



Waverley Softball Association Inc.



Annual Report

Season 2018-2019



Presented at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22nd May 2019



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

President	Cheryl Waye (resigned) Matthew Puketapu (resigned) Greg Brown – filled President casual vacancy
Vice President	Neil Hamilton (resigned) Greg Brown. - filled Vice President casual vacancy
Treasurer	Ashley Irvine
Secretary	Vacant
Registrar	Allison Pendlebury
General Committee Position 1	Darren Kruger
General Committee Position 2	Vacant
General Committee Position 3	Vacant
General Committee Position 4	Greg Brown
General Committee Position 5	Vacant
General Committee Position 6	Cheryl-Anne Olley
(Co-opted) Leanne Thomas, Simon Ross	

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.

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.

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	Moira Teichert	

*(Deceased)

3. President's Report

Season 2018 – 2019 was a challenging one.

The committee was under-manned from the start, and some key positions were unfilled, but in general the week-to-week running of the association went smoothly.

We enjoyed a good season of softball without many “hitches”.

Our grounds and facilities are a wonderful asset and in spite of it being another very dry year, it was a joy to visit the park every week (or more often). No substantial upgrades or improvements were undertaken prior to or during the season. We have developed a very good working relationship with Monash Council over past seasons, and again we thank them for the many routine maintenance tasks and “one-off” repairs they performed to keep our park in top order.

Congratulations to all clubs and teams achieving finals success.

Our representative teams performed well in state championships with Cup wins in Open Women and Under 19 Women and a Plate win in Under 17 Girls.

Our Under 15 Girls' team travelled to the Australia Day tournament in Canberra and had a great time. This is the first Waverley team to attend the tournament in a number of years and was a most welcome initiative.

A successful fund-raising day was held for Brain Cancer research – a most worthy and close to home cause.

The Waverley Easter Carnival ran as smoothly as could be expected, and there was some great softball enjoyed by all who participated and watched, but the drop in the number of teams attending is troubling. The work done by Darryl Wood and Wayne Peters in diamond preparation was greatly appreciated.

As usual the running of the season depends on many volunteers.

Thanks to the committee members for their many, many hours of work. Ashley Irvine and Leanne Thomas kept our finances in very good order; Simon Ross did a power of work running the competition and liaising with Monash Council; Cheryl-Anne Olley managed our rep teams, thanks Cheryl and Alysha Waye for taking care of all our diamond bookings, to Monash Magic Masters for their help with the tick offs and weekly reporting and to Allison Pendlebury, our Registrar. Thanks also to Kay Williams for her hours of work and the canteen staff who did a great job throughout the season.

In closing, the drop in playing numbers in junior grades and the lack of competitive, viable under 14 and under 16 competitions should trouble us all. We see the absolute priority for the association being the recruiting of juniors – “recruit or perish”. We have worked hard on a recruitment program with schools to try and greatly bolster primary numbers. We have made contact with all local schools to assist with school softball and run clinics with the aim of establishing a primary school-age competition. This will be the first step in re-building our junior competition.

Thanks to all for your continued contribution to our sport and our association.

Greg Brown
Vice President

Vale Alysha

4. Financial Report

Following 5 Pages

Ashley Irvine - WSA Treasurer

Waverley Softball Association Inc

ABN: 12 224 688 284 Inc. Reg. No: A0004586X

Income & Expenditure Statement

Year Ended 30th April 2019

Income	2019 \$	2018 \$
Bar Sales	14,339	10,571
Canteen General	30,538	36,837
Canteen - Easter	13,176	14,790
Easter Team Entry Fees	4,215	7,000
Grounds Hire	13,475	14,640
Merchandising - Uniforms	727	482
Pavilion Hire	242	442
Sandhurst Investment Trust Earnings	1,152	1,246
Softball Clinics	-	8,280
Sponsorship	600	-
SV & SA Fees Collected	37,679	32,823
WSA Fees	47,118	47,303
Other Income	2,212	347
Total Income	\$165,473	\$174,761
Expenses		
Advertising & Marketing	3,173	1,802
Bar Supplies & Expenses	6,344	5,781
Canteen Purchases - General	14,344	17,934
Canteen Purchases - Easter	6,724	7,248
Cleaning	2,723	3,391
Depreciation Expense	11,036	12,240
Easter Carnival Expenses	11,988	11,537
Electricity & Gas	9,581	10,637
Honorariums	13,412	21,382
Finals Expenses, Trophies & Trophies	1,271	1,453
First Aid Services	321	454
Grounds & Building Maintenance	13,146	10,822
Grounds Rental	8,801	2,292
Insurance	2,070	1,967
International Friendship Series	(600)	600
Legal & Affiliation Fees	589	573
Office & Computer Expenses	1,037	1,062
Playing & Umpiring Equipment	186	1,240
Sundry Expenses	1,377	2,418
Team Fees - SV & SA	39,883	38,658
Team Fees - Championships	1,650	1,000
Telephone	545	594
Umpires Fees	16,086	13,782
Uniforms	2,195	2,478
Total Expenses	\$167,862	\$171,345
Net (Deficit)/ Surplus for Year	(\$2,389)	\$3,416

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

as at 30th April 2019

ASSETS	2019	2018
Current Assets	\$	\$
Cash Available		
Bendigo Bank Club Account	59,292	51,114
Bendigo Bank Debit Card Account	1,982	5,675
Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund	57,765	56,613
Petty Cash	2,200	2,200
Total Cash Available	<u>121,239</u>	<u>115,602</u>
Accounts Receivable	1,134	1,278
Stock at Cost		
- Canteen	3,842	2,423
- Bar	751	412
- Medals & Ribbons	12,380	12,755
- Uniforms	5,660	5,946
Total Stock	<u>22,633</u>	<u>21,536</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>145,006</u>	<u>138,416</u>
Fixed Assets		
Pavilion Extension at Cost - Note	92,843	92,843
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(92,843)</u>	<u>(92,843)</u>
Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings at Cost	70,228	69,550
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(60,927)</u>	<u>(59,095)</u>
	9,301	10,455
Grounds & Improvements at Cost	213,123	213,123
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(98,272)</u>	<u>(90,712)</u>
	114,851	122,411
Tractor at Cost	16,443	16,443
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(13,565)</u>	<u>(11,921)</u>
	2,878	4,522
Total Fixed Assets	<u>127,030</u>	<u>137,388</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>272,036</u>	<u>275,804</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
GST Liabilities	6,073	7,452
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,073</u>	<u>7,452</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$265,963</u>	<u>\$268,352</u>
ASSOCIATION EQUITY		
Association Reserves as at 1st May 2018	268,352	264,936
Net (Deficit)/Surplus Current Year	<u>(2,389)</u>	<u>3,416</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 30th APRIL 2019	<u>\$265,963</u>	<u>\$268,352</u>

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements Year Ended 30th April 2019

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

No other Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements have been applied.

The Statements are prepared on an accrual basis of accounting, use historical costs and do not take into account changing money values.

The following is a summary of the accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) Depreciation

Depreciation is charged annually based on the estimated useful life of assets.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax.

2. Association Liabilities

The Association has not incurred liabilities other than in the ordinary course of its activities. Such liabilities can be met from available funds.

Funds have not been offered as security and no financial guarantees have been given in the name of the Association.

3. Leasehold Ownership of Assets

The Association has invested funds over an extended period in pavilion improvements, lighting and grounds at the Jells Park softball facility. The assets created by this expenditure vest in the owner of the land City of Monash. The Association has ongoing legal rights to use of the venue and its improvements as part of the lease contract with City of Monash. In the 2017 financial year the Association paid City of Monash \$125,000 net of GST₁ for new lighting on Diamond 2. As a leasehold improvement this is being amortised at 5% per year.

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STATEMENT BY OFFICERS

The Committee of Management has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The attached reports are special purpose financial reports and do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The reports have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting.

