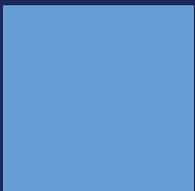
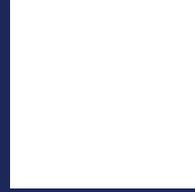




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1965-2015



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ANNUAL REPORT



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OUR PEOPLE

2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Director of Umpiring
 Deputy Director of Umpiring
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Executive Member
 Executive Member
 Executive Member
 Executive Member
 Executive Member
 Executive Member

Scott Rindfleish
 Andrew Rindfleish
 Vicki Lansley
 Jay Gibson
 Leanne Gearside
 Tom Ryan
 Jesse Smith
 Kristina Travers
 Robert McIntosh (January - June 2015)
 Kyira Cox (July - December 2015)

LIFE MEMBERS

Edna Nash*	1980
John Reid*	1981
Dawn Young	1982
Catherine Vincent*	1985
Rhonda Buckley	1992
Peter Hill*	1992
Andrew Rindfleish	1992
Kay Thompson	1993

Darrell Shephard	1996
Michael Hannelly	1997
Lesley Steedman	1998
David Crowe	2003
Sue Itzstein	2006
Bruce McCahon	2008
Scott Rindfleish	2014

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SOFTBALL NSW UMPIRES VISION

STRATEGY 1
Leadership & Management

STRATEGY 2
Service to Softball

STRATEGY 3
Recruit Umpires

STRATEGY 4
Develop Umpires

STRATEGY 5
Retain Umpires

OUR HOUSE

OUR HOUSE: BRINGING OUR HOUSE TO LIFE

Since 2010, Our House has defined our strategic focus areas and has captured who we are, where we fit and our ambitions.

The leadership of the Softball NSW Umpires Association has remained focused and committed to the five key areas that have been identified as the major areas that will deliver success for our association, affiliate organisations and our members.

Our House has evolved over time to remain current and relevant for our people who continue to form the rock-solid foundation upon which great initiatives and programs can be built.

Here is a brief snapshot of what we have been doing to bring Our House to life:

Strategy 1 - Leadership & Management

“Our family will lead the way in the effective leadership and management of softball umpiring.”

- 50 Year Anniversary Celebration.
- Constitutional, membership, financial and member protection review.
- Continued good governance practices and strategic and operational planning.
- Reinvigorated engagement with Softball NSW.

Strategy 2 - Service to Softball

“Our family will deliver umpiring services with excellence to all levels of the sport.”

- Provided quality service to Softball NSW State Championships, Winter League, State League, Regionals, Schools Competitions, Junior International Challenge, hosted National Championships and the International Friendship Series.
- Facilitated the new look National Rules Exam and Basic Exams.
- Provided umpires for National and International events.

Strategy 3 - Recruit Umpires

“To ensure the survival of our family we will work alongside local Associations to engage and promote the benefits of umpiring to a wider audience, encouraging them to join our family.”

- The SNSWUA Recruitment Toolkit continues to support local Associations.
- Development of the Community Umpiring Program to attract and support new umpires.

Strategy 4 – Develop Umpires

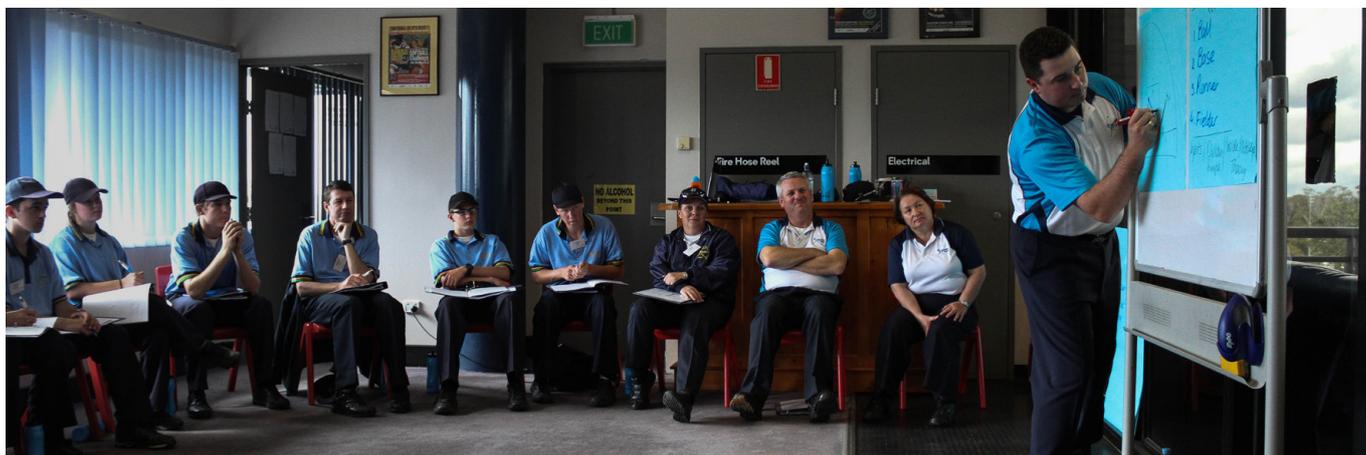
“Our family is multi-skilled. We will provide further opportunities to our family to encourage their growth and advancement both on and off the diamond.”

- Basic and Intermediate Clinics and Academy continue to be hugely successful.
- Examiner/Assessor Training and Train the Trainer programs support umpires supporting umpires.
- Examination process provides a huge learning opportunity for umpires. Our skilled examiners have supported many candidates this year.
- Free rules sessions were run for umpires in preparation for the Softball Australia Rules Exam.

