



Waverley Softball Association Inc.

Annual Report Season 2019-20

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(Online Zoom Meeting)*



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1. Waverley Executive Committee

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| President: | Heather Webb |
| Vice President: | Simon Ross (resigned Dec19) position left vacant |
| Secretary: | Jacque Arnold |
| Treasurer: | Ashley Irvine and Leanne Thomas |
| Registrar: | Carolyn Di Paola |

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 | Barbara Doggett | Sandra Troyahn | Leanne Wilkinson |
| Arthur Allsopp* | Dave Robson | Les McLean | Peta Edebone |
| Ray Allsopp | Graeme Brown | Ron Pilkington | Sharon Stocker |
| Mrs Jan Allsopp | Chas Holland-King | Elaine Shultz* | Jacinta Poole |
| Ms Rhonda Boyd | Joanne Paez | Peter Philips* | Allison Pendlebury |
| Mrs Fay Hill (Chaffey) | Bev Moore | William (Bill) Gobbart* | Cheryl Waye |
| Jack Chaffey* | Jack Jennings* | Greg Brown | Rob Cunningham |
| Peg Chaffey* | Des Smith | Heather Pilkington* | Moira Teichert |
| Peter Hall* | Ian Snowball* | Pat Chambers | |
| *(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 | Ray Otter | Brian Cook | Allison Pendlebury |
| Peter Calderan* | Gerald Quigley | David Punter | Charlotte Bernhard |
| Arthur Cox | Pam Seymour | Robert Cunningham | Stuart Tyler |
| Bernie Darcy | Lindsay Seymour | Bill Inglis* | Kay Williams |
| Ron Hall | Vera Sharp* | David Campbell | Moira Teichert |
| John Heggie | John Shaw | Jacinta Poole | Susan Mercuri |
| John Kane | Margaret Wood | Tracey Duscher* | |
| Dorolie Kyle | Sharon Stocker | Lindsay Whitehead | |
| Ray Newsome | John Billsborough | Cheryl Waye | |
| *(Deceased) | | | |

2.3 Club Presidents and Secretaries

| Club | President | Secretary |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Brandon Heights | Donna Scammell | Kristin Sangalli |
| Eastern Raiders | Vacant (<i>Vice President - Rosie Hawkins</i>) | Jackie Campbell |
| Glen Waverley | Peter Miller | Sofie Miller |
| Monash Magic | Leanne Thomas | Claire Hepenstall |
| Northvale | Yona Nebel-Jacobsen | Vacant – (<i>filled by Jill Sherrin & Sharon Scallion</i>) |
| Northwood Falcons | Cassie Liddy & Jana Boulet | Lauren West |
| Pandas | Matthew Puketapu | Michelle Panza |
| Syndal | Gill Penfold | Jodi Penfold |

3. President's Report

2020, the year COVID-19 changed everything we knew about life!

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone the best of health during these times. This season and year have not gone quite how we all planned. Make sure you are touching base with your community within softball and outside of the sport. A simple phone call can help turn someone's day around.

When I took on the role of presidency in May 2019, I had a whole range of ideas in my head – some quite normal and some a little more on the crazy side. Thankfully, I had a full committee of eager and helpful people to make some of those come to life. Your committee this season has been working hard in so many aspects of this association as volunteers. Often giving up days and weeks as volunteers to ensure our association and sport grows. I would like to thank each of the committee members for all of their support and efforts this season. Even the smallest of things does not go unnoticed.

We started the season by removing the day long forum instead opting for written submissions to assist the WSA Committee in changing the upcoming season to benefit all. First cab off the rank was juniors. WSA made the decision early to move our junior competition teams into the SEMR Competition. After the initial transition phase of everyone getting used to travelling and new rules, we found our groove and settled into this great competition. Feedback received has shown it has been a fun and successful first season in the comp!

Our senior competition also saw a few changes this season. We decided to introduce Fully Loaded Softball into our Open 1 competition with double headers and night games moving to this short fast paced format! Unfortunately, due to rain we only got 1 game of this in but with lots of eagerness shown by the Open 1 teams we will continue this next season and hopefully have better weather! We ran some additional competitions within the Open 1 Grade – WSA Mini Comps – these were very successful – congratulation to our winners.

We had additional teams in our Open 3 and Open 4 competition this season which meant the park was full at the 2pm and 4pm timeslots. Open 4 trialled a pool grading format due to having 14 teams in the grade with the creation of the Chambers and Rigg Pools.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 our season was cut short and we missed being able to run a final competition. After much deliberation, it was decided that the teams who finished on top of the ladder at the end of the home & away season were our Premiers. We would like to congratulate all the Premiers and Runners Up for the 2019-2020 season. We will get your plaques to you eventually!

We also were unable to hold our Senior Medal Presentation, so we ventured into the world of social media with this and announced our leader boards and winners via Facebook with great success! Congratulation to all our worthy medal recipients.

You may have also noticed an influx of elite junior players from around Australia at Waverley in early January! Waverley played host for the U16 Girls and Boys National Championships! What great fun it was to have a National Championships back in Victoria! It was a HUGE week for us, but we pulled it off and hosted a successful event. A massive thank you to Greg Brown and Rob Cunningham for their months of work in the lead up and throughout Nationals to ensure our diamonds were 100% throughout the entire week, even with the rain that came. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers, each, and every one of you helped in making the event a success. Thanks to Softball Victoria and all the other associations who stuck by us for the week to provide a great tournament. We have now been fortunate enough to have earned the rights to host National Championships for the next 3 years. A great result for softball in Victoria.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we were also unable to hold our annual Easter Tournament but never fear we will be back bigger and better next year with our new expanded format to include a Masters division.

We also had a successful year with State Championships. The Waverley U14 Girls team won the tournament. This year saw us join forces with Knox and Glen Eira for the U16 Zone Championship. It was a great U16 tournament and we are looking forward to seeing this format expand in years to come.

We had multiple players, officials, umpires, and statisticians head to Nationals in January. Congratulations to all those involved throughout all the national events. Also, a shoutout to our Aussie Team Reps and Summer Slam Reps.

Overall, Waverley Softball had a successful year on and off the diamonds. Thank you again to every volunteer and committee members not just for WSA but for those who assist with all the clubs at Waverley. Waverley would not be successful without each and every one of you helping the association or a Waverley club.

So, signing off now on my first year as WSA President and what an experience it was! It has deepened my passion for the sport and this great association, and I am very excited for what the next season will bring no matter what that is going to look like!

Stay safe and we will see you at the park soon!

Heather Webb - President



4. Financial Report

On behalf of the WSA Executive, I present the Audited Reports – Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 30 April 2020 and Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 30 April 2020. (Following 5 Pages)

An audit of all relevant documents, including bank statements 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 \$7,387.00 for the 2019-2020 reporting year.

Ashley Irvine & Leanne Thomas
WSA Co-Treasurers

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Waverley Softball Association Inc