In the opinion of the Committee of Management of the Association:

- 1 (a) The Income & Expenditure Statement gives a true and fair view of the income and expenditure of the Association for the financial year ending 30th April 2019, and
(b) The Statement of Assets & Liabilities gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30th April 2019.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



President



Treasurer

13th May 2019

Waverley Softball Association Inc

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Waverley Softball Association Inc for the year ended 30th April 2019 comprising the Statement by Officers of the Committee, Income & Expenditure Statement, Statement of Assets & Liabilities and Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Waverley Softball Association Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards where applicable. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

It has not been practical for the Association to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts received in cash until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to transactions involving cash was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the effect of such adjustments, if any, arising from the limitations referred to in the above qualification paragraph, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of Waverley Softball Association Inc. as at 30th April 2019 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



Lindsay Coster FCA
Chartered Accountant

Registered Company Auditor No. 7815

13th May 2019

5. Umpiring Report

Strategic Highlights

At the start of this season, Waverley formed an umpiring management team consisting of

- Lindsay Whitehead, Umpire In Chief
- Kian Privitera, Deputy UIC Allocations and Communication
- Roy Arscott, Deputy UIC Training.

This was the first year we operated with a team of senior umpires as a management team and I believe it had positive results. I recommend we continue this structure next season. Additionally, Chris Trengove and Chris Nelson assisted with DUIC duties early in the season. Rob Dykstra assisted where necessary during the season to help the team to achieve its goals and I thank them all for their efforts.

Operating Highlights

The management team would have liked to have several more trained umpires in the overall pool, to avoid situations where we were forced to have only green shirt umpires on games, and without a mentor close by. Overall, we had 33 umpires in our pool, which was less than last year. The DUIC Training introduced Red shirts for Mentors, to enable teams to more easily identify who could be approached in lieu of green shirts. Our objective of covering all grades was partly met and I hope we can acquire several more umpires for our pool next season to better meet this objective.

A rule change to the DR rule was introduced during the season. (The intent of the change is to allow the DR to be substituted into the batting line-up, under certain conditions, bringing our rules into line with State and National Championships.) The final version of this change will be inserted into the Waverley manual for next season. We also clarified what is meant by “players and team officials may not approach a Green Shirt umpire”. (This means Green Shirts may not be verbally addressed, or otherwise an impression made that their performance is unsatisfactory. Exception: appeal plays – a Green Shirt may be asked for a decision. Examples: Runner leaving early, Runner missing a base. Note: in a competition where a bench list is not supplied, appeal plays based on bench lists may not be made to any umpire. Examples: illegal re-entry, batting out of order.). Changes to the pitching protocol in regard to starting position, were also introduced in line with the new Australian Rule Book.

A Waverley Umpires Facebook page and Team App were introduced by Kian and these proved to be very successful in communicating rosters and items of interest.

Three umpires achieved their Level 2 accreditation this year: Blake Dunkley, Rhys Fairweather and Jason Irvine. Rhys has also been nominated for the John Larter Award of the Victorian Softball Association. Two umpires achieved their Level 3 accreditation this year: Toby (TJ) Sadler and Rob Dykstra. Congratulations to all these umpires. Besides (and including) these umpires, Waverley umpires attended and performed creditably at events including Nationals, Victorian Championships, Regionals, Canberra and other tournaments.

The Lindsay Whitehead Green Shirt Encouragement Award went to Lani Rigg.

The Trevor Hanstead Most Improved Umpire award went to Rhys Fairweather.

Pleasingly, for both these awards there were several worthy candidates.

The Open 1 Grand Final Umpires, Lucy James, Roy Arscott and Lindsay Whitehead, received commemorative medals, which were appreciated. I hope to be able to extend this next season to some other grades.

The Easter Tournament was again successfully held, with umpires managed by Kian Privitera as Tournament Chief Umpire (TCU) with the assistant of Jarna Cherry, Roy Arscott and Stan Tolmie (Casey) as Deputy TCU.

Grand Final Umpire appointments and Tournament Umpires

Waverley 2018/19 Season Grand Final Day Appointments

Open 1: Lucy James (Plate), Roy Arscott (1st Base) and Lindsay Whitehead (3rd Base)

Open 2: Roy Arscott (Plate), Tobias Sadler (1st Base) and Lucy James (3rd Base)

Open 3: Colin Watkeys (Plate) and Blake Dunkley (Base)

Open 4 Cup: Colin Watkeys (Plate) and David Sutton (Base)

Open 4 Plate: Simon Ross (Plate) and Darcy Messenger (Base)

U17: Tobias Sadler (Plate) and Blake Dunkley (Base)

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U14: Darcy Messenger (Plate) and Connor Sherrin (Base)

U11: Carolyn Di Paola (Plate) and Will Peters (Base)

Waverley Umpires at Softball Victoria Tournaments:

U15 State Championships – Werribee

Blake Dunkley – Boy's Plate Grand Final (Plate)

Darcy Messenger – Waverley Green Shirt Umpire

U19 State Championships – Werribee

Jason Irvine - Women's Cup Grand Final (Base)

Robert Dykstra and Tobias Sadler – successful Level 3 candidates

Open State Championships – Northern Districts

Kian Privitera – Men's Cup Grand Final (3rd Base)

Robert Dykstra – Men's Plate Grand Final (3rd Base)

Tobias Sadler – Women's Cup Grand Final (3rd Base)

Roy Arscott – Women's Plate Grand Final (1st Base)

U17 State Championships – Frankston

Kian Privitera – Girl's Plate Grand Final (3rd Base)

Tobias Sadler – Girl's Cup Grand Final (Plate)

Robert Dykstra – Boys Grand Final (3rd base)

Lucy James – Deputy TCU

Jason Irvine, Rhys Fairweather and Blake Dunkley – successful Level 2 candidates

Waverley Umpires and Grand Final Appointments at Waverley Easter Carnival 2019

Rhys Fairweather - U19 Girls Grand Final (3rd Base)

Kian Privitera – Tournament Chief Umpire and U16 Boys Grand Final Series Game 2 (Plate)

Jason Irvine - U16 Boys Grand Final Series Game 2 (Base)

Tobias Sadler - U16 Boys Grand Final Series Game 1 and 3 (3rd Base)

Blake Dunkley – U16 Girls Grand Final (3rd Base)

Darcy Messenger – U14 Girls Grand Final (Base)

Jarna Cherry – Deputy Tournament Chief Umpire

Roy Arscott – Deputy Tournament Chief Umpire

Taylor Dykstra, Aidan Mitchell, Natalia Cherry, Graham Cherry, Chris Nelson, Carolyn Di Paola and Robert Dykstra – Tournament Umpires

Waverley Umpires at Softball Australia Tournaments

U15 Regional Boys in Hawker, ACT– Tobias Sadler

U17 Boys and Girls Nationals, Adelaide, SA – Lucy James

U19 Male and Female Nationals, Blacktown, NSW – Chris Trengove

International Friendship Series, Redlands, QLD – Tobias Sadler

A special mention to former Waverley UIC Stuart Tyler for being appointed to the U23 Nationals in Redlands, QLD.

Looking Ahead

Next season, the DUIC Training intends to hold a series of training sessions, some prior to the start of matches, in order to enable the green shirts especially to umpire well as soon as possible. All Waverley people will be welcome. I hope that Clubs will get behind this initiative and that many of our green shirts will complete their assigned tasks and be awarded Level 1 early next season as a result. A survey has been sent to clubs and umpires seeking feedback, and this will hopefully also give us some further ideas for helping Waverley umpires to better meet our goal of providing the best possible games for all Waverley players.

I would like to thank the DUICs and the Match Committee for their hard work and dedication. Also, thanks to Lucy James who was the Umpires Manager for the previous three years, for putting the umpiring at Waverley on a firm basis.

Lindsay Whitehead- Umpire in Chief Waverley

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6. Clubs Reports

Eastern Raiders Softball Club

It's been another successful season for Eastern Raiders with loads of terrific softball from all levels: Juniors, Seniors and Masters. We welcomed 35 new members, 25 of them juniors and a few new and returning senior faces. The reestablishment of our Boys team has been a big success and it's a credit to the parents who stepped up to manage, coach and lead that team to the SEMR Grand Final.

