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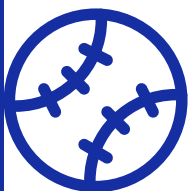
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**WELCOME TO THE FOURTH
NEWSLETTER
OF THE 2019/2020 SEASON!!**

President Report

WOW! What a huge couple of months it has been down at Waverley!
Waverley successfully hosted the U16 Boys and Girls Australian Championships in January and what a week that was! It was fantastic to have a National Tournament back at our home grounds!!
We sent an U16 Girls team of up and coming softball players to the Australia Day Carnival in ACT. All the kids had great fun learning and playing against other states.
Waverley won the U14 Girls State Championships against Casey Softball Association and WSA entered a combined team with Dandenong into the U14 Boys State Championships. A great result was achieved, finishing in 3rd place.
Waverley players have represented the Eastside Spectres at the new format U16 Zone State Championships! At the end of Day 1 both Girls and Boys finished 2nd on the ladder. Let's see what Day 2 brings on Sunday 1st March at Dandenong Softball Association. Good luck to everyone!
This year's Summer Slam competition in Sydney saw Waverley players being invited up to play with the best players in Australia!
We also had many players, officials and umpires head around the country for numerous National campaigns!
With all that comes a huge thank you to the entire softball community for their help, support and assistance throughout all the events! Without volunteers our sport wouldn't be what it is. As little as an hour of help goes a long way!
We still have events coming up throughout April with Waverley hosting the Open State Championships (4/5 April) and our Annual Easter Carnival (10-13 April).
We welcome any form of volunteering from a quick toilet paper check through to being able to assist with diamond work! Please let one of the Committee members know if you can help out with either of these events!
Good luck to all Clubs in the lead up to Finals in March 2020.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



U16 Boy's and Girl's National Championships

For the first time in years, Waverley Softball Association were the hosts of the U16 National Championships!!



WSA would like to thank each and every volunteer that came down during the week to help us out!!! Even if you were there for a couple of hours or the whole day, WSA really appreciates it. Without the support and help from people, events like these don't happen. Once again thank you to everyone that helped out

It was a great week filled of action packed softball. The Vic Girls played some awesome games with some spectacular hitting! They unfortunately finished 4 as they lost to NSW in the prelim final. Our Vic Boys stole the show as they made it to the Grand Final!! The Boys took on NSW for a spot in Saturday's game. They won in a nail-biting 8 inning game. The Boys unfortunately lost the Grand Final to Qld, but they played their best until the last out



A big thanks to the stalls that we had during the week. Fielders Choice, Steffikakes and Wholesome Extras, DipnDots, Red Hot Coffee and Waverley Physio who came down and supplied some yummy treats, drinks, softball gear and rubdowns

Congratulations to Qld on sweeping the U16 Nationals Champs!!



Mini Comps for Open 1

Leaderboard from Rounds 1-13

The new Mini Comps for Open 1 have been in action for 13 rounds!! In order to create suspense, we've decided to announce leading CLUBS instead of leading individuals!! Good luck everyone

The Belinda "Chop" Cunningham Base Running Award

- 1. Glen Waverley**
- 2. Northwood Falcons**
- 3. Brandon Heights**

The Greg Brown Batting Award

- 1. Glen Waverley**
- 2. Glen Waverley**
- 3. Brandon Heights**
- 3. Eastern Raiders**
- 3. Northwood Falcons**

The Paez 'Pinnacle' Pitching Award

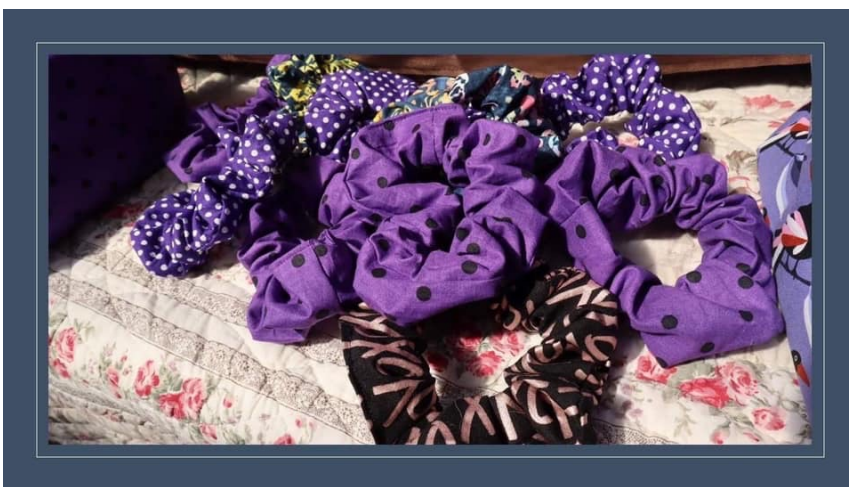
- 1. Northwood Falcons**
- 2. Syndal**
- 3. Eastern Raiders**