Strategy 5 – Retain Umpires

“Our family will work as one to ensure that all are actively engaged.”

- Our website and Facebook page continue to drive proactive communication to our family and our international and interstate friends. Facebook page likes are up to 820+ likes, growth of over 120 in 2015 alone.
- Driving retention through a sense of belonging. The SNSWUA Merchandise expanded with 6 new clothing leisurewear items. We stand out from the crowd and attract positive attention.
- Annual Awards continue to recognise members and Associations for their outstanding contributions and commitment to excellence.
- New Honour Boards and special recognitions at the 50 Year Anniversary Celebration.



THE BLUEPRINT

It is my privilege to present the 2015 Softball NSW Umpires Association Annual Report.

Our great Association began in 1965 and this year we celebrate a fantastic 50 years!

It was a very special joy to celebrate with umpires, supporters, family and friends at our 50 Year Celebration Dinner, held at Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday 7th November 2015. The event was a 'golden' opportunity to celebrate successes as we honour the many umpires have contributed to our great program. I hope you enjoy photos and a collection of history captured throughout this annual report. The full suite of photos can be found in a photo gallery on our Facebook page.

I pay tribute to our Life Members and longtime supporters both past and present all of whom have made an incredible impact on our organisation and umpiring in NSW over the years, building it from the ground up to the successful Association we all enjoy today.

This report reflects on a year full of successes, developments and initiatives designed by umpires for our umpires and I acknowledge all umpires who design, develop, implement and participate in the programs throughout the year.

As umpires, we all started umpiring for one of many different reasons, most people probably started umpiring because of their family or friends and along the way something amazing happens...the sport and umpiring gets in your blood, it becomes part of who you are and the thought of not umpiring seems not to be an option.

Our NSW umpires demonstrate these values week in and week out, and to all umpires right across NSW, I say a big thank you for your constant quality hard work. Thank you for serving our sport and providing a valuable service to softball at all levels from local club games through to international opportunities, every game is a big game to someone and your participation is very important.

To the Association UIC's and Coordinators, your work each week to recruit, engage with and develop umpires is paramount for the future of our programs. I know there are also countless people who support the association programs, and I acknowledge your efforts also. Your recognition will also be evidenced as your umpires improve skills and achieve future successes.

Congratulations to the 38 umpires who attained higher accreditation this year, this is an example of achievement that is a result of hard work and strong development programs and support. In 2015 there were 19 Level 1, 10 level 2, three level 3, two level 4, three level 5 and one level 7.

SNSW hosts many exciting events and this year NSW umpires had great opportunities to work quality games at a wide range of events from regional tournament, through to state championships, Winter League and State League. All umpires are to be congratulated for their efforts and time to support the key SNSW events.

Umpire development is a key focus for SNSWUA, and this year we have delivered Basic and Intermediate Clinics, Basic and Intermediate Umpire Academies and Rules Sessions. My sincere thanks to the senior umpires and trainers who help the new and developing umpires.

Engaging with our family and friends, globally is made possible via our website and Facebook. This year we have had significant growth in our Facebook likes and we commit to continuing to bring our initiatives, news and photos to life for the world to see.

The elected members of the SNSWUA Committee are passionate about our future and very capably bring initiatives to life. Thank you all for your positivity and teamwork to make many changes designed to promote umpiring for the benefit of our members and all umpires in NSW.

Finally, to our sponsors: Adam Dean Entertainment and Whatley Trophies – I greatly appreciate your ongoing support. Your contribution was seen in fantastic fashion at our 50th Anniversary Dinner with Adam Dean providing outstanding entertainment and the new honour boards generously donated by Whatley Trophies help recognise our members both. On behalf of all NSW Umpires, thank you.

Congratulations to all SNSWUA members both past and present on a fantastic 50 Years. Here's wishing you all the very best for a bright and prosperous future.

Scott Rindfleish
Director of Umpiring



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We are proud of our umpiring program and all our umpires. Our pride extends beyond the diamond, now you can look the part both on and off the diamond!

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TRACKSUIT





ACCREDITATION ADVANCEMENT

19 Level 1 umpires	Level 3	Level 1
10 Level 2 umpires	Joe Myers (North Shore)	Mario Borg (Cumberland Nepean)
3 Level 3 umpires	Darren O'Neil (Penrith City)	James Cashen (Orange District)
2 Level 4 umpires	Phil Wardley (Macarthur)	Ashley Castles (Port Macquarie)
3 Level 5 umpires		Makealee Doney (North Shore)
1 Level 7 umpire	Level 2	Beth Green (Cumberland Nepean)
	Ray Crosby (Newcastle)	Thomas Green (Cumberland Nepean)
Level 7	Riley Deahm (Penrith City)	Paige Hanna (North Shore)
Amanda Houison (Penrith City)	Kim Green (Cumberland Nepean)	Tony Heginbotham (Central Coast)
	Trai Hildebrand (Wagga Wagga)	Blake Hunter (Macarthur)
Level 5	Georgia Kiel (Orange Districts)	Mitchell King (Orange District)
Claire Austring (Penrith City)	Jennie McKenny (Southern Districts)	Benjamin Knight (Hornsby)
Andrew Compton (Cumberland Nepean)	Jean Morel (Campbelltown)	Graydon Lisle (Orange District)
Krissi Travers (Cumberland Nepean)	Harrison Pudner (Macarthur)	Alex McIntosh (Tamworth)
	James Scott (Wagga Wagga)	Jack Morel (Campbelltown)
	Kyle Tesoriero (Georges River)	Blaik Noppert (Campbelltown)
Level 4		Jordan Small (Georges River)
Andy Birks (Cumberland Nepean)		Richard Tame (Cumberland Nepean)
Dylan Murdoch (Wagga Wagga)		Jack Taylor (Central Coast)
		Benjamin Ursino (Central Coast)





STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN MEN

Scott Rindfleish
Andrew Rindfleish
Amanda Houison
Ron Houison

UIC
Dep
Dep
Dep

OPEN WOMEN

Andrew Rindfleish
Amanda Houison
Kyira Cox
James English
Vicki Lansley

UIC
Dep
Dep
Ex
Ex

U19 MEN

Andrew Rindfleish
Jesse Smith
Vicki Lansley
Amanda Houison
Leanne Gearside

UIC
Dep
Dep
Ex
Ex

U19 WOMEN

Scott Rindfleish
Andrew Rindfleish
Amanda Houison
Vicki Lansley
Leanne Gearside

UIC
DEP
DEP
Ex
Ex

Bruce McCahon
 Claire Austring
 George Norrish
 James English
 James Townsend
 Joe Myers
 Joel Grimes
 Krissi Travers
 Kyira Cox
 Leanne Gearside
 Paul Bourke
 Robert McIntosh
 Vicki Lansley

Andrew Birks
 Andrew Compton
 Andrew Cooper
 Andrew Dickson
 Claire Austring
 Darren O'Neil
 David Crowe
 Dylan Murdoch
 James Townsend
 Joe Myers
 Joel Grimes
 Katrina Bulmer
 Krissi Travers
 Leanne Gearside
 Tony Moncaster
 Vic Guillaumier

Andrew Compton
 Andy Birks
 Bruce McCahon
 Chris Ioannou
 Claire Austring
 Darren O'Neil
 David Crowe
 Dylan Murdoch
 James English
 Jay Gibson
 Paul Bourke
 Phil Wardley
 Ron Houison

Andrew Compton
 Brian Higinbotham
 Chris Ioannou
 Claire Austring
 Darren O'Neil
 Dylan Murdoch
 James Townsend
 Kyira Cox
 Paul Bourke
 Phil Wardley
 Robert McIntosh
 Ron Houison
 Tom Ryan
 Vic Guillaumier



U17

Darrell Shephard
Jesse Smith
Kyira Cox
Vicki Lansley
Robert McIntosh

U15

UIC Scott Rindfleish
Dep Amanda Houison
Dep Ron Houison
Dep Leanne Gearside
Dep Vicki Lansley

U13

UIC Leanne Gearside
Dep Scott Rindfleish
Dep James English
Dep Krissi Travers

U11

UIC Amanda Houison
Dep Andrew Compton
Dep Krissi Travers
Dep

Alex Oberg
 Andrew Compton
 Bree Watt
 Brian Higinbotham
 Bruce McCahon
 Chris Houison
 Chris Ioannou
 Claire Austring
 Craig Oberg
 Darren O'Neil
 Dylan Murdoch
 George Norrish
 James Scott
 James English
 James Townsend
 Jessica Rooke
 Jim Long
 Joe Kellermeier
 Joe Myers
 Josh Wilde
 Kylie Diaz
 Linda White
 Maryke Gyzen
 Narelle McIntosh
 Paul Bourke
 Phil Wardley
 Rebekah Edwards
 Rhett Eldred
 Rod Bailey
 Tony Beard
 Thomas Sumoto
 Tom Ryan
 Tony Moncaster
 Wayne Wickens

Aiden Kelly
 Alan Cooper
 Alex McIntosh
 Alex Oberg
 Andrew Cooper
 Andy Birks
 Ashley Castles
 Ben Knight
 Carol Heiler
 Cheryl Irlam
 Claire Austring
 Craig Oberg
 David Crowe
 Dylan Murdoch
 Flora Van Der Heide
 George Norrish
 Georgia Kiel
 Harrison Pudner
 James English
 James Scott
 Jean Morel
 Jennie McKenny
 Jennifer Womsley
 Jess Rooke
 Joe Kellermeier
 Joe Myers
 Joel Grimes
 Josh Wilde
 Kim Green
 Kyle Tesoriero
 Linda White
 Mac Reith-Snare
 Paige Hanna
 Paul Bourke
 Phil Wardley
 Ray Crosby
 Riley Deahm
 Rob McIntosh
 Tim Walker
 Tony Moncaster
 Trai Hildebrand

Alex Oberg
 Alf Chapman
 Ben Knight
 Brian Higinbotham
 Brianna Trim
 Caitlin Bailey
 Carol Heiler
 Chelsea Davis
 Cheryl Irlam
 Craig Oberg
 Craig Sexton
 Duncan Lapsley
 Ellie Lees
 Gai Cohen
 Georgia Hill
 Georgia Kiel
 Harrison Pudner
 Jack Taylor
 Jean Morel
 Jennie McKenny
 Jess Rooke
 Joe Kellermeier
 Joel Grimes
 Josh Wilde
 Katrina Bulmer
 Kim Green
 Kimberley Calvert
 Kyle Tesoriero
 Kylie Diaz
 Lachlan Iredale
 Lachlan Smith
 Paige Hanna
 Phil Wardley
 Ray Crosby
 Rhett Eldred
 Richard Tame
 Riley Deahm
 Rochelle Rees
 Rod Bailey
 Thomas Green
 Tim Walker
 Zac Roberts

