



***SOFTBALL SA INC.***

***2011 – 2012***

***ANNUAL REPORT***

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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

On behalf of the Board of Softball SA it gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for 2012.

As you know, our sport is undergoing significant changes, initiated by the 2008 Strategic Review, and the subsequent changes to our Constitution. I feel that this year, we started to see the dividends from these changes, typified by the incredible response to the Softball Academies programs, and the improved performances of our State teams at National championships.

For me, there have been a number of highlights this year, and one which ranks foremost of these was the experience of the Master's Games in October. At the opening Ceremony, held at Memorial Drive, the pride for the sport of Softball was almost over-whelming, as I stood and witnessed the Softballers parade in to the stadium, as the sport with the highest number of participants at the event.

Then, again, at the Waverley Easter tournament, in April, the number of teams and players from South Australia who made the trip to Melbourne meant that we were truly conspicuous by our strong presence.

This year we have also made a significant impression in the high-performance space, with the most recent being the performance of our international players on the world stage. Vanessa Stokes and Belinda White were instrumental in the success of the Aussie Spirit's performance in the recent World Championships in Canada and the World Cup in Oklahoma, USA, and both are to be congratulated.

For me, these events and performances demonstrate the depth of passion and commitment that South Australians have for Softball that clearly runs deep throughout the entire South Australian community. I feel that as a Softball community, we have an obligation to develop and nurture that passion and commitment, and as a Board, we have a duty to provide the opportunities and infrastructure for the sport to continue into the future.

To this end, this year, has been one of building on the significant challenges of the 2010/11 year, with a real focus on developing the business processes and establishing best practices within the sport.

### **People**

This year, James Harris, our Executive Officer (EO), became our longest-serving EO since Helen Baker retired a number of years ago. This is significant, because, although he has only been in the role for a little over 18 months, that has been long enough for him to demonstrate his energy and enthusiasm for the sport, whilst returning a degree of stability to the organisation.

It's this stability, combined with James' pro-active and engaging approach, which has allowed the organisation to begin to expand to meet the growing demands within the community, and improve our professionalism. This year we've been able to cautiously increase the level of staffing, which has been primarily funded through various grants. This increase in support in the office has had been instrumental to our ability to deliver a number of successful events this year.

### **Softball Operations / Events**

As I've already mentioned, the highlight event for the year was the Master's Games Softball Program. I need to acknowledge the incredible work of the committee that worked tirelessly over 9 months to stage this event. No less than 15 volunteer committee members contributed to staging this event, not to mention to countless volunteers who worked "on the ground" to make it happen. In a business sense, though, this event was successful, not just because of the number of participants, but we also used the event as an opportunity to show-case the sport to a number of potential commercial partners



(i.e. sponsors). This will provide future benefits, as we further develop the relationships initiated during the event. And finally, as you'd expect, the financial benefits were significant, and underpinned the positive turnaround in this year's financial result.

In terms of the calendar for the coming year, we are proud to announce that we were successful in our bid to host a round of the open women's championship, the Gilley's Shield, for this year. We have been awarded Round 2 (24-26 November), of the championship, and we will be looking forward to show-casing the sport to as many South Australians as possible.

Whilst we are always looking for ways to ensure that our major events make a positive financial return for the sport, over the last year or so, we have been particularly focused on the opportunities that the State Junior Championships can provide. As a result, we are pleased to announce that as a result of a significant sponsorship agreement signed with the Mount Gambier Council, the State Junior Championships for next season (2013/14) will be hosted by the Mount Gambier Softball Association. In the mean-time, this year's event will be hosted by Central Districts Softball Association, at Ridley Reserve, Elizabeth for the coming season (15-17 February 2013).

### **Development**

Last year, I reported on how we were working on establishing two forms of Academies: High Performance and Development. This year, I'm pleased to report that due to the hard work of a number of people, the Academy programs have been an outstanding success. The details of the activities are outlined later in this report, but on behalf of the Board, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Rick Mead, in pulling this (Junior Softball Academy) together, and getting it underway. Whilst the activities of the Academies meet a number of the recommendations of the Strategic Plan, it's clear that these programs are a significant driver of the success of our teams at events like the Waverley Easter tournament. Furthermore, it's clear that these programs will ultimately underpin the success of our state teams in years to come.

This year saw South Australia start to turn the corner, on the diamond, with all State teams recording improved performances, compared to the previous year. The two significant performances, however, were the Open Women's team, the Starz, who finished with 7 wins for the season, and the Under 17 Girls, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, after beating WA in a tension-filled final.

One of our developmental strategies is to work with regional and remote communities to develop the sport across the entire state. To this end, Softball SA has made a number of visits to regional areas of the state this year, including visits to the Riverland, Mildura and to the APY Lands in the far north west of the state. The program conducted in the APY Lands, which has been in place for a number of years, is run in partnership with the SANFL, to deliver a combined Football and Softball program to the communities. The program has numerous benefits, not only for the sport, but also the positive cultural outcomes that result. Working with the SANFL provides a great example of the positive effects sport can have on the wider community, particularly when a different sports can combine to deliver a coordinated and culturally sensitive program.

### **Commercial Operations**

The Office of Recreation and Sport (ORS) and Softball Australia continue to be our main sources of funding, outside member contributions. However, this year, the Master's Games made a significant contribution to the overall income result for the year. In fact, the overall increase in revenues that were achieved, combined with careful management of costs, enabled the previous year's deficit to be turned into a small surplus.

In May, the Board approved the creation of a new position, designed to create new commercial opportunities for Softball in the SA. Consequently, Sharon Magro was appointed as Business Development Executive on a fixed term contract, to work with current and potential sponsors, to



identify new opportunities for increasing revenues for Softball SA. As I write this report, this work is progressing, with some good results emerging already.

This year we continued to work closely with Adelaide Shores on a number of projects, including the redevelopment of our facilities at West Beach. We were successful in working with some key partners to obtain Office of Recreation and Sport (ORS) funding to conduct a comprehensive study into an upgrade of our facilities, and this work is being completed as I write this report.

### **Softball SA Board**

This year we saw the resignation from the Board of Stephen Wade (2011 AGM) and Patricia Harris (May 2012). Both Stephen and Patricia served on the Board for around 2 years, and during that time, used their extensive business skills and experience to make valuable contributions to the operations of the Board. On behalf of the Board and the broader community, I acknowledge the contribution that both Stephen and Patricia made to Softball in SA. Their input and strength, particularly during some challenging times in 2010/11 were much appreciated.

With Stephen and Patricia's departure, the Board was reduced to only 4 members, and it was decided that it was prudent to fill some of the casual vacancies that existed, to ensure the Board was able to operate effectively. Consequently, 5 candidates made applications to join the Board, and given the calibre of the applicants and after careful consideration, the Board decided to appoint all 5 applicants to the casual vacancies. Therefore, in July we had the pleasure of welcoming the following new Directors to the Board:

- Andy Collett
- Rick Kluge
- Brenton Montgomery
- Brenton Moyle
- Jodie Rugless

Brenton Moyle and Andy Collett will fill vacancies whose re-election year is this year, 2012.

In terms of governance, this year, the Board appointed a new sub-committee to work on updating the existing "Rules of the Association". This was a task that was identified in 2008/09, when the Constitution was re-drafted. This important and significant task has now been completed, and as a result, a number of changes will be presented to the AGM to ensure that the key documents of the Organisation are brought up to date. On behalf of the Board, I thank this committee, comprising Alan McAuliffe, Richard Coombe and Tony Condous, for the tremendous effort put in to this important work.

Next year, 2013, is the final year of the current Strategic Plan. Therefore, the focus for the Board for the coming year will be to establish the new Strategic Plan. In line with recommendations of the Australian Sports Commission, we will be aiming to ensure that our new Strategic Plan is developed in such a way that it aligns with Softball Australia's Strategic Plan. Also, as we've done so in the past, the Strategic plan will be developed in consultation with the wider Softball community.

### **Conclusion**

Whilst last year, we were focussed on "keeping the wheels turning", this year, James and the team have managed to "crank it up a notch". There seems to be a "buzz" around the community, as demonstrated by the massive group that travelled to Waverley, the level of activities over the winter break with the Academies, and the generally up-beat atmosphere amongst the community. Also, the calibre of recently appointed Directors, gives me great confidence that your Board will be able to build on the work performed, and keep the momentum going for many seasons to come.





This year we will continue to focus on developing our business processes, and improving communication, as this underpins the success in all the activities which we conduct.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I take this opportunity to thank James and the team for their outstanding effort this year. I also thank all of our stakeholders; the players, parents, officials and volunteers, for their efforts and contributions this year, and wish them every success for the coming season.