Reminder: there are CASH PRIZES to be won for each category



Alysha Waye Memorial Round

**On the 8th of Feb we held
our Alysha Waye Memorial
Round in support of the Cure
Brain Cancer Foundation
and Alysha's Army!!**



**Chop Cunningham from
Brandon Heights shaved
her hair off for the Shave
for a Cure!!! She has
managed to raise \$4100...
so far!! Well done Chop**



**We had Willowcrafts
and SteffiKakes
& Wholesome
Extras come down
with some awesome
goodies and delicious
treats!**

**Overall it was a successful day
for a great cause. WSA raised
approx \$800 for the Cure Brain
Cancer foundation. Alysha's
Army Merchandise stall, SteffiKakes,
Willowcrafts and donations
managed to raise a collective
\$1224. Well done everyone and
thank you to everyone who
donated**



Match Report

Jason Irvine

Brandon Heights left their run late in their Open 1 matchup with Northwood Falcons at Waverley Softball Association. It paid off though as the Bandits claimed four runs in the sixth inning to steal the game as the game finished 5-1.

Bec Schafer was the first player to make a start for Brandon Heights, hitting a big ball to left field which allowed her to stand up on second base. However, Schafer was judged to leave base early with two down and became the third out.

Emily Fry became the first runscore of the game for the Falcons in the second inning, hitting a single and making her way around the bases, eventually crossing home plate as Erin Dunstan singled.

Down by a that lone run until the sixth, Brandon Heights began the innings with the top of their lineup, Chloe Goodfellow beginning the dig with a double to come home from a Milli Mercuri single and Schafer who scored on an error from second base.

The Bandits quickly found themselves two down after back-to-back strikeouts from Falcons pitcher Dale Stocker, however, Ebony Fulford's hit to centerfield gave her a two-RBI single.

Across the game, Fulford had two hits from three at bats. For Northwood, Fry had two hits from her four trips to the plate.

Sheree Wood was the other beneficiary of a run in the Bandit's seventh inning as the top of the order again did a great job of moving runners around.

In the pitching battle, Stocker had five strikeouts and allowed nine hits while Sharni Arthur for Brandon Heights also had five strikeouts but three hits.

Brand Heights are scheduled to play in a midweek, fully loaded fixture against Eastern Raiders next while for Northwood, they'll Syndal on Saturday afternoon.



Open 1 Player Profile

Dale Stocker



How long have you been playing softball for?

20+ years

What position do you play?

Pitcher

If you could be another player for one game, who would you be and why?

Peta Edebone - who wouldn't want the chance to be the best for one game?

Go to snack on the bench?

Starburst snakes

Favourite movie?

Remember the Titans

Favourite singer or band?

Foo Fighters

Funniest person on your team?

Jardi Rawhiti-Thompson

Favourite softball moment?

U23 Aus Day Carnival Grand Final win - No one gave us a chance of winning that game

Favourite softball field?

Ulverstone Softball, Tasmania

Super power?

The power to heal

Important News

WSA 19/20

Season

*Not long until the regular season
is over and Finals begin*

Open State

Champs

*WSA is holding the Open
State Champs 4th-5th of April
2020*



Waverley Girls take on the 2020 Summer Slam

**Congratulations to
the other Vic Open
Women representatives;
Kat, Bree, Kelly and
Mark!!**

**After the SAL Open
Womens National Champs
in early Jan, Waverley
Girls Milli Mercuri (Brandon
Heights) and Grace Peters
(Glen Waverley) were
invited to take part in
the 2020 Summer Slam
from the 3rd-5th of Feb**



**Milli represented the Riot
whilst Grace the Fury.
They both got plenty of
game time in the fast
paced, exciting, three-inning
game format!! After round
games were completed,
Riot finished last and
Fury finished third**



Umpiring through the Summer!

Do umpires have a break in the summer? Well if you said yes reading this article will change your answer! December was a busy month for Waverley Umpires for both Men's and Women's State League Final Series.

Jason Irvine (U3) and Kian Privitera (U1) were appointed as base umpires for the eventual washed out Peta Edebone Cup Grand Final at GEMSA. Although it was disappointing the Grand Final being washed out due to the heavy rain setting in, the earlier games did provide a great opportunity for Jason, Kian and well as Roy Arscott and Lucy James umpiring two or three games of the Fully Loaded Softball. Perfect timing since the second half of the Waverley season includes the Fully Loaded Open 1 games.

