



Waverley Softball Association Inc.



Annual Report

Season 2017-2018



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Our Mission:

"To provide great Softball experiences at Waverley, that contribute to the success and growth of Softball in Victoria".

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1. Waverley Executive Committee

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| President | Cheryl Waye |
| Vice President | Neil Hamilton |
| Treasurer | Ashley Irvine |
| Secretary | Alysha Waye |
| Registrar | Allison Pendlebury |
| General Committee | Gail Irvine |
| General Committee | Greg Brown |
| General Committee | Cheryl-Anne Olley |

2. Waverley Honour Roll

2.1 Life Members

The following people are Life Members of Waverley Softball Association, in recognition of their outstanding service to the Association and its members.

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| Aubrey Kotz | Graeme Brown | William (Bill) Gobbart* |
| Arthur Allsopp* | Chas Holland-King | Greg Brown |
| Ray Allsopp | Joanne Paez | Heather Pilkington* |
| Mrs Jan Allsopp | Bev Moore | Pat Chambers |
| Ms Rhonda Boyd | Jack Jennings* | Leanne Wilkinson |
| Mrs Fay Hill (Chaffey) | Des Smith | Peta Edebone |
| Jack Chaffey* | Ian Snowball* | Sharon Stocker |
| Peg Chaffey* | Sandra Troyahn | Jacinta Poole |
| Peter Hall* | Les McLean | Allison Pendlebury |
| Barbara Doggett | Ron Pilkington | Cheryl Waye |
| Dave Robson | Elaine Shultz* | Rob Cunningham |
| | Peter Philips* | |

*(Deceased)

2.2 Service Awards

The following people have been awarded Service Awards in recognition of their service to Waverley Softball Association and its members.

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Jane Allen | Vera Sharp* | Brian Cook |
| Peter Calderan* | John Shaw | David Punter |
| Arthur Cox | Dorlie Kyle | Robert Cunningham |
| Bernie Darcy | Ray Newsome | Bill Inglis* |
| Ron Hall | Ray Otter | David Campbell |
| John Heggie | Gerald Quigley | Jacinta Poole |
| John Kane | Margaret Wood | Tracey Duscher |
| Pam Seymour | John Billsborough | Lindsay Whitehead |
| Lindsay Seymour | Sharon Stocker | Charlotte Bernhard |
| Allison Pendlebury | Cheryl Waye | Stuart Tyler |
| Kay Williams | Moiria Teichert | |

*(Deceased)

3. President's Report

Wow – What a Year!

2017-18 was a hectic year with plenty of meetings and discussions, but what have we achieved?

In July we successfully applied to host the U17 State Championships in November.

Waverley in conjunction with Softball Victoria also applied to host the 2018-2020 U17 Nationals. We were allocated the Jan 2020 Nationals and this will need to be a focus for the next 18 months.

Waverley hosted the Softball Victoria Forum and AGM in August when four of our members were honored with acknowledgement of their contribution to Victoria softball. Congratulations to Softball Victoria Life Member recipients Mary Walkinshaw and Kerrie Maddern and Merle Short Service Awards recipients Allison Pendlebury and Angela Forgan.

Our Annual School Gala Day followed by Come 'n' Try on the Saturday were held in September.

Unfortunately school team's numbers were low this year, but those who attended had fun.

The 2017-18 season hosted 35 senior teams and 14 junior teams. Our senior competition was bolstered when Knox District Softball Association approached Waverley re a joint Open 4 competition which resulted in 14 teams in our Open 4 competition. Games were played at Waverley and Knox grounds during the season with a 7 team split after Christmas to give more teams the opportunity to play finals. Feedback from Clubs suggest that this was a successful relationship with proposals for a few changes should this continue in 2018-19 season. Our junior competition started with one less team and lost another after Christmas. This decline in numbers needs to be reversed. With an initiative from Simon Ross we have a Recruitment Group that has started work on recruiting in Primary Schools for the upcoming season. This will need volunteers and resources from all Clubs so please ask how you can help. Changes to our current competition may involve our juniors playing on a week night rather than competing with other family commitments on Saturday mornings.

The U17 State Champs was another successful event hosted by Waverley due to the volunteers who helped over the two day tournament. Special mention to the grounds staff that had to deal with teams that decided they could remove pitching plates without any discussion with the appropriate State Championship committee. Waverley successfully brought the title of U17 State Champions back to Waverley.

Christmas arrived with the hope of a well-deserved break. For the U15 State Championship team there was no time as they prepared for their tournament at the end of January. The weather was extremely hot and our young team played hard against strong opposition falling one run short of making finals.

February saw Club teams return to the diamonds for the second half of the season and the right to play Finals in March. Our Open State Championship teams traveled to Albury in March with our Women returning with Gold and our Men finding the competition stronger than the previous year.

After a season of many late afternoon washouts Grand Final Day loomed as another washout. The U11 and U15 junior teams tried their best to play in the wind and rain, but the weather won out. The U13 and U17 teams waited for a break, but again the weather prevailed and the score was Weather 2, Waverley 0. Fortunately we were able to get three diamonds playable for Open 2 and both Open 4 games and then the weather cleared with Open 1 and 3 completing their games.

The following weekend was Easter and Waverley hosted 20 teams from around the country and 1 from New Zealand. I would like to thank Claire Shelvey who stepped up to the plate to help with the pre-tournament arrangements and organisation of the volunteers for the tournament this year. A huge thank you to all volunteers who gave some time before, during and after to help make this another great event. Congratulations to all players, coaches, managers, statisticians and families who turned up every day to represent our great Association with pride and passion. Your spirit and enthusiasm is what makes us come back year after year. Thank you to the players and families who accepted our calls for help to put teams on the diamonds over the weekend as players succumbed to injury. Thank you also to our Easter supporter's Fielder's Choice, Coffee A La Cart and Steffikakes.

Next was the U19 State Championships at Dandenong. Having lost a few of our team to illness and injury in the lead up to the tournament we had fingers crossed that we would get through the tournament unscathed. A player went down in the first game and was not able to play the rest of the weekend, but the team stood strong and brought home the trophy.

Thank you to all coaches, staff, selectors, players and families for their support of our Representative program at State Championships and Easter. We hope to be able to send junior teams to the SA and ACT tournaments in 2018-19.

During the year many State Teams, SSV, schools teams and other groups such as the Japanese Society have trained and played on our diamonds keeping our grounds staff very busy. The amount of work involved is more than our grounds crew of two plus helpers can handle and we will need another part time member to keep the grounds playable. Thank you to our grounds crew lead by Greg Brown and Rob Cunningham and the many helpers throughout the year including Neil Hamilton, Darryl Wood, Wayne Peters, Bernie MacDonald, Steven and Aiden Penfold.

Thank you to Anita and staff for keeping us all fed throughout the season. Special thanks to Shirley who generously donates her time to assist Anita.

To the Clubs Presidents, Secretaries and committees thank you for your support and hard work over the past year. They say many helpers make light work and to those of you who continually turned up to assist with the events such as Come & Try, School Gala Day, Easter, Pink Day and other events I thank you for your ongoing efforts. Together, through recruitment strategies we can fill the park and bring this sport back to life.

To the WSA Committee Neil, Ashley, Alysha, Allison, Cheryl-Anne, Gail and Greg thank you for your input over the past year. It's been a year of learning for many of us, taking on tasks that were new to us without hesitation, such as Cheryl-Anne who found herself not only doing Rep Teams, but Easter as well and Alysha who took on the huge task of controlling all our bookings as well as keeping up with the secretarial role, and here we are at the end still standing. For some of you it's time to take a break and let others have a go. I thank you for the time that you have given the Association. For those staying on the committee thank you for your continued support. The road may be long and seem uphill, but if you bring along a friend or two the journey will be worth it.