Aiden Kelly
 Alex Oberg
 Alf Chapman
 Alissa Mighell
 Ben Knight
 Beth Green
 Brian Higinbotham
 Caitlin Bailey
 Carol Heiler
 Cheryl Irlam
 Craig Oberg
 Craig Sexton
 Darren O'Neil
 David Young
 Ellie Lees
 Flora Van Der Heide
 Georgia Kiel
 Harrison Pudner
 Holly Hough
 Jack Taylor
 James Cashen
 James English
 Jean Morel
 Jennifer Womsley
 Jim Long
 Joe Kellermeier
 Josh King
 Katrina Bulmer
 Kim Green
 Lachlan Iredale
 Lachlan Smith
 Letitia Van Der Heide
 Mac Reith-Snare
 Maddison Doran
 Maryke Gyzen
 Moesha Potter
 Phil Wardley
 Ray Crosby
 Rebekah Edwards
 Richard Tame
 Riley Deahm
 Robyn Bailey
 Rod Bailey
 Steve Smith
 Thomas Green
 Tim Walker
 Zac Roberts



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

U11 Boys

P: Mac Reith-Snare
 1B: Aiden Kelly
 3B: Jen Womsley
 Card: Jean Morel

U11 Girls

P: Katrina Bulmer
 1B: Rod Bailey
 3B: Darren O'Neil
 Card: Richard Tame

CUP - Girls

P: Phil Wardley
 1B: Robbie Bailey
 3B: Riley Deaham
 Card: Harrison Pudner

U13 Boys

P: Jess Rooke
 1B: Rhett Eldred
 3B: Joe Kellermier

U13 Girls

P: Georgia Hill
 1B: Darren O'Neil
 3B: Rod Bailey

CUP - Girls

P: Katrina Bulmer
 1B: Harrison Pudner
 3B: Jean Morel

U15 Boys

P: Mac Reith-Snare
 1B: Jess Rooke
 3B: Andrew Cooper

U15 Girls

P: Joel Grimes
 1B: Phil Wardley
 3B: Aiden Kelly

CUP - Girls

P: Josh Wilde
 1B: Alex Oberg
 3B: Ben Knight

U17 Boys

P: Andrew Compton
 1B: Kyira Cox/Jesse Smith
 3B: Rob McIntosh

U17 Girls

P: Paul Bourke
 1B: James Townsend
 3B: Chris Ioannou

U19 Men

P: Leanne Gearside
 1B: Andrew Compton
 2B: Claire Astring
 3B: George Norrish

U19 Women

P: Kyira Cox
 1B: Leanne Gearside
 2B: Rob McIntosh
 3B: Claire Astring

Open Men

P: Bruce McCahon
 1B: Ron Houison
 2B: Leanne Gearside
 3B: Amanda Houison

Open Women

P: Kyira Cox
 1B: Amanda Houison
 3B: Leanne Gearside
 LF: James English
 RF: David Crowe



(Top) 2015 U11 State Championships Crew
 (Bottom Right) 2015 U13 State Championships Crew

Winter League continues to provide outstanding competition and athletes across New South Wales. The SNSWUA once again provided outstanding service to the competition this year that was contested by women's club teams from all over NSW.

Leanne Gearside coordinated the team umpires and NSW blues to support the competition. Umpire Development was a keen focus this year and many umpires thoroughly embraced the opportunity to work with the colleagues to achieve their individual goals. Thank you to all umpires for supporting this great competition.

In Softball NSW, the State League competition is certainly one of the highlights on the calendar with strong competition in both the male and female divisions. Umpires from all over our great state came together each week to support this competition and to enjoy the crew banter that is a strong benefit of the State League competition.

Andrew Rindfleish was once again the Umpire in Chief, thanks Andrew.

State League 2015 ran from 16 August to 8 November. There were 113 games played, after two days were washed out. Almost 75% of games were officiated by three umpires. There was a solid core of umpires who were available for a majority of game days, making appointments relatively straight forward this season. A special mention must go to Dylan Murdoch who travelled from Canberra for 8 of the 12 weeks.

35 umpires in total officiated this season, with 16 doing ten games or more.

The most number of games officiated were:

Darren O'Neil – 22

James Townsend – 20

Andy Birks – 20

Umpires appointed to Grand Finals were:

Women's Grand Final:

Northern Storm (4) def. Panthers (0)

Plate: Paul Bourke

1st Base: Vicki Lansley

3rd Base: Dylan Murdoch

Men's Grand Final:

Thurabredz (4) def. Mounties (2)

Plate: Scott Rindfleish

1st Base: Amanda Houison

2nd Base: Vicki Lansley

3rd Base: Leanne Gearside

NATIONAL AND WORLD EVENTS



Congratulations to the following 14 umpires who represented NSW at 2015 National Championships:

John Reid Shield
Open Men – Redlands, QLD
Andrew Rindfleish

Gilley's Shield
Open Women Mirrabooka, WA
Amanda Houison, Assessor
Kyira Cox
James English
Jeanne Gearside

Nox Bailey Shield
U19 Men & U15 Regional Boys
Sydney, NSW
Andrew Rindfleish, Assessor
Andrew Compton
Jay Gibson
Robert McIntosh
Jesse Smith
Krissi Travers

Elinor McKenzie Shield
U19 Women & U15 Regional Girls
West Beach, SA
Leanne Gearside, Assessor
Ron Houison, Assessor
George Norrish

Esther Deason Shield & Arthur Allsopp Shield
U17 Girl's and U17 Boys
BHawker, ACT
Amanda Houison, Assessor
Andrew Compton
Kyira Cox
James English

Lang Harrow Shield & Joyce Lester Shield
U23 Men & U23 Women
Redlands, QLD
David Crowe
Jay Gibson
Robert McIntosh



Congratulations to the NSW umpires who were selected to represent NSW, and Australia at International events.