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

Income & Expenditure Statement

Year Ended 30th April 2020

| | | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Income | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Bar Sales - General | | 11,361 | 14,339 |
| Canteen Sales - General | | 26,364 | 30,538 |
| Canteen - Easter | | - | 13,176 |
| Easter Team Entry Fees | | - | 4,215 |
| Nationals - Bar Sales | 7,441 | | - |
| National - Canteen Sales | 27,311 | | - |
| Nationals - Gate Takings | 11,358 | | - |
| Nationals - Dept of Infrastructure Grant | 3,000 | | - |
| Nationals - Other Income | <u>835</u> | 49,945 | - |
| Grounds Hire | | 10,421 | 13,475 |
| Merchandising - Uniforms | | 2,373 | 727 |
| Pavilion Hire | | 461 | 242 |
| Sandhurst Investment Trust Earnings | | 410 | 1,152 |
| Sponsorship, Donations & Grants | | 818 | 600 |
| SV & SA Fees Collected | | 32,404 | 37,679 |
| WSA Fees | | 48,579 | 47,118 |
| Other Income | | <u>2,524</u> | <u>2,212</u> |
| Total Income | | <u>\$185,660</u> | <u>\$165,473</u> |
| Expenses | | | |
| Advertising & Marketing | | 3,559 | 3,173 |
| Bar Supplies & Expenses | | 3,805 | 6,344 |
| Canteen Purchases - General | | 12,863 | 14,344 |
| Canteen Purchases - Easter | | - | 6,724 |
| Cleaning | | 3,025 | 2,723 |
| Depreciation Expense | | 11,740 | 11,036 |
| Easter Carnival Expenses | | - | 11,968 |
| Electricity & Gas | | 11,080 | 9,581 |
| Honorariums | | 8,914 | 13,412 |
| Finals Expenses, Trophies & Trophies | | 400 | 1,271 |
| First Aid Services | | 32 | 321 |
| Grounds & Building Maintenance | | 10,824 | 13,146 |
| Grounds Rental | | 11,925 | 8,801 |
| Insurance | | 2,201 | 2,070 |
| International Friendship Series | | - | (600) |
| Legal & Affiliation Fees | | 838 | 589 |
| Nationals - Bar Expenses | 3,171 | | - |
| Nationals - Canteen Supplies | 16,547 | | - |
| Nationals - Canteen Staff | 9,484 | | - |
| Nationals - Ground Expenses | 5,282 | | - |
| Nationals - Cool Room Hire | 1,188 | | - |
| Nationals - Meals - Scorers & Softball Vic | 1,311 | | - |
| Nationals - Surplus Share to Softball Vic | 2,538 | | - |
| Nationals - Credit Fees | <u>504</u> | 40,025 | - |
| Office & Computer Expenses | | 1,415 | 1,037 |
| Playing & Umpiring Equipment | | 795 | 186 |
| Team Fees - SV & SA | | 32,368 | 39,883 |
| Team Fees - Championships | | 1,332 | 1,650 |
| Telephone, Internet & Data | | 625 | 545 |
| Umpires Fees | | 13,321 | 16,086 |
| Uniforms | | 4,165 | 2,195 |
| Volunteer Uniforms | | 1,175 | - |
| Sundry Expenses | | <u>1,846</u> | <u>1,377</u> |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$178,273</u> | <u>\$167,862</u> |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year | | <u>\$7,387</u> | <u>(\$2,389)</u> |

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

as at 30th April 2020

| ASSETS | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Current Assets | \$ | \$ |
| Cash Available | | |
| Bendigo Bank Club Account | 64,426 | 59,292 |
| Bendigo Bank Debit Card Account | 4,326 | 1,982 |
| Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund | 58,175 | 57,765 |
| Petty Cash | 1,000 | 2,200 |
| Total Cash Available | <u>127,927</u> | <u>121,239</u> |
| Accounts Receivable | 468 | 1,134 |
| Stock at Cost | | |
| - Canteen | 2,224 | 3,842 |
| - Bar | 1,134 | 751 |
| - Medals & Ribbons | 12,079 | 12,380 |
| - Uniforms | 5,045 | 5,660 |
| Total Stock | <u>20,482</u> | <u>22,633</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>148,877</u> | <u>145,006</u> |
| Non-Current Assets | | |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings at Cost | 82,702 | 70,228 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (61,411) | (60,927) |
| | <u>21,291</u> | <u>9,301</u> |
| Tractor at Cost | 16,443 | 16,443 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (15,209) | (13,565) |
| | <u>1,234</u> | <u>2,878</u> |
| Total Fixed Assets at Depreciated Value | <u>22,525</u> | <u>12,179</u> |
| Leasehold Assets - Note 3 | | |
| Pavilion Extension at Cost | 92,843 | 92,843 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (92,843) | (92,843) |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Grounds & Improvements at Cost | 213,123 | 213,123 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (105,044) | (98,272) |
| | <u>108,079</u> | <u>114,851</u> |
| Total Leasehold Assets at Depreciated Value | <u>108,079</u> | <u>114,851</u> |
| Total Non-Current Assets | <u>130,604</u> | <u>127,030</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>279,481</u> | <u>272,036</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Receivable - Refunds Due | 569 | - |
| GST Liabilities | 5,562 | 6,073 |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>6,131</u> | <u>6,073</u> |
| NET ASSETS | <u>\$273,350</u> | <u>\$265,963</u> |
| ASSOCIATION EQUITY | | |
| Association Reserves as at 1st May 2019 | 265,963 | 268,352 |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) Current Year | 7,387 | (2,389) |
| TOTAL FUNDS AT 30th APRIL 2020 | <u>\$273,350</u> | <u>\$265,963</u> |

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th April 2020

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.

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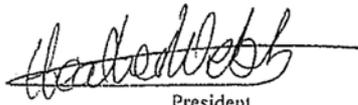
STATEMENT BY OFFICERS

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 2020, 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 2018.
- 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

15th May 2020

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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 2020 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 2020 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Lindsay Coster FCA
Chartered Accountant
Registered Company Auditor No. 7815

15th May 2020

5. Umpiring Report

We start this season's umpiring report mentioning the sudden but necessary end to the 2019/20 season as a result of the Victorian and Federal Government movement restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This, although was disappointing to experience but the WSA Committee made the correct decision (cancelling the last three weeks of the season) being in the best interests of health and safety.

Creation of the Waverley Umpiring Committee

During the off season the association's senior umpires had approached and proposed to the Waverley Committee in creating an official "Waverley Umpiring Committee". After extensive discussions with the Committee approved a document that was modelled on Softball Australia's NUC Operating Code, the known procedures of last season's Umpiring Management Crew and the few existing umpiring rules in previous manuals. This created the Waverley Umpiring Committee. This document also set rules for member club's, external teams and the Waverley Committee to follow to ensure the association's umpiring operations are functioning as intended.

The inaugural members of the Waverley Umpiring Committee, elected for a one-year term, were:

- Lindsay Whitehead - Umpire in Chief
- Kian Privitera - Deputy Umpire in Chief Operations and Communications
- Roy Arscott (Member of Melbourne Softball Association) - Deputy Umpire in Chief Training
- Chris Trengove - Deputy Umpire in Chief Technical
- Chris Nelson - General Member
- Robert Dykstra - General Member

Umpiring Numbers

Based on the records, as shown below, there is a worrying declining trend with the amount of umpires at Waverley. Of course membership numbers fluctuate each season. However, it is noted as all WSA member clubs do not equally promote softball umpiring to the community. The consequences of a lack of promotion, is an increase in umpires regularly umpiring four or more games on a Saturday. This is undesirable, as it excludes any Softball Victoria and Softball Australia competitions they may want to participate in throughout the season.

Another consequence is requiring Member Clubs and external teams, who do not meet the required number of umpires, to be regularly called upon to supply "fill in umpires" where this could be a player, coach or scorer. This will disrupt their originally planned Saturday at Jells Park. This does have the potential to affect our training program for the juniors and severely fatigue a high number of umpires, which can lead into other health problems for the older aged umpires.

Another point the WUC would like to mention is the relatively high number of umpires registered with an external club/team. There is no doubt members of the association want to see an overwhelming majority of members being registered with WSA member clubs. But it will certainly be a bad look, for a proud association such as ourselves, to have members of external clubs running the umpiring operations of Waverley. The WUC encourages all member clubs to start creating effective marketing plans now that will increase their club's umpiring numbers so we may not experience shortages, a lack of quality umpires and not be overrun by external clubs. If nothing is done then we won't have any accredited umpires as many other Victorian associations and have been experiencing for a very long time. There would also be no Waverley umpires proudly representing the Association in State, National and International levels of softball as many previous members have done.

Overall Umpire Members:

2019/20 - 30 (ten umpires are members or permit members of an external club)
2018/19 - 36 (nine umpires are members or permit members of an external club)
2017/18 - 37
2016/17 - 38
2015/16 - 38



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Waverley Umpiring Award recipients and SV umpiring awards nominees

A big congratulations to the following umpires who have received Waverley Umpiring Awards:

- Trevor Hanstead Memorial Trophy (Most Improved Umpire) - **Jeremy Hess**
- Lindsay Whitehead (Green Shirt) Encouragement Award - **Will Peters**



The WUC have also nominated **Lucas Tucker** for Softball Victoria's John Larter Development Scholarship and **Jason Irvine** for the Marjorie Dwyer Memorial Scholarship. We were very impressed to witness and be involved in the development of all award recipients and nominees this season.

These four umpires (Jeremy, Will, Lucas and Jason), have a strong future in umpiring and the WUC will do everything possible to ensure their development is sound and successful. It is also noted that there were a number of other umpires worthy of receiving an award - congratulations to them as well.

Accreditation

In the past twelve months the WUC were able to present seven umpires their Level 1 accreditation. Once again please congratulate the following umpires who were awarded their accreditation.