**Steve Trzcinski**  
**Chairman**



Belinda White with Australian Head Coach Kere Johanson



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## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

2011/12 was a huge year for Softball SA. We moved with and embraced change, those significant changes to our approach made things happen and we have emerged positively from it. Staff and Board changes were a major influence, the appointment of Jacqui to full time being a master stroke for Events, Elite teams and Admin support. We received joint funding from the OR&S with Baseball SA to appoint a T-ball development officer, Stuart Millar, he has delivered his programs to thousands of students across the interested schools has given us more exposure to our sports. Other funding sources have helped put on a part time ISP/volunteers coordinator, Annali Dolman, who is fitting in her work with university studies. Contracted Business Development Manager, Sharon Magro, has been busy contacting relevant funding sources and business/marketing opportunities. Finally a considerable turnover of Board members saw us take on 5 new Directors filling casual vacancies for the time being until it is time for their re-election. Steve has played a major part as the chairman; in the direction we are taking ensuring an accountable and productive organisation.

Events and competitions have been a great success this year with more events promised in the future, major event achievements included the 13th Australian Masters Games which couldn't have been done without the help and support of an amazing committee and volunteers that made it happen - we were the number 1 participant sport out of all that played/participated at the games. Also the Senior and Junior State championships, both with new features and formats with the Hills association hosting the Juniors for the first time. The 16th annual October carnival was again a successfully run event. The State teams Preseason Cup and Men's Champions league was introduced, Slowpitch was added to the State champs and that competition looks like growing further this year, Softball Australia catching clinics, the formation of the Junior Softball Academy and reformation of the Elite Player Academy provide fantastic opportunities for our aspiring and talented players and finally the Australian Open Women's team, the Aussie Spirit, visited SA for the first time ever to play a 3 game series against our very own Starz. We look forward to them coming back again later this year...

We have also had more media coverage this past year with a number of articles in the Adelaide Advertiser, local messengers, ABC radio, Koori Mail and online including our website and Facebook pages - reaching out to people in the softball community and the wider general public. Softball Australia has been very supportive advertising many of our events and stories through their website and directly to the other member states.

Our State teams have continued to show tremendous spirit and determination, rewarded with satisfactory results this year.

- The Open Women's team, the Starz, had a great year. Besides climbing the Gilley's ladder, this determined group has commanded the respect of their peers; this was highlighted by the upset win during the season over eventual National Champions, NSW. The sky is the limit for these Starz.
- Our U19 Women's team had a disappointing final result but were always the team to beat. They endured hot conditions throughout the championship and finished 6th. Watch out for this team in the coming years!
- The SA U17 Girls team were our best performed team, finishing 3rd in Tasmania. It was a perfect game by the NSW team the bundled our girls out of the title race. This team performed very well and was led by Steph Trzcinski, who took out the Pitching Award at the championship.
- The U17 Boys played in Melbourne, winning 3 games and finishing 5th and only runs against out of the final 4. These results may not seem it but they were significant as it was the SA U17's team first win since 2004 and the highest finish for any SA Mens team since the late 1990s.



Unfortunately, there was only one Mens team represented this year and that was the U17s. Plans are already in place to ensure both junior grades and our Open team are represented in 2012/13 and beyond.

All of our teams and players should be proud of their achievements and continue the determination and effort required to perform well at a National tournament. Our hard work is paying off with the highest number of National squad members (nine, not including officials) in recent memory, maybe ever.

- Australian U17 Girls – Jess Maslin
- Australian U17 Boys – Matt Dean, Ben Lucas, Lachlan Webb
- Australian U19 Women – Maddie Cameron, Annali Dolman, Jordan Lambert, Steph Trzcinski
- Australian Women – Vanessa Stokes, Belinda White

It is worth mentioning that we have continued our strong working relationships with a number of partners.

The Office for Recreation and Sport continue to provide our main stream of sustainable funding and funding for other projects.

The SANFL has continued to support our involvement in the FNWSL in the APY Lands and helped to fund our part time ISP coordinator

Softball Australia has given us tremendous opportunities to show we are a significant contributor to Softball in this country with the Catching Clinics, Aussie Spirit visit (and plans for further visits), Gilley's Shield round 2 and a whole range of other off-field programs and support provided.

Adelaide Shores have been supportive of what Softball brings to the precinct and is right behind us with plans for the long term future.

Baseball SA continues to share ideas and we have made plans to continue to grow our two sports combining resources (Joint T-Ball Development Officer) and even cross promote including Adelaide Bite opportunities.

All of our sponsors, your contributions are gratefully received

The coordination of the staff, Board, committees and volunteers together with the feedback received is that Softball SA is moving forward in a direction of a supported, maintained, sustainable future. This however is just the beginning of our journey as there are some big events, technical programs to deliver and plans for improvement to be implemented in the coming year to ensure this happens. This will give us plenty to work for and towards, I call upon all members and supporters of Softball SA to continue to give back to the sport in any way you can.

I'm looking forward to another great year in 2012/13

**James Harris**  
**Executive Officer**



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## **STRATEGIC PLAN 2009-2013**

### **MISSION**

To develop, promote and manage the sport of Softball in South Australia providing maximum participation for all ages and at all levels through access to quality competitions and opportunities for players, coaches, officials and volunteers in a safe and inclusive environment.

### **VISION**

To make softball the sport of choice

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

We value the following guiding principles:

- Fairness
- Mutual respect
- Responsibility
- Safety
- Accountability
- Inclusivity
- Supporting diversity
- Integrity
- Successful
- Leadership
- Professionalism

### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

Governance

Administration:

To deliver “best practice” effective and compliant management and administration systems that assist member clubs and associations to build a sustainable organisation;

Risk management:

To create a safe environment that meets relevant standards for participation in all aspects of the sport;

Marketing and promotion:

To maximise opportunities that promote and market the programs and image of the sport to the whole community;

Communication:

To implement policies and procedures that creates better awareness, interaction and engagement between key stakeholders;

People

To implement systems and processes and the skilling of our human resources that will result in delivering and managing the organisation's programs and key focus areas;



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## Development

To develop all aspects of the organisation's operations so that avenues to promote, grow and develop the sport throughout the state are provided;

### High performance:

To maximise the opportunities to identify talented players, coaches and officials so that they can be nurtured and developed to their full potential;

### Sport delivery and events:

To provide quality events and competitions in all areas of the sport that will allow participants to achieve at their desired level;

### Membership

To assist and support member clubs and associations to deliver quality programs so that participation is increased;

### Finance

To establish processes and ensure resources are allocated so that long term financial viability and sustainability to deliver the sport's key focus areas is achieved;

### Facilities:

To provide appropriate infrastructure that provides quality opportunities for all participants;



Aussie Spirit visit in June as part of their preparation for the 2012 World Championships. 3 game series against the SA Starz



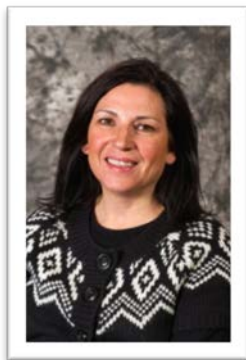


## ***SOFTBALL PEOPLE***

### **SOFTBALL SA DIRECTORS**



**Steve Trzcinski (Chair)**



**Andy Collett**



**Martin Frayne**



**Patricia Harris  
(Resigned June '12)**



**Rick Kluge**



**Brenton Montgomery**



**Brenton Moyle**



**Bob Nicholson**



**Jodie Rugless**



**Simone Thompson**



## SOFTBALL SA MANAGEMENT TEAM

Executive Officer – James Harris

Finance/Operations Officer – Sam Small

Events and Elite Teams – Jacqui Dunn

T-Ball Coordinator – Stuart Millar

ISP and Volunteers – Annali Dolman

Catering – Tracey Borovnik

Business Development Officer – Sharon Magro

Media and PR – Gabby Platt

## MEMBERS PROFILE

Our membership represents a diverse range of people across a large demographic area. They make valuable contributions to Softball as players, coaches, officials, administrators and supporters.

Currently we have 2723 playing and officials which was a slight reduction from the previous year.

