need to make a division between social and league. Hopefully the new board can once again address this issue and hopefully find a solution which best fits the requirements of all who participate.

TSA funds still continue to look positive with yearly fundraising of gate duties and canteen for country music once again being our major injector. Council had proposed and now implemented a new payment structure which would leave TSA in a much better position financially and for the grounds to prepare on a user pays system. Instead of paying a flat rate we will be charged out at square meters of usage and days used. Standards of grounds can be determined by how much you pay and there is an opportunity to prepare yourself to drop costs. This is something I would see

encouraged in our association as it gives ownership of the sport and magnificent facilities we hold in Tamworth.

Sadly this year we saw the passing of Stan Porter. As a tribute to the great man and former member we held a minutes silence before each game and played all games that weekend on the Porter Diamond. Our hearts and thoughts reached out to Robyn, Stacey and Christie at this time as those who had known Stan remembered the good times and the things he had done in Tamworth. May he now rest in peace and remain in the hearts and minds for eternity to all he graced.

As I look into the future I would like to see improvements in Junior development, engagement of members into coaching, umpiring and scoring roles to grow the sport. We have many who have gained levels in some of the areas but do not use them. It would be great to see these skills being further developed or used rather than just being skills obtained.

I wish to thank the members of the board and the membership of Tamworth Softball for their support throughout the season and welcome a new board and direction for the season ahead. I would hope to see Softball in Tamworth continue to grow now as we approach the Olympics and sustain membership needs in each year of growth achieved.

Ashley Castles
President



WAGGA WAGGA

2016/17 has been a year of ups and downs. Some outstanding highs on the representative side, with players reaching national levels, playing with the Junior Steelers and Spirit, International Friendship Series, state players in both NSW and ACT, and of course country teams, pssa teams and our local Wagga teams for state champs and Canberra carnival.

Locally it has been a tougher year, with both the men's and the women's A grade losing teams and becoming three team competitions, and significantly less senior and junior registrations. While providing an overall higher and closer standard of competition, we need to grow the ranks again across all clubs, not rely on clubs to try and field two teams, to ensure lasting depth in the competition.

To ensure the survival of softball we are going to have to look to the future, put aside differences, work together as a whole association to ensure the future and growth of all clubs, from juniors upwards. Only through the growth of our juniors can we hope to have the players and skills coming through into the senior ranks to maintain and grow softball in Wagga Wagga again.

Here's looking to the new and upcoming season, hopefully with growth in numbers and working in harmony between all clubs.

Jess Grant - President





State Championship Results
State Teams

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



2017
UII State Championship
Boys

1st	Macarthur
2nd	Southern Districts
3rd	Newcastle
4th	Penrith City
=5th	Cumberland Nepean & Georges River
7th	Campbelltown
8th	Sutherland
9th	Central Coast
10th	Great South West
11th	Orange



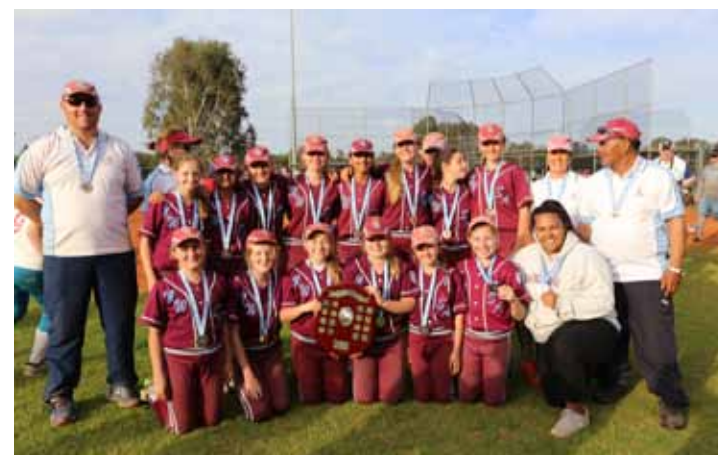
2016
UI3 State Championship
Boys

1st	Macarthur
2nd	Penrith City
=3rd	Georges River & Sutherland
5th	Southern Districts
6th	Newcastle
7th	Orange
8th	Cumberland Nepean
9th	Central Coast



2017
UII State Championship
Girls

1st	Manly Warringah
2nd	Hornsby
3rd	Cumberland Nepean
4th	Penrith City
5th	North Shore & Georges River
7th	Macarthur
8th	Sutherland
9th	Southern Districts
10th	Campbelltown



2016
UI3 State Championship
Girls

1st	Manly Warringah
2nd	Georges River
=3rd	North Shore & Penrith City
5th	Macarthur
6th	Cumberland Nepean
7th	Hornsby
8th	Sutherland
9th	Southern Districts
10th	Orange
11th	Newcastle
12th	Central Coast