World Baseball Softball Confederation
Junior Women's World Championships
Oklahoma City, USA
Kyira Cox
Ron Houison



2015 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

'Andrew Rindfleish' Umpire of the Year Kyira Cox (Sutherland Shire)

The Umpire of the Year is awarded to the softball umpire from NSW who has excelled in umpiring at the national and international level of our sport. The award is based on achievements in officiating games at these levels, as well as their contribution to the umpiring program within NSW and Australia.

Kyira has achieved remarkable success on and off the diamond in 2015. The highlight of her year was undoubtedly her appointment to the Junior Women's World Championship in Oklahoma City. Her on diamond performance was rewarded with her appointment as 1st Base Umpire in the Gold Medal Game. Kyira was also named the alternative plate umpire on the Gold Medal Game in the event the Bronze Medal Game turned out a different result.

At home, Kyira umpired at the 2015 Open Women's National Championship as well as the combined U17 Girl's & U17 Boy's National Championships. Her appointments at these tournaments reflected her excellent on diamond skills.

Kyira also contributed significantly to Softball NSW events this year. She served as Tournament Chief Umpire at the Over 35s State Championships and as Deputy Tournament Chief Umpire at the Open Women's State Championship and U17 State Championships. Kyira was appointed Plate Umpire of the Championship Game at the Open Women's and U19 Women's State Championships.

Off the diamond, Kyira's contributions to the Softball NSW Umpires' Association and the National Umpiring Committee have been exemplary. Her base in Canberra has not prevented her from donating her many skills and talents to the umpiring programme at the state and national levels.

Kyira is a deserving winner of the 2015 'Andrew Rindfleish' Umpire of the Year Award. This marks the second consecutive year Kyira has been awarded the SNSWUA's top honour.



Kyira Cox, Andrew Rindfleish

Director's Award for Services to Umpiring Andrew Rindfleish (Sutherland Shire)

The Director's Award for Services to Umpiring is presented to an umpire who displays outstanding commitment and service to umpiring in NSW.

Since achieving Level 4 Accreditation in 1982, and Level 6 in 1986, Andrew is one of the longest serving, most consistent and distinguished contributors to our program. In his 35 + years of service to the umpiring world, he has never received this award.

Andrew is quite clearly NSW's most experienced and most credentialed international umpire in our history, having represented Australia at four ISF World Championships, including two at the Open Men's level, as well as holding the position of National Director of Umpiring in former years.

His support locally is a true strength. Andrew is a tremendous support to Director of Umpiring and the SNSW Umpires' Executive, as well as a strong leader and mentor to many, many umpires in NSW and across the country.

Andrew has led many SNSWUA initiatives in 2015, including the 50th Anniversary Celebrations, the senior umpire development and mentoring programmes, plus the SNSWUA governance and constitutional review.

This year Andrew has also served as Tournament Chief Umpire or Deputy Tournament Chief Umpire at the SNSW Open Women's, Open Men's, U19 Men's, U19 Women's and U17 State Championships. Yet again, he has also managed the umpiring roster for the 2015 State League Season, which has required him to be in attendance almost every game for a significant number of weeks.

Nationally, Andrew attended the Softball Australia Limited AGM and meeting of the National Umpiring Committee on behalf of SNSW. He also represented NSW at the Open Men's and U19 Men's National Championships.

Andrew's contribution to the umpiring world in NSW, Australia and internationally is without question. He is a very deserving winner of the 2015 Director's Award for Services to Umpiring.



Andrew Rindfleish, Dawn Young, Scott Rindfleish

2015 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

2015 Individual Award for Umpire Development

Andrew Compton (Cumberland Nepean)

The Individual Award for Umpiring Development is presented to an umpire who displays a commitment and passion for the development of umpires in NSW.

This year Andrew has been the driving force behind the Cumberland Nepean Umpiring Program in his capacity as UIC.

Cumberland have gone from strength to strength as an association who continue to perform well locally and within NSW.

Andrew has been the lead trainer for the development sessions run on Friday nights and Saturday mornings for new and developing umpires. Extremely favourable statistics and level progressions from umpires based at Cumberland Nepean Association are to be admired, and are no doubt a reflection of the time and commitment Andrew invests in his umpires.

At the state level Andrew has attended both the Senior Umpire Train-The-Trainer and the Affiliate UIC Train-The-Trainer sessions.

This year he has also been a presenter at the Basic Clinic, Intermediate Clinic and the Intermediate Academy sessions. His contributions have always been well received by those in attendance.

Andrew is certainly a very worthy winner of this year's Individual Award for Umpire Development.

Affiliate Award for Umpire Development Southern Districts Softball Association

The Affiliate Award for Umpire Development recognises the SNSW Affiliate that facilitates initiatives to drive umpire development and achieve results in the recruitment and retention of umpires.

This is the third time Southern Districts Softball Association (SDSA) has won this award, having previously been recognised for outstanding work in 1998 and 2005.

Under the leadership of UIC Paul Bourke, and the SDSA Umpires Association, there have been many great things demonstrated this year.

Following a recent restructure, a new Development Officer has been instituted. This officer's role specifically focuses on umpire development, and with Steve Smith in this position, along with the other senior umpires, umpire development has seen great results.