Finally thank you to David Privitera and Fielder's Choice who came on board to support Waverley for the second half of the season. We look forward to their ongoing support into the 2018-19 season. Thank you also to Monash Council for the grounds that we are fortunate to lease and to Cindy from Tru-View Photography for her support with our Representative team photos. Lastly, a big thankyou to Susan Mercuri for her time and expertise with art for flyers and other marketing materials.

Cheryl Waye - Waverley President 2017-18

4. Financial Report

On behalf of the WSA Executive, I present the Audited Reports – Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 30 April 2018, and Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 30 April 2018. (See separate document.)

An audit of all relevant documents, including bank statement and reconciliations, has been conducted by the Association's Auditor, Mr Lindsay Coster, of accounting firm Coster Galgut Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants of Mulgrave.

His Audit Opinion letter is available should any member wish to view it.

The Waverley Softball Association has recorded a profit of \$3,416.00 for the 2017-2018 reporting year.

Ashley Irvine - WSA Treasurer

5. Grounds Report

The routine weekly maintenance done at the park was the preparation of skinned diamonds, the mowing of grass playing areas and line marking throughout the park. The skinned diamonds played consistently well although we need to consider professional levelling. An overall flatter surface with a slight grade will provide a more predictable playing surface and will assist in water run-off.

The council did a splendid job of removing the “lip” from the gravel/grass junction on diamond 2. It is a great improvement. Hopefully diamonds 1 and 9 are to be done.

Replacements were installed for the rubber pitching mats on several diamonds as they proved to be unsatisfactory when wet. We have tried a number of options and will continue to look for the best alternative. It was obvious that the use of no mat when tried was not acceptable.

For whatever reason – probably a drainage issue – the unfired brick substrate installed in the batting boxes on diamonds 1, 2 and 9 proved to be unsuitable on diamond 2. After rain, the boxes became a quagmire. Further investigations will be made.

The number of school bookings mid-week for diamonds increased substantially, most involving diamond preparation and set-up.

Whilst the task of finding people within clubs to do groundwork is proving ever more difficult, the weekly preparation of club diamonds is not satisfactory, and similarly club and rep teams that train on diamonds during the week too often do little repair work after training.

Overall the park is in very good condition and is a wonderful facility.

Greg Brown & Rob Cunningham

6. Umpiring Report

This season began like any other – we greeted some returning familiar faces and welcomed some new faces, particularly a few from Knox through the Open 4 combined competition.

With a total number of 20 games to staff each week, and many of our umpires working 2-3 games in a day, some a couple more spread between other commitments such as school sport and other associations, the umpiring team at Waverley continued to staff each game with a minimum of 2 umpires. Albeit there was some confusion with regards to start times between the Open 4 Knox vs the Open 4 Waverley start times... Something we hope to improve for next season.

We continued the development of our umpires at every level from brand new umpire to those developing their 3 umpire rotation on the Open 1 and some Open 2 night games. An opportunity that also allowed for some new faces within the umpiring circle for Open 2 each week as well as Jason Irvine umpiring his first Open 1 plate this season – well done!

The majority of our umpiring team were on the diamond each week at 2pm, a timeslot that consisted of 4 Open 2 games and initially 7, but later 6 Open 4 games. This adds up to a grand total of 11 games, requiring 22 umpires on diamond to staff. Despite the heavy workload of this timeslot, we also managed to have an off diamond mentor and contact person available to support our green shirt teams, often having 2 or 3 mentors available during this timeslot. This is a great improvement upon previous seasons, but we still have a golden goal of one mentor per game to strive for. The umpiring team hopes that this is a goal we can continue to improve upon in the coming seasons with the support of the Waverley community. Thank you to our team of mentors – Roy Arscott, Graham Cherry, Lindsay Whitehead, Chris Trengove, Jarna Cherry, Chris Nelson, Meredith Nelson, Colin Watkeys, Chris Trengove and Rob Dykstra.

During the summer period we had 2 umpires attend National Championships – Chris Trengove and Lucy James. Congratulations also go to Chris Trengove for his appointment onto the National Umpiring Committee Staff – Development.

Waverley continues to have a solid presence at State Championships, not only in teams competing, but also in the umpiring community with representatives at u12s as both mentors and beginner umpires in the green shirt program. 4 umpires attended state championships for the first time to take part in the u15 future umpire program run at the u15 state championships.

The under 17 state championships, hosted at Waverley this past season, with our local umpires Chris Trengove and Lucy James receiving invitation and support from the Victorian Umpiring Committee to undertake the roles of Tournament Chief Umpire and Deputy Tournament Chief umpire respectively. At this tournament we also had our Waverley contingent of umpires, as well as umpires in the pool and a candidate for assessment. Congratulations to Robert Dykstra on successful completion of level 2. The opens state championships provided yet another opportunity for a Waverley umpire to debut at state championship level with Jordan Hutchinson attending the championships in Albury. To finish the state championship round off the under 19s provided a post season opportunity for Waverley umpires to continue their strong on diamond presence. It was good to see Kian Privitera stepping up to mentor junior developing umpires at this level. Waverley umpires have continued to collaborate with neighbouring associations in order to attend state championships together.

As the 2017-2018 season drew to a close our umpiring team have welcomed 4 new level 1 umpires and look forward to celebrating with them, and also to congratulating a couple more of our green shirt umpires on their level 1 completion early in the new season. Congratulations to Jordan Hutchinson, Rhys Fairweather, Blake Dunkley and Karri Pritchard (Knox).

Congratulations to our two award winners for the 2017-2018 season. Robert Dykstra was awarded the Trevor Hanstead award, whilst the Lindsay Whitehead encouragement award went to David Sutton. Easter tournament ran successfully in the umpires rooms with Rob Dykstra stepping up to the role of Deputy Umpire in Chief and the continued attendance of umpires from around Australia.

Thank you this season goes not only to the Waverley community and umpires for your ongoing support of the umpiring program, but also to the Knox community and Knox umpiring team for your collaboration, support and patience with the nature of combining a competition and resources.

Lucy James - Waverley UIC

7. Clubs Reports

Northwood Falcons Softball Club

The Falcons season started off with a bang as we sent a team over to New Zealand for the World Masters Games in Auckland. The Falcons Masters came runners-up in our pool, only to be beaten by a strong team from Japan. We also had success at the Victorian Masters in Shepparton - coming home with the B Grade gold medal. Falcons were also well represented at a number of tournaments throughout the season - as teams as well as individual players.

As for the Waverley Home and Away season, all of our teams had a good year of results. Open 3 and 4 came 4th in their divisions, but just couldn't pull it all together in the finals, whereas our Open 1 and 2 teams finished 2nd on their ladders and made it to the Grand Final, with Open 2 taking home the trophy on the big day. Our very young Under 11 team had some great wins throughout the season, with all very keen to return next year.

Off the field, we launched a supporter membership package which proved very popular amongst Falcons family and friends. A highly successful trivia night with 100+ in attendance was a great night and a perfect way to end the season.

Jana Boulet - President

Syndal Softball Club

We entered 4 senior teams and had 3 junior players in combined teams for the 2017/2018 season. Our senior teams had a great season with all 4 teams making the finals and 3 getting through to the Grand Final. We welcomed a new Open 1 coach who, in his debut season as a coach, was able not only to take his team to the Grand Final but win in a very close game. Our open 2 Spartans went down again in the Grand Final to Falcons, whilst our Open 3 team took out the Open 3 competition for the second consecutive year. Thanks to everyone at Syndal players, coaches, scorers and umpires -for making our 2017/2018 season successful.