We fielded 8 teams in the Waverley summer competition: 4 in juniors and 4 in seniors. Our Open 1 and Open 2 teams have remained competitive but not quite demonstrating the firepower needed to make finals. Our Open 4 teams both performed strongly and faced off in the Cup semi-final, with O4 Red progressing to win the Gold. Our junior teams are solid performers and we're especially proud to field teams in every grade. The U14 Black team won the Grand Final convincingly.

Eastern Raiders took a strong stance at the beginning of the season that we need to leverage our strength to support the junior competition at Waverley – ultimately to secure the future of our own teams. There were 2 main initiatives for this, with most of our U15 boys playing a second game back at Waverley so that we could field 2x U14 teams. We also initiated and led the U17s Waverley Challengers team which ensured that grade had a game every Saturday. Special thanks to Natasha for coordinating this group of senior player volunteers from Brandon Heights, Syndal, Falcons, Northvale and Eastern Raiders.

While our club's main focus is the summer season at Waverley, we continue to be well represented at other softball events:

SEMR (South East Metropolitan Region) U15 Boys – grand finalists

Victorian Masters Championships – E grade winners

Melbourne Softball Association – 2 teams – A grade winners

Werribee Memorial Shield – C grade

Pan Pacific Masters Games – C grade

Tassie Masters – B grade runners up

Our club is also active in the broader community, whether running school teams or generally supporting softball in our region. A couple of mentions:

Softball clinics at Jells Park and Beverley Hills Primary Schools

Purple Day – all funds raised to the Alysha's Army fund for the Brain Cancer Research Foundation

We watch with pride as our members step into Waverley rep and Victorian state teams, as players, coaches, statisticians, umpires & team managers, and we celebrate their successes.

We'd like to congratulate the small band of volunteers that run the Waverley Association on a successful season in the face of changing leadership. Eastern Raiders will continue to support the association at all levels, and skill share wherever possible to ensure that Waverley Softball remains a vibrant, healthy sporting organisation.

Claire Shelvey – President

Syndal Softball Club

We were once again able to enter 4 teams into the senior competition and had 3 players in combined junior teams (1 x U14 and 2 x U17)

Although not as successful as our previous season, 3 of our 4 teams still made finals with our Open 2 Blue team making the grand final, unfortunately they went down to Falcons on the day. Both Open 1 and Open 2 Spartans when out in their elimination finals. Open 3 missed out on a spot in the finals by one game. Our 3 junior players represented their club well with all 3 playing in their respective grand finals.

We had a number of new players start with us as well as 1 returning player. We also welcomed a new coach for the Open 2 Blue team.

We had a number of players playing representative ball from association level to state level and we would like to congratulate them all on their achievements.

Thank you to everyone at our club - players, coaches, scorers, umpires and supporters for your support throughout the season. Without you all, we wouldn't have had such an enjoyable season.

We look forward to the 2019/2020 season.

Gill Penfold – President

Brandon Heights Softball Club

For the 3rd year running we played the curtain raiser to the Melbourne Aces game at the Altona stadium in November. This year we played against the Glen Waverley Softball club as we continue to support our Diamond sports leading into the Olympics. We thank our members and WSA for their continued support of this event.

In February this year we were saddened as a softball family to lose one of our own. Alysha Waye had been bravely and aggressively fighting brain cancer since 2015. Sadly, Alysha passed away in February. Alysha Waye played for Brandon Park and then the united Brandon Heights Softball Club. Alysha coached junior teams with Brandon Heights and was a member of both Open 1 & 2 teams in her senior years. Chris, Cheryl and Alysha have given many years of service to the Brandon Park & Brandon Heights Softball Clubs & the Waverley Softball Association. To honour Alysha and her brave fight the club made a donation of \$500 to the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation in Alysha's name. This donation was made up of member donations by the way of purchasing purple socks, a donation from the Open 3 Black team (in lieu of trophies) and money raised from our Trivia/Bingo night. This is a small token of the affection we have for Alysha and continue to have for Chris and Cheryl.

Maree Warren was awarded the Association MVP for the Open 4 competition, well deserved recognition. Stephanie Krokos received Life Membership recognition of the Club after 30+ years supporting, playing, coaching and volunteering on Committee.

Chris Waye was awarded the Clubman Award for his tireless efforts in coaching and for his coordination and facilitation of our successful Bingo/Trivia night.

Gemma Cornell was selected to travel to the US this year to participate in the Aussie Diamond tour - we wish her well.

Congratulations also to Sam Seach for his selection in U17 Australian Boys team to play in the U23 National Championship in preparation for the 2020 U18 WBSC Softball World Cup to take place in New Zealand.

Donna Scammell –President

Northvale Softball Club

Northvale has continued their growth within the club this season, with juniors and seniors on the rise. We also saw the return of our team that had been playing down at the Casey Association for the past three years, as they returned to make our open 3 team.

This season Northvale entered 5 teams into the Waverley competition, U11's, U14's, Open 3 and two Open 4 teams, which was outstanding to see all the Red & White out on the diamonds every Saturday.

From our 5 teams entered, four of them made finals and three played off in Grand Finals, but unfortunately all three came runners up. To have both our Junior teams and one Open 4 team playing on Grand Final day was a huge achievement from such a small club, it shows the spirit, determination and just how far Northvale has come over the past few years, we are all very proud of our club.

We were lucky enough to have some of our juniors play up in Open 4 and also Megan and Asher from Glen Waverley helping us round out the second Open 4 team. In keeping with the spirit of the game, our two U17 girls permitted to Eastern Raiders again and Daisy from Syndal joined us once again.

We had 9 juniors competing at the Easter Carnival and they all learnt so much and had a fabulous time. Northvale also entered their very first Masters Team in the Victorian Masters at Werribee and will be continuing that this year in Shepparton.

Our first fun raising day was dedicated in support of Alysha Waye, were we donated a third of our profits to Cure for Brain Cancer, along with Falcons matching our efforts. The second fundraising day saw us try something new at Waverley with our Jamaican Jerk Chicken, which by all accounts was a great success and gave everyone at Waverley something a little different.

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.

Northwood Falcons Softball Club

Where else to start but Grand Final Day. Falcons celebrated a very successful season and took home the silverware in Open 1, Open 2, Open 3 and U17. Thank you to Brandon Heights, Syndal and WSA for your support in getting the U17 team together this year.

Including our cheer squad members, we were fortunate enough to have most of our club members at the park on the big day. What a fitting end to a big season.

Falcons players have again been involved at rep level; both for Victoria and various associations. Well done to all who have participated at this next level.

On field success does not come without a lot of hard work off the diamond. Falcons would like to acknowledge not just the efforts of our fantastic committee, coaches and members, but everyone at WSA and the other clubs who contributes countless hours to keep our competition going. Volunteers are certainly the life blood of our sport. We were fortunate to grow our numbers across the board this season and retain most members from the previous year. We aim to continue this trend into the next season.

Good luck to all Waverley members participating in tournaments and competitions during the off season.

Jana Boulet - President

Monash Magic Softball Club

Monash Magic fielded two teams in Season 2018/2019 in Open 3 and Open 4. A couple of new recruits in the off season helped to bolster numbers and keep both teams on the diamond. Our Open 3 team welcomed a new pitcher which helped us win more games than the previous season and we had a couple of narrow losses which may have changed our season if we had won them.

Our Open 4 team started the season slowly with wins and losses however we came home after the Christmas break with an unbroken streak of wins bringing them into the final's series. Everyone batting well as a team helped bring home the Premiership for Open 4 Plate. A fantastic season was had by all players.

Claire Hepenstall - Secretary

Glen Waverley Softball Club

So where to start, Angels thank you for allowing me to be a part of this club, this family. It is fantastic to be so proud to see the growth in players, coaches, umpires, and scorers. It's been a wonderful season.