### Registered playing members:

T-Ball	Male 103	Female 218
Junior	Male 144	Female 560
Senior	Male 235	Female 1137
Slow Pitch/Masters	Male 24	Female 56

### Registered non playing members:

Officials	Male 81	Female 165
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## ADELAIDE CLUBS

Glenelg Rebels  
Legends (Minor Club)  
Onkaparinga Saints  
Port Adelaide Magpies  
Seacombe Tigers  
Sturt Falcons  
Walkerville Cats  
West Torrens Eagles

## AFFILIATES

Broken Hill  
Central Districts  
Gawler & Districts  
Hills  
Kangaroo Island  
MFSA  
Mt Gambier  
NAMSA  
Port Pirie  
Riverland  
Sunraysia





## MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

### Patrons:

Mrs. Kathleen Correll - Life Member  
Mr. John Trainer - Mayor of West Torrens  
Ms. Kirsten Alexander - Mayor of Charles Sturt  
Mr. Ken Rollond - Mayor of Holdfast Bay

### Life Members:

1950 Miss E Summers*	1975 Miss J Cahill	2002 Mr Alan McAuliffe
1951 Miss J Irwin	1975 Miss Margaret Laing	2003 Mrs Lorraine Birks
1958 Mrs Kath Correll	1976 Miss Rosemary Adey OAM	2005 Mrs Jill Williams
1961 Miss K Sims*	1977 Miss Nancy Whittingham	2008 Mr Keith Sampson
1962 Mrs O Radloff*	1982 Mr Lyle Tyler OAM	2009 Mrs Raelene Robinson
1963 Miss M Parslow*	1987 Mrs Lorraine Brown	2009 Mrs Helen Baker
1969 Mrs Lorraine Mildren	1989 Miss V Scarman*	2012 Mr Neville Lawrance
1972 Mrs M Pollard*	1993 Mr Richard Coombe	2012 Ms Lindy Rattigan

(\*deceased)

### Hall of Fame:

Ms Rosemary Adey OAM	Mrs B Bawden	Mrs Lorraine Brown
Ms J Cheesman	Ms Toula Connolly	Mrs Julie Dale
Ms M Laing	Mr Alan McAuliffe	Mr John McAuliffe
Ms K Maloney	Mrs D Mason	Ms Linda Martin
Ms B Phillips	Mrs M Pollard*	Mrs K Sims*
Ms J Stevens	Ms Rebecca Strapps	Ms Sue Tomlinson
Ms L White	Ms Nancy Whittingham	

(\*deceased)



2011/12 Adelaide Competition Premiers – Glenelg Rebels



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## NEVILLE LAWRANCE PROFILE

Neville Lawrance has been associated with softball since 1982 when he began umpiring at the Central Districts Softball Association. He moved to the Adelaide competition in 1988 to further develop his umpiring skills and attained his Level 4 (State) Accreditation in 1989 and subsequently his Level 6 (National) Accreditation in 1993. Over the ensuing years Neville further advanced his skills resulting in the attainment of International Accreditation in 1997 and Level 8 (the highest National Accreditation level) in 2009. Neville became a member of the SASUA Committee in 1989 where he took on the role of Adelaide Competition Rostering Officer – a role he fulfilled with distinction for a period of ten years. Toulia Connolly was Director of Umpiring in 1993 when Neville took on the dual role of Competition Rostering Officer and Deputy Director of Umpiring. Neville assumed the role of State Director of Umpiring in 1999, a position he has held up to and including the present day. Neville was rewarded for his commitment to the sport with the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and his appointment as an Olympic Umpire at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. During his tenure on the SASUA Committee he has represented South Australian softball at 47 National Championships in the capacity of umpire, Examiner or Umpire-in-Chief, thereby continuing the excellent representation SASA has maintained for over 40 years on the National Stage. Locally, Neville umpires at the highest level where he leads the umpiring examining panel and acts as Umpire-in-Chief, on behalf of SASA, for local events such as the Australian Masters Games. As Director of Umpiring he chairs the SASUA monthly meetings and oversees all aspects of umpiring development, including organising and instructing at umpire clinics, both locally and within Affiliated Associations. He is responsible for the preparation of the annual SASUA budget and works closely with the Executive Officer and Board members to ensure umpire activities are maintained to acceptable standards. Neville was also instrumental in implementing the Green Shirt Program for new umpires and for the establishment of the 'Umpire of the Year' and 'Rookie Umpire of the Year' Awards, all of which remain in place today. As can be seen, Neville has not only achieved a great deal of personal success in his umpiring endeavours but has also contributed outstanding service to Softball SA, in his capacity on the SASUA Committee, over a period of 22 years. For Neville Lawrance, Life Membership of Softball SA, is an award that is richly deserved.



Neville was presented with SSA Life Membership by fellow Life Member Raelene Robinson (left) and in uniform (right)





## LINDY RATTIGAN PROFILE

Lindy Rattigan has been associated with softball for the best part of 4 decades. She has had many roles in softball, which include being a state representative (player) in 1974/75, manager, statistician, lecturer and mentor. She received her level 2 scoring accreditation in 1985 and has had various scoring positions since 1988. Over the years Lindy has advanced her skills in scoring and in 2007 reached Level 5. She held the Softball SA director of scoring role from 2001 – 2005 and currently still holds this position. Lindy has had numerous international appointments including the 2006 and 2007 Pacific Games in Japan and Canberra, both with the Australian Open Men's team and in 2006/07 and 2007/08 she was on the Australian Open Men's Scoring Panel. Later in 2012 Lindy will be the statistician for the U19 Men's Australian team at the World Championships in Argentina. From 2000 – 2008 Lindy has had National Tournament appointments as an official Statistician and tournament chief statistician at several National tournaments. She has worked tirelessly with various South Australian State Teams as either a manager or statistician from 1983/84 to the present day. Lindy was SASA's administrator from 1991/1992 and remained administrator for a further 3 seasons. She served as the secretary to the umpires association for 2 seasons from 1987/88. She has also shown her contribution to the sport through her club, Glenelg, a place where her heart truly lies and received club service awards in 2002/03 and 2004/05 for her roles as president and club statistician. Lindy has been instrumental in ensuring the survival of Men's Softball in SA including the inception of Men's Fastpitch SA (MFSA). She is currently on the National scoring committee, which she held since 2004 and has been rewarded with her commitment to scoring being nominated in 2006 and 2007 for Softball Australia Statistician of the year, including being the recipient of the award in 2010. She is forever giving back to the sport, volunteering in many different roles, committees, officiating and teams. Lindy Rattigan is the ultimate softball all-rounder, a more than worthy recipient of Life Membership.



Lindy was presented with SSA Life Membership by her son Scott (left) and receiving a National Scoring Award (right)



## **EVENTS & ELITE TEAMS**

### **SOFTBALL SA JUNIOR SOFTBALL ACADEMY**

The rebirth of the SSA JSA took place over June and July, with approximately 140 junior softballers from ACC and near city Affiliates taking part, on Diamonds 1 & 2 at West Beach. A group of up to 25 coaches under the able leadership of Rick Mead supervised the delivery of the skills. The sight of junior softball matches being played on balmy Monday nights in Adelaide winters was heart-warming to many people, which some wags indicated was necessary to balance the air temperature.

It is intended that JSA teams will be assembled to contest the Canberra Australia Day tournament at U13 & U15 levels at least, and that, in conjunction with these squads, an elite battery squad be assembled to continue the good work started by the JSA.

It is also hoped that Regional Academies catering for groups of Affiliates be established and that interaction between the JSA and Regional Academies take place at playing and official level. Avenues to facilitate funding so that these outcomes can be achieved will need to be investigated.

**Bob Nicholson**  
**Director/Development**

### **APY LANDS – FAR NORTH WEST SPORTING LEAGUE (FNWSL)**

Half way through the 2012 season, it is noted that the competition is now a 9 team league, an increase of 2 from last season. The league is largely self-sufficient, in terms of the day to day running of the competition, but the indigenous communities, although having made great strides forward, still relies on the administrative expertise of the combined resources of the SANFL and SSA:

The competition continues to improve

#### **Players**

Skills are relatively high, but reckless. The ball is attacked, with no thought of missing it.

Pitching shows great improvement

Batting continues to excel, with little concession to the strike zone, but the need to hit the ball as far as possible remains paramount.

Game sense is lagging, but shows individual signs of developing.

#### **Coaches**

Largely undeveloped, with the lack of availability of models of good practice

Practices largely of the “batting practice” variety

A Basic Level Coaches Accreditation Scheme has been launched with 1 individual gaining this recognition already



## Umpires

Progressing well, but slowly; there are many accredited umpires but cultural issues remain the constant barrier – the reluctance to umpire for one's own community team

## Scorers

These remain unsophisticated, the colour in the squares variety, which means that the competition batting award goes to the highest run scorer

The likely-hood that the competition will become self-sufficient in the near future will depend on the development of “strong” coaching figures in each team/community who will be able to take an organizational and leadership role in the community so that the areas outlined above are well organized, and potential suitable other leaders are identified.

In order for games to progress, Umpires and Scorers need to be organized internally by the communities.

There is a need for the FNWSL (Softball) community to be exposed to a higher level of competition so that the process of learning by “osmosis” is facilitated – the players are highly competitive.