Level 1:

David Sutton, Taylor Dykstra, Darcy Messenger, Jeremy Hess, Lucas Tucker, Zach Dunkley, Michael Rigg (Knox)

An additional consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, Waverley did have Jason Irvine as a Level 3 Candidate. But Softball Victoria had to postpone the U18 State Championship to next season. When the tournament commences, we wish Jason Irvine all the best in becoming Victoria's next Level 3 accredited umpire.

Service

Lindsay Whitehead started umpiring at Waverley in the 1980/81 season and began working his way up the umpire accreditation levels by attending Victorian and then National Championships, obtaining his Level 6 qualification in 2002. He has been Director of Umpiring in Victoria on two occasions during this time and also a Waverley Committee Member and Waverley Umpires Manager. After achieving Level 6 he continued to umpire at a national and international level. He is now semi-retired but still umpires some games at Waverley and schools. This year is his fortieth continuous year umpiring at Waverley.

Tournaments:

Before the abrupt ending to the 2019/20 season several Waverley umpires had already participated and travelled long distances around Australia to attend several tournaments. This meant Waverley once again had a strong showing at many important tournaments such as Softball Victoria's State Championships and Softball Australia's National and Regional Championships. This resulted with many Waverley umpires being appointed as one of the Grand Final umpires for their respective competitions. In some tournaments there were either a majority or an all Waverley umpire crew for the tournament's Finals Series games. Congratulations to the umpires who participated in these tournaments.

There were many "first time" this season for five umpires who had participated in certain competitions. The most noteworthy "first time" was junior umpires Jeremy Hess and Lucas Tucker participating in Softball Victoria's U14 and U16 State Championships. The WUC were very proud to hear the fantastic reports of their performance and commitment from the TCU's. Once again these appointments and attendances showcase that Waverley have quality and committed umpires to Australian Softball.

2019 Softball NT Championships Alice Springs, NT

- **Robert Dykstra** - Men's Grand Final (Plate)
- **Kian Privitera** - Women's 3rd Place Play off (Plate)
- **Jason Irvine** - Women's 3rd Place Play off (Base)

SOFTBALL VICTORIA COMPETITIONS

2019 Masters - Mooroopna, Victoria

- **Kian Privitera** - A Grade Women's Gold Medal (Base)
- **Lucy James**
- **Simon Ross**
- **Lani Rigg** (Member of Knox Softball Association)

2019-20 Peta Edebone Cup

- **Kian Privitera** - Grand Final (1st Base)
- **Jason Irvine** - Grand Final (3rd Base)
- **Robert Dykstra**
- **Lucy James**
- **Roy Arscott**

2019-20 Men's State League

- **Robert Dykstra** - Semi Final (3rd Base)
- **Jason Irvine** - Semi Final (1st Base)
- **Kian Privitera** - Grand Final (3rd Base) & Semi Final (Plate)
- **Roy Arscott**

2020 U14 State Championships – Northern Districts

- **Roy Arscott** - Deputy TCU
- **Lucas Tucker** – Boys Grand Final (Base Umpire)
- **Jeremy Hess**

2020 U16 State Championships - Dandenong

- **Lucas Tucker** - Girls Grand Final (Plate Umpire)
- **Jason Irvine** - Boys Grand Final (Plate Umpire)
- **Kian Privitera** - Boys Grand Final (1st Base)
- **Roy Arscott** - Boys Grand Final (3rd Base)
- **Jeremy Hess**

SOFTBALL AUSTRALIA COMPETITIONS

2020 U14 Regional Girls in Mirrabooka, WA

- **Kian Privitera and Jason Irvine**

2020 U14 Regional Boys in Blacktown, NSW

- **Jason Irvine** - Preliminary Final (1st Base)

2020 U16 Boys and Girls Nationals, Waverley, VIC

- **Lucy James** - Girls Grand Final (Left Field)

2020 U18 Female Nationals, Blacktown, NSW

- **Chris Trengove and Stuart Tyler** (former WSA UIC)

Next Season

In the next twelve months we certainly look forward to umpiring a full summer season and Easter Carnival. As mentioned earlier we wish Jason Irvine all the best with his Level 3 assessment at the U18 State Championships in Geelong. We are hoping the junior umpires who expressed their interest in umpiring Open State Championships still participate in the tournament. We will ensure there will be more candidate umpires seeking and achieving higher levels of accreditations and as well issuing more Level 1 accreditations for our Green Shirt Umpires.

And finally we do hope all clubs and members have realised how fragile umpiring is in Waverley and will develop an effective marketing plan to increase umpiring membership. The WUC would be pleased to help any club, if requested.

Lindsay Whitehead

Waverley Umpire in Chief

Kian Privitera

Deputy Umpire in Chief - Operations and Communications

On behalf of the Waverley Umpiring Committee

6. Clubs Reports

Eastern Raiders Softball Club

Raiders fielded 9 teams this season and 4 of them were in finals contention when the season ended. Our Open 1 and Open 4 Red teams were sitting in 4th place. Our junior teams had started their finals campaigns with our U15 boys due to exercise their double chance for a spot in the Grand Final and our U12 Red team winning their first final, also due to play off for a spot in the Grand Final. SEMR subsequently crowned our U15 boys as runners up for the season.

We were lucky to have welcomed Mark Rigg back to coach our Open 1 team, bringing his experience along with some additional handy recruits. We also welcomed Taryn Richardson and some players from Dandenong to complete our U15 boys' team. Thanks to Glen Waverley for sending some boys our way who had outgrown the mixed competition.

We are extremely lucky to have Allison Pendlebury at our club who is a highly accredited and experienced scorer. Ally put in a lot of time and effort over the past year to support many scorers in achieving their accreditation to ensure Victoria had a full complement of scorers at the U16 National Championships in January. Ally was also one of the Tournament Chief Statisticians for the week and Raiders scorers who participated included Jackie Campbell, Kay Williams, Joy Votersen and Rosie Hawkins.

Thanks to all our named umpires which have been growing in numbers over the past few seasons. We are lucky to have Chris Trengove in our ranks as our most experienced umpire representing us at the Open 1 level. Many of our remaining umpires are u18 and umpiring can be a thankless task, however it's great to see them representing our club each week, participating at State Championships, and improving their knowledge of the game. Well done to Jeremy Hess who was awarded the Trevor Hanstead memorial trophy for Most Improved Umpire at Waverley. Also, Lucas Tucker who as a Level 1, umpired at both the U14 and U16 State Championships earning spots in the finals for each of these events. This is recognition of his efforts over the tournaments and is a great achievement.

We have many wonderful volunteers at Raiders who help to keep our club working and assist at Waverley. Many of these assisted at the U16 National Championships hosted in January by Waverley. The event received positive feedback and it's great to see that Waverley have been successful in being awarded the host for 2021.

Congratulations to the following Eastern Raiders players who received awards as part of the SEMR season: Hazel McKenzie in our U12 Black team and George Papadopoulos from our U12 Red team.

Our club had many representatives who took part in elite competitions including the State and National championships across the following teams:

U14 Waverley Girls
U14 Dandenong/Waverley Boys
U14 Victoria Girls
U14 Victoria Boys – **Zach Dunkley was awarded Best Team Player and selected to represent Australia**
U16 Spectres Girls
U16 Spectres Boys
U16 Victoria Girls
U17 SSV Girls
U18 Spectres Girls
U18 Victoria Girls
U23 Victoria Women
Open Victoria Women
Peta Edebone Cup

Finally, thanks to everyone who supported me stepping up this season into the President role. Claire Shelvey has left big shoes to fill, but I'm thankful that she is still around to provide advice and support. Following an abrupt end to our 2019/20 season, I look forward to a great softball season at Waverley in 2020/21.

Rosie Hawkins - President



Syndal Softball Club

Syndal Softball Club welcomed a number of new players this season as well as welcoming back returning players. We entered 4 teams again – Open 1, Open 2 x 2 and Open 3 x 1.

Our Open 1 team had an inconsistent season, not being able to put 2 wins together. Injuries and unavailability made each week a challenge, but the team took to the diamond each week and did their best.

Congratulations must go to Tania P for taking out the PETA EDABONE AWARD – Open 1 MVP for the season.

Our Open 2 Blue team was the team to beat all season, leading the competition ladder most weeks and took out the premiership when the season was prematurely called due to COVID19.