Firstly I would like to thank the committee of 2018-19 for without you we would not survive, so thank you very much to Nat Collins, Megan Rogers, Jeff Currie and Kate Smedley helping with uniforms.

To the coaches, scores, team managers, and umpires and parents who get their children to the games and training sessions but most of all having fun playing the sport we all love.

Glen Waverley had a great season with seven of our teams playing finals softball. Open 1 finished the season off 2nd on the ladder, the highest position they have finished in many years. Whilst the finals series didn't go their way, it shows the depth and promise this young team has. Open 2 finished the season minor premiers, a fantastic achievement with minimal numbers each week. Our U17s fought hard through all of their finals including a thrilling semi-final to come out runners up for the season.

Runners up medals also went to our very young up and coming U14s side, who fought in every game and had the most fun. Finally congratulations to our U11's, who came away with the championship medals around their necks. The club is very proud of what these juniors show and congratulate them and coaches Craig and Dan immensely on their achievement.

We had players shine throughout the season, congratulations to all of the below:

Open 1 – Peta Edebone Medal – Joint Winner – Moana Benjamin

Open 2 – Des Smith Medal – Winner – Grace Peters

U19 Junior Aussie Spirit Squad Member – Grace Peters

U14 Aussie Diamonds Team Member – Rachel Miller

U15 Australian Boys Team Member – David Dunstan

Huge congratulations to Life Member Mary Walkinshaw who after 45 years of dedicated service to softball and to the scoring community she was announced Director of Scoring.

Finally, thank you to all members of the club for allowing myself and your committee to share in these fabulous moments and thank you to the Waverley Softball Association for once again another fantastic season of softball! See you all next season!

Garry Rogers - President

Springvale Softball Club

2018 - 19 season the club put a strong emphasis on building the core of our club and building our club values. The previous 2 seasons our club recruited strongly and aimed to build back our membership base. We had some success with this however the club found itself relying on too few and we were burning out our core members. This season we decided to scale things back and this unfortunately saw us not field a junior team and also saw our men's team combine with Bunyip men's team in the Casey league.

Our women's team made some strong decisions on the future direction of our team and this also saw the team struggle for numbers, but we feel many things have been addressed and the team is now ready to build again from next season.

Our men's players enjoyed the chance to just jump in a team and play and not have the responsibility of running a stand-alone team. We are encouraged by the return of some past juniors during the season to our men's squad and the goal for next season is to re-establish our own stand-alone men's team again.

We also had a past junior return to the club and join our women's team which is also encouraging for the club. The club believes we can be optimistic about re-establishing our presence in juniors again next season. We had a few juniors who decided to sit out this season unfortunately, we have received communication however that they missed playing softball and want to return next season.

We hope that not fielding some teams this season has given members an appreciation of the work required to run teams and that if others don't step up and contribute the teams won't happen so with some new enthusiasm next season, we feel we can start to grow again as a club. Feedback from members recently has been positive.

We entered teams into some tournaments over the summer season. We entered open men and women's team at Memorial shield and while neither team brought home a title they competed well throughout the weekend and a great time was had by all.

We took 2 men's teams to Canberra international Skins men's tournament. This was the first time we took multiple teams, our club has become known as a enjoyable environment to join for Canberra Skins and this saw many players from elsewhere join us meaning 2 teams were required to accommodate everyone. The weekend was a huge success culminating in our clubs first ever Skins title.



Our men made up the bulk of the Waverley open men's team to compete at Victorian State Championships. Due to several key unavailable players the team wasn't as strong, but it was great to see our members embrace the level and get the opportunity to represent our Association proudly. We also had several men represent Waverley in the men's state league with the Waverley team showing some rapid improvement after its inaugural season last year.

Financially the club was able to cover our costs and have kept our heads over water. Our aim for next season will be to increase our fundraising projects to facilitate the growth we are hoping to see. All in all the club is optimistic moving forwards based on our 2018/19 season.

Scott Dean – President

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7. T-Ball Program

Waverley T-Ball Squad

Planning for the new format Waverley Tball Squad began in the off season. Posters were booked for 7-11s in the area, new logos and caps were designed and participant packs were put together.

The first day started and we had no idea how many new T-Ballers we'd be welcoming. To our delight we saw 18 kids come down and join our squad in its first week. We continued to hold 7 sessions in the term before Christmas and another 6 in the new year. The squad learnt how to run the bases, field like a crocodile, squash that bug, high five as a team and even invited the T-Ball hoop train. Thank you to all who helped with sessions and promoted the squad through their networks. We look forward to expanding the program next year.



8. 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>

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

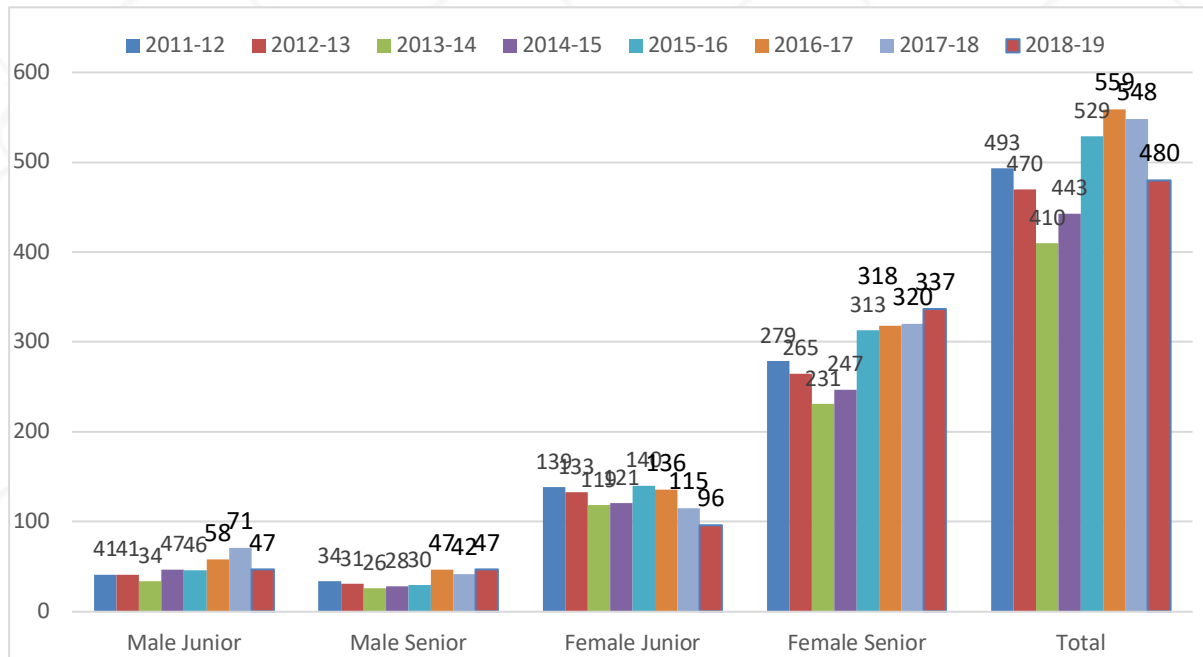
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9. Membership Data



Note: Junior category also contains Sub-Junior (U13)

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	
Year	Open 1	Open 2	Open 3	Open 4	Under 17	Under 14		Under 11	Tee-Ball	TOTAL teams	
2018-19	6	7	8	15	4	4		4	0	48	

Our summer competition included 36 Open age group teams, and 12 Junior teams. Our Open age group teams included an Open 1 team from Moorabbin and an Open 2 team from Lilydale EJays. This year Lilydale EJays entered a team in Open 3. Open 4 again combined with Knox for a total of 15 teams, who played each other once then split into Cup & Plate for the last few weeks of the season

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Under 17 only had 3 age eligible teams so a challenge team was put together with players from all clubs to prevent a draw every 3 weeks.

The Under 15 & Under 13 competitions were combined into one competition due to low numbers to become Under 14.

Unfortunately, we had no Tee Ball competition for the 2018-19 season.