Over the next few years, SSA will aim to provide services in the following areas

Competition – facilitate the opportunity for FNWSL (Softball) teams to travel out of the Lands to take part in Intra-state or regional tournaments. This has already been started with the highly successful SAPSASA APY team playing in the March Primary Schools Tournament. Their training session with the U17 Girls State team was a spectacular success. It is intended that U17 & U23 teams be able to travel to Adelaide, in order to participate in the October Long Week-End Tournament.

With the recent launch of the Softball SA Development and High-Performance Academy, it is intended that a Regional Academy will be established at the APY Lands, supported by a Development Officer, who will be stationed in the APY Lands for part of the year.

It is also intended that a Regional Academy will be set up around the Wiltja Community Centre, with the aim of enabling a team from Wiltja to play in Adelaide Competition.

SSA will continue to support the FNWSL (Softball) community with trips to the Lands with greater emphasis on coaching, and coaching the coaches. This will involve groups of senior State players acting as role models.

SSA wishes to thank the SANFL for their continued support of the FNWSL (Softball) community, and is highly appreciative of the opportunity to have such a profitable partnership.

SSA also wishes to thank the Commonwealth Government through Attorney Generals Dept. for their continued support of the program.

SSA would be remiss not to acknowledge the tireless support of the SSA face of the APY Lands - FNWSL (Softball) Mr Kevin Tannebring, without whom this program would not have evolved to its present stage.

**Bob Nicholson**  
**Director/Development**



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## 13TH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Softball SA was delighted to once again be a part of the Australian Masters Games. Softball as a sport has a terrific following around Australia for men and women and Softball SA provides a wonderful and convenient location to host the overwhelmingly large number of participants. We would like nothing more than to continue to be the number 1 sport for the Games and would encourage all eligible softball players and all of our members to continue to get behind this wonderful event.

Softball SA's location makes it one of, if not the most admired sport of the games – It is at West Beach right alongside resort accommodation at Adelaide Shores, walking distance from the beach, Harbor town at the end of our street, 5 minutes from the airport and Glenelg and about 10 minutes from the CBD. All of that at the State HQ of Softball with 15 diamonds, clubroom facilities, bar, and canteen – The perfect location to showcase the best sport of the great event of the AMG.

The Softball committee was very well prepared and worked very hard to ensure a great experience for its participants. We met regularly and kept on top of all aspects including critical tasks and cluster meetings. Volunteers were our biggest concern with so many participants we needed further support but I'm pleased to say the AMG and the Softball community got behind us at the 11th hour.

Softball SA would like to thank our Sport Liaison Officer, Alice Cameron, for her support, wonderful demeanour and 'nothing was too difficult to deal with' attitude. It was a pleasure to work with such a professional.

Marketing was an area of concern for softball. We found that as we had the largest amount of athletes of any sport, the marketing and promotion of this did not occur. We were also not aware of the 13AMG marketing team which could have been quite useful as we had lost our PR volunteer quite early in the piece.

As a sport we feel we can learn and improve upon what we have learnt this time and look forward to the opportunity to make an even better experience for all concerned in coming events including the next time we Adelaide hosts the Australian Masters Games.

Although Adelaide doesn't have the best reputation as a tourist city, the majority of the participants came from interstate. We would really love to see more participants from SA affiliates, not only at this event but at others like the State Championships where there is a Masters division

As always we need Umpires and a special thanks needs to go to Neville and his team of Umpires, filling approx. 1000 umpiring appointments made over the 8 Days.

We are very lucky to have such wonderful competitors, volunteers and officials in our sport, the softball community really pulled together to help make this a tremendous event, and one we can be proud of.

Well done to Adam and his team of Volunteers, your help was amazing and thank you to all that put in, your efforts were greatly received. We even made a few new friends that have stayed on to help out here at Softball SA: Gabby Platt who has done some media work for us and Mick (and his wife, Helen) who has become our resident barman.

One last special mention to the Softball Committee that work tirelessly in the preparation and the days of the event; Jill, Lindy, Neville, Tracey, Martina, Heather, Rann, Adam, Sue, Ellen, Michelle, Bob, Jacqui and James – What an amazing effort, thanks again!

Congratulations to the competitors, we're looking forward to seeing you back in 2015.



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## SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year we sure did have interesting weather as we had all four seasons over the weekend but the action was hot at Barratt Reserve where Softball SA hosted its 56<sup>th</sup> annual Senior State Championships. The three day event ran from Friday evening 27<sup>th</sup> January through to Sunday night 29<sup>th</sup> January, with 29 teams competing in 8 divisions.

A and B grade men's and A, B, C, D and Masters women's teams from across the state competed in divisions for the title of State Champion 2012. We feel that the event was a great success, with a significant increase of teams from previous years.

Teams from Gawler, Port Pirie, Central Districts, Adelaide, Northern Area Men's, Men's Fastpitch SA, Hills, Sunraysia and Riverland; along with slowpitch teams Nomads and Port Adelaide all came together for the competition.

Teams played off on Sunday in the finals, with overall winners in the Men's finals being Hills (A Grade) and Port Pirie (B Grade).

Overall winners in the Women's Championship were Adelaide (A Grade), Riverland (B Grade), Port Pirie (C Grade), Riverland (D Grade), Hills (Masters), and Nomads Gold (Slowpitch).

Part of the weekend's success was also attributed to the many events and activities which were held. On lookers were given a chance to mix it up with import Katie Bartlett and Aussie Spirit team member Vanessa Stokes during a T-Ball come and try clinic. The event was run by T-Ball Development Officer Stuart Millar and Starz Head Coach Annie Fidge.

Saturday night saw live entertainment featuring the sultry sounds of Zac Kingston and the very first 'Home Run Derby'. Congratulations to this year's winners, Marianne Crawford and Josh Lands. The pair will be given the chance to defend their title at next year's State Championships.

This year also saw the inclusion of mixed slowpitch for the first time in the competitions history, with Nomads Gold taking out the Championship final against Nomads Blue in a tight game.

Softball SA would like to thank everyone who was involved during the weekend; the championships were a great success due to incredible support from participants, affiliates, staff and attendees.



The Hahndorf Magpies were invited to play Papua New Guinea at the Canberra Skins in December. Hahndorf won 4-3



## ADELAIDE COMPETITION

### Adelaide Competition Premiers

<b>Under 13 Division 2</b>	Glenelg White	<b>Under 13 Division 1</b>	West Torrens Gold
<b>Under 15 Division 2</b>	Walkerville	<b>Under 15 Division 1</b>	Sturt
<b>Under 17 Division 2</b>	Seacombe	<b>Under 17 Division 1</b>	Walkerville Blue
<b>D Grade Women</b>	Legends	<b>C Grade Women</b>	Sturt
<b>B Grade Women</b>	Glenelg	<b>A Grade Women</b>	Glenelg

<b>Most Successful Club – Junior Division</b>	Sturt
<b>Most Successful Club – Senior Division</b>	Sturt
<b>Women's A Grade Rookie of the Year</b>	Kelsey Knuckey (Port Adelaide)
<b>Best Player in the Women's A Grade Grand Final</b>	Nicolette Dunn (Glenelg)
<b>President's Trophy</b>	Neville Lawrance
<b>Outstanding Achievement within Softball SA</b>	Vanessa Stokes
<b>Adelaide Shores Junior Softball Athlete of the Year</b>	Stephanie Trzcinski, Matt Dean
<b>Life Membership</b>	Lindy Rattigan, Neville Lawrance

### Umpires

<b>Rookie Umpire – Marg Abbott Trophy</b>	Connie Rowe
<b>Director of Umpiring Award – Lyle Tyler (OAM) Trophy</b>	Haydyn Wood
<b>Umpire of the Year– McAuliffe Trophy</b>	Dave Datson

### State Team MVP's

<b>Steve Hamra Trophy - MVP U17 Girls</b>	Stephanie Trzcinski
<b>Ian Pike Memorial Trophy – MVP U19 Women</b>	Jasmine Lee
<b>MVP U17 Boys</b>	Lachlan Webb
<b>Lorraine Brown Trophy – MVP Open Women</b>	Belinda White

### Best and Fairest

<b>D Grade Women – Mary Parslow Medal</b>	Hayley Edwards (Legends)
<b>C Grade Women – Kathleen Sims Medal</b>	Wendy Backman (Onkaparinga)
<b>B Grade Women – Lorraine Mildren Medal</b>	Kristy Tannebring (West Torrens)
<b>A Grade Women - Kathleen Correll Medal</b>	Belinda White (Sturt)

### TEAM OF THE YEAR

<b>Pitcher</b>	Vanessa Stokes	<b>Outfield</b>	Marni Nicholls
<b>Catcher</b>	Katie Bartlett	<b>Outfield</b>	Hayley Norris
<b>1st Base</b>	Mandy Braddock	<b>Outfield</b>	Connie Rowe
<b>2nd Base</b>	Emily Rocco	<b>Reserve Pitcher</b>	Jade Peterson
<b>2nd Base</b>	Mel McGie	<b>Utility Player</b>	Jenny Dunn
<b>3rd Base</b>	Lana Kaesler	<b>Utility player</b>	Desi Giamarelos
<b>Short Stop</b>	Belinda White	<b>Coach</b>	Lesley Claxton
<b>Outfield</b>	Ada Brincat-Tree		



## ***AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS***

### **MFSA**

Premiers: Glenelg Rebels

Runner Up: Raiders

MVP: Dave Chiasson (Glenelg)



2011/12 MFSA Premiers – Glenelg Rebels

### **NAMSA**

Premiers: Hillbillies

Runner Up: Roadrunners

Best and Fairest: Jarryd Farrell



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## MOUNT GAMBIER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The 2011/12 Season started with the refurbishment of the grandstands and the building of the scorer's boxes which our scorers appreciated.