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



2016
UI5 State Championship
Boys

1st	Penrith City
2nd	Macarthur
=3rd	Georges River & Central Coast
5th	Sutherland
6th	Orange
7th	Newcastle
8th	Southern Districts
9th	Campbelltown



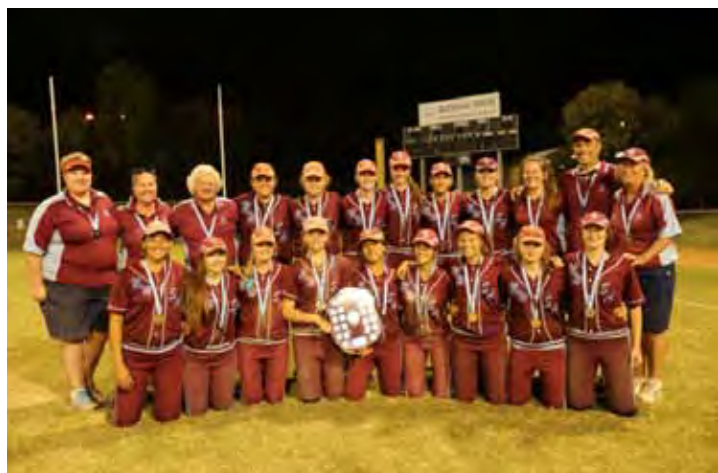
2017
UI7 State Championship
Mens

1st	Penrith City
2nd	Macarthur
3rd	Hunter
4th	Sutherland
5th	Southern Districts
6th	Georges River
7th	Orange



2016
UI5 State Championship
Girls

1st	Penrith City
2nd	Manly Warringah
=3rd	Hornsby & North Shore
5th	Cumberland Nepean
6th	Sutherland
7th	Macarthur
8th	Newcastle
9th	Orange
10th	Southern Districts
11th	Campbelltown
12th	Central Coast



2017
UI7 State Championship
Womens

1st	Manly Warringah
2nd	North Shore
3rd	Penrith City
4th	Cumberland Nepean
5th	Hunter
6th	Hornsby
7th	Sutherland
8th	Georges River
9th	Macarthur
10th	Southern Districts
11th	Wagga Wagga

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



2017
UI9 State Championship
Men

1st	Penrith City
2nd	Macarthur
3rd	Sutherland
4th	Southern Districts
5th	Newcastle
6th	Orange



2016
Open State Championship
Men

1st	Georges River
2nd	Macarthur
3rd	Southern Districts
4th	Campbelltown
5th	Penrith City
6th	Newcastle
7th	Central Coast



2017
UI9 State Championship
Women

1st	North Shore
2nd	Manly Warringah
=3rd	Hornsby & Penrith City
5th	Sutherland
6th	Macarthur
7th	Cumberland Nepean
8th	Georges River
9th	Invitational



2016
Open State Championship
Women

1st	Manly Warringah
3rd	Penrith City
3rd	Cumberland Nepean
4th	Far North Coast

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



2017 Over 35 State Championship Men

- | | |
|-----|--------------------|
| 1st | Southern Districts |
| 2nd | Macarthur |
| 3rd | Cumberland Nepean |
| 4th | Penrith City |
| 5th | Georges River |
| 6th | Hornsby |



2017 Over 35 State Championship Women

- | | |
|-----|--------------------|
| 1st | Sutherland |
| 2nd | Manly Warringah |
| 3rd | Cumberland Nepean |
| 4th | Newcastle |
| 5th | Hornsby |
| 6th | Southern Districts |
| 7th | Macarthur |
| 8th | Campbelltown |
| 9th | Penrith City |



LEAGUES RESULTS



2016
State League
Men

1st	Tropics
2nd	Dolphins
3rd	UWS United
4th	Thurabredz
5th	Mounties
6th	Titans



2017
Winter League
Women

1st	Hawks
2nd	Phoenix
3rd	Sharks
4th	Manly Eagles
5th	Hills
6th	Glenmore Phantoms
7th	Manly All Stars
8th	Tigers
9th	St Lukes Patriots
10th	Wolves
11th	Blue Jays



2016
State League
Women

1st	Panthers
2nd	Northern Storm
3rd	Manly Eagles
4th	Sharks
5th	Hills
6th	Norwest Wolves
7th	Phoenix



2017
Development League
Girls

1st	Glenmore Phantoms
2nd	Hit Squad
3rd	Sweet Heat
4th	Norwest Wolves
5th	Blue Jays
6th	Hills
7th	Southern Angels