SEMR boys' competition visited us again with the Eastern Raiders Boys playing in the U17 competition.

Waverley also fielded a team in the Men's state league competition (and state championships) which will give our young boys a development path.

Allison Pendlebury – Registrar



10. 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) & **Moana Benjamin**, winners of this year's Peta Edebone medal.

Player	Club	Votes
Dale Stocker	Northwood Falcons	20
Moana Benjamin	Glen Waverley	20
Sarah Beales	Syndal	18
Tayla Supple	Northwood Falcons	15
Amanda Torrington	Northwood Falcons	14
Erin Dunstan	Northwood Falcons	12



As there was no Under 15(16) Arthur Allsopp award, the Committee decided to award a medal for the best player in the Open 1 Grand Final. This award went to Lauren Olsen.

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 **Grace Paters** (Syndal) winner of this year's Des Smith medal.



Player	Club	Votes
Grace Peters	Glen Waverley	19
Isabel Zaharias	Northwood Falcons	15
Santara Zachan	Syndal Blue	15
Alys Young	Glen Waverley	13
Catriona Windsor	Northwood Falcons	13
Jessica Chomley	Lilydale Ejays	11



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 **Ruth Caldwell** (Northwood Falcons) winner of this year's Peter Phillips award.

Player	Club	Votes
Ruth Caldwell	Northwood Falcons	31
Mallory Vos	Glen Waverley	22
Jana Boulet	Northwood Falcons	19
Erin Delahunty	Northvale	18
Shennae Searle	Glen Waverley	15
Shona O'Connell	Brandon Heights	15



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 Caitlyn Laird (Northwood Falcons) for winning this year's Chas Holland-King Award.

Player	Club	Votes
Caitlyn Laird	Northwood Falcons	21
Rachel Miller	Glen Waverley	11
Elizabeth Miller	Glen Waverley	10
Bailea Robinson	Northwood Falcons	9
Gemma Cornell	Northwood Falcons	8
Toshca Segers	Northwood Falcons	7

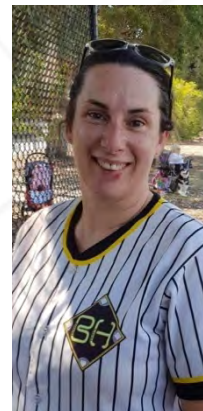


Leanne Thomas Award WSA – KDSA (Open 4)

This season saw the creation of an award for the open 4 grade. Named in honour of our Life Member and long time supporter of softball, Leanne Thomas (Wilkinson), who has been instrumental in driving the opportunities for more mature players who love the sport, enjoy the social aspect of the game and still enjoy being competitive.

Congratulations to **Maree Warren** (Brandon Heights) for winning this year's Leanne Thomas Award.

Player	Club	Votes
Maree Warren	Brandon Heights Gold	16
Anna Chmiel	Eastern Raiders Red	14
Lyndal Alston	Brandon Heights Black	14
Rebecca Watkeys	Heathmont Raiders	14
Elizabeth Edwards	Northwood Falcons	13



11. Grand Finals Results 6th April 2019

Open 1 Northwood Falcons (7)	Defeated	Moorabbin (5)
Open 2 Northwood Falcons (3)	Defeated	Syndal Blue (0)
Open 3 Northwood Falcons (9)	Defeated	Brandon Heights Gold (7)
Open 4 Cup Eastern raiders Red (6)	Defeated	Brandon Heights Gold (2)
Open 4 Plate Monash Magic Masters (12)	Defeated	Northvale White (4)
Under 17 Northwood Falcons (15)	Defeated	Glen Waverley (8)
Under 14 Eastern Raiders Red (14)	Defeated	Northvale (7)
Under 11 Glen Waverley Angels	Defeated	Northvale (4)

Allison Pendlebury

On behalf of the
Match Committee

12. Match Committee Report

When Cheryl Waye called for nominations for Match Committee, I had little concept as to what this would entail. It was certainly a steep learning curve if nothing else! The position was exacerbated by a lack of a Secretary, an unfortunate but unavoidable change of Presidents and a Registrar who was filling the position in an acting capacity. The highest priority of Match Committee was to run a player-centred competition. It is always about the players. We had to put player safety first and foremost. We needed to enhance their enjoyment of the sport. And we had to satisfy their competitive edge. Whoever said girls cannot be competitive, motivated, focused and desperate does not know women's sport. We did little things to make the players feel important – spot prizes, feature games, vouchers for Home Runs, Best Player in the Grand Final and MVP Awards.

The other aspect of our competition that I really wished to promote was Softball as a quality product, not just a pastime. And it is a quality product. This was achieved through Leader articles, social media posts and regular competition updates.

Could things improve? Yes, of course. We need to address so many facets of our competition in order to enhance the experience of our Members and promote our product as being truly professional and elite.

Congratulations to Northwood Falcons. They really set the benchmark winning Open 1, Open 2, Open 3 & U17. It is up to the other Clubs now to rise to the challenge of recruitment, coaching, training and retention.

Thank you to all Clubs for your on-going support and efforts in providing the smooth running of the competition.

A big thank you to Greg Brown, Jana Boulet and Zoe Carolan for assisting on the Match Committee this year.

To Kian and WSUA a huge thanks for contributing to the smooth running of the competition.

To Sue Mercuri, Moira, Leyla, Yas, Allison and the numerous helpers in the Control Room – thanks. Your support was invaluable.

And to players on the diamond – thanks for contributing in such an intrinsic way to our great competition.

See you around the diamonds next season. Big plans for a big season. Watch for the return of 'Play Ball'.

13. Purple Day

The annual WSA Pink Day was this year replaced by Purple Day in honour of one of our own who lost her battle with brain cancer this year. It was a heartfelt day with everyone wearing purple in respect for Alysha Waye; \$4,100 was raised For Alysha's Army in support of Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

A very special thanks to Raiders Softball Club for all their hard work coordinating what was a very successful fundraising day. Thanks to everyone 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 2019 it was our pleasure to provide a forum for local Victorian teams to match their skills against softballers from NSW, ACT, SA, and WA.

Participation numbers were down, and this was reflected especially in Waverley's own team entries but the feedback from everyone who attended has been overwhelmingly positive. Great grounds, great facilities, great food, great competition, great softball.

Volunteers who helped make the event a success include: Simon Ross, Leanne Thomas, Greg Brown, Cheryl-Anne Olley, Kay Williams, Darryl Wood, Wayne Peters and Claire Shelvey along with all our coaches, team managers and scorers. Feedback from players and parents congratulate you all on a job well done. Ground crew spent many hours before, during and after teams had left the park to make sure that our grounds were playable.

Thank you also to – Anita and her team for keeping us all nourished throughout the tournament, umpire coordinator Kian Privitera and the 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.

GRADES & TEAMS

U19 Girls

Winners: Adelaide Storm,
Canberra Amazons, Waverley Red Sox, Waverley Blue Sox.

U16 Girls

Winners: SA Dragons, Waverley SEMSA, Canberra Astras.

U16 Boys

Winners: Waverley 16 Boys, Canberra Force Boys

U14 Girls

Winners: Cheetahs, Cobras, Waverley.