Our Open 2 Spartans wasn't able to maintain their consistency shown in previous seasons due to injuries and unavailability and they struggled throughout the season.

Our Open 3 welcomed a number of new players but due to 2 late withdrawals on the first day of the season, what should have been a team that had plenty of players, quickly turned to the opposite with them playing short in a number of games. Nevertheless, the players battled on and made the most of their season.

We had a number of our players, coaches, scorers and umpires represent WSA and SV at regional and national tournaments and would like to congratulate everyone on their achievements and contribution to Softball this season.

Our annual fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Notting Hill was again successful for us – many thanks to Heather, who organised it and to the players and coaches who helped out on the day.

Thanks once again to everyone, from players to coaching and scoring staff to umpires for supporting our club.

Although it was not the successful season we had hoped for, we all enjoyed it and hope to be back for the 20/21 season.

Gill Penfold – President



Brandon Heights Softball Club

Brandon Heights Softball Club would like to thank the Waverley Softball Association for this seasons competition. While it had a number of challenges throughout the season none could compare to abrupt season end.

On the diamond our club had a successful season with three out of our five teams finishing in the top two, and one finishing third. Special mention to Chris Waye (Open 3) Nicole Atkinson and Glenys Bryce (Open 4 Plate) who coached their respective teams to Premiers. With no finals series due to Covid-19 it pays to end the season on top of the ladder.

Congratulations to everyone who participated this year, players, coaches, statisticians, managers, umpires, life members and committee members. Brandon Heights are proud that we have created some great memories and moments this season and we look forward to showcasing all our exceptionally talented people next season, whatever that may look like.

Donna Scammell - President



Northvale Softball Club

This has been my first year as president, being a member for only two years. Being very new to softball, the club and all its members who have been so welcoming and supportive that it was no question for me rising up to the challenge.

Northvale had another successful season with four teams in the competition, down from the 5 in the previous season due to the fact we just didn't have a strong enough pitcher to take on Open 3 level.

Our two junior teams, 15&U girls and 12&U mixed, entered the SEMR league like all other Waverley junior teams. The 12&U mixed team was often bolstered up by some of our 15&U girls who technically were 12&U but wanted the additional level of competition in the 15&U comp. Given that this was the first ever softball season for a number of kids in this team, they played very well. They were coached by Faye and Barb, both brand new to coaching but did a fabulous job. The team only very narrowly missed out on finals. Our 15&U girl's team pulled off an amazing season, coming third on the ladder and only missing out on the prelim final very narrowly in a nail-biting semi-final against Ejays at Knox. (At the time we did not know that these two junior teams playing this day would be the last game a Northvale team would play for this season). We would like to thank all parents and coaches for accepting the travelling this season and supporting each other with carpooling.

Both of our senior teams (both Open 4) did very well in cup and plate division and it looked like both made finals....until the lockdown hit. We are nevertheless very proud of our White team being declared cup winner in Open 4 and our red team finishing 3rd!

Northvale Seniors again took part in the Victorian Masters in Shepparton last year. Although losing every game, the Nutbush warm-up before every game was a hit for everyone and truly showed the Northvale spirit: it's all about the companionship, growing as a team, and support for each other!

Northvale had five players in the Waverley Representative team for the U15 girl's state championship and 1 boy in the Dandenong/Waverley U14 boys team. The boys team did very well to make finals, but unfortunately missed out on the grand final berth. As for the girls they had a lot of training for and late nights for them leading up to the weekend (as well as team manager Jill from our club), but it all paid off with a nice win of the championship!

All in all, this was another great season for Northvale, as we continue to grow, not only as a club but also making good efforts keeping softball alive in the region.

Keep safe and Go Vales!!

Yona Nebel-Jacobsen - President



Northwood Falcons Softball Club

Well, it's certainly been a strange end to the 2019/20 season! The unprecedented circumstances we currently find ourselves in makes it oddly difficult to reflect on the season that was. Starting at the end of it, the good news is that the four senior teams all finished in their respective top fours, with Open 3 and 4 being declared runners up in their competitions. Open 1 and 2, despite some pretty significant shifts in the makeup of the teams, nevertheless both had solid, competitive seasons. All in all, Falcons once again did itself proud; who knows what may have happened if Finals didn't have to be cancelled? In individual achievements, a huge congratulations to Liz Edwards for winning the Open 4 MVP Leanne Thomas Medal and to Ruth Caldwell for being joint runner up in Open 3 MVP Peter Phillips Medal. Dale Stocker also won the Jo Paez 'Pinnacle' Pitching Award, with an incredible 103 recorded K2s this season.

Falcons have been well represented this year at all levels and in all positions. Whether representative teams, Victorian teams or even in the Peta Edabone Cup, the latter of which saw Amanda Torrington win the Batting Award as well as making the All-Star team with Izzy Zaharias (who was also Player of Round in round 7). Congratulations to Emily Fry for winning Best Team Player in the Victorian Under 23s, and Jamie-Lee Mathews on winning MVP in the Victoria Under 18s!

Due to the struggle to get junior teams on the field at Waverley in 2019/20, the decision was made for all junior teams to enter the SEMR competition. The U12s started with a full team of 9 - retaining almost all players from the previous season and even gaining four new ones as the season progressed, which can only be a positive sign for future growth in the junior softball competition. The U17s combined with Frankston and, together with a couple of permit players from Northvale, played well in that very tough competition. We once again we acknowledge the

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support we continue to get from Northvale in particular to help fill our junior teams. SEMR is a big change to what Waverley junior teams have been accustomed to. Despite the challenges that a travelling competition presents, it was encouraging to see everyone doing what they could to make it work. Hopefully there was still a lot of fun to be had. We'd like to particularly acknowledge the tireless efforts of the coaches and scorers, but also the parents who made sure their kids got to the games each week – often returning to Jells Park in the same afternoon to play in the Senior teams.

We want to thank Heather Webb and the hardworking committee at Waverley. Some big and difficult decisions were needing to be made this year, and they could not have been easy. The time and effort that Heather and the team have put in this year is amazing and we can't thank them enough. We would also like to congratulate Softball Victoria on another successful year, with a special shout out to Cheryl Waye on the appointment of her role of Operations and Events Coordinator. Bron Madigan resumed her Presidency of the Softball Victoria Board, with Ruth Caldwell and Michelle Clyne continuing their terms.

Cass Liddey & Jana Boulet – Co-Presidents

**Special note from Jana - It's not without a bit of sadness that after 10 years, this will be Cass's last season as Co-President, as she is taking a well-deserved break from the Committee. Cass, you have made such an incredible contribution to the Club and on behalf of all the Falcons, past and present, I would like to thank you for all your hard work and commitment over the years. You have been a major force behind this Club and Association and the Falcons would not be where we are now without you.*

Hope you're looking forward to a future of heading down to Jells at whatever time you want to on a Saturday!



Monash Magic Softball Club

Monash Magic again entered two teams in the competition for the 2019/20 season, an Open 3 and an Open 4 team. Whilst a few players from 2018/19 did not return due to injury and personal circumstances we were pleased to welcome a number of new players to the club at the start of the season to add to our playing list. Pre-season training was well attended and our players enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on our Vic Masters tournament achievements, getting back into playing softball and welcoming our new players.

Open 4 started a little slowly as we struggled to get consistency in the batting box. Kate, Leyla and Sue shared the pitching and as the season progressed we fought back well to play some good softball and managed well, despite not being able to field a consistent line-up each week.

Open 3 played some very competitive softball this season, scoring a few early wins and falling just short in some other close games which could have gone either way. Lauren pitched well all season and Vicki was always in the action especially in the field where she was diving for everything at second base. Unfortunately Camryn was injured during a pre-season training incident and missed a few games but came back to play well in the outfield for Open 3.

It was good to see all our players, officials and supporters enjoy the season and also come together to support each other throughout the season. A highlight of the season off the diamond was seeing Nicola bring her beautiful baby girl Harriet to meet everyone.

Our club also showed how supportive of each other we are after Eleanor required surgery following an incident helping the club at a fundraising event and Vicki requiring surgery following an injury during a game. Monash Magic Softball Club was extremely saddened following the passing of Cher Anderson after a long and brave battle with illness. We were fortunate that Cher could attend the Vic Masters and also come down to Waverley early in the season to see everyone and give us the opportunity to see her again. She will be remembered fondly.