2017
Development League
Boys

1st	Macarthur
2nd	Barbarians
3rd	Southern Demons
4th	Blue Jays



2017 NSW OPEN WOMEN'S TEAM

VENUE: Sydney

DATE: 2- 8 January 2017

GRAND FINAL SCORE
NSW 8 defeated QLD 0

Head Coach: Kerrie Porter
Assistant Coaches: Danica Howlett
Gaye Ledingham
Kristy Simmonds

Administrator: Annette Tsitsikronis
Statistician: Carolyn Buttsworth
Physiotherapist: Kandice Goodwin

AWARDS

Sybil Turner Batting

Stacey Porter

Rosemary Adey Rookie

Tahli Moore

Player of the Final

Kaia Parnaby

Stacey Porter *(Captain)
Stacey McManus* (V/Captain)
Bianca Abrahams
Jordyn Christensen
Daniella Costaganna
Amelia Cudicio*
Simone Freeman*
Rachel Lack*
Dani Levido
Molly Meenan
Tahli Moore
Kaia Parnaby*
Jasmine Peters
Samantha Poole*
Ellen Roberts*
Taylah Tsitsikronis*

GILLEYS SHIELD FINAL STANDINGS

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. NSW Firestars | 2. QLD Heat |
| 3. WA Flames | 4. ACT Diamonds |
| 5. VIC Titans | 6. SA Starz |

MCLAUGHLIN CUP WINNERS - NSW Firestars

2017 NSW OPEN MEN'S TEAM

VENUE: Canberra

DATE: 9 - 14 January 2017

GRAND FINAL SCORE
ACT 3 defeated QLD 0

Head Coach: Adam Sheehan
Assistant Coaches: Garry Johnston
Adam Rindfleish
Administrator: Lesley Darby
Statistician: Diana Oakes

AWARDS

Pitching Award

Harri Peters

Batting Award

Hayden Mathews

MVP Award

Hayden Mathews

Joel Wards (Captain)
James Todhunter* (V/Captain)
James Brownlow
Mitchell Brownlow
Mitchell Dabinett
James Darby
Nathan Dickinson
Lachlan Hay
Aidan Kajan
Jayden Lach
Hayden Mathews*
Kieran O'Leary
Liam O'Leary*
Harri Peters*
Ryan Tranter
Peter Wards

JOHN REID SHIELD FINAL STANDINGS

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. ACT 89ers | 2. QLD Patriots |
| 3. NSW | 4. Victoria |
| 5. Western Blaze | 6. SA |



2017 NSW U23 WOMEN'S TEAM

VENUE: Brisbane

DATE: 5 - 8 July 2017

GRAND FINAL SCORE
NSW 4 defeated QLD 2

Head Coach: Chris Coleman
Assistant Coach: Lyneene Orsini
Administrator: Lizbid Solling
Statistician: Lynne Townsend

AWARDS
Player of the Final
Chantelle Ladner

Nicola Maitland (Captain)
Alice Donohoe (V/Captain)
Ashleigh Bruce
Caitlin Byrne
Jade Farrell
Breanne Honeybrook
Emma Iuliano
Chantelle Ladner
Michaela McLennan
Caitlin Michels
Kate Proctor
Bria Toohey
Bianca Worth

JOYCE LESTER SHIELD FINAL STANDINGS

1. NSW 2. QLD
3. VIC 4. WA



2017 NSW U23 MEN'S TEAM

VENUE: Brisbane

DATE: 5 - 8 July 2017

GRAND FINAL SCORE
QLD 5 defeated WA 3

Head Coach: Chris Brownlow
Assistant Coach: Tim Hall
Peter Rainer
Administrator: Craig Richardson
Statistician: Sandra Palmer

AWARDS
Nil

Bradley Dunn
Jacob Garland
Daniel Harrison
Angus Johnson
Aiden Kelly
Michael Kerr
Timothy Nazar
Luke Ollerenshaw
Izack Rossi
Mason Rossi
Joahua Ryan
Nicholas Shaw

LAING HARROW SHIELD FINAL STANDINGS

1. QLD 2. WA
3. NSW



2017 NSW UI9 WOMEN'S TEAM

VENUE: Perth

DATE: 15 - 21 January 2017

GRAND FINAL SCORE
NSW 8 defeated QLD 0

Head Coach: John Neilsen
Assistant Coaches: John Black
Brett Kirk
Rachel Zucchetti
Administrator: Sue Pobjie
Statistician: Damaras Clarkson
Physiotherapist: Danielle White

AWARDS

Batting Award
Maddison Smith
Pitching Award
Gabrielle Plain
Player of the Final
Gabrielle Plain