U14 Boys

Winners: Cheetah Boys, Waverley Boys

U12 Mixed

Winners: SEMSA Girls,
Waverley Mixed, Waverley Girls, Canberra Eclipse Girls

2019 Easter MVP

U12

Canberra Eclipse Girls	Heather Solomon
SEMSA Girls	Callie Ashbolt
Waverley Girls	Billie McCulloch
Waverley Mixed	Thomas King

U14

Cheetahs Boys	Jordan Baker
Cheetahs Girls	Mikala Banham
Cobras Girls	Keira Hoad
Waverley Boys	Zac Dunkley
Waverley Girls	Bella Currie

U16

Canberra Astras	Lily Farrington
SA Dragons	Taylor Chillingworth
SEMSA	Taige Sullivan
Waverley	Angelina Kichakov

U19

Adelaide Storm	Millie Fidge
Canberra Amazons	Sarah Nolan
Canberra Force Boys	Oscar Toohey
Waverley 16 Boys	Sam Maxwell
Waverley Bluesox	Jardi Thompson
Waverley Redsox	Grace Peters

U12 Mixed	SEMSA Girls (21)	defeated	Waverley Girls (1)
U14 Girls	Cheetah Girls (12)	defeated	Cobras Girls (10)
U14 Boys	Cheetahs Boys (2 games)	defeated	Waverley Boys (1 game)
U16 Girls	SA Dragons (5)	defeated	Waverley (0)
U16 Boys	Waverley Boys (2 games)	defeated	Canberra Force Boys (1 game)
U19 Girls	Adelaide Storm (5)	defeated	Canberra Amazons (4)

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U12 Waverley Girls Team Easter Carnival

This year we fielded a very under age side as the pool to draw from was not near large enough. Girls age ranged from 12 to 8 and we had only 9 players for the entire tournament.

Despite all of this we were able to be clearly the second-best side on the weekend with the girls from SEMSA clearly being a standout.

We did manage to beat SEMSA in the first game of the weekend. That gave us enormous confidence for the rest of the games.

My girls were truly amazing as they played 14 games over the 4 day period. Not a single one of them had been through tournament style before which is even more impressive. Every girl managed to get bat on ball throughout the 4 days. Every game was played in the best spirit and I was pleased to hear from the Umpire's that they were really enjoying the Under 12's games (even requesting them!!)

I would like to congratulate the Waverley committee for running a smooth and hassle-free experience for myself and my team. I think all the girls improved from day 1 to day 4 and overall had an amazing experience. Highlights for me would include:

Billie McCulloch at 10 years of age catching 90% of all minutes played

Julia Tay with her pitching Skills for beyond her years

Taylah who came from Tasmania who was truly a delight to coach and fitted into the side seamlessly. Her back story makes her accomplishments even more remarkable and she loved every minute of her time over the tournament.

Lastly the help I received from parents who scored, assist coached, Managed and cheered was immense!

We finished with: 14 games played, 9 wins, 5 losses (4 to SEMSA and 1 to Canberra)

Craig McCulloch – Coach

U12 Waverley Mixed Team Easter Carnival



U14 Waverley Boys Team Easter Carnival

We had a mixture of 13 players from Adelaide, Casey, Eastern Raiders Frankston and Dandenong Rebels all come together for the Easter Weekend. The team saw a number of highlights throughout the Easter Carnival, both as a team and as individuals. The players worked well together to secure six wins, one draw and one loss prior to finals. In the finals, we took it to a 3rd game decider but were defeated by the Cheetahs. The boys did a terrific job but just fell short at the end. It was great to see players open to fielding different positions as well as supporting their team mates from the bench during player rotations. I commend each and every player for how well they represented Waverley Softball Association, showing respect to their opposition on and off the field. It was my goal that players came away with additional game knowledge and a greater confidence batting at the plate, the fundamental skill training practiced before each game will assist the players to develop their skills for game situations, and as they say 'from effort will come reward'.

I hope the players had fun and developed some new friendships along the way. I thank all the boys for allowing me to coach them, I really enjoyed working with each and every one of them.

Special thanks to Trish Estall (Assistant Coach), Kristyn Mitchell (Team Manager), both Joey Tucker and Jennifer Hawkins (Scorers) as well as all the parents/carers for all their support.

Also thank you to Waverley Softball Association for hosting another fantastic event.

Back Row: Trish Estall, James Jorgenson, Yucheng Ma, Deakin Mitchell, Jack Anderson, Harry Sherwin, Vancouver Estall, Hunter Richardson, Zach Dunkley, Brent Dunkley.

Front Row: Lucas Tucker, Willem Peters, Denzel Prakash, Samuel Walsh, Jeremy Hess.

Brent Dunkley – Coach



U14 Waverley Girls Team Easter Carnival



WAVERLEY EASTER CARNIVAL - 2019



**WAVERLEY
UNDER 14
REDSOX**

BACK ROW L-R:
Helen Tyrrell
(Assistant Coach)
Charli Burchett
Ella Tucker
Talia Nuroo
Olivia Robinson
Megan Rogers
(Coach)

MIDDLE ROW L-R:
Caitlin Bevan
Bella Currie
Maddy Grbac
Jenna Haggerty
Tamsyn Fairweather

FRONT ROW:
Zienna McCulloch

TRU-VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY

U16 Waverley Girls Team Easter Carnival



WAVERLEY EASTER CARNIVAL - 2019



**WAVERLEY
UNDER 16
REDSOX
FINALISTS**

BACK ROW L-R:
Ronnie Pritchard
(Assistant Coach)
Amelia Leach
Sam Burchett
Rosie Hawkins
(Coach)
Imogen Bodley
Angelina Kichakov
Jayne Perry
(Team Manager)

MIDDLE ROW L-R:
Sienna Nicholls
Chelsea Leach
Gemma Philpot
Arielle Lee
Bec Campbell
Olivia Kruger

FRONT ROW L-R:
Gabby Guilieri
Darshi Govender
Karri Pritchard

TRU-VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY

U19 Waverley Redsox Girls Team Easter Carnival

The team were faced with very tough and high-level competition from the four U19 Women's teams during the Easter tournament, as well as the two U16 Boys teams.

A highlight was our two games against the Waverley Under 16 Boys. These games were so much fun and played in great spirits with some rivalry, with the Peter's family represented on both teams.

Congratulations to the Under 16 Waverley Boys who defeated Canberra Force in their division!
To the Waverley Under 19 girls, you all played a lot of great softball during the tournament to finish third behind ACT Amazons and Adelaide Fury (eventual winners).

Special thanks to Catherine Garoni for keeping for scoring and keeping an eye on me with changes etc., you were invaluable!

Special thanks also to Tamar Hutchinson for acting as our Assistant Coach!

Hana Barbaro, Elise Cramer, Chloe Goodfellow, Jo Garoni, Jordan Hutchinson, Nicole Irvine, Audrey Major, Emily Kline-Marantelli, Paige Morrison, Caitlin Laird, Caitlin Olley, Grace Peters



U19 Waverley Bluesox Girls Team Easter Carnival

The U19 Waverley Blue Sox team was a mix of women from Associations throughout the Melbourne Metro region. Despite the fact that they were put together at the last minute and had had no training together, the team gelled really well and played some highly skilled softball. We were competitive in all of our games and were unlucky not to win two or three more across the weekend.

The team was ably led by great pitching from Moana Benjamin and Tereize Bonner. Moana played through pain and was a stalwart over the whole tournament. MVP Jardi Thompson had a great tournament and for me, Santara Zachin was superb across the 4 days. The Hendy sisters played very well as did Georgia Reynolds. A great experience for these women and a terrific addition to the WSA Easter Tournament.

Simon Ross (Scorer)



15. 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 – PLATE 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.

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Open Women - State Championship

In March this year, the Waverley Open team travelled to Northern Districts to defend our title of 2018 State Champions. After being quite dominant a year earlier, it was clear that our competition were working hard and preparing to challenge in a much stronger fashion this time around. So be it.....Waverley never back away from a playing challenge and if you want to be the best you have to beat the best.

While we played very good defence all weekend, the truth is we never really got out very dangerous batting line up in to top gear. While it is easy to just put 9 players in a to a line up, it often takes time, and it is the real trick to find the right mix and order to maximise results. I don't think we ever found that ideal mix yet we had a lot of class and that helped us to find a way to win. Injury and illness are never an excuse, yet at the same time it is important to recognise that they happen. In our case it only went to shine a brighter light that the Waverley spirit forged many years ago by Arthur Allsopp and Jack Jennings was alive and well in our team. By Sunday morning we had lost two of our 13 person playing roster to injury and illness. As I say, it really doesn't matter other than needing to work out how to manage with fewer players, and I am so proud of how everyone stood up to help us get the job done. That Waverley spirit to which I referred earlier!

The long and short of it is Waverley prevailed in the final against Dandenong for the second year in a row and remain State Champions.