Monash Magic would like to thank all of our players, scorers, coaches, officials and supporters who contributed to the season and our club. We hope to see you all back in Season 2020/21.



Claire Hepenstall - Secretary

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Glen Waverley Softball Club

Well....what an up and down season we've experienced! From the start in October, full of hope and enthusiasm, through the national championships in January, the state & zone championships in February, to the abrupt end brought about by COVID-19 in March!

For GWSC, despite finishing the season the way we did, I'd have to say that the season was largely positive.

Back in July last year, we started the season with a new committee, largely inexperienced to committee life, but all full of fresh ideas and energy for what we could offer the club.

We were able to put together 7 teams, 4 seniors and 3 juniors, and it was very pleasing to see that every team was competitive in their division. All teams made it through to the finals of their respective divisions with our U15s & Open 1 (for the first time since 1985!) teams being able to win premierships; U12 finishing runners-up; Open 2 & Open 3 Gold finished 3rd; and U17 & Open 3 Blue finished 4th. These results were, unfortunately, determined by COVID closing down softball. Only the U17 team's final ladder position had been determined.

A big thank you needs to be sent out to all of our dedicated volunteers, coaches, scorers & committee members for their time and their efforts over the course of the season. Without you people, clubs like ours do not function and the gratitude is heartfelt. Thanks to everyone who represented our club, whether it be as a player, or an official, because you have helped make this season the success it has been, both on the diamond, and off. An Open 1 Premiership is something to celebrate and, post-COVID, we will, but this wouldn't happen at all without the hard work and efforts put in by all those involved at some level.

Bring on season 20/21 and GO ANGELS!



Pete Miller - President

7. T-Ball Program

Waverley T-Ball Squad

The T-ball Squad held another two successful terms pre and post-Christmas. Pre-Christmas focused on skills development and working as a team before hitting the diamond for the post-Christmas World Series T-ball Championship. The squad has been fantastic to work with and thank you to all the volunteers who help make it happen.



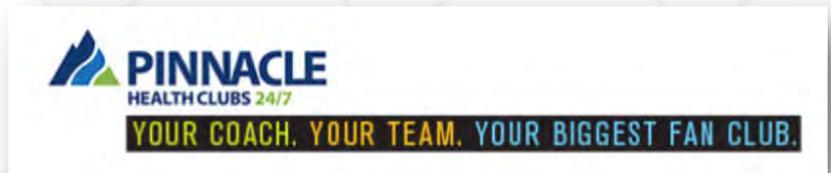
8. Waverley's Sponsors:

WSA welcomes the Pinnacle Health Club Caribbean Park as a sponsor for the season 2019-2020.

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

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

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



WSA welcomes the Novotel Glen Waverley as a sponsor for the 2019-2020 season.

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

NMGW will provide a preferred hotel rate to all families attending the Easter Tournament and Softball Australia 2020 U16 Girls and Boys National Championships. There will also be on ground support with one of the famous NMGW food stalls at the Easter Tournament.



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

Fielder's Choice offers indoor training facilities, weights, pitching machines etc and can accommodate team training sessions too. If you are lucky enough to hit a HOME RUN during game days on D1 & 2 then Fielders choice will donate a \$10 voucher for you to use in store.

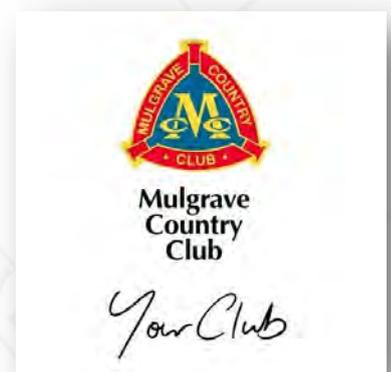
Please give David Privitera a call to discuss your softball apparel & equipment requirements on 9545 3174, or drop into the store at Unit 9/35 Dunlop Road, Mulgrave, 3170 (inside the Nexus Business Park where the Adidas Store is located) <http://www.fielderschoicevicact.com>.



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

Mulgrave Country Club are proudly sponsoring the Open 1 Mini Competitions 'batting' and 'base running' Awards this season.

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



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.



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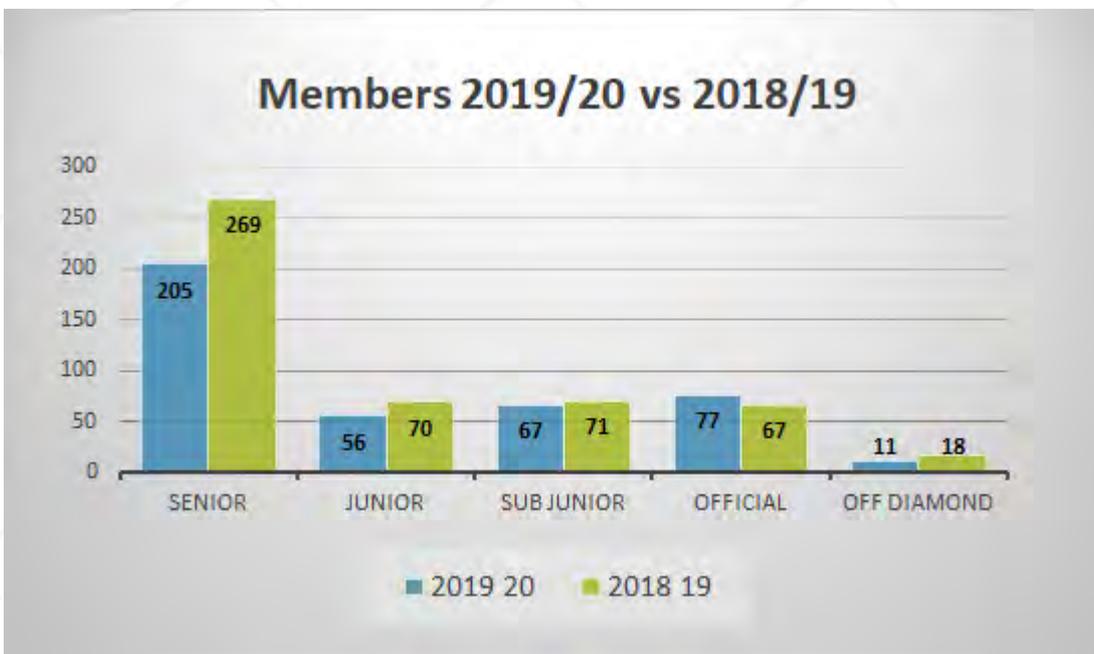
Waverley would like to thank Monash Council for their ongoing support of softball at Waverley.



9. Membership Data



9.1 Competition Grades History



Summer Competition

The Summer Competition saw 35 Women's teams take the field in season 2019/20.

Open 1 comprised of five Waverley teams with the addition of one team from Glen Eira Moorabbin Association. This year was the introduction of a fully loaded format within the competition that a waterlogged foothold saw only a few games played!

Open 2 consisted of six Waverley teams with one team from Knox Association.

Open 3 saw eight teams participating with two teams from Glen Waverley Club.

Open 4 had the largest representation of fourteen teams with most clubs having two teams and the inclusion of Knox Association Clubs resulting in the draw being split into the Chambers and Rigg divisions then split into a Cup and Plate series similar to last year.

With the ongoing challenge of numbers for the Junior teams, the decision was made for our Juniors to join with the South Eastern Metro Region League (SEMR). Waverley was represented with 11 junior teams in the following grades:

The littlest softballers were enthusiastically catered for with a T-Ball Squad and Batter up competition. A small but energetic group of athletes joined for some beginner experience and fun.

The first half of the year also saw the continuing competition of the Edebone Cup with awesome excellent senior softball at Waverley.