Our groundsman did an excellent job with the diamonds and had them looking fantastic once again.

We have again been well represented at Tournaments during the season. We sent an U15 team to compete at the October Tournament at West Beach and then to Mt Barker for the Country State Championships in February. Unable to get a side together for the Waverley Tournament at Easter some players travelled to Waverley and formed a team with other players from Adelaide.

During the season we were lucky enough to secure a grant through our local Council to fence in Diamond 3 which now has been completed ready for the commencement of 2012/13 Season.

The committee has agreed to hold the 2014 Junior State Championships in Mt Gambier with the support of Softball SA and the Mt Gambier City Council.

### Grand Final results for Season 2011/12

A Grade – Warriors 4 d Demons 0 MVP Michelle Hosking (Warriors)

B Grade – Demons 6 d Warriors 5 MVP Sal Morgan (Demons)

C Grade – Demons 7 d Concordes 0 MVP Sonia Wilson (Concordes)

U17 - Demons 7 d Concordes 3 MVP Maggie Breen (Demons)

U15 - Warriors 15 d Demons 0 MVP Georgia Hood

Our presentation night was held in late March with a sit down meal followed by the awards being presented to players by our Life Members.

	<b>A Grade</b>	<b>B Grade</b>	<b>C Grade</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U15</b>
<b>Best &amp; Fairest</b>	Felicity Walker	Yasmin King	Sarah Lawler	Maggie Breen	Amber Hood
<b>Runner Up B &amp; F</b>	Tanya Hood	Sal Morgan	Rachelle Johnson Bianca Collins	Eleanor McClintock	Nikki Howard
<b>Batting Average</b>	Michelle Hosking	Ailie Staples	Sam Brown Cindy Burford	Eleanor McClintock	Mary Wilson
<b>RBI's</b>	Michelle Hosking	Ailie Staples	Sarah Lawler	Libby Altorfer	Nikki Howard
<b>Most Promising</b>				Sarah Nieuwenhuizen Billie Jones	Amanda Winkley

Kath Sims Memorial Trophy - Eleanor McClintock

Marj Cook Memorial Trophy – Deb Breen

We are now looking forward to the start of Season 2012/13





## PORT PIRIE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

### Season 2011/12 Results

<b>A1 Women:</b>	Solly Cats defeated Checkmates 14-6
<b>A2 Women:</b>	Solly Cats defeated Checkmates 14-4
<b>Men:</b>	TBC defeated Tigers 18-2
<b>A3 Women:</b>	Tigers defeated Solly Cats 22-14
<b>U17 Girls:</b>	Solly Cats defeated Tigers 15-10
<b>U15 Boys:</b>	Tigers defeated Solly Cats 15-7
<b>U13 Girls:</b>	Cougars defeated Solly Cats 17-15

### Trophy Winners

#### **A1 Women:**

Best & Fairest	Penny Lynch	Solly Cats
	Sharyn Combe	Checkmates
Runner Up	Samantha Cook	Solly Cats
	Sonia Manfield	Solly Cats
	Callie Siwak	Solly Cats
	Bobbie Jean Taylor	Tigers

#### **A2 Women:**

Best & Fairest	Samantha Youngman	Checkmates
Runner Up	Kristy Thomas	Cougars

#### **Men:**

Best & Fairest	Jabin Clayton	Tigers
Runner Up	Mark Stephens	Checkmates

#### **A3 Women:**

Best & Fairest	Pauline Trigger	Solly Cats
Runner Up	Danielle Wilson	Tigers

#### **U17 Girls:**

Best & Fairest	Latasha Cugley	Solly Cats
Runner Up	Ella Johns	Checkmates

#### **U15 Boys:**

Best & Fairest	Jayden Gonsalves	Cougars
Runner Up	Jack Williams	Solly Cats

#### **U13 Girls:**

Best & Fairest	Felicity Stirling	Cougars
Runner Up	Mikayla Fuller	Checkmates





## ***HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS***

### **OPEN WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Gilley's Shield)**

#### **SA State Teams – Report from Head Coach Open Women (Starz)**

Round 1 November (Melbourne)  
Round 3 January (Canberra)

Round 2 December (Brisbane)  
Round 4 February (Sydney)

The Starz off-season training ran for 8 weeks at Seaton High School from Mid-May to Mid-July. Only one national representative (Bel white), with 2 junior players involved in IYC in June, hence training provided them with the opportunity to train in a group environment, which can assist in their national commitments and preparation. There was full attendance most weeks by Starz squad members 6-8pm, to get maximum attendance and minimise clashes with other winter sporting commitments. Focussing on base fitness, core skills and strength, identified as a priority based on prior season performance. No disruptions for bad weather due to inside facilities. Maximise training opportunities due to 3 lanes, enabling maximum number of players to be kept busy at one time, and in close proximity to coaches supervision. Great team bonding facilitated by the players after each training session with a focus on recovery and appropriate fluid and food intake

Selection based on skills, commitment to wider program as well as awareness of requirements as an elite player. Preseason cup was used in conjunction with off-season program to gauge player readiness for competition at open level. Due to large squad with strong commitment, some under 19 players were not used, especially where year 12 exam and study commitments affected their ability to attend all scheduled training sessions before exams. Use of main diamonds at west beach on a regular basis increased our opportunity to train under game conditions, and at a level necessary to perform at open level.

The team won 8 out of 24 games, compared to 2/21 in 2011, and 0/14 in 2010. Increased competitiveness across all levels of offence and defence with wins across all 4 rounds. In addition, 3 games were lost in the last innings, possibly due to nerves and inexperience. Team should have had a 50% win/loss record and is now a top 4 contender. Extra base hitting continues to be a weakness, and depth in home grown pitching to an adequate standard. For the first time in over 12 years, SA finished higher than 6th.

Our minimum standard of players is now at a level where this should and must become a focus to ensure SA is now a top 4 contender. In the past we have had a focus on detailed roles, and planning, but found in recent years that the effort required was too high and we needed to focus on more basic areas, especially when player commitment and attendance was low and made it difficult to plan. The team and coaches have progressed to a point where we can increase our level of professionalism in the areas of planning, goal setting, and in game charting to benefit from the extra effort this will take. We have regular full attendance at most sessions which provides a stronger foundation to work with, and plan trainings.

**Head Coach: Annette Fidge**



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## U19 WOMENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Elinor McKenzie Shield)

**SA State Teams – Report from Head Coach  
Under 19 Women, 15– 21 January, Mirrabooka, WA**

Our general impressions of the Championship week was that outside of NSW dominating again and NT (with all of their pickups) at the other end of the scale, the rest of the competition was extremely close. For example going into the second to last day of the minor round comp, there was only 2 point separating 2nd (SA) and 6th (VIC). Trying to string some consistent and consecutive performances together was the one thing that let us down

Facilities at the Venue at Mirrabooka are great. However, we were not allowed to have any training time on either of the two (2) skinned diamonds by the Western Australian association but this was the same for all state teams. We were advised that they needed the time to prepare them (diamonds) for the tournament.

Trials were held at West Beach over 2 Sundays. We had a total of 17 players attend the trials, two (2) from Port Pirie, two (2) from Sunraysia and twelve (12) from the Adelaide competition. Because there was also a shortfall in pitchers that had trialled, we needed to and elected to participate in the national draft for a pickup pitcher to add to our numbers. The Pickup player that we secured was Steph Watt, an 18 year old Pitcher from NSW. Steph was a great asset to our team and was well received by the group.

Our match practice was limited to the pre-season competition put on by Softball SA. We did manage to get a practice game with Port Adelaide “A” grade over the Christmas break which was beneficial to the group.

We started our campaign very well with 3 wins from our first 4 games over 2 days and only just going down to NSW by 3 runs in our 4th game. Our 3rd day was extremely disappointing however, a day where we had a triple header and failed to get even 1 win. Day 4 saw us back in the winning circle with a good win over NT and a win over WA in a very tight game. Days 5 & 6 saw us fail to get a win and we went from second position to sixth position. Having said all of this and while our final result is a little down on where I think we should have finish (playing finals). We had some good team and player performances.