On behalf of the team I offer our thanks to Waverley for the opportunity to wear the uniform and represent our Association. On my own behalf I thank the players for their efforts, Sharon Stocker for again being an outstanding Team Manager and Ali Pendlebury for her amazing stats and scorebook.

Jesse Stocker - Open Women's Coach

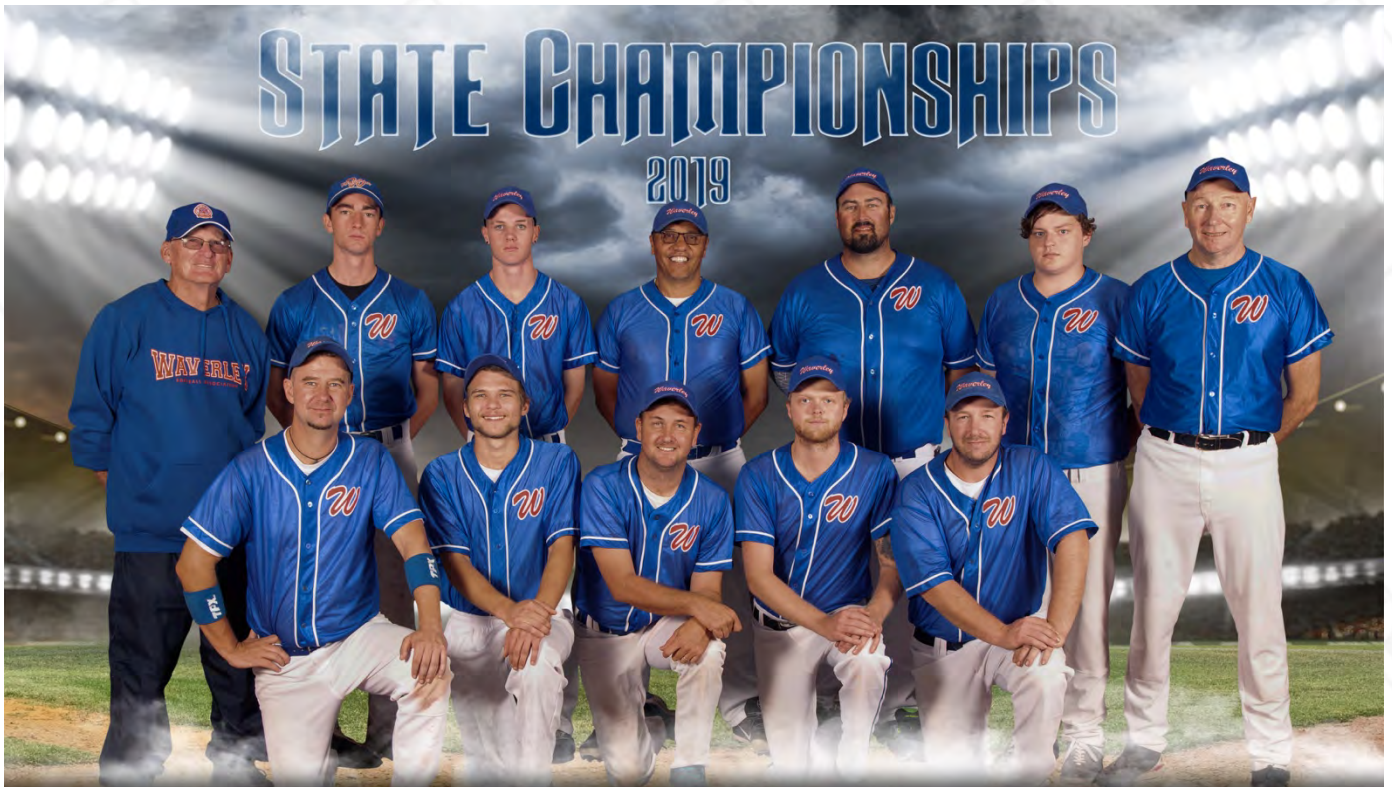


OPEN WOMENS
Alys Young, Sam Allen, Nariisse Privitera, Ilsa Anstey, Gemma Hamilton
Dale Stocker, Breannan Kennelly, Chloe Goodfellow, Grace Peters, Milli Mercuri, Elly Trevethan, Catriona Windsor
Coach: Sam Allen, Scorer: Alison Pendlebury, Assistant: Jesse Stocker, Manager Sharon Stocker

Open Men - State Championship

The weekend saw Waverley men's team compete at state champs for the third year running. The team found the going tough on day 1 playing in the stronger pool that featured both eventual cup finalists. Day 2 started with a fighting draw against Werribee with the game coming down to the final play. This set up a must win game against Casey to secure a spot in the final for plate division however a late rally with the bat's wasn't enough to secure the win. All in all the team performed admirably in challenging circumstances with as many as 8 players absent from last year's squad. This did open opportunities for others to step up and gain experience that will prove invaluable in future years.

Scott Dean – Coach



OPEN MENS
Sam Seach, Liam Bonner, Matt Puketapu, Xavier Lucchesi, Dillon Brehaut, Neil Hamilton
Scott Dean, Harley Willoughby, Joey Thorpe, Justin Oosterhuis, Damien Sharp
Coach: Bernie McDonald

U19 Women - State Championship

The team got off to a shaky start in their first game against Albury/Wodonga, we were restricted to only nine players and went down 3-0. This was a wake-up call and the girls came out ready to play for the rest of the weekend.

Restricted to only 10 players for the rest of the weekend, it was difficult to give many of the girls a break. Special mention to Brea Smedley who had just came off a full week of hiking and camping on Saturday morning to play in the first game.

From there the girls didn't falter even though we came up against strong competitions from Sunshine and Dandenong in the rounds and the finals. The team took out the Cup Final with a strong 8-1 win against Dandenong. The team showed a lot of trust and belief in each other to get the job done. They remained aggressive in the batting box and on the bases and fielded very well.

A special mention to our three part-time pitchers, Grace Peters, Chloe Goodfellow and Alannah Panza. All members of the team showed great versatility.

Our Mission:

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

I need to give a lot of the credit to Alys Young. While she was appointed as our Assistant Coach, I let gave her the lead for this tournament and she did an amazing job. The girls were pleasure to coach and an amazing team effort all round!

Joe Paez – Coach



WAVERLEY U17 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results – Plate Champions

A wet and cold weekend we had in Frankston for the U17 Waverley State Championships. The players all gave 100% in trying weather conditions to come away Plate Champions. This is a fantastic result for a very young side with multiple players still in U15s also. We saw some fantastic hitting throughout the weekend and saw highlights with the bat came from Olivia Wood and Elly Miller both hitting it over the fence during the weekend. A special mention to our pitchers and catchers for the weekend. You didn't allow the rain to get the better of you and you all battled hard to provide us with a strong defence. Highlights from the weekend include some fantastic catches in the outfield and infield by Chelsea Leach and Bec Campbell also.

Well done to Rachel Miller and Tai Graham for their pitching and catching performance in the grand final.

Team batting is what got us over the line for the final, with all players stepping up to focus on putting ball into play.

Well done to all players for a great weekend, it was a privilege to coach you all. Thank you to Gemma, Tamar and Rosie for all their help over the weekend. Takes a whole crew to coach and you all were fantastic!

Heather Webb - Coach



U15 Boys - State Championship

The u15 Waverley boys state championships team was coached by Matt Puketapu and he was assisted by Adan Penfold, with Jenny Hawkins taking up team manager duties. Having only had a couple of training sessions in the lead up to the tournament and representing various associations, the whole team did a really great job for the whole tournament. The best way to describe the team’s performance would be effort. We did not have the biggest team participating, instead we were one of the smallest. But this didn’t dishearten any of us and the team played some really nice softball over the two days, and came away with couple of good results. I think it is safe to say that the boys gave it everything they had and did Waverley proud and hopefully they all take away the good lessons they learned and come back stronger for next year.