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| U12 Mixed | Glen Waverley Eastern Raiders Red and Black Northvale Northwood Falcons |
| U15 Boys | Eastern Raiders |
| U15 Girls | Glen Waverley Northvale |
| U17 Girls | Glen Waverley Eastern Raiders Frankston Falcons (combined) |

Carolyn Di Paola – Registrar

10. Awards

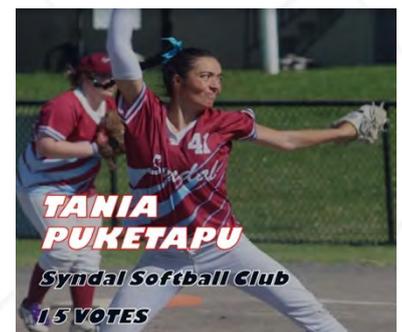
Peta Edebone Medal (Open 1)

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 **Tania Puketapu (Syndal)** winner of this year’s Peta Edebone medal.

| Player | Club | Votes |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Tania Puketapu | Syndal | 15 |
| Natasha Holt | Brandon Heights | 13 |
| Dale Stocker | Northwood Falcons | 12 |
| Erin Dunstan | Northwood Falcons | 11 |
| Victoria Russell | Eastern Raiders | 10 |
| Grace Peters | Glen Waverley | 10 |



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 **Karri Pritchard** (Ejays) winner of this year's Des Smith medal.

| Player | Club | Votes |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Karri Pritchard | Lilydale Ejays | 32 |
| Courtney Maihi | Eastern Raiders | 13 |
| Rachel Miller | Glen Waverley | 13 |
| Tamar Hutchinson | Syndal | 11 |
| Keziah Pauli | Syndal | 11 |
| Isabel Zaharias | Northwood Falcons | 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 **Rachel Miller** (Glen Waverley) winner of this year's Peter Phillips award.

| Player | Club | Votes |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Rachel Miller | Glen Waverley | 27 |
| Holly Reynolds | Brandon Heights | 24 |
| Ruth Caldwell | Northwood Falcons | 24 |
| Jessica Carter | Glen Waverley | 22 |
| Joanna Garoni | Syndal | 22 |
| Suzanne Kenneally | Glen Waverley | 16 |



Leanne Thomas Award WSA – KDSA (Open 4)

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 **Elizabeth Edwards** (Northwood Falcons) for winning this year's Leanne Thomas Award.

| Player | Club | Votes |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Elizabeth Edwards | Northwood Falcons | 22 |
| Natasha Shelvey | Eastern Raiders | 18 |
| Jessica Reed | Brandon Heights | 17 |
| Dianne Eggington | Brandon Heights | 15 |
| Kelly Mitchell | Northvale | 14 |



Mini Competitions

Jo Paez 'Pinnacle Health Club' Pitching Award won by Dale Stocker
(Northwood Falcons) 103 K2's



Chop Cunningham 'Mulgrave Country Club' Base Running Award won by Grace Peters (Glen Waverley) 14 Steals



Greg Brown 'Mulgrave Country Club' Batting Award won by Kasey Smith (Glen Waverley) 22 Hits



11. WSA 2019-20 Summer Season Premierships

Unfortunately, this year's Finals Series had to be cancelled due to the restrictions placed on sport by the Government and the recommendations from Softball Victoria in response to the Covid19 pandemic.

The 2019-2020 Waverley Softball Association Premiers & Runners Up were decided based on the final home & away ladder standings. Congratulations to the following:

Open 1

Premiers – Glen Waverley

Runners Up – Brandon Heights

Open 2

Premiers – Syndal Blue

Runners Up – Ejays

Open 3

Premiers – Brandon Heights

Runners Up – Falcons

Open 4 – Cup

Premiers – Northvale White

Runners Up - Falcons

Open 4 – Plate

Premiers – Brandon Heights Gold

Runners Up – Heathmont

SEMR COMPETITION

MVP AWARDS - Under 12 Mixed

Northwood - **Will Lloyd**

Glen Waverley - **Scotty Takairangi**

SEMR Finals

Under 12 Mixed

Premiers – Ejays

Runners Up - Glen Waverley

Under 15 Girls

Premiers - Glen Waverley

Runners Up - GEMSA

Under 17 Girls

Premiers – Casey

Runners Up - Ejays

Under 15 Boys

Premiers - Ejays/GEMSA

Runners Up - Eastern Raiders

Under 17 Boys

Premiers – Ejays

Runners Up – Frankston

Eastern Raiders Black - **Hazel McKenzie**

Eastern Raiders Red - **Georgios Papadopoulos,**

Northvale - **Emile Huang**

12. Match Committee Report

The purpose of a Match Committee is to be “responsible for the safe conduct of matches, player eligibility, dispensation, reporting and fixtures”, including complaints and reports made against players, officials or umpires. The year was delightfully quiet with few matters to be decided upon. We thank the Clubs and coaches for participating in the spirit of the game and getting the most diamond time, with little politics needing to be dealt with. The greater role of the Match Committee, certainly in the first half of the year, was deciding fitness of the grounds to play in all weather conditions. On this, we were put to the test. Many factors are taken into consideration and the desire is always to play more softball but safely. Again, this year we were washed out several times.

13. Purple Day

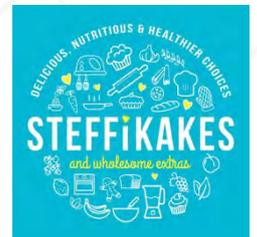
The Alysha Way Memorial Round was a big hit and successful again this year with nearly \$6500 raised for brain cancer research.

The day involved clubs decorating their allocated diamonds in purple and players and spectators dressing up for the occasion, in purple of course.

Money was raised through donations, raffles and cake and merchandise sales.

Some of the activities involved:

- Chop having her head shaved and raising \$4120
- Alysha’s Army merchandise and SteffiKakes sales raising \$1124
- The Waverley Raffle raising \$1040
- Willow Craft donating \$100



Prior to the commencement of games in the 4pm timeslot, a minute’s silence was held in honour of Alysha Way and showing respect to Cheryl and Chris for the contributions they have made to Waverley over the years.

The Game of the round (no bias shown here of course) was the Falcons V Brandon Heights Open 3 game, where all you could see was a sea of purple on and off the diamond. The winner of the game was not shown by the score line but by the comradery and respect shown by all involved on and off the diamond for what this game represents.

From all accounts this was and has been in the past a successful day, good money raiser and gives the opportunity to raise people’s awareness of how cancer not just affects the direct family but the entire community they are involved with. As again shown on this occasion the softball community is amazing at getting behind a cause especially when it involves one of its own.



14. Waverley Easter Carnival

Unfortunately, this year's Easter Carnival also had to be cancelled due to the restrictions placed on sport by the Government and recommendations from Softball Victoria in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

15. Waverley Rep Teams

CANBERRA

Waverley U16 girls Australia Day Tournament 2020

Our team was put together with limited training and little time for the players to get to know me as their coach and vice versa. With Kay Williams and Tash Holt assisting me they were an enormous help to getting us all to quickly get to know each other.

The team left for Canberra to play in the Aust. Day tournament. We had a mix of young and older players who bonded well quickly and played some good games. With the last days games left we needed one more win to make the finals. Unfortunately that didn't happen and we missed out on making the finals.

Highlights of the tournament were many with all players working hard and giving their best throughout the tournament. The game against the only all male team was well received by both teams and a great game was the result.

Maia Pearse, Bec Campbell stood out with some good batting.

Briar Takairangi was a standout in the pitching and was ably supported by Bella Currie. Zoe Carter and Amelia Leach were solid catchers. Jenna Haggerty, Sienna Nicholls, Gretchen Dixon and Emma Luxford displayed great desire to improve and were always keen to listen and take advice on board and showed good improvement throughout the tournament Chelsea Leach and Ava Harrison were solid base runners for us as well.

These were just some of the highlights for this team and all players contributed at times which was great to see. The team played all games with the utmost respect and fought hard in every game, Waverley can be proud of them all, as I was.

This team was led ably by Rebecca Campbell who showed some great leadership abilities.

Thanks to Anne Campbell for volunteering as our Team Manager, and to Emily Harrison and Michelle Pearse for stepping up to fill the scorers role over the weekend.

Thanks Waverley and the players.

Tony Black

I would just like to remind everyone of the context of this tournament - with all that has happened since, it is easy to forget.

Bushfires and hazardous smoke haze were still in full swing leading up to Australia Day, including an immediate fire threat to Canberra airport on the Friday, a day before the tournament started. With all that, there were serious doubts that the event would even be able to run. Given the uncertainty and the inevitable effect on team preparation, it was certainly a pleasure and privilege to watch the girls come together into a competitive team in the way they did. With a little more training or a few more matches they'd have been right in contention! (Even allowing for a little team bias!)

Thanks to Tony, Kay and Tash for their leadership and encouragement of the players, and to all the supportive parents who made my job as Team Manager an easy one.