There is a structured "Blues In Training" program that runs week in week out. This program is growing all the time.

Southern Districts has a strong structure to manage individual umpire financials and the servicing of the games each Saturday and for tournaments. There also exists a strong focus on talent identification: keeping a keen eye on the umpires doing club duties week in, week out.

Bruce McCahon facilitated 5 rules sessions for all umpires leading up to the Annual Rules Exam this year. His knowledge of the rules, and on diamond experience, positioned the SDSA umpires well ahead of this year's Rules Exam.

There are lots of little things done in a really great way at SDSA. From the rule of the week on the whiteboard, to the end of day and debrief and social interactions, the umpiring family at this association reminds us that umpiring can be fun and educative at the same time.

Umpire advancements have been set for Levels 1, 2, 3, and 5 this year, and SDSA umpires have also enjoyed many PSSA and CHS opportunities.

Congratulations to the umpires at Southern Districts Softball Association on their work in the umpire development space this year.



Accepted by Jen Womsley and Georgia Hill,
Presented by David Crowe



Southern Districts Softball Association Umpires,
UIC Paul Bourke

2015 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Encouragement Award

Darren O'Neil (Penrith City)

The Encouragement Award is presented to a current Level Two or Three Umpire who demonstrates the potential to progress to higher accreditation levels, has a willingness to learn and is an active participant in their local association and SNSW.

In 2015, Darren has umpired at all State Championships. His strong on diamond performance was rewarded at the U11 State Championships with an appointment to the Grand Final.

Darren's commitment to his own development saw him achieve a personal best result in this year's SAL Rules Exam. This, coupled with his many weeks of on diamond preparation, saw him perform very well under assessment at the U19 Women's and Men's State Championships in June, resulting in his Level 3 Umpire Accreditation.

His strong candidate performance was also recognised in his appointment to the 2015 SNSW Open Women's State Championship. Darren has also been a consistent contributor to the State League roster, umpiring the most number of games over the season.

Personally, Darren is a mature, level headed and very open individual who is incredibly receptive to feedback and support, and he has a strong determination to succeed.

The SNSWUA congratulates Darren on his fine performance in 2015.



Accepted by PCSA UIC's Joel Grimes and Claire Austring, presented by Michael Hannelly

HISTORY & HONOUR ROLL

LIFE MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBER	YEAR AWARDED
Edna Nash*	1980
John Reid*	1981
Dawn Young	1982
Catherine Vincent*	1985
Rhonda Buckley	1992
Peter Hill*	1992
Andrew Rindfleish	1992
Kay Thompson	1993
Darrell Shephard	1996
Michael Hannelly	1997
Lesley Steedman	1998
David Crowe	2003
Sue Itzstein	2006
Bruce McCahon	2008
Scott Rindfleish	2014
* deceased	

UMPIRE IN CHIEF & DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING

YEAR	UMPIRE IN CHIEF AND PRESIDENT
1966-80	Edna Nash *
1981-82	Catherine Lloyd *
1983	Peter Hill *
1984	Catherine Vincent (Lloyd) *
1985	Peg Cutts
1986	Rhonda Buckley

	UMPIRE IN CHIEF	PRESIDENT
1987-88	Rhonda Buckley	Andrew Rindfleish
1989-91	Andrew Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish
1992-93	Darrell Shephard	Michael Hannelly

	DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING
1994-2009	Darrell Shephard
2010-	Scott Rindfleish

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

YEAR	UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF	PRESIDENT /DIRECTOR	VICE PRESIDENT /DEPUTY DIRECTOR	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1966	Edna Nash	Edna Nash			
1967	Edna Nash	Edna Nash			
1968	Edna Nash	Edna Nash		Jeanette Walsh	Sandra Rudman
1969	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	Dawn Young	Sandra Smith	Ruth Harris
1970	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	Dawn Young	Sue Crook	Ruth Harris
1971	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	Dawn Young	Sue Crook	Ruth Harris
1972	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	Dawn Young	Sandra Smith	Ruth Harris
1973	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	Dawn Young	Sandra Smith	Ruth Harris
1974	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	Dawn Young		Ruth Harris
1975	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	Dawn Young		Ruth Harris
1976	Edna Nash	Edna Nash		Laurie Clarcken	Ruth Harris
1977	Edna Nash	Edna Nash		Laurie Clarcken	Ruth Harris
1978	Edna Nash	Edna Nash		Laurie Clarcken	Ruth Harris
1978 – 1979	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	Catherine Lloyd	Vicki Gearin	Pat Gearin
1979 – 1980	Edna Nash	Edna Nash	John Reid	Vicki Gearin	Pat Gearin
1980 – 1981	Catherine Lloyd	Catherine Lloyd	Edna Nash	Vicki Gearin	Pat Gearin
1981 – 1982	Catherine Lloyd	Catherine Lloyd	Kay Thompson & Dot Tuck	Vicki Gearin	Robyn Peters
				& Kay Thompson	
1982 – 1983	Peter Hill	Peter Hill	Cathy Vincent (Lloyd) & Peg Cutts	Kay Thompson	Robyn Peters
1983 – 1984	Cathy Vincent (Lloyd)	Cathy Vincent	Peter Hill & Peg Cutts	Kay Thompson	Robyn Peters
1984 – 1985	Peg Cutts	Peg Cutts	Peter Hill & Rhonda Buckley	Kay Thompson	Robyn Peters
1985 – 1986	Rhonda Buckley	Rhonda Buckley	Peter Hill	Kay Thompson	Robyn Peters
1986 – 1987	Rhonda Buckley	Andrew Rindfleish	Peter Hill & Ian Langford-Brown	Kay Thompson	Robyn Peters
1987 – 1988	Rhonda Buckley	Andrew Rindfleish	Peter Hill & Peg Cutts	Kay Thompson	Robyn Peters
1988 – 1989	Andrew Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish	Peter Hill & Robyn Whittaker	Kay Thompson	Robyn Peters
1989 – 1990	Andrew Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish	Peter Hill & David Stanton	Kay Thompson	Robyn Peters
1990 – 1991	Andrew Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish		Arthur Comer	Bob Biggs