Montanna Kearnes* (Captain)
Kelsey Griffen* (V/Captain)
Shannon Keevers* (V/Captain)
Maddy Beard
Emma Grant
Jade Hemaridis
Lauren Herbert
Chloe Holman*
Breanne Honeybrook
Kandra Lamb*
Ellie Lees*
Eliza Murphy
Gabrielle Plain*
Maddison Smith*
Tarni Stepto*
Brianna Trim*

ELINOR MCKENZIE SHIELD FINAL STANDINGS

1. NSW	2. SA
3. QLD	4. VIC
5. ACT	6. WA



2017 NSW UI9 MEN'S TEAM

VENUE: Brisbane

DATE: 15 - 21 January 2017

GRAND FINAL SCORE
QLD 8 def NSW 1

Head Coach: Adam Rindfleish
Assistant Coaches: Scott Rindfleish
James Todhunter
Wayne Wickens
Administrator: Fiona Williams
Statistician: Maria Wakefield
Physiotherapist: Aminda Huynh

AWARDS

MVP
Josh Bond

Shaun Lanaghan* (Captain)
Christopher Gillies* (V/Captain)
Blake Jackson * (V/Captain)
Luke Bellamy
Josh Bond*
Jacob Donaldson*
Daniel Harrison
Aiden Kelly (withdrew)
Bradley Kilpatrick*
Ryan King*
Christopher Plain*
Mac Reith-Snare*
Kyle Tesoriero
Thomas Zeylemaker*

NOX BAILEY FINAL STANDINGS

1. QLD	2. NSW
3. ACT	4. VIC
5. WA	

* Denotes players selected in Australian Teams or Squads



2017 NSW UI7 WOMEN'S TEAM

VENUE: Sydney

DATE: 2 - 8 January 2017

GRAND FINAL SCORE

NSW 5 defeated SA 1

Head Coach:

Bill Gates

Assistant Coaches:

Chris Coleman

Nicole Crowe

Sarah Bradley

Administrator:

Colleen Franks

Statistician:

Christine Fraser

Physiotherapist:

Nathaniel Harnett

AWARDS

Batting Award

Shaylan Whatman

Pitching Award

Jorja Barrett

Player of the Final

Jenna Trim

Jenna Trim* (Captain)

Sophie Aitken* (V/Captain)

Shaylan Whatman* (V/Captain)

Jorja Barrett*

Georgia Britton

Breanna Evans*

Mya Geros

Samantha Glover

Alana Kidd

Ellie Marks

Emily Peters*

Katrina Ryder

Anisha Sawaid

Jade Thomas

Sasha Willems

Jessica Woolbank

ESTHER DEASON SHIELD FINAL STANDINGS

1. NSW

2. SA

3. VIC

4. QLD

5. WA

6. ACT



2017 NSW UI7 MEN'S TEAM

VENUE: Canberra

DATE: 2 - 7 January 2017

GRAND FINAL SCORE

QLD 5 defeated NSW 0

Head Coach:

Chris Brownlow

Assistant Coaches:

Dave Garland

Tony Jackson

Administrator:

Dave Sheppard

Statistician:

Rhonda Schultz

AWARDS

Batting Award

Jarred Garland

Jarred Garland* (Captain)

Logan Campbell* (V/Captain)

Thomas Cass*

Jeremy Garland

Cameron Henderson

Reid Kemna

Bradley Kilpatrick*

Jack Morel

Nick Plunkett

Harrison Pudner*

Zac Raso

Haiden-Jesse Reveco

Brady Shears

Lachlan Smith

Joshua Wickens

ARTHUR ALLSOPP SHIELD FINAL STANDINGS

1. QLD

2. NSW

3. ACT

4. SA

5. WA

6. VIC

* Denotes players selected in Australian Teams or Squads

2016 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS



AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

Winner: Manly Warringah

Finalists: Campbelltown, Cumberland Nepean, Manly Warringah, North Shore, Penrith City,



MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Winner: Campbelltown

Finalists: Campbelltown, Central Coast, Cumberland Nepean, Wagga Wagga



COUNTRY AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

Winner: Newcastle

Finalists: Central Coast, Far North Coast, Newcastle, Wagga Wagga



DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Winner: Wagga Wagga

Finalists: Campbelltown, Manly Warringah, Southern Districts, Wagga Wagga



SOCIA MEDIA AWARD

Winner: Manly Warringah

Finalists: Manly Warringah, North Shore, Penrith City, Sutherland



CLUB OF THE YEAR

Winner: Quakers Hill Pirates

Finalists: Brewers, Maitland Meteors, Quakers Hill Pirates, United



GOOD GOVERNANCE AWARD

Winner: Newcastle

Finalists: Cumberland Nepean, Hornsby, Newcastle, North Shore

SOFTBALL NSW SERVICE TO SOFTBALL AWARDS



Michelle Cate

Lea Smith

Chris Brownlow

Jim Long

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