Anne Campbell (Manager)



Victorian State Championships

U18 Women's and U18 Men's Zone Championships was due to be held on 22nd & 29th March at Geelong, but was cancelled due to Covid-19.

The Open Women's and Open Men's State Championships was due to be played at Waverley on 4th & 5th April, but was cancelled due to Covid-19.

U16 Girls & Boys - Zone Championships 23rd Feb & 1st March at Dandenong
Both the Boys and Girls teams each finished as Runners up.



Eastside Spectres Softball

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📣📣 U16 Girls Spectres Team Named 📣📣

Congratulations to the following players selected:

Imogen Bodley
Ina Carillo
Isabella Currie
Tamsyn Fairweather
Hayley Glen
Emmy Horman
Amelia Leach
Rachel Miller
Karri Pritchard
Imogen Reidy
Lani Rigg
Ebany Thompson
Ella Tucker



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📣📣 U16 Boys Team Announcement 📣📣

Congratulations to the following players selected for the U16 Boys State Championships

Ashley Cameron
Joshua Clare
Blake Dunkley
Zach Dunkley
David Dunstan
Jakob Ford
Ben Galea
Daniel Lee
Jack Lindberg
Cameron McCutcheon
Oscar Munro
Luke Russell



U14 Girls - State Championship 15th & 16th Feb at Northern Districts

State Champions

Our selected team was very young and very light on tournament experience, so it was always going to be a balancing act catering to their different needs as individuals as well as what was required for the team.

Luckily, we were able to draft in a couple of experienced players, in Taliah Kelly & Olivia Mairos, before the tournament started and this helped to offer some stability in key positions on the diamond as well as provide depth to our batting line-up.

For a summer tournament, we rocked up to NDSA in freezing conditions: wet, windy & super cold....in February! It's fair to say that the conditions were not great, but Saturday gave us great results as we won all three games.

Our Sunday games provided us two strong wins, although not without the Glen Eira/Sunbury team providing some challenge and pushing our defence to find another level. This left us undefeated after the preliminary rounds and going into a final against Casey. The weather was much warmer on the Sunday and a couple of our younger players were feeling the effects of tournament softball, so we knew the final would be no "walk in the park".

However, it was to be Waverley's weekend and we went on to win the final 10-0 delivering a mercy result to Casey in the 4th inning, when young Charlotte Lee crossed on a passed ball for the 10th run.

A great team effort over the weekend. Special mention to Rachel Miller for being named Grand Final MVP for pitching a perfect game over 4 innings and hitting a Grand Slam.

But all of our players did something special over the weekend so thanks to Rachel, Taliah, Olivia, Ella, Lily, Hazel, Talia, Gemma, Jenna, Charlotte, Charli, Julia and Gretchen, for all their hard work and efforts at trainings and at the tournament. Each player improved along the way, contributing in some meaningful fashion, and that is always satisfying.

Big thanks to Lauren who was simply magnificent to work with. It was great to see a young adult player offering time back to the juniors and her efforts were exemplary. Jill was magnificent as Team Manager throughout the campaign and Caz was great as our scorer-extraordinaire for the weekend, putting up with my many questions and changes. Special thanks to Simon also for his work with the battery as well as a few other drills and programs which we worked on during the trainings. Thanks also to WSA for giving me the chance to work with these youngsters and bring home a state champs title. The smiles say it all...



Charli Burchett, Gretchen Dixon, Jenna Haggerty, Charlotte Lee, Gemma Mattrow, Billie McCulloch, Zienna McCulloch, Hazel McKenzie, Rachel Miller, Talia Nuroo, Lily Sherrin, Julia Tay, Ella Tucker.

Coach- Peter Miller, Assistants – Simon Ross & Lauren Vernon, Statistician – Carolyn Di Paola,
Manager – Jill Sherrin, Umpires – Taylor Drykstra & Lucas Tucker.

Grand Final MVP - Rachel Miller

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U14 Boys - State Championship 15th & 16th Feb at Keilor



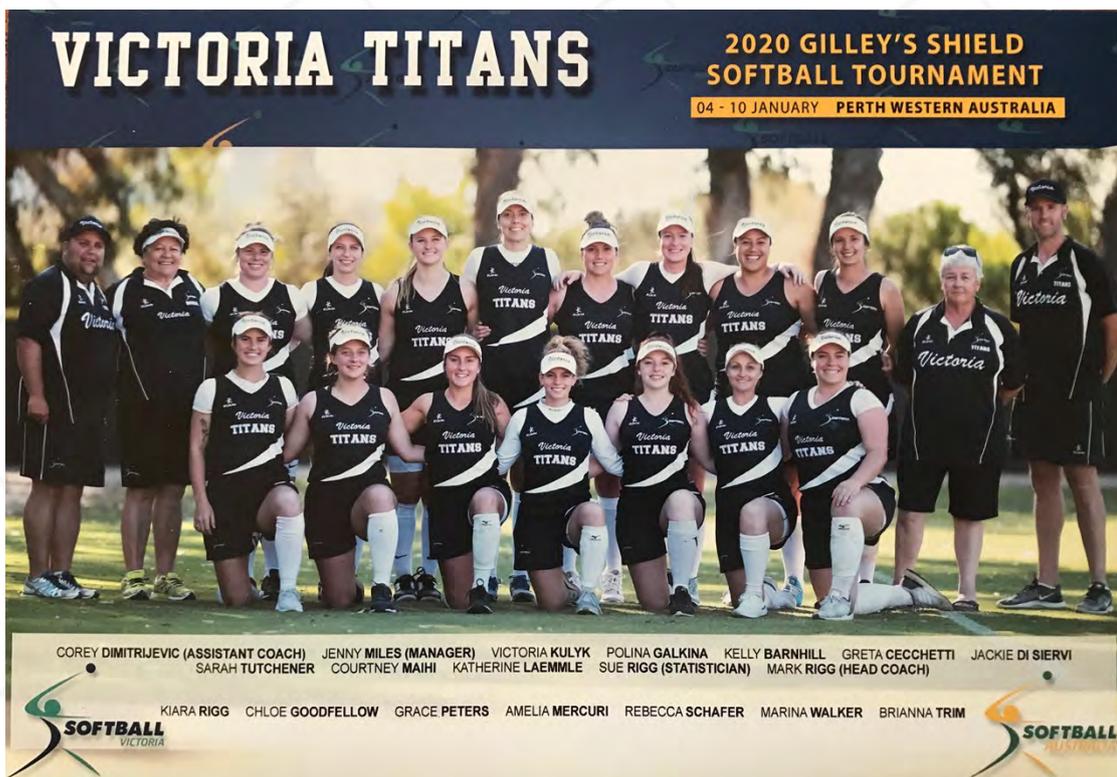
Zak Baxeannis-Lunn, Zach Dunkley, Maxwell Gardam, David Geensmith, Ben Grey, Yingma Huang, Yucheng Ma, Will Peters, Lachlan Shalders, Oliver Shalders, Sam Walk and Lei Xin Lin.
Assistant Coach: Bobbie Peters, Scorer: Moira Teichert.

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'S STATE TEAM – PERTH, JAN 2020

Chloe Goodfellow, Amelia Mercuri, Grace Peters, Sarah Tutchener



UNDER 23 WOMEN'S STATE TEAM – REDLANDS QLD, JULY 2019

Piera Charles, Chloe Goodfellow, Megan Grah, Amelia Mercuri, Chelsea Radin

Coach: Donna Scammell, Assistant Coach: Sharni Arthur, Assistant Coach: Elly Trevethan

U23 Women's National Softball Championships

Redlands Softball Association 7th - 13th July 2019



Back Row (l-r): Jim Giles (Statistician), Sharni Arthur (Pitching Coach), Natasha Holt, Georgia Reynolds, Emily Fry, Megan Grah, Kayla Zissler, Tamar Hutchinson, Donna Scammell (Head Coach), Geoff Nordon (Asst Coach), Elly Trevethan (Asst Coach)
Front Row: Michelle Beales (Manager), Victoria Russell, Kate Willmott, Peira Charles, Sarah Beales (Captain), Chelsea Radin, Rebecca Schafer, Amelia Mercuri, Chloe Goodfellow