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

YEAR	UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF	PRESIDENT /DIRECTOR	VICE PRESIDENT /DEPUTY DIRECTOR	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1991 – 1992	Darrell Shephard	Michael Hannelly		Lis Hannelly	Dave Duckworth
1992 – 1993	Darrell Shephard	Michael Hannelly		Lis Hannelly	Dave Duckworth
1993 – 1994	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Michael Hannelly	Alan Brown	Dave Duckworth
1994 – 1995	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Michael Hannelly	Alan Brown	Dave Duckworth
1995 – 1996	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	David Crowe	Rhonda Buckley	Andrew Rindfleish
1996 – 1997	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	David Stanton	Sue Itzstein	Andrew Rindfleish
1997 – 1998	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	David Crowe	Sue Itzstein	Bruce McCahon
1998 – 1999	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	David Crowe	Sue Itzstein	Bruce McCahon
1999 – 2000	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	David Crowe	Sue Itzstein	Bruce McCahon
2000 – 2001	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	David Crowe	Sue Itzstein	Bruce McCahon
2001 – 2002	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	David Crowe	Sue Itzstein	Bruce McCahon
2002 – 2003	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Bruce McCahon	Sue Itzstein	Heather Randall
2003 – 2004	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Bruce McCahon	Sue Itzstein	Heather Randall
2004 – 2005	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Graham Boyle	Sue Itzstein	Heather Kennedy (Randall)
2005 – 2006	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Bruce McCahon	Sue Itzstein	Heather Kennedy
2006 – 2007	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Bruce McCahon	Sue Itzstein	Heather Kennedy
2007 – 2008	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Bruce McCahon	Sue Itzstein	Greg Zucchetti
2008 – 2009	Darrell Shephard	Darrell Shephard	Bruce McCahon	Vicki Lansley	Greg Zucchetti
2009 - 2010	Scott Rindfleish	Scott Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Jay Gibson
2010 – 2011	Scott Rindfleish	Scott Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Jay Gibson
2011 - 2012	Scott Rindfleish	Scott Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Jay Gibson
2012 - 2013	Scott Rindfleish	Scott Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Jay Gibson
2013 - 2014	Scott Rindfleish	Scott Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Jay Gibson
2014 - 2015	Scott Rindfleish	Scott Rindfleish	Andrew Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Jay Gibson

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STATE BADGE / LEVEL 4 UMPIRES

Year	Umpire	Number	Year	Umpire	Number
1954	Jean Tooth	1	1993	Ray Ramsay	42
1965	Joan Fitton	2	1994	Sue Itzstein	43
1965	Dawn Young	3	1994	Bruce McCahon	44
1968 Est	Bev Lawson	4	1995	Ted Norris	45
1969 Est	Carol Peel	5	1996	Greg Baker	46
1970 Est	Pat McCann	6	1996	Adam Cotton	47
1972 Est	Sandra Smith	7	1997	Peter Watts	48
1972 Est	Cathy Westaway (Elliot)	8	1998	Andrew Chapman	49
1972 Est	Jenny Van Lennep	9	1998	Julie Lamond	50
1974 Est	Robyn Peters	10	1999	Col Davis	51
1976 Est	Catherine Vincent (Lloyd)	11	1999	Amanda Houison (Greggs)	52
1978 Est	Dot Tuck	12	1999	Ross Harrison	53
1979 Est	Di Smart	13	2000	Graham Boyle	54
1980	Barry Campey	14	2000	Nicole Crowe	55
1980	Peg Cutts	15	2000	Scott Rindfleish	56
1980	Robert Currie	16	2001	Heather Kennedy (Randall)	57
1980	Vicki Gearin	17	2002	David Baker	58
1980	Peter Hill	18	2002	Stephen Morgan	59
1980	Garrick Hooper	19	2002	Danny Wikitoa	60
1980	Kay Thompson	20	2003	Nick Beashel	61
1982	Rhonda Buckley	21	2003	Howard Watt	62
1982	Andrew Rindfleish	22	2005	Leanne Gearside	63
1983	Alan Brown	23	2005	Vicki Lansley	64
1985	Darrell Shephard	24	2005	Greg Zucchetti	65
1986	Ian Langford-Brown	25	2007	Kyira Cox	66
1986	Lesley Steedman	26	2007	Jay Gibson	67
1987	Robyn Whittaker	27	2007	Peter Medbury	68
1989	David Crowe	28	2007	Jesse Smith	69
1989	Riini Jaram	29	2007	Sharyn Girdler	70
1989	David Stanton	30	2009	Sue Allison	71
1990	Mike Hannelly	31	2009	James English	72
1990	Ken Pullen	32	2009	George Norrish	73
1990	Sue Screen	33	2010	Paul Bourke	74
1991	Mark Jeppesen	34	2010	Vic Guillaumier	75
1991	Keith Wearne	35	2010	Robert McIntosh	76
1991	Louise Wheatley	36	2011	Adrian Rampoldi	77
1992	Bob Biggs	37	2013	Andrew Compton	78
1992	Robyn Draper	38	2013	James Townsend	79
1992	Lis Hannelly	39	2013	Kristina Travers	80
1992	Trevor Pascall	40	2015	Andrew Birks	81
1993	Lisa Pockran (Freeman)	41	2015	Dylan Murdoch	82