Gill Penfold – President

Northvale Softball Club

Once again Northvale saw a huge growth within the club this season, with so many new families being welcomed into our lovely club. I can only hope that we can continue to grow the club and keep enjoying this game we all love so much for many years to come.

This year had been every bit as exciting and rewarding as previous years, as we do continue to grow and see the new families and old ones coming together as one club.

This season we were able to stand alone with both U11 and U13 with exception to including Scarlett Searle from Brandon Heights and Daisy Stafford from Syndal in the U13 team, as they did not have teams within their own club.

Once again for our U15 girls we could not give them a game so they permitted to Eastern Raiders again for the season. I am always grateful to Raiders for their support in providing a spot for our girls and hopefully one day we will have U11, U13 and an U15 team out on the diamond, this is our aim.

We managed to fulfil two senior teams at Waverley (Open 3 & Open 4), as well as a B Grade team out at the Casey Association.

Northvale entered a team into the U12 Spectacular for the first time and had a little help from some very enthusiastic Falcons kids. We also had three of our juniors playing in the Waverley Easter Carnival and hopefully next year we will have many more participating. We are also entering a team into the Victorian Masters Competition in Werribee for the very first time.

All in all we are very happy to be growing our club and the sport in general and hope, that we can continue to thrive and be supportive and work well with all clubs, to make sure that Softball stays alive.

Sharon Scallion - President.

Eastern Raiders Softball Club

Eastern Raiders fielded teams in every grade at Waverley and 5 were in medal contention as the season wrapped up. It was such a pity that heavy rains washed out the junior grand finals, but we remain very proud of our medal winning teams. Silver to U11, U13 and U17s and a Gold to the U15s.

The biggest challenge we face as a club is dealing with the loss of junior players throughout the competition. While our own teams and numbers have remained strong, it's heartbreaking to see other clubs fall away. We now need to re-energise our recruitment efforts and help beyond Eastern Raiders to ensure our teams have a vibrant competition.

While our main association is through Waverley and our summer season at Jells Park, Eastern Raiders now has regular participation in a range of other softball competitions. In the past 12 months, ERSC has been represented at:

- Waverley summer competition: 4 junior teams & 4 senior teams
- Melbourne winter competition: 2 teams
- Victorian Masters championships/June: 2 teams
- Werribee Cup/September
- Softball SA – Labour Day Junior Tournament/October: U15s team
- Tassie Masters/March

And this coming year we'll be adding 2 more to our list:

- SEMR summer competition: U15 boys team
- Pan Pacific Masters Games/November

Our club sponsors have made a significant contribution to the club's ability to succeed. We are grateful to Fielder's Choice for their ongoing support, and in 2017-18 Bulla Family Dairy was a new sponsor for us. On fundraising day we had the Bulla Van at Waverley and were able to share our good fortune with free ice creams for all the kids in the park.

Raiders players have been represented in state teams: Tamsyn, Alannah, Elise, Taimania, Nicky and Kiara (on permit from EJays), and also played for Waverley at State Championships. Our officials have proudly represented us as umpires, statisticians, coaches and managers at State and National Championships: Alli, Chris, Elly, Kay, Lynsay, Matt, Michelle, Mili, Rosie. We're proud of you all! Special mentions to our Raiders who were recognised for their Vic State team efforts at the recent State Dinner: U17 Elise Cramer – Best Team Player and U15 Taimania Graham – Most Valuable Player. Go Raiders!

Claire Shelvey – President

Brandon Heights Softball Club

Our Club entered the 2017-18 season with slightly more members than last, fielding 3 junior and 6 senior teams. While our junior teams were combined teams with Northwood Falcons & Northvale Softball clubs, our seniors were sole club teams. 2 x Open 4 teams, 1 x Open 3, 2 x Open 2 and 1 Open 1.

Brandon Heights was well represented in the finals this year. Our under 17 girls won the gold medal by virtue of finishing on top of the ladder in what ended up being a wash out game. In the Open 4 Grade we had our two teams playing off for gold, a great effort by both teams. It was a hard fought game with Black ending up winners on the day 18-7. Open 3 made the semi-finals but unfortunately couldn't take their campaign any further, losing in a very tight game that came down to the last innings.

The Club extends congratulations to all other Association club teams, players, coaches, scorers, supporters – on another successful season. Brandon Heights acknowledges all your achievements. We welcomed our sponsors for the second year, Waverley Park Physiotherapy Centre who have made a significant contribution to our Club. Andrew, his colleagues and family have been very supportive of the Brandon Heights brand, this season conducting an education evening promoting healthy activity and nutrition which was well attended by Brandon Heights members and the wider Waverley Softball community.

The Club proudly again played the curtain raiser to the Melbourne Aces game at the Altona stadium in November. It was a great experience for all the girls who took part in this initiative for Diamond sports in Victoria. This we hope will continue to be a permanent arrangement as we move towards Tokyo 2020.

Brandon Heights continues to be well represented at Association, State and National Level competitions. Playing at this elite level is not for everyone but we are proud to be able to provide a stepping-stone and nursery to these talented individuals to hone and improve on skills of the game.

Donna Scammell - Committee

Monash Magic Softball Club

Monash Magic fielded two teams in Season 2017/2018 in Open 3 and Open 4. A couple of new recruits in the off season helped to bolster numbers and help keep both teams on the diamond. Our Open 4 team was in the top Pool after the split which was our goal. A fantastic season was had by all players. The introduction of the Knox teams to Open 4 provided some variety in the competition and many good games were held in good spirit.

Claire Hepenstall - Secretary

Springvale Softball Club

Season 2017-18 was a season where our club was looking to firstly stabilise on our growth from the season previous and then to hopefully growth further.

We looked to expand our juniors from the under 11 mixed team to also include an under 13 mixed team. Our women's team that was launched in the Casey social league the previous season moved to play division 4 at our home association Waverley. We also entered a men's team at Casey Softball Association.

Our club experienced loss of some members and also welcomed some new members and ultimately we stabilised on the previous seasons growth overall. Negatives were the collapse of our under 13 mixed team and the struggles we had filling our men's team on a week to week basis. Positives were our women's team winning the clubs first Waverley competition title in Division 4 plate and our club been represented in several tournaments in Victoria and interstate in both senior and junior categories.

Moving forwards our club aims to continue to grow in all facets and we are aware we have significant challenges to be a better and stronger club but feel Waverley Softball Association is the best possible place we could be to do so.

Scott Dean – President

Glen Waverley Softball Club

The Season was generally a good one, though we struggled to get enough umpires. Our club was strong with younger juniors but struggled getting numbers to fill the U15 & U17 age groups. The club enjoyed the influx of girls from Caulfield Grammar and are looking forward to next season.

Garry Rogers - President

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8. Schools Program

Primary Schools Cup - Friday 15th September

The Waverley Primary Schools Cup was met with a beautiful sunny day, completely different to last year. One of our new schools to join the tournament this year Jells Park Primary took out both the Boys and girls competition.