UNDER 23 MEN'S STATE TEAM – QLD, JULY 2019

Statistician: Debra Round

UNDER 18 GIRLS STATE TEAM – SYDNEY, JAN 2020



U18 GIRLS MVP



**U18 GIRLS
BEST TEAM PLAYER**

Gemma Cornell, Drew Cuthers, Jamie-Lee Mathews, Caitlin Olley, Alannah Panza

Assistant Coach: Fiona Mills, Assistant Coach: Matthew Puketapu,

Award Winners MVP: Jamie-Lee Mathews

BTP: Gemma Cornell

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UNDER 14 GIRLS – PERTH, JAN 2020



VICTORIA U14 2020 U14 GIRL'S REGIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
04 - 10 JANUARY PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CAROLYN DI PAOLA (STATISTICIAN) SHARON JANSEN (HEAD COACH) ELLA TUCKER TAHUNA RHIND-LUKE ELLA HUNTER-PARSONS ZIENNA McCULLOCH KYA CHAPMAN
TERRI LANDT (ASSISTANT COACH) MARGARET STEENDAM (MANAGER)

BONNIE BAILEY TALIAH KELLY LANA RIGG

VIOLET GREENE JORJA FERNANDO RACHEL STEENDAM OLIVIA MAIROS RACHEL MILLER BROOKLYN MALONEY

SOFTBALL VICTORIA **SOFTBALL VICTORIA**

Zienna McCulloch, Rachel Miller, Ella Tucker

Statistician: Carolyn Di Paola

Award Winners MVP: Rachel Miller

UNDER 14 BOYS STATE TEAM – SYDNEY 2020

Zach Dunkley - Best Team Player



SOFTBALL VICTORIA **SOFTBALL VICTORIA**

U14 BOYS BEST TEAM PLAYER



SOFTBALL VICTORIA **SOFTBALL VICTORIA**

U14 GIRLS MVP

17. School Sports Victoria

17-UNDER GIRLS (SSV Perth May 2020)

Rebecca Campbell, Chelsea Leach, Caitlin Olley, Allanah Panza, Briar Takairangi,
Coach – Matthew Puketapu, Assistant Coach – Michelle Panza

17-UNDER BOYS (SSV Perth May 2020)

Luke Russell

Assistant Coach – Bobbie Peters

12-UNDER GIRLS (SSV SYD NOV 2019)

Charlotte Lee, Billie McCulloch, Talia Nuroo, Julia Tay

12-UNDER BOYS (SSV SYD NOV 2019)

Willem Peters, Samuel Walk

Assistant Coach – Bobbie Peters

Softball Victoria Scoring Committee

Mary Walkinshaw (Director of Scoring) Allison Pendlebury

Waverley Members on National Teams

Aussie Diamonds U14 Girls Squad 2020

Rachel Miller

Aussie Diamonds U14 Boys Squad 2020

Zach Dunkley



18. Softball Victoria Awards

HALL OF FAME



**Jenny
Holliday AM**



**Kerry
Maddern**



EMERGING JUNIOR ATHLETE

Rachel Miller

UMPIRES

John Larter Umpire Development Award



Lucas Tucker

Marjorie Nora Dwyer Memorial Scholarship



Jason Irvine

LIFE MEMBER – Greg Brown



Greg Brown (“Brownie”) is a familiar friendly face at the Waverley Softball Association who has been around for more than 30 years.

Greg is a Life Member of the Glen Waverley Softball Club and the Waverley Softball Association where he has coached various age Association representative teams since 1983 and served on several Executive Committees. Greg has coached more representative teams at Waverley than records provide, from U16, U19 and Open, he is also an active Coach and mentor with the Glen Waverley Softball Club.

Greg is a proud Victorian representative. Commencing in 1987 as the Assistant Coach of the Victorian U16 Girls team, he has since represented Victoria at a further 18 National Championships. Greg’s involvement in these teams either as Assistant Coach, Head Coach

or Specialist Coach has seen him devote hours of his time training and perfecting the art of Softball. Over the years Greg has become a passionate batting coach which led him to complete a University Degree in Biomechanics. There would be few players past and present who have not benefited from his knowledge and experience.

Greg’s contribution to Softball in Victoria over 2 generations is unparalleled. His methodical approach to batting and experience provides all who work with him access to his immense knowledge.

Bryan Edwards is an outstanding ambassador for Softball Victoria and his career has been distinguished on and off the diamond. His service to Softball Victoria has been exceptional in the area of administration where significant improvement to softball has been demonstrated.

Greg’s continued involvement in Softball Victoria at the elite level is inspiring to all Coaches.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| U16 Girls Assistant Coach | 1987, 1988, 1989, 1999 |
| U16 Girls Specialist Coach | 1990, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 |
| U19 Women Assistant Coach | 2001, 2002 |
| U19 Women Specialist Coach | 2000, 2018, 2019 |
| Open Women Coach | 2004 |
| Open Women Assistant Coach | 1992, 1993, 2003, 2012 |
| Merle Short Award | 1997 |

19. Other Teams

PETA EDEBONE CUP

In 2019 the elite women’s competition title was changed to the Peta Edebone Cup. The four teams received new uniforms with two teams updating their team name resulting in Navy Ninjas, Black Storm, Purple Haze & Teal Tornadoes.

The program was again aimed to provide a high level of play for our elite women. 2019 saw the program incorporate Fully Loaded format for two of the 8 rounds which provided a more intense, faster and exciting element to the competition.

The final day saw each team play three games of Fully Loaded and all four teams had the chance to make the Grand Final. The weather was not in our favor as the Grand Final started between reigning champions Navy Ninjas and Purple

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Haze with all spectators hoping that the rain would hold off. In the 3rd innings the rain became too heavy for the game to continue and Navy Ninjas who finished on top after the 8 rounds were awarded the inaugural Peta Edebone Cup trophy and back to back wins.

Teal Tornadoes

Tamar Hutchison
Georgia Reynolds
Kim Quince
Stephanie Marsh
Polina Galkina
Kiara Rigg
Elly Trevethan
Grace Peters
Ilsa Anstey
Raquel Bisinella-Duns
Hannah Smart

Ambassador
Bree Dawson
Head Coach
Phillip Powell




Navy Ninjas

Lauren Olsen
Gabby Mifsud
Alys Young
Chelsea Radin
Nicky Martin
Victoria Russell
Emma Boldeman
Bree Trimm
Caitlin Laird
Santara Zachan
Jackie DiSiervi

Ambassador
Marina Walker
Head Coach
Kylie Bracey




Purple Haze

Jess Chomley
Teraize Bonner
Sarah Beales
Breannan Kennelly
Chloe Goodfellow
Georgia O'Donovan
Kylie Steemers
Steph Davis
Moana Benjamin
Rebecca Schafer
Ebony Fulford
Tania Puketapu

Ambassador
Jess Bahn
Head Coach
Alisha Bell




Black Storm

Danielle Baxter
Amanda Torrington
Izzy Zaharias
Katherine Laemmler
Emily Fry
Julianne Kinsella
Milli Mercuri
Narisse Privitera
Nicole Irvine
Samantha Allen
Dale Stocker

Ambassador
Vicky Kulyk
Head Coach
Nigel Mackey




| INDIVIDUAL AWARDS | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| MVP | PITCHING AWARD | BATTING AWARD |
| Jackie Di Siervi | Moana Benjamin | Amanda Torrington |

| ALL STAR TEAM | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Pitcher - Moana Benjamin | Catcher - Amanda Torrington | 1st Base – Kylie Steemers |
| 2nd Base – Marina Walker | 3rd Base – Jackie Di Siervi | Shortstop – Isabel Zaharias |
| Left field – Chloe Goodfellow | Centre field – Bree Dawson | Right field – Katherine Laemmler |
| Designated Player – Lauren Olsen | Utility – Jess Chomley | |



Softball Australia again ran the Summer Slam Fully Loaded Softball tournament at Blacktown International Sports park in February 2020. Two Waverley players were selected to join the teams, Amelia Mercuri for 'Riot' and Grace Peters for 'Fury'



Due to Covid-19 many of our regular tournaments like the **Werribee Memorial**, the **Tassie Fastpitch Classic** in Ulverstone, the **VIC Masters Championships** in Shepparton, and the **U12 Spectacular** were cancelled.

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 |

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| 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 Wayne |
| 2011 | Mrs C Wayne | Mrs M Teichert |
| 2012 | Mrs C Wayne | 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 Wayne | Ms Alysha Wayne |
| 2018 | Mrs C Wayne | Ms Alysha Wayne |
| 2019 | Heather Webb | Jacque Arnold |