**Head Coach: Andrew Preiss**



SA U19 Women's Team at the  
2011/12 SSA Awards Night



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## **U17 BOYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Arthur Allsopp Shield)**

**SA State Teams – Report from Head Coach  
Under 17 Boys, 8 – 14 January, Altona, VIC**

Overall, the week was a sensational success. I say that because of all that we overcome to even make it to Melbourne and then to return with the best performance for an SA Men's team in over a decade was truly rewarding. Our ladder position was not flattering finishing 5th but is a massive step in the right direction for Mens Softball in SA.

The officials got along and worked together very well and performed well above any expectations with open communication and trust in one another's capabilities. Annali coached exceptionally well for her first time and Tracey was marvellous as the Manager. Off-field was a breeze. Softball SA is lucky to have Sam and Jacqui – although it got crazy sometimes, the work done prior to the championships was essential to the smooth running of the team while away.

Softball Victoria did a great job. The Championship was run very well in every aspect.

We were given approval from SAL and Softball Tasmania to have a 'composite' SA team, utilising 4 Tasmanian players (one of which played for us last year). With 13 players we had enough for a team but kept our options open for two draft selections.

Softball SA had the first selection in the Draft and we picked a player that later withdrew. Our 2nd (3rd pick overall) was Matt Fyfe from QLD. He was a terrific asset to our team both on and off the field.

We later were offered another selection (once our first pick withdrew) and took a local lad, Kendall Evans from Victoria. Kendall's dad even drove him over for a weekend to train/play with the team prior to the championship. I would like to thank Dave and his family for the terrific support he gave to the team, his wife Margaret was our scorer and his youngest son our bat boy. He also supplied us with a number of photographs and printed images of the players and officials

We had regular Sunday sessions at West Beach and occasional sessions at Anembo Park (Hills Association). I was generally happy that most of the guys did enough work during the week, some players playing in 2 men's competitions with club training during the week, a handful would meet up for extra sessions once and a while. We also had a practise match against the Hahndorf men's team in Littlehampton (Hills association).

After the first day of the championship, I knew there was a massive task ahead of us and then we were thumped by NSW on day 2. After that game I said that from tomorrow we will be a different team. From the next day we performed as well as all of the other teams (although we still had a couple of tough losses), winning 3 games and in a winning position against eventual finalists ACT. We were commended by the opposition, their coaches, umpires and spectators for the spirit in which we played and the improvement we showed.

My goal for the tournament was to give the players an enjoyable and rewarding experience and that is exactly what the players gave me... Emotions ran high after our first win and just to prove it wasn't a fluke we won two more games including a mercy victory over WA. Although not a result to get too excited about (5th out of 6 teams), compared to what some of these guys went through last year, 5th place was a tremendous success

**Head Coach: James Harris**



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## **U17 GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Esther Deason Shield)**

**SA State Teams – Report from Head Coach  
Under 17 Girls, 8 – 14 January, Hobart, TAS**

I feel that the performance of the team (players and officials) was first class and was one of the most enjoyable trips I have been on during my lengthy involvement in softball at this level. There was plenty of open communication amongst officials about how to best manage all aspects of the trip in Hobart, from food to transport, from recovery to match play and from social interactions to daily routines.

As far as results on the diamond were concerned I believe we met our goals of 'Together As One, Finals and Confidence', with all girls playing their part in the successes we achieved in Hobart. The playing group gave nothing but their best all week and executed our various game plans to a high level all week.

A fun and great week was had both on and off the diamond.

The U17 management team of Carol, Sarah-Jane, Abi and Tim are to be congratulated on the highly professional manner in which they supported player growth and experience over the week. There are many jobs to be performed by the leadership team on return to our accommodation each day and the tireless effort shown by each of them to stay up well after the girls had gone to bed to debrief and discuss ongoing plans for the coming days was phenomenal. The many laughs we also shared along the way probably helped us through the 'insanity' of it all. Thank you for sacrificing more than just your time and energy throughout the journey. Your patience, understanding and dedication to making sure we all kept believing in what we were doing was going to achieve success made the trip even more enjoyable.

We held two trials on the 21st and 28th of August, 2011, from 10:00AM until 3:00PM each day, a total of 24 girls' trialled for this team. All girls were invited to attend all trainings and camps up until the announcement of the team and reserves, from which time the remaining 19 girls would continue to train together. Two girls withdrew after the first trial. Trainings were held fortnightly for another 4 separate Sunday sessions of equivalent length with a three day live-in training camp held at Softball SA Headquarters, also part of the selection process. Additionally, the girls played in the State Team Cup prior to their regular seasons commencing giving the coaches another look at the players. The team was selected on 16th October, meaning 3 girls were removed from the program at this point in time.

The team were great ambassadors for softball and SA, but most importantly they did themselves proud by never giving up and always showing true grit to be competitive whilst displaying a love of the game during matches and afterwards as well.

The girls played exceptionally well all week with some fantastic results. Our final placing and match against New South Wales showed that we are very close to breaking through the top two teams at a major Championship and to finish 3rd in Australia is a wonderful achievement and I am so proud of the way the girls accounted for themselves. On a statistical point of view we won 7 and lost 5 minor round games to place 3rd as already mentioned. Overall I believe we played exceptional softball throughout the week and our placing is indicative of where we are in terms of our current development stage in SA. I truly believe that if we can keep all the eligible players within the team together in 2013 then I feel that we are quite capable of going further at next year's Championship.

**Head Coach: Wess Frances**



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## 2011 – 2012 STATE PLAYERS

### U17 Girls

#### 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012 - Hobart Softball, TAS

Georgina Baker	Marlee Hards
Chantelle Humhrys	Ariana Liddy
Alicia Martschink	Jessica Maslin
Ebony McLean	Eleanor Mowle
Courtney Munroe	Sasha Penglase
Sally Pope	Chelsea Robinson (Capt.)
Deanna Sofia	Sarah Tonkin
Stephanie Trzcinski	Megan Wheatley

#### Officials:

Wess Frances	(Head Coach)
Timothy Preusker	(Asst. Coach)
Abigail Hughes	(Asst. Coach)
Carol Tonkin	(Manager)
Sarah-Jane Frances	(Statistician)

#### MVP: Stephanie Trzcinski

Also awarded the U17 pitching award  
for the tournament

### U17 Boys

#### 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012 - Altona, VIC

Ashley Brook	Matt Dean (Co Capt.)
Braydon Dodd (TAS)	Marcellus Enalanga
Kendall Evans (VIC)	Matthew Fyfe (QLD)
Ben Lucas	Alex McKim
Coen McLeod (Co Capt.)	Luke Moyle
Jack Rushton (TAS)	Jarrold Russell
Kyle Townsend (TAS)	Lachlan Webb
Alexander Weston (TAS)	

#### Officials:

James Harris	(Head Coach)
Annali Dolman	(Asst. Coach)
Tracey Borovnik	(Manager)
Margaret Evans	(Statistician)

#### MVP: Lachlan Webb

### U19 Women

#### 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012 - Mirrabooka, WA

Georgia Bevan	Ellen Burch
Madeline Cameron	Annali Dolman
Sophie Hoyle	Kelsey Knuckey
Nicole Knudson	Jordan Lambert
Jasmine Lee (Capt.)	Kayla Rocco
Connie Rowe	Maud Taylor
Stephanie Trzcinski	Natasha Venning
Stephanie Watts (NSW)	

#### Officials:

Andrew Preiss	(Head Coach)
Lee Hull	(Asst. Coach)
Sue Norris	(Asst. Coach)
Julie Rocco	(Manager)
Derek Roberts	(Statistician)

#### MVP: Jasmine Lee

### Open Women - Starz Various Locations

Kathryn Bartlett	Ada Brincatt-Tree
Holly Denny	Jenny Dunn
Jess Edwards	Lana Kaesler
Sophie King	Jasmine Lee
Brooke McNamara (QLD)	Jess Muller (QLD)
Hayley Norris	Jade Peterson
Emily Rocco	Vanessa Stokes
Stephanie Trzcinski	Kym Turnell (NSW)
Belinda White (Capt.)	Katie Wiese

#### Officials:

Annie Fidge	(Head Coach)
Shelley Neller	(Asst. Coach)
Nat Mead	(Asst. Coach)
Mel McGie	(Manager)
Lindy Rattigan	(Statistician)

#### MVP: Belinda White





## AUSTRALIAN SQUAD MEMBERS 2012

<b>Under 17 Girls</b>	Jess Maslin
<b>Under 17 Boys</b>	Matt Dean Ben Lucas Lachlan Webb
<b>Under 19 Women</b>	Maddie Cameron Annali Dolman Jordan Lambert Stephanie Trzcinski

## AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

<b>Janell Behrendt</b>	Dec 2011 - U19 Women World Championships –South Africa
<b>Vanessa Stokes</b>	Jan 2012 - New Zealand Series Canberra March 2012 - Japan Series Canberra
<b>Belinda White</b>	July 2011 - Canada Cup, Canada, July 2011 - World Cup of Softball, Oklahoma, USA Jan 2012 - New Zealand Series Canberra March 2012 - Japan Series Canberra



Vanessa Stokes and Belinda White were part of the Aussie Spirit team which won the Bronze Medal at the World Championships held in Canada in July 2012





## TECHNICAL

### STATE COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT 2011-2012

Accreditation - The levels 1 and 2 are still very popular as they are available through the at home program of CD/DVD, while we do still offer the face to face delivery of these courses, getting a group of 10 together can be difficult at times, which is why people have chosen to do their accreditation using the CD/DVD. I reported last year that Level 3 would be ready to be rolled out, however there have been some unavoidable delays and hopefully this will be rolled out soon. Unfortunately Softball Australia still hasn't had the opportunity to complete levels 4 – 6. There are a few coaches, who are hoping to complete these levels, and to those coaches I encourage you to apply for SA Development coaching positions, or the Friendship Series coaching positions as levels 4 – 6 are heavily based on experience and practice at these levels. This way you'll be getting a head start on the practical side of the criteria.

Currently there are only 36 accredited softball coaches in South Australia; there has been a large decline in the number of accredited coaches this year with many coaches deciding against renewing their accreditation as they are no longer actively coaching. All coaches whose accreditation has expired in the past 2 years were contacted by mail and offered the chance to pay the \$20 admin fee to have their accreditation continued but only 1 coach took this offer up.

A significant amount of education and promotion of the benefits to clubs to have their coaches accredited needs to occur if we are to maintain the high standard of coaching that is required to continue to see Softball grow in this state.

Only 2 new coaches have obtained accreditation this year and 3 have updated their accreditation in the last 12 months. It is anticipated that there will be a number of coaches undertaking the level 1 coaching in the coming year as the accreditation manuals were out of print for some time causing a waiting period of some coaches.

Active After-school care – we had nine coaches successfully become accredited to coordinate active after-school care programs. As part of this process these coaches will also be given level 1 coaching accreditation if they did not already have a higher level of accreditation.

International Youth Cup – this year South Australia was fortunate to have five coaches attend the International Youth Cup (IYC). Annette Fidge has been appointed as an assistant coach for the Australian Under 19 Women's Team that will compete at next year's World Championships in Canada. The following coaches also attended the IYC;

Janell Behrendt – Head Development coach, Women's Under 19 Gold Team

Andrew Preiss – Asst Development Coach, Women's Under 19 Green Team

Lesley Claxton – Asst Development Coach, Women's Under 17 Team

James Harris – Head Development Coach, Men's Under 17 Gold Team

The experience and skills that these coaches gained from the IYC will be great for the future development of elite coaches within the South Australian coaching community.

Australian Coaches visit SA - Australian Open Women's coach Kere Johanson recently visited Adelaide to train the two SA based Australian Open Women's team members. He came back again in May with the whole team and held a training camp followed by a 3 game series against the SA Open women's state team. Over the weekend many coaches came out to observe the trainings and games.



Mike Harrow held a catchers camp in Adelaide and this was another opportunity for our coaches to listen and observe the catching training methods and plans that Mike has put in place for the elite athletes, as well as the basic training sessions that everyone can do. Many coaches came to observe the sessions held over the weekend.

These opportunities are very valuable for players and coaches as they allow us to see what we need to be working on in order to represent our country. I strongly encourage coaches to attend these sessions and observe and learn from the Australian Head Coaches when given the opportunity.

**Janell Behrendt**  
State Coaching Co-ordinator



Adelaide Competition Grand Final Day 2012



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## STATE SCORING COORDINATOR REPORT: ANNUAL REPORT – SEASON 2011-2012

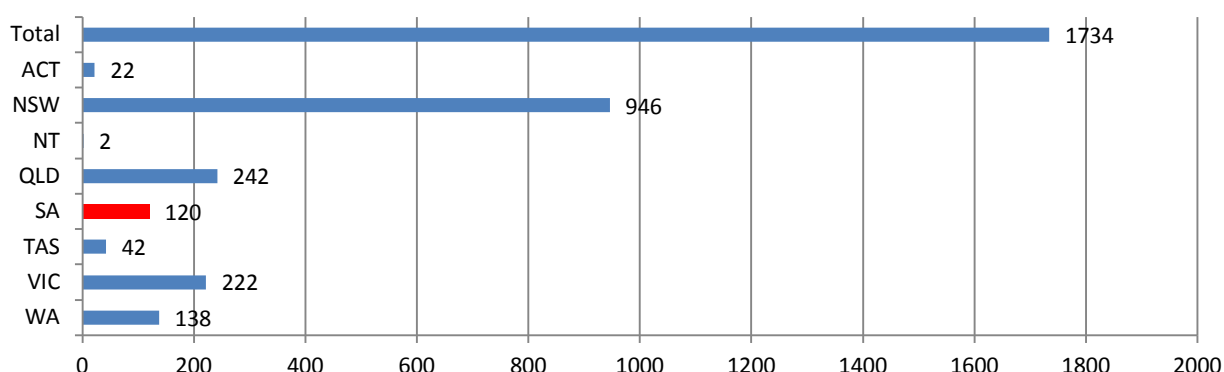
The scoring program continues to build momentum at the lowest level, with a further 50% increase of 32 new level 1 scorers. Insufficient interest was shown to conduct the scheduled Level 2 and Level 3 courses.

With the Gilley's Shield round being awarded to South Australia for November 2012, we will again have insufficient high level and current staff with NSC quality assurance at Nationals. An intensive accreditation program is planned for the offseason across all levels. This will not provide any relief to the 2012 Nationals however and will enable scorers across all four levels to increase their accreditation. This will assist South Australia with the competency to be able to support future nationals without the financial impost of bringing in the obligated skillsets from other states.

**Accredited Scorers in SA are as follows:**

Level 1 Scorer	Level 2 Scorer	Level 3 Scorer	Level 4 Statistician	Level 4 International Statistician	Total Accreditations
85	10	21	2	2	120

**Scorers/Statisticians comparison by State**



### Accreditation Updating

A number of scorers have allowed their scoring accreditation to lapse within the ASC NOAS program. Those wishing to regain validity to their last held level need to work through the Scoring Co-ordinator to progress their updating requirements. All scorers are required to demonstrate ongoing competency of their level, in addition to undertaking a rules examination. For Level 4, where competency has not been gained at National tournaments, submission of scored games will be sought for assessment to ensure current and continued competency. This is part of the quality assurance of the entire NOAS program. Note that this updating process is facilitated through the SAO online website so scorers are urged (if they haven't done so) to ensure their contact details and email contact addresses are accurate. (Statisticians who have not updated are recorded as expired at their last level held and do not appear in the statistics provided. There is a 12 month period for updating to be undertaken prior to losing their accreditation level.)





## Accreditation Courses

Metropolitan scoring courses were taken up this year by Walkerville, Onkaparinga & Glenelg – with Onkaparinga achieving funding for conducting at their own clubrooms. A particularly big pat on the back to Central District who facilitated a northern area Level 1 which was a full-house!

Congratulations to the following new and upgraded scorers:

Level 1 - CDSA	Level 1 – Glenelg	Level 1 – Onkaparinga Saints
Amanda Jasper	Amy Buckney	Annaliese Cutts
Bernadette Brenton	Cheryl Mead	Amanda Harris
Carly-Jayne Coates	Josh Buckney	Andrew Martin
Cathy Wood	Kylie Buckney	Chelsea Harris
Hayden Venning	Liz McGee	Chris Harris
Ian Masters	Sandra Franke	Craig Videon
Jacqueline Newton		Jacquie Lauder
Kim Sanderson	Level 1 – Walkerville	Kairi Grist
Kylie Newton	Meegan Roberts	Leanne Sims
Mary Curnow		Peter Gray
Raelene Lathan		
Rosie Waxmann		
Taiya Venning		
Wendy Ramsey		

To enable the program to gain momentum, it is important that, in particular, regional affiliates endeavour to identify a “scoring” champion - someone who knows about scoring; is accredited themselves; and is interested in promoting and facilitating the scoring program within their own regions. Where a suitable candidate is located in regions, it may be possible to accredit them to lecture the Level 1 scoring programs.