A big thank you goes to all the helpers that came along to help out on the day and leading up to the tournament - Moira Teichert, Zoë Carolan, Rob Cunningham, Bernie McDonald, and all the umpires that gave up their time. Thank you to Lyn Clarkson and her students from Hallam Secondary School who helped us out with scoring and line umpiring, we look forward to their continued support next year. Thank you to Cassie Liddy and Sharon Scallion for helping with marketing of this tournament and with promotion of the Come and Try Day. We have already had interest for it to be run again in 2018

Come and Try Day -Saturday 16th September

A great job was done by all Waverley Committee and Clubs. This year continued with the station cards and every club was assigned a softball skill station to look after eg – throwing, base running, catching etc. Every child that came along was given a card and they had to go around and participate at each station and have it stamped, once the card was full they ran excitedly up to the pavilion to get their goodies bag.

A fun day was had by all and we were able to recruit some new junior players into our sport. All children that registered their interest were then given to clubs that expressed their interest in needing new players for a certain age group.

Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools is a \$100 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect children with community sport.

We have been fortunate to have many coaches get on board with this program, so a big thank you goes to Steph Krocus, Michelle Panza, Nicole Irvine, for helping run softball clinics over the past twelve months. We have been able to provide over 100 hours of clinics and with the change in procedure recently, which means we have been able to give back approx \$1000 to Waverley to be used for Junior Development in Softball at Waverley. We saw that clinic numbers were low in terms 2&3 however they picked up again in terms 4&1 this is mainly due to the weather and the lack of indoor facilities schools have.

A big thank you goes out to Tony Black, Steph Krocus, Nicole Irvine, Jenny Cassidy and Jo Paiz for running the clinics I had booked in, in term one this year. It's great to know that our softball community can come together to help each other out.

We look forward to this program getting bigger and better each year.

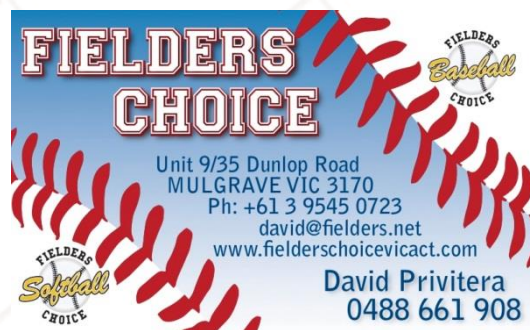
Gail Irvine – Sporting Schools Co-ordinator



9. Waverley's Sponsors:

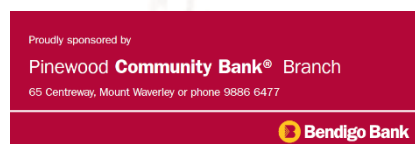
Fielder's Choice contributed significantly with equipment and materials to assist the Association's competition and representative team program.

Waverley encourages all members to support Fielder's Choice when shopping for softball equipment and clothing. <http://www.fielderschoicevicact.com>



Bendigo Bank – Pinewood Community Branch

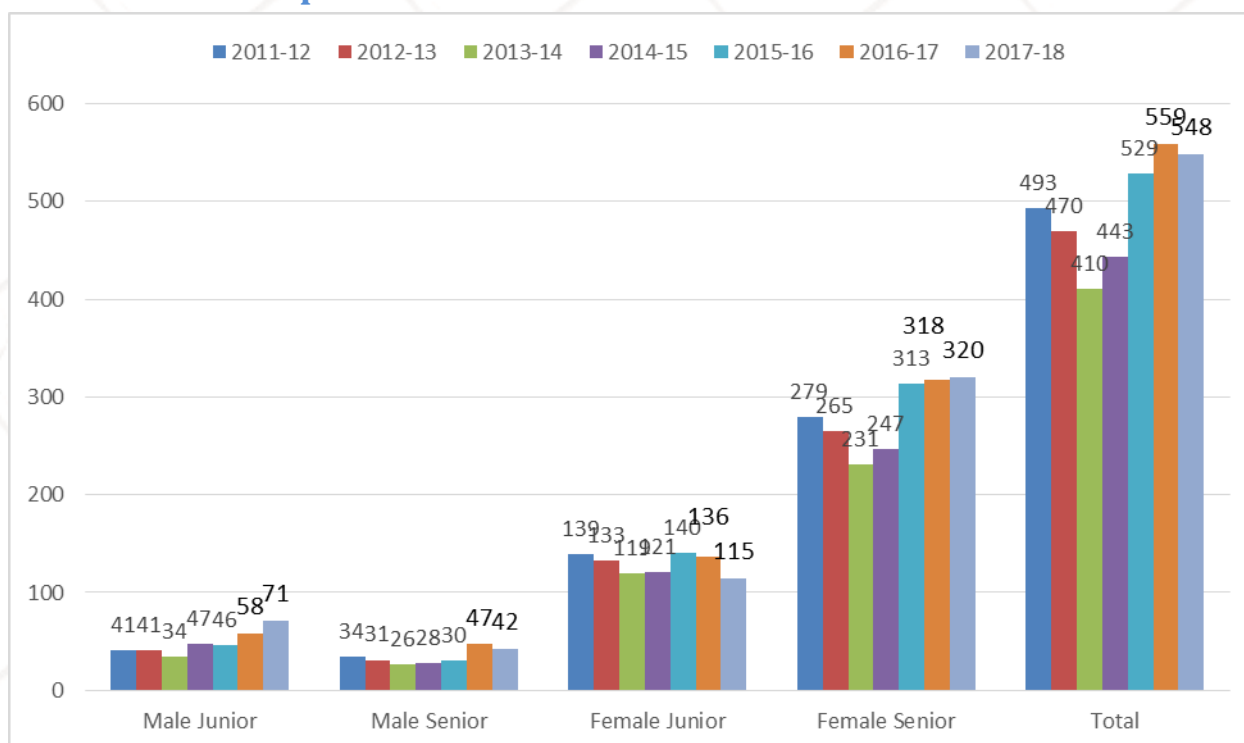
Waverley encourages families and clubs to consider the Bendigo Bank Pinewood Branch if you are considering a home loan, re-financing, transferring accounts or other financial requirements. Make sure you tell them you are from the Waverley Softball Association or if your club has an account make sure you tell them which club you are from.



City of Monash

Waverley would like to thank Monash Council for their ongoing support of softball at Waverley.

10. Membership Data



Note: Junior category also contains Sub-Junior (U13)
Membership numbers this year are very similar to last year

Allison Pendlebury - Registrar

Summer Competition**10.1 Competition Grades History**

| Year | A Grade | A Reserve | B Grade | B Reserve | C Grade | Division 1 | Division 2 | Division 3 | Primary B | Tee-Ball | TOTAL teams |
|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 2009-10 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 59 |
| 2010-11 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 62 |
| 2011-12 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 52 |
| Year | Open 1 | Open 2 | | Open 3 | Open 4 | Division 1 | Division 2 | Division 3 | Primary B | Tee-Ball | TOTAL teams |
| 2012-13 | 7 | 6 | | 9 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | | 49 |
| 2013-14 | 7 | 9 | | 8 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | 49 |
| Year | Open 1 | Open 2 | | Open 3 | Open 4 | Under 17 | Under 15 | Under 13 | Under 11 | Tee-Ball | TOTAL teams |
| 2014-15 | 7 | 8 | | 9 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 48 |
| 2015-16 | 6 | 11 | | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 48 |
| 2016-17 | 6 | 8 | | 7 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 46 |
| 2017-18 | 6 | 8 | | 7 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 49 |

This year's Open 4 competition was bolstered with a new Springvale team and 4 additional teams from Knox resulting in a combined competition played between the 2 venues.

Following the Christmas break and the completion of a full round with all 14 teams, they were then split into cup & plate for the remainder of the season.