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AUSTRALIAN QUALIFIED UMPIRES

Year	Umpire	AA / Level 6 Number	Level 7	Level 8
1954	Doris Barker	4		
1954	Yvonne Cox	5		
1960	Edna Nash	22		
1961	Jean Tooth	26		
1966	Dawn Young	33		
1972	Bev Lawson	44		
1980	Catherine Lloyd (Vincent)	60		
1982	Peter Hill	65		
1983	Peg Cutts	67		
1984	Rhonda Buckley	72		
1986	Andrew Rindfleish	82	1992	2002
1987	Kay Thompson	84		
1989	Lesley Steedman	89		
1990	Riini Jaram	91		
1991	Alan Brown	92		
1991	Darrell Shephard	96		
1993	David Crowe	102		
1995	David Stanton	111		
1997	Trevor Pascall	115		
1998	Louise Wheatley	118		
2001	Sue Itzstein	124	2008	
2001	Bruce McCahon	126		
2002	Greg Baker	127		
2003	Lisa Pockran (Freeman)	131		
2004	Scott Rindfleish	133	2009	2010
2004	Graham Boyle	134		
2006	Ron Houison	141		
2006	Colin Davis	142		
2007	Amanda Houison	147	2015	
2008	Howard Watt	150		
2010	Vicki Lansley	156		
2011	Kyira Cox	157		
2011	Leanne Gearside	160		
2011	Jesse Smith	161		
2012	Jay Gibson	163		
2013	Goerge Norrish	166		
2014	James English	173		

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INTERNATIONAL UMPIRES

UMPIRE	ISF NUMBER	YEAR
Dawn Young		1970
Andrew Rindfleish	516	1990
Lesley Steedman	773	1997
Sue Itzstein	1007	2004
David Crowe	1008	2004
Darrell Shephard	1009	2004
Bruce McCahon	1011	2004
Scott Rindfleish	1100	2006
Ron Houison	1216-FP	2011
Howard Watt	1221-FP	2011
Amanda Houison	1225-FP	2011
Kyira Cox	1296-FP	2014
Leanne Gearside	1298-FP	2014
Jay Gibson	1299-FP	2014
Jesse Smith	1306-FP	2014

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRES

Umpire	Event	Year
Dawn Young	Open Women	1970
Andrew Rindfleish	Under 19 Women	1991
Andrew Rindfleish	Open Men	1996
Lesley Steedman	Under 19 Women	1999
Andrew Rindfleish	Open Men	2000
Andrew Rindfleish	Under 19 Men	2001
Lesley Steedman	Under 19 Men	2001
Andrew Rindfleish	Olympic Qualifier - Asia/Oceania	2003
Sue Itzstein	Under 19 Women	2007
Scott Rindfleish	Under 19 Men	2008
Scott Rindfleish	Open Women	2010
Scott Rindfleish	Open Men	2013
Amanda Houison	Under 19 Women	2013
Kyira Cox	Under 19 Women	2015
Ron Houison	Under 19 Women	2015

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ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Year	'Andrew Rindfleish' Umpire of the Year	Directors Award	Individual Award for Umpire Development	Encouragement Award	Affiliate Award for Umpire Development
1997	Matthew Gowty	Michael Hannelly	Frank Mansell	Mark Long	North Shore
1998	Lesley Steedman	David Crowe	Sue Itzstein	Scott Rindfleish	Southern Districts
1999	Darrell Shephard	Bruce McCahon	Louise Wheatley	Nicole Crowe	Tweed Heads
2000	Andrew Rindfleish	Sue Itzstein	David Crowe	Heather Randall	Newcastle
2001	Lesley Steedman	David Baker	Graham Boyle	Steve Morgan	Georges River
2002	Andrew Rindfleish	Scott Rindfleish	John Walker	Howard Watt	Hornsby
2003	Sue Itzstein	Bruce McCahon	Scott Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Sutherland
2004	Bruce McCahon	Dinga Bell	Howard Watt	Wendy Boyd	North Shore
2005	Sue Itzstein	Scott Rindfleish	Bruce McCahon	Peter Medbury	Southern Districts
2006	Scott Rindfleish	Sue Itzstein	Heather Kennedy	Kyira Cox	Orange
2007	Sue Itzstein	Jim Long	Vicki Lansley	Sharyn Girdler	Penrith
2008	Scott Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Sharyn Girdler	Sue Allison	Sutherland
2009	Darrell Shephard	Scott Rindfleish	Adrian Rampoldi	Andrew Cocks	Hornsby
2010	Scott Rindfleish	Leanne Gearside	Howard Watt	Myles Lego	Penrith
2011	Scott Rindfleish	Vicki Lansley	Leanne Gearside	Colin Tutt	Cumberland
2012	Ron Houison	Jim Long	Ron Houison	James Townsend	Cumberland
2013	Scott Rindfleish	Leanne Gearside	Ron Houison	Tom Ryan	Cumberland
2014	Kyira Cox	Jesse Smith	Phillip Wardley	Mac Reith-Snare	Orange
2015	Kyira Cox	Andrew Rindfleish	Andrew Compton	Darren O'Neil	Southern Districts

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