Just four days later Kian (PU), Jason (U1) and Rob Dykstra (U3) were appointed for the Men's State League Semi Final at Knox between Metrains and Southern Knights. The following week Kian was appointed as the 3rd Base umpire for the Grand Final. Congratulations to all!

As the year moved to 2020 the crucial month of January turned our focus to Nationals. Lucy was luckily enough to be the real local umpire for combined U16 nationals at Jells Park. Her hard work was rewarded by being appointed as the Left Field umpire for the U16 Girls Grand Final. The rare use of the six-man rotation system used for both U16 grand finals.

In the same week as the U16's Kian, Jason and Tobias Sadler travelled to Perth for the U14's Girls Regionals Tournament. As the Regional Tournaments is not officially a Nationals tournament Softball Australia had split the U14's competition into two formats. The first format was the Fully Loaded Competition which took two days to complete. The Regionals version of Fully Loaded was highly experimental as a few unusual and draining rules were included. The Fastpitch Format was much easier to officiate as the standard Regional tournament rules were used. Despite the two formats of softball being played throughout the week, the experience and feedback was highly beneficial for all as everyone had umpired with all members of the U14's crew at least twice. It was also a reunion for Jason and Kian working with Stuart Tyler again as he was an assessor for the week. Thankfully, the Fastpitch format Grand Final was not affected by the two-hour blackout as the game played during day. They also had a chance to have a quick chat to Chris Trengove as he was the Tournament Chief Statistician for Open Women's Nationals.

As many would know, the dangerous air levels in Canberra caused by the bushfires forced the Open Men's and U14 Regional Boys tournaments to be moved to Blacktown, Sydney. This was very disruptive for a large number of U14's Girls umpires as they were also appointed for the U14 boy's Tournament. However, more disruption was on the agenda as heavy rain throughout the week in Sydney forced another venue change for the Fastpitch format of the Regional Boys Tournament. These games were moved to Macarthur softball Association. Despite the additional disruption, Jason was appointed as First Base Umpire for the Semi Final.

And finally, Stuart Tyler and Chris Trengove travelled to Sydney for the U18 Women's Nationals.

Waverley Umpires are looking forward for the second half of the season as we have the Open 1 Fully Loaded games, the season's Finals Series and State Championships.



Sponsors



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WSA welcomes the Pinnacle Health Club Caribbean Park as a sponsor for the season 2019-20.

Pinnacle Health are proudly sponsoring the Open 1 Mini Competition's Pitching Award this season along with providing vouchers, scanner and locker room sessions too.

Pinnacle Health Clubs is a family owned business out of the Eastern suburbs with 6 locations in the community. Pinnacle is a full service health club with the latest in training styles and programs all under one roof. This includes a dedicated wellness/reformer pilates studio, small group team training and also 24/7 access gym.

Please give the Manager, Brochelle Georgeson a call for all your fitness requirements on 8672 5059.



WSA is proud to continue the affiliation with Fielders Choice Victoria as the preferred supplier for the season 2019-20.

Fielders Choice offers indoor training facilities, weights, pitching machines etc and can accommodate team training sessions too.

If you are lucky enough to hit a HOME RUN during game days on D1 & 2 then Fielders Choice will donate a \$10 voucher for you to use in store.

Please give David Privitera a call to discuss your softball apparel & equipment requirements on 9545 3174. or drop in to the store at Unit 9/35 Dunlop Road, Mulgrave, 3170 [inside the Nexus Business Park where the Adidas Store is located].



MELBOURNE
GLEN WAVERLEY

WSA welcomes the Novotel Hotel Glen Waverley as a sponsor for the season 2019-20.

The Novotel Hotel are proudly sponsoring the softball competition with Vouchers and an amazing Overnight weekend experience in a Deluxe Suite, dinner for two and movie tickets (valued at \$500.00).

NMGW will provide a preferred hotel rate to all families attending the

Easter Tournament and Softball Australia 2020 U16 Girls and Boys National Championships. There will also be on ground support with one of the famous NMGW food stalls at the Easter Tournament.



Mulgrave
Country
Club

Your Club

WSA welcomes the Mulgrave Country Club in Mulgrave as a sponsor for the season 2019-20.

Mulgrave Country Club are proudly sponsoring the Open 1 Mini Competition's 'Batting' and 'Base Running' Awards this season.

The Family Friendly Club continues to support individuals, charities, sporting clubs and schools in the local area. There is a range of activities, dining options, pokies, live music/shows, trivia, members areas and a redeveloped Terrace Area for relaxing on those sunny days.

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