The lack of junior teams in the Under 15 and Under 17 age groups was disappointing and will need to be addressed for next season. We also lost an U13 team after Christmas leaving us with 2 less teams overall in our junior ranks than last season. Unfortunately, we had no Tee Ball program again for the 2017-18 season.

SEMR boys' competition visited us again with the Brandon Heights Boys playing in the U17 competition.

Allison Pendlebury - Registrar

11. Awards**Peta Edebone Medal (Open 1)**

The Peta Edebone Medal is awarded each season to the player adjudged the Most Valuable Player in the Open 1 competition. Votes are awarded for each game by the umpires. Peta Edebone played 328 games for the Australian Open Women's Team. Peta captained Australia from 2001 to 2004. She was inducted into the International Softball Hall of Fame at the 2012 Victorian State Dinner. Waverley is proud to have her as a Life Member of our association and recognise her contribution to softball and as a Waverley member Peta's decorated playing career is honoured with the Peta Edebone Medal for the Most Valuable Player in the Open 1 competition each year.

Congratulations to **Dale Stocker** (Northwood Falcons) winner of this year's Peta Edebone medal.



| Player | Club | Votes |
|----------------|-------------------|-------|
| Dale Stocker | Northwood Falcons | 23 |
| Kiara Bax-Rigg | Eastern Raiders | 18 |
| Nicole Martin | Eastern Raiders | 15 |
| Tania Puketapu | Syndal | 14 |
| Tayla Supple | Northwood Falcons | 14 |
| Bree Dawson | Syndal | 13 |



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Des Smith Medal (Open 2)

The Des Smith Medal is awarded each season to the Most Valuable Player in Open 2. Votes are awarded for each game by the umpires. Des' involvement with the game started over 50 years ago and he was a founding member of the Waverley Softball Association at its inception in 1962.

Congratulations to **Tamar Hutchinson** (Syndal) winner of this year's Des Smith medal.

| Player | Club | Votes |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Tamar Hutchinson | Syndal | 25 |
| Isabel Zaharias | Northwood Falcons | 21 |
| Nicole Martin | Eastern Raiders | 16 |
| Emma Willmott | Syndal | 15 |
| Emma Boldeman | Brandon Heights | 14 |
| Grace Peters | Glen Waverley | 13 |



Peter Phillips Award (Open 3)

The Peter Phillips Award has been introduced this season for the Most Valuable Player in the Open 3 Grade. Votes are awarded for each game by the umpires. This award is in memory of Peter Phillips who coached at several Waverley clubs, and coached Waverley Rep teams and the Victorian State under 16 team for many years, with one year as Victorian State U19 coach. Peter was known for his intensiveness, meticulous preparation, focus on fitness and innovative approach to coaching. Some players still playing at Waverley attribute their skills and approach to the game to his coaching and his untiring efforts on their behalf.

Congratulations to **Jessica Carter** (Glen Waverley) winner of this year's Peter Phillips award.

| Player | Club | Votes |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| Jessica Carter | Glen Waverley | 18 |
| Olivia Wood | Syndal | 17 |
| Brianna Brehaut | Monash Magic | 14 |
| Vivian Stand | Brandon Heights | 11 |
| Ruth Caldwell | Northwood Falcons | 10 |



Chas Holland-King Award (Under 17)

Chas Holland-King's vision for the Waverley junior competition is honoured with the Chas Holland-King Award for the Best Player in the Under 17 grade each year.

Congratulations to **Chloe Goodfellow** (Brandon Heights) for winning this year's Chas Holland-King Award.

| Player | Club | Votes |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Chloe Goodfellow | Brandon Heights | 16 |
| Hailey Norden | Brandon Heights | 9 |
| Olivia Wood | Eastern Raiders | 9 |
| Grace Peters | Glen Waverley | 8 |



Arthur Allsopp Award (Under 15)

Arthur Allsopp's efforts and vision for the Waverley junior competition are honoured with the Arthur Allsopp Award for the Best Player in the Under 15 grade each year.

Congratulations to **Taimania Graham** (Eastern Raiders) for winning this year's Arthur Allsopp Award.

| Player | Club | Votes |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Taimania Graham | Eastern Raiders | 10 |
| Sienna Nicol-Darmadi | Eastern Raiders | 7 |
| Zienna McCulloch | Glen Waverley | 7 |



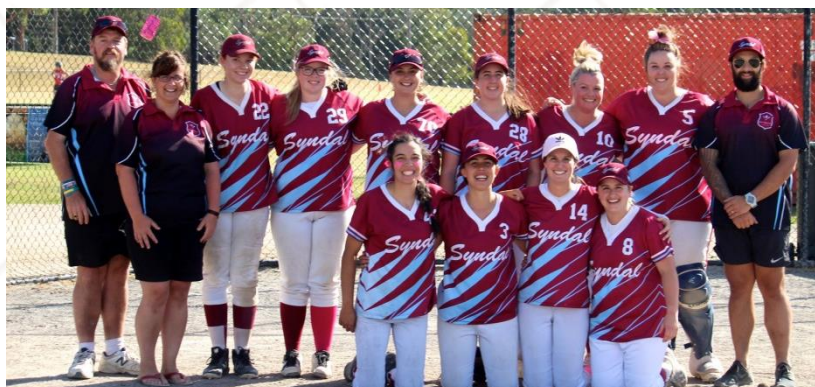
12. Grand Finals Results 25th March 2018

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|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Open 1 | Syndal (2) | Defeated | Northwood Falcons (0) |
| Open 2 | Northwood Falcons (6) | Defeated | Syndal Spartans (3) |
| Open 3 | Syndal (9) | Defeated | Glen Waverley (3) |
| Open 4 CUP | Brandon Heights Black (18) | Defeated | Brandon Heights Gold (7) |
| Open 4 PLATE | Springvale (11) | Defeated | Lilydale Ejays (5) |
| Under 17 | Brandon Heights | Awarded premiership through washout | |
| Under 15 | Eastern Raiders | Awarded premiership through washout | |
| Under 13 | Glen Waverley | Awarded premiership through washout | |
| Under 11 | Glen Waverley | Awarded premiership through washout | |

Allison Pendlebury

On behalf of the Match Committee

Open 1 Winners - Syndal



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13. Pink Day

The annual WSA Pink Day was held on Saturday 3rd March 2018. All teams 'stepped up to the plate' and the park was a riot of pink. Just under \$1700 was raised on the day for Breast Cancer Network Australia, through a cake stall, BBQ, raffle and market stall.

A very special thanks to Belinda Chop Cunningham for arranging Ambra to donate boxes and boxes of items to be sold at the market stall yet again and to Rob Cunningham and Gil Penfold for helping to set up and clean up on the day.



14. Waverley Easter Carnival

Waverley Softball Association has a long and proud tradition of running the annual Junior Carnival across the Easter long weekend, and once again in 2018 it was our pleasure to provide a forum for local Victorian teams to match their skills against softballers from NSW, ACT, SA, WA and New Zealand.

Participation numbers were down and this was reflected especially in Waverley's own team entries and needing to combine U17/19 competitions, but the feedback from everyone who attended has been overwhelmingly positive. Great grounds, great facilities, great food, great competition, great softball. Easter preparations were running behind this year when Waverley stalwart Gail Irvine fell ill, so we all owe a big vote of thanks to everyone who leapt in and took over to pull the event together. Whether following up team entries, organising players, umpires & volunteers, preparing food, setting up the fixture, tidying the grounds & facilities, many hands made light work. With relief it was proven yet again, that once the games are underway – Easter runs itself!