U15 Girls - State Championship & Australia Day Tournament

This season, the WSA U15 Girls Team was fortunate enough to participate in three tournaments : Australia Day Tournament in Canberra; Softball Victoria U15 State Championships; & the Waverley Easter Tournament. This report will cover the first two of these tournaments. The officials were myself, Rosie Hawkins & Jell Radford (asst. coaches), Jo Paez (battery coach and asst. coach in Canberra), Greg Brown (specialist coach), Jayne Perry (Team Manager), Jen Hawkins (scorer in Canberra) and Ashleigh Williams (scorer at state champs). These U15 girls certainly had a wealth of experience in their coaching ranks!

Pre-Tournament

Trainings consisted of a combination of core exercises, agility stations, fundamental skills reinforcement, and some more advanced techniques for U15 level. The team varied in ages from 10-14 so there needed to be catering at these different developmental stages, but the team was challenged and the players, as a whole, stood up very well to this. As our State Champs girls were not all available for Canberra, we topped up with a few girls from other associations and they trained with us up to the Canberra tournament. As state champs drew nearer, we focussed more on batting and had plenty of machine batting practice.

Australia Day Tournament, Canberra, 26-28/01/19 This was a hot one! When we arrived on the Friday, it was already 38°C and it turned out this is the coolest it would be for the next 2 days!

It also turned out to be an U16 tournament (we thought it was U15) so we were pitted against some reasonably large units and experienced teams. To our girls' credit though, they played some really good softball (despite the oppressive conditions) and finished the weekend in 5th spot (out of 8 teams) with a 3-5 win loss record. One loss was by 2 runs to the team that finished top and this was on the back of an error which cost 3 runs! We saw some homeruns hit, some super pitching, surprise & running bunts

Our final (4th vs 5th) saw us pitted against an experienced Canberra team and we, unfortunately, bowed out early on the Monday morning. There were lots of positive signs for us heading back to Melbourne and we were excited about what we may be able to achieve at the State Champs knowing we were taking in a young team.

U15 State Championships, Werribee, 23-24/02/2019

Well, after the promise of the Canberra tournament, the State Champs turned out to be a bit of a fizzer. We simply did not bat well enough – our team batting average for the tournament was 0.125!

We still had some super performances and moments of individual brilliance, but we under batted and were a little overwhelmed at times and this led to the results we achieved.

We finished the preliminary rounds in 4th place with a 1-3 record. A first up-close loss (2-4) to Sunshine-Dandenong was followed by two pretty healthy defeats against stronger line-ups from Northern & Knox-Frankston. However, we finished the day strongly with a 9-6 win over Keilor Park-Glen Eira. Everything clicked in this game; our bats worked, we pitched and fielded well and had a couple of umpiring decisions go our way.

The next day saw us play the 5th placed Sunshine-Dandenong team again where we lost a really close, pitcher-dominated, game 3-2 in the final inning.

Obviously not the finish we wanted, or the results we came to the State Champs for, but there is a lot of talent amongst this group of girls and I look forward to seeing them grow and develop as softballers in the coming years.

Many thanks to Waverley for the opportunity to coach this team.

Huge thanks to Rosie Hawkins who was asst. coach with me through both tournaments. We had lots of laughs along the way (a few Major League quotes may have found their way out...just ask Dennis DeNuto!!) and we are both confident we taught these girls many skills, and softball strategies, that will serve them well for years to come. Rosie went on to coach the U16 girls at Easter.


To our other officials in Jell, Jo, Greg, Jayne, Jen & Ash....thankyou so much for all your support and help over the journey.

I would relish the opportunity to work with you all a gain so a heartfelt thanks from me to you.

GO WAVERLEY!!

Peter Miller – Coach



 **UNDER 15'S**
Talía Nuroo, Madeleine Grbac, Ella Tucker, Olivia Krugar, Amelia Leach, Tamsyn Fairweather
Rachel Miller, Darshi Govender, Zienna McCulloch, Sienna Nicholls, Isabella Currie, Frances Scott Mackereth
Coach: Peter Miller, Assistants: Jell Radford & Rosie Hawkins, Scorer: Ashleigh Williams, Manager: Jayne Perry

16. Softball Victoria 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.

OPEN WOMEN STATE TEAM – PERTH JAN 2019

Ilsa Anstey, Sarah Tutchener, Alys Young, Amelia Mercuri, Amanda Torrington

Award Winners MVP: Best Player:

UNDER 23 WOMEN STATE TEAM - QLD JULY 2018

Piera Charles, Kylie Steemers, Alys Young

Coach: Donna Scammell

UNDER 23 MEN'S STATE TEAM - QLD JULY 2018

Statistician: Allison Pendlebury

UNDER 19 GIRLS STATE TEAM – SYDNEY JAN 2019

Lea Sheehan-Warren, Chloe Goodfellow, Grace Peters, Lauren Vernon, Julieanne Kinsella

Coach: Heather Webb, Ass. Coach: Donna Scammell, Team Assistant: Milli Mercuri, Statistician: Mary Walkinshaw

UNDER 17 GIRLS STATE TEAM – ADELAIDE JAN 2019

Elly Miller, Gemma Cornell, Taimania Graham, Allanah Panza

Team Manager: Natalie Collins

UNDER 17 STATE BOYS TEAM – ADELAIDE JAN 2019

Samuel Seach

UNDER 15 GIRLS - PERTH JAN 2019

Rachel Miller

UNDER 15 BOYS

David Dunstan. COACH: Sam Allen

UNDER 13 DEVELOPMENT TEAM GIRLS

UNDER 13 DEVELOPMENT TEAM BOYS

17. School Sports Victoria

17-UNDER GIRLS (SSV Canberra ACT May 2019)

Emily Kline-Marantelli, Arielle Lee, Jamie-Lee Mathews, Caitlin Olley, Allanah Panza,

COACH – Matthew Puketapu ASS COACH – Michelle Panza

17-UNDER BOYS (SSV)

12-UNDER GIRLS (SSV)

12-UNDER BOYS (SSV)

Softball Victoria Scoring Committee

Mary Walkinshaw (Director of Scoring) Allison Pendlebury and Kerryn Bell

National Representatives – Umpires

U15 Regional Boys in Hawker, ACT– Tobias Sadler

U17 Boys and Girls Nationals, Adelaide, SA – Lucy James

U19 Male and Female Nationals, Blacktown, NSW – Chris Trengove

International Friendship Series, Redlands, QLD – Tobias Sadler

Waverley Members on National Teams

U14 team to New Zealand

Rachel Miller, Fiona Mills (asst. Coach)

U17 Australian Boys team - U23 National Championship & 2020 U18 WBSC Softball World Cup

Sam Seach, Kerryn Bell (Team Manager)

Aussie Diamonds USA Tour Minnesota 2019

Gemma Cornell

2018 Friendship Series U19 Squad - Grace Peters

U19 Junior Aussie Spirit Squad Member – Grace Peters

U14 Aussie Diamonds Team Member – Rachel Miller

U15 Australian Boys Team Member – David Dunstan

18. Softball Victoria Awards

UMPIRES

Marjorie Nora Dwyer Memorial Scholarship – Rhys Fairweather

SCORERS

Mary Walkinshaw Scorers Award – Carolyn Di Paola

19. Other Teams



Softball Victoria ran a very successful competition in 2018, the Softball Victoria Women's Invitational, which saw many Waverley players selected to play in this high-level softball competition that was very well attended.



THE SUMMER SLAM

Fully Loaded Softball

Softball Australia presented us with the world first Fully Loaded Softball tournament was a smash hit at Blacktown International Sportspark during the Summer Slam and now Softball Australia is rolling out the all new format across the country! Loaded bases, three innings, shorter fences, 60-second changeover between innings, Fully Loaded Softball is all the best bits of the game wrapped up within an hour!

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**.

20. 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
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	Mr. E. Steemers	Mrs M Teichert
2016	Mrs M Teichert	Mrs G Irvine
2017	Mrs C Waye	Ms Alysha Waye
2018	Mrs C Waye	Ms Alysha Waye