Volunteers who helped make the event a success, include Claire Shelvey, Allison Pendlebury, Greg Brown, Rob Cunningham, Cheryl-Anne Olley, Neil Hamilton, Darren Kruger, Jeff Currie, Kay Williams, Moira Teichert, Darryl Wood, Wayne Peters, Stephen and Aiden Penfold Ground crew spent many hours before, during and after teams had left the park to make sure that our grounds were playable.

To the coaches, team managers and statisticians who put up their hands to make sure that our teams were on the diamonds thank you for all your efforts. Feedback from players and parents congratulate you all on a job well done.

Thankyou also to – Anita and her team for keeping us all nourished throughout the tournament, Lucy James and her team of umpires for their dedication to our carnival and the many parents who turned up early on Friday for the setup of diamonds, shade tents and many other tasks.

Without all the volunteers, whether listed above or working behind the scenes, the Easter Tournament would not be the successful junior tournament that it has been for over 40 years.

Cheryl Waye - Waverley President

GRADES & TEAMS

U17/19 played a complete round combined where cross-grade games were "friendlies" and everything else counted toward ladder positions, then split off for their respective finals.

U19 Winners: TE Aroha, NZ

Casey, Giants, Glenelg Rebels, Knox, TE Aroha, Waverley.

U17 Winners: SWSAS, NSW

Canberra Eclipse, SEMSA, SWSAS, WSAS.

U15 Winners: Craigieburn Eagles, VIC

Canberra Eclipse Blue, Canberra Eclipse Orange, Craigieburn Eagles, SEMSA, Sturt, Waverley.

U13 Mixed Winners: Canberra Force, ACT

Canberra Force, Cheetahs, Deer Park, SEMSA, Waverley.

Easter Tournament Grand Final Results

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------|------------------|
| U13 Mixed | Canberra Force 5 | defeated | Deer Park 3 |
| U15 Girls | Craigieburn Eagles 11 | defeated | Sturt 4 |
| U17 Girls | SWSAS 2 | defeated | WSAS 0 |
| U19 | TE Aroha (NZ) 6 | defeated | Glenelg Rebels 2 |

15. Representative Players

15.1 Waverley Rep Teams

Victorian State Championships

Waverley had a successful year at all the Victorian State Championships; we managed to bring home a few trophies.

Congratulations to:

Open Women's – A GRADE CHAMPIONS

U19 Women's – A GRADE CHAMPIONS

U17 Girls – A GRADE CHAMPIONS

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the WSA Rep Program. Without all of our players, coaches, scorers, team managers and parents we would not be able to continue having so much success at all of these tournaments.

Open Men - State Championship

Anything was going to be a letdown after winning the championship last year with the first ever Waverley Men's Open team. The players were a little disappointed that they were unable to continue their winning streak in Albury but were unfortunately outclassed by the other teams. We had several new players and some young ones returning who assimilated very quickly but we really struggled to get our bats going.

It was a pleasure to manage this team, there is a wonderful spirit of respect and good sportsmanship that is fostered by the whole team under the leadership of Scott Dean.

Thanks to Moira Teichert for scoring in the hot sun and apologies for not having a shelter, we will have one for you next year! **Susan Mercuri - Manager**



Open Women - State Championship

I write to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to coach the Waverley Open team.

I have had the great fortune to have been involved in far more campaigns than I care to admit and the Open Championships weekend in Albury was one of the most enjoyable I can remember.

We had a very productive and positive dynamic throughout the team and while there are always small things that could have been done to improve, I believe we maximised our results.

Despite a small hiccup in the first game (and we can take pride in the game result even if we didn't win the game points) we won each game by the mercy rule through an aggressive and powerful team performance.

I was extremely proud of every player in the team and commend both their performance and behaviour. When you see the game stats, you will see some very impressive numbers and while stats don't always tell the full story, they are good reading.

I also want to note Allison Pendlebury for her contribution to the team dynamic. It was a pleasure to have her as part of the management team.

Sharon Stocker did a great job, of course, and please forgive my bias in my judgement.

So, please accept my thanks for the opportunity to lead this team.

Lastly, I want to encourage the Waverley Committee to see this as a great opportunity to build a team to compete at State Championships for some time. While there are a couple of older players in the team, the majority are young and with the right encouragement could represent WSA successfully. I believe that there is a sentiment from the players to try to keep this group together and while there must always be trials, there is a solid foundation from which to work.

Jesse Stocker - Open Women's Coach



U19 Women - State Championship

The Waverley U/19 team was selected with a great amount of experience at state level, then a few U/17 Athlete's to assist.

With injury to Grace Peters and Brea Kennelly prior to the tournament then Chelsea Radin in game 1 meant we were left with 11 players for most of the tournament

But everybody stood up in the 4 qualifying games on Saturday winning all on the mercy rule.

Sunday started with the top of each pool facing off, after a shaky start giving up 3 early runs everybody rallied to again secure a mercy result.

The grand final against Casey started on track with Nicky Martin dominating in the circle, the bats whilst not totally dominating did manage to return 5 runs through the first few innings.

Despite a late charge from Casey in the seventh we secured the win 5-3.

State Champions again!

Thank you to Erin, Allison & Izzy for their help and support over the weekend.

Peter Donohue - Coach



U17 Girls - State Championship

It was a great pleasure to coach the Waverley Under 17 Girls at State Championships this year and being held at Waverley made it a little more special. I thoroughly enjoyed my weekend with this great group of girls. As well as being talented athletes, they proved to be great young ladies.

Part of our very short preparation, included a practice match against the Wesley College Firsts development squad. It was obvious that the girls had bonded very quickly and were very supportive of each other.

The girls were given two goals for the tournament. That was to be aggressive in the batting box and on the bases and they nailed it! The team's batting average was .504 with a slugging average of .806 which was outstanding team effort! Every girl made a significant contribution to the State Championship win.

Special mentions to Grace Peters who lead the team with a batting average of .692 and a fielding average of 1.000.

Thank you to my Assistant Coach Elly Trevethan who had built a great rapport with the girls, to Lynsey Graham who did an amazing job as a Team Manager on her first outing and Rosie Hawkins our Scorer who did a great job with the stats.

Jo Paez – Coach



U15 Girls - State Championship

With the forecast for the weekend in the mid to high 30's, it was going to be a hot championship. Waverley played in the Cup division of the girls Championship.

Saturday saw us with an early start against Northern Districts and a 4 all draw. A bye in the middle of day meant the team didn't play again to the last time slot of the day, going down against Albury/Wodonga 7-2.

Day 2 saw us with an even earlier start, to try and beat the heat. Game 3 against Knox was a tightly fought competition with the team coming away with a win 3-2.

Next was Werribee, another tough game and a win 9-7.

The finals were cancelled due to the temperature and the Championship award to the team on top Northern Districts on 7 points. Albury Wodonga finished 2nd with 6 points and Waverley 3rd on 5 points.

A good result overall, considering the number of young players in the team. **Kay Williams - Manager**



19/17 Women – Easter

The majority of the team was Under 17 with a few Under 19's so we played in the Under 19 Easter Comp. The girls played well against the U/17 teams. A few early injuries and the older girls proved a bit too much for us against the U/19 teams. All in all the girls played well and tried hard, almost stole a few big scalps and had a good time together. **Chris Waye- Head Coach**

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TRU-VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY

WAVERLEY UNDER 19

BACK ROW L-R:
 Chris Waye (Coach)
 Jordan Hutchinson
 Darren Kruger (Assistant Coach)

MIDDLE ROW L-R:
 Izzy Kinsella (Scorer)
 Caitlyn Wynne
 Elise Cramer
 Nicole Irvine
 Lea Sheehan-Warren
 Shelly Spencer (Team Manager)

FRONT ROW L-R:
 Gemma Cornell
 Chloe Goodfellow
 Julieanne Kinsella
 Grace Peters
 Teraize Bonner

U15 Girls Easter

As Team Manager for the U15's I just wanted to pass on how impressed I was with the coaches you appointed. Ruth and Jana were so professional and the respect they showed the girls was a credit to Waverley. They always encouraged the team, even when things were really not going the way they had hoped. They made fun of training and lifted those who were not as confident as others to form a team who worked together at all times. We may not have won a medal but we won as a team who developed so much from the first game. **Carolyn Kruger - Manager**



WAVERLEY EASTER CARNIVAL - 2018





TRU-VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY

WAVERLEY UNDER 15

BACK ROW L-R:
 Marg Junor (Scorer)
 Ruth Caldwell (Coach)
 Scarlett Searle
 Darshi Govender
 Drew Cuthers
 Rachel Miller
 Isabella Currie
 Carolyn Kruger (Team Manager)
 Jana Boulet (Assistant Coach)

FRONT ROW L-R:
 Alisha Gray
 Natalie Moore
 Tamsyn Fairweather
 Olivia Kruger
 Ella Tucker

ABSENT:
 Alia Djajamihardja

U13 Mixed –Easter

After much discussion the children agreed that we were the Waverley Riders, (like Wave Riders dude) and it most certainly felt like that during the tournament. We had a couple of great wins and the rest were all close games where we scored well but unfortunately did not convert them to wins. The team was a large mix of players, girls and boys, with a mixed bag of experience in skills. This posed many challenges with rotations, safety issues and keeping it fair and fun. I recommend that if Waverley are going to upgrade safety equipment we look at helmets with face guards for batters and external mouth guards for pitchers.

We certainly held our own despite only winning 2 games. We ended up 3rd overall.

Our runs put us in third by percentage as we were clearly able to strategically play our wide and varied strike zone. 6 foot Harry versus 3 foot Harrison is a wide varied height range in children.

The team were also great base runners and took many risks in order to score so well. Well done to Maddie Grbac who was our main pitcher and managed 17 strikeouts in the tournament.

Our voted player of the tournament was Zac Dunkley who batted in 3 home runs, pitched very well and he supported his team mates with positive encouragement.

Thank you to all the support team in Helen (assistant coach), Pia Dunkley (team manager), Jen Hawkins (team scorer) and Dennis Grbac (equipment hauler and groundsman extraordinaire).

My main goal with children of this age is to ensure that they enjoy their softball so that they can continue to enjoy it for many more years. I believe it was a great learning opportunity for the players and hope that they all continue to love the sport. **Judith Liddell - Coach**



WAVERLEY EASTER CARNIVAL - 2018





TRU-VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY

**WAVERLEY
UNDER 13 MIXED**

BACK ROW L-R:
Jennifer Hawkins
(Scorer)
Harry Sherwin
Pia Dunkley
(Team Manager)

THIRD ROW L-R:
Helen Tyrrell
(Assistant Coach)
Zoe Kleinig
Jeremy Hess
Lucas Tucker
Zach Dunkley
Mia Heuch
Judi Liddell (Coach)

SECOND ROW L-R:
Madeleine Grbac
Julia Tay
Georgia Giuliani
Isaac Spowart
Yucheng Ma

FRONT ROW L-R:
Harrison Armstrong-Fray
Ben Gray

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15.2 Victorian State Teams

Waverley had a number of players and officials selected to represent Victoria at National Championships. We congratulate them all on their efforts and achievements as members of Victorian State Teams.

15.2.1 Softball Victoria

OPEN WOMEN STATE TEAM

Ilsa Anstey, Nicole Martin, Tania Puketapu, Kylie Steemers, Sarah Tutchener, Alys Young.

Award Winners MVP: Sarah Tutchener Best Player: Ilsa Anstey

OPEN MEN STATE TEAM

Ryan Smith

UNDER 23 WOMEN STATE TEAM

Tamar Hutchinson, Alys Young, Kylie Steemers; Assistant Coach: Donna Scammell

UNDER 23 MEN'S STATE TEAM

Michael Round, Lincoln Cramer; Statistician: Allison Pendlebury

UNDER 19 WOMEN STATE TEAM

Piera Charles, Grace Peters, Nicole Martin, Amelia Mercuri, Brea Kennelly, Georgia O'Donovan, Sarah Papadimitriou, Chelsea Radin, COACH – Heather Webb

Award Winner MVP: Georgia O'Donovan, Best Team Player: Amelia Mercuri,

All Tournament Team: Tamar Hutchinson

UNDER 19 MEN'S STATE TEAM

Lincoln Cramer, Michael Round

UNDER 17 GIRLS STATE TEAM

Gemma Cornel, Elisa Cramer, Chloe Goodfellow, Elly Miller, Alannah Panza, Grace Peters, Lauren Vernon

Award Winners MVP: Grace Peters, Peter Phillips Award: Elise Cramer, All Tournament Team: Chloe Goodfellow & Allanah Panza

UNDER 17 STATE BOYS TEAM

Samuel Seach

UNDER 15 GIRLS

Taimania Graham, Hailey Norden, Caitlin Olley, Brianna Smedley. MVP: Taimania Graham

UNDER 15 BOYS

David Dunstan. COACH: Sam Allen

UNDER 13 DEVELOPMENT TEAM GIRLS

Isabella Currie, Tamsyn Fairweather, Olivia Kruger, Arielle Lee, Bridget Zwart

UNDER 13 DEVELOPMENT TEAM BOYS

Zach Dunkley, Lucas Tucker



15.2.2 School Sports Victoria

17-UNDER GIRLS (SSV Adelaide Pacific School Games)

Grace Peters, Lea Sheehan Warren, Julieanne Kinsella, Lauren Vernon, Olivia Lamb, Kristin Round, Gemma Cornell, Lili Cavanagh Emergency: Hailey Norden, Elise Cramer
COACH - Heather Webb, ASS COACH - Donna Scammell

MVP and All-Tournament Team: Grace Peters

17-UNDER BOYS (SSV)

Michael Round

12-UNDER GIRLS (SSV)

Tamsyn Fairweather, Rachel Miller

12-UNDER BOYS (SSV)

Zachariah Dunkley, COACH - Sam Allen, TEAM MANAGER - Bobbie Peters

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National Representatives – Statisticians

Open Women: Allison Pendlebury – Official Statistician

Open Men: Mary Walkinshaw – Official Statistician

National Representatives – Umpires

National Open Men: Chris Trengove

National U19 Women & Men: Chris Trengove

National U17 Boys & Girls, Regional U15 Boys

Lucy James – Umpire

Waverley Members on National Teams

2018 Aussie U17 Boys Squad - Samuel Seach

2018 Friendship Series U19 Squad - Grace Peters

15.2.3 Softball Victoria Service Awards

Waverley Members Kerrie Maddern and Mary Walkinshaw were recognised for their outstanding service to the Victorian Softball Community with Softball Victoria Life Membership.

Both Kerrie and Mary have been involved in the sport for many years, taking on a range of roles including umpiring, playing and administration, demonstrating their dedication to the sport and the broader softball community. Most notably, both life members have been key to the development of scorers in Victoria. Kerrie played an integral role in the development of the Victorian Scoring Committee, while Mary has given up significant amounts of her own time to develop and grow the level of scorers in Victoria.

Waverley Association's Allison Pendlebury and Angela Forgan were recognised for their valuable contributions to the softball community with the Merle Short Service Award.

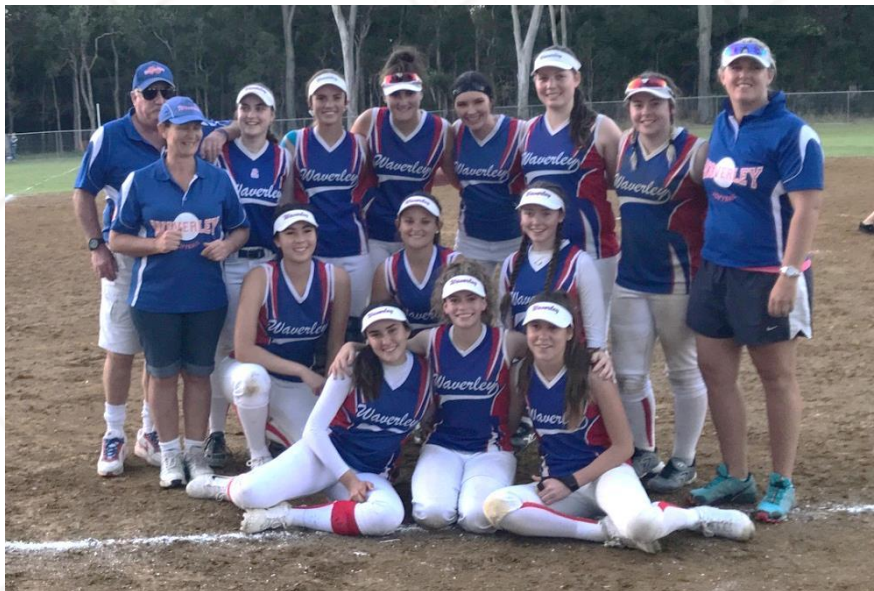


15.3 Other Representative Teams

Friendships (2017) Redlands QLD

Aussie Gold: Julieanne Kinsella. **Aussie Green:** Grace Peters, Adele Wood, Fiona Mills: Specialist Coach.

Waverley had an incredible Tournament finishing with the silver medal as Day 5 of the competition was washed out and the game for the Gold medal was abandoned. Players: Sarah Papadimitrou, Narris Privitera, Gemma Hamilton, Nicole Martin, Georgia O'Donovan, Kylie Steemers, Amelia Mercuri, Brea Kennelly. COACH – Greg Brown, ASS COACH – Kylie Bracey MANAGER - Sue Mercuri. **All-tournament Team and MVP – Georgia O'Donovan**



We also had Waverley members participate in various other tournaments during the year, such as **The Werribee Memorial**, the **Tassie Fastpitch Classic** in Ulverstone, the **VIC Masters Championships** in Shepparton, and the **U12 Spectacular**.

Overseas Players

Several Waverley players have ventured overseas to play and gain more experience and training in different competitions, some on sport scholarships and some under private arrangements.



Bianca Ross - Bianca just completed her Senior season at the University of Hartford Connecticut. It is a Division 1 program, competing in the American East Conference. Her pitching record this season was 4-16 with 4 saves. The Softball program won 10 and lost 32 games in a weather disrupted season, the first double-digit winning record season in her time at Hartford. Bianca will graduate with a degree in Communications in December 2018. She has thoroughly enjoyed her 4 seasons with the Hawks, describing the program as being "a good fit" for her.

Meaghan Grah - Meaghan has spent the last year at Howard College in Texas. She has had a wonderful time. They won their conference games which qualified them for the regional championships which was played in Lubbock. They won the regional and qualified for Nationals. The team headed to St George in Utah but unfortunately lost 2 games and won only one which was not enough to make it to the playoffs. She has done extremely well in her classes as well. She is headed back home on 25th May for about 3 months.

Amelia Mercuri & Narris Privitera – Amelia and Narris have been fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to play in the Division 2 series in Italy. Both girls have settled in well to the team and their accommodation. They train 4 to 5 times a week and play 2 games on a Saturday. This has seen them travelling to Milan, Rome and Livorno as well as their home games in Caserta. The team has been doing very well with 9 wins and 3 losses so far.

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16 Waverley Presidents and Secretaries

The following have served as office bearers for Waverley Softball Association since its inception in 1961. Their work and leadership ensured that Waverley grew into the largest and strongest Victorian Association with a long tradition of success.

| Year | President | Secretary |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1961-65 | - | R.A Allsopp (Manager) |
| 1966 | J.A. Hunt | R.A. Allsopp |
| 1967 | J.A. Hunt | R.A. Allsopp |
| 1968 | S.V. Steel | A.H. Kotz |
| 1969 | S.V. Steel | A.H. Kotz |
| 1970 | S.V. Steel | A.H. Kotz |
| 1971 | P.G. Hall | A.H. Kotz |
| 1972 | P.G. Hall | A.H. Kotz |
| 1972 | D. R. Burt | |
| 1973 | P.G. Hall | A.H. Kotz |
| 1974 | P.G. Hall | W. A. Sisson |
| 1975 | P.G. Hall | W. A. Sisson |
| 1976 | P.G. Hall | W. A. Sisson |
| 1977 | P.G. Hall | Mrs M. Wood |
| 1978 | C. Holland-King | Mrs M. Wood |
| 1979 | C. Holland-King | Mrs M. Wood |
| 1980 | C. Holland-King | Mrs M. Wood |
| 1981 | C. Holland-King | Mrs M. Wood |
| 1982 | A. Kotz | Mrs M. Wood |
| 1983 | T. Jenkins | Greg Brown |
| 1983 | | I. Wilson (Manager) |
| 1984 | E. Chatwin | Mrs M. Thornhill |
| 1985 | R. Pilkington | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1986 | R. Pilkington | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1987 | R. Pilkington | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1988 | R. Pilkington | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1989 | C. Holland-King | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1990 | C. Holland-King | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1991 | C. Holland-King | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1992 | A. (Tony) Peters | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1993 | J. Shaw | Mrs J. Loft |
| 1994 | J. Shaw | Mrs J. Warland |
| 1994 | B. Pidwell | Mrs J. Warland |
| 1995 | R. Pilkington | Mrs J. Warland |
| 1996 | R. Pilkington | Mrs J. Warland |
| 1997 | R. Pilkington | Mrs F. Rolls |
| 1998 | B. Inglis | Mrs H. Pateras |
| 1999 | B. Inglis | Mrs H. Pateras |
| 2000 | B. Inglis | Mrs H. Pateras |
| 2001 | D. Punter | Mrs D. Linskens |

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| 2002 | D. Punter | Mrs D. Linskens |
| 2003 | Ms J. Poole | Mrs J. Warland |
| 2004 | Ms J. Poole | Ms T. D'Arcey |
| 2005 | Ms J. Poole | Ms T. D'Arcey |
| 2006 | Ms J. Poole | Mrs K. Bann |
| 2007 | Ms J. Paez | Mr A Bates |
| 2008 | Ms J. Paez | Mrs E Curcio |
| 2009 | Ms J. Paez | Mrs E Curcio |
| 2010 | Ms J. Paez | Mrs C Waye |
| 2011 | Mrs C Waye | Mrs M Teichert |
| 2012 | Mrs C Waye | Mrs M Teichert |
| 2013 | Mrs M Teichert | Mrs S Tidey |
| 2014 | Mrs M Teichert | Mrs S Tidey |
| 2015 | E. Steemers | Mrs M Teichert |
| 2016 | Mrs M Teichert | Mrs G Irvine |
| 2017 | Mrs C Waye | Ms Alysha Waye |