## Promotion and Resources

With the Softball Australia populated websites, a great number of scoring resources are available on all your club and affiliate websites, under the groupings: Accreditation; Resources; and Scoring Directory (from the main menu). These are a great free resource to assist the scoring fraternity – from grassroots to the experience

Scorers seeking to find pathway directions should contact the State Scoring Co-ordinator, Lindy Rattigan ([scoring@softballsa.com.au](mailto:scoring@softballsa.com.au)) to assist in determining a local development plan.

**Lindy Rattigan**  
State Scoring Co-ordinator



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## UMPIRE IN CHIEF REPORT 2011-12

### SSAU EXECUTIVE 2011- 12:

Umpire in Chief:	Neville Lawrance
Deputy Director:	
Secretary:	Leah Schwartz
Treasurer:	Toula Connolly
Chairman of Examiners:	Alan McAuliffe/Kevin Tannebring
Training Officer:	David Datson
Rostering Officer:	Haydyn Wood
Adelaide Comp:	Haydyn Wood

### **2011 Australian Paper**

Some 55 umpires sat the National Umpires Exam which once again is a very good turnout and is only one less than last year. While the number of umpires sitting the exam each May has been good over the last two years, it would be great to have some of our senior coaches attempt the exam. This was the first paper set under the 2011-2013 rule book with the results showing that some umpires are still having difficulty with some of the new rules.

The 6 Level 4-8 umpires sitting the exam are all umpiring within the Adelaide Competition while this is good for the standard of umpiring within the Adelaide Competition there is a real need to develop the standard within the affiliate centres. A pleasing aspect is the fact that all Level 4-8 umpires were able to obtain a mark to maintain or advance with 3 managing 90% or more. Due partly to the new rule book 8 umpires fail to obtain the required mark for their level of accreditation.

### **2011 Basic Paper**

The Basic exam paper is available to all Associations, Clubs and State Teams anytime that they would like to arrange for members to sit the paper. It is an ideal means of assessing general rule knowledge for players and coaches. It is required for Green Shirt Umpires and is also available for anyone interested in gaining Level 1 accreditation or existing umpires to obtain a theory pass mark to allow assessment for level 2. While the paper is generally sat in November arraignments can be made for associations or groups to sit at any time.

2011 saw a large reduction in the number of Basic Exam papers sat with just 18 papers being used with many of these by participants within the Green Shirt program. It is however pleasing to note that everyone that sat the paper was able to gain the required mark to either maintain their level or qualify to be assessed for their next level of accreditation.

A comparison of the last 4 years:

Aust Theory Exam	2011	Pass	% Pass	2010	Pass	% Pass	2009	Pass	% Pass	2008	Pass	% Pass
L 4-8 umpires	6	6	100.00	7	7	100.00	5	5	100.00	7	6	85.71
L 0-3 umpires	49	44	89.80	50	44	88.00	41	38	92.68	37	36	97.30
Totals	55	47	85.45	57	51	89.47	46	46	100.00	44	42	95.45

Basic Exam	2011	Pass	% Pass	2010	Pass	% Pass	2009	Pass	% Pass	2008	Pass	% Pass
L 0	14	14	100.00	50	50	100.00	16	16	100			
L 1	2	2	100.00	12	12	100.00	8	8	100			
L 2+	2	2	100.00	4	3	75.00	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	





## **ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED**

### **Australian Theory Exam Preparation Nights**

West Beach – Alan McAuliffe

CDSA – Kevin Tannebring

Alan once again presented three study nights at West Beach with 30 umpires attending from the Adelaide clubs. These sessions were repeated at CDSA under the direction of Kevin Tannebring with 18 umpires attending.

### **Preseason Basic Rules / Umpiring Clinic**

The Green Shirt Program is now a long established program that has seen considerable success over the years. David Datson has been doing a great job in presenting a well-developed program to potential Green Shirt Umpires. This program has over the last 5-6 years produced a number of very good umpires who are working within the club structure providing an invaluable service to the softball community and I would encourage all clubs to send their potential or interested people to this series of lectures. The attendees receive a very good grounding in the basics of umpiring and gain the confidence required to umpire and start the journey to becoming qualified umpires.

A Basic clinic with a focus on the Green Shirt program was conducted at the Hills Association with 19 very interested participants. The Hills are very keen to see some interested people develop into umpires to assist in the growth of the Association.

Haydyn Wood and Neville Lawrance ventured down to Mount Gambier to deliver a clinic with a focus once again on the Green Shirt program and we gained new levels this season. This was a backup to the clinic conducted last season by Kevin Tannebring and as always a lot of interest was shown in the theory and practical sessions that were conducted.

Kevin Tannebring has continued his involvement within the APY Lands working on the indigenous softball program for women in joint cooperation with SANFL and their football program for the men in the APY Lands. This partnership has been very beneficial to the communities within the APY Lands providing an opportunity for some very talented players to display their natural athleticism.

The NOAS endorsed training program has been very well received within the developing umpire group, we look forward to the release of the program for the next two levels of accreditation.

### **ACCREDITATION ADVANCEMENTS**

19 umpires were awarded level 1 or advanced their current level of accreditation.

Under the NOAS training and accreditation packages the opportunity for affiliates to assess level 2 umpires may become an option. There will certainly be more emphases on both level 1 training and assessment with the use of the training package and the requirement for umpires to have their work checked and signed off on as complete each component of their training. The use of a training package for level 2 will have similar requirements and will require umpires to be assessed in various competencies. Affiliate associations will have greater control and responsibility over the development of their umpires than ever before.

Assessments:	2012	2011	2010	2009
Level 1	5	13	9	16
Level 2	2	5	5	2
Level 3	2	0	2	2
Level 4	1	1	0	0
Level 5	1	0	0	1
Level 6	0	0	0	1
Total candidates	11	19	16	22



**UMPIRES APPOINTED TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

<b><u>UNDER 17 GIRLS</u></b>	Steve Wallace-Yarrow	Umpire	Haydyn Wood	Candidate
<b><u>UNDER 19 WOMEN</u></b>	David Datson	Umpire	Neville Lawrance	Umpire
<b><u>GILLEY'S SHIELD RD1</u></b>	David Datson	Umpire	Steve Wallace-Yarrow	Umpire
<b><u>GILLEY'S SHIELD RD2</u></b>	Damien McCauley	Umpire		
<b><u>GILLEY'S SHEILD RD3</u></b>	Neville Lawrance	Umpire	Steve Wallace-Yarrow	Umpire
<b><u>GILLEY'S SHIELD FINAL</u></b>	Neville Lawrance	Umpire		

**UMPIRES APPOINTED TO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

<b><u>AUST NZ TEST</u></b>	Neville Lawrance	Umpire
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**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion I would like to make special mention of Toula Connolly who has indicated that she will not nominate for a further appointment as Treasurer, Toula has filled this position for years and will be missed. Karen Wood has been appointed as the new Treasurer. At the SSAU June meeting the reappointment of officials for two year terms saw two nominations for the role of Secretary, Jacqui Crafter was appointed. I would like to thank Leah Schwartz for her efforts of the past 4 years. I and the rest of the committee look forward to working with both Karen and Jacqui.

The continuation of the men's competition was very much welcomed providing valuable opportunity for our developing umpires to further developed their skills.

The introduction of the NOAS registration and training package has been difficult with many affiliates and umpires finding the addition requirements a challenge to complete. We will continue to further push the expansion of the training package and NOAS registrations as this will have a huge impact on funding in the future. Affiliates will be provided with registration kits to assist in this process so we can maximize the number of umpire registrations in this state.

The introduction of the pre-season competition was most beneficial to the development of our senior umpires, provided an opportunity to work with our umpires development in preparation for preseason and assessment development.

The introduction of the Junior Academy is seem as a huge step in the right direction and we have been able to make contact with a number of parents who have expressed interest in attending the Green Shirt Program prior to the start of the season.

**Neville Lawrance**

**SSAU UMPIRE IN CHIEF**



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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **SOFTBALL SA INC**

#### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

**For the period ended 30 June 2012**

	Note	July 11 - Jun 12	May 10 - Jun 11
Revenue from operating activities	1	627,929	477,005
Revenue from non-operating activities	1	130,530	103,700
Expenses from operating activities	2	738,281	635,300
<b>Total comprehensive result</b>		<b>20,177</b>	<b>-54,595</b>

Due to the change in Financial Year ending 30th June previous period covers 14 months 01/05/2010 to 30/06/2011 compared to current period of 12 months 01/07/2011 to 30/06/2012

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



**SOFTBALL SA INC****Statement of Financial Position****As of 30 June 2012**

		<b>Jun 30 2012</b>	<b>Jun 30 2011</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Cheque/Savings	3	135,170	115,127
Accounts Receivable	4	33,615	3,375
Other Current Assets	5	34,596	27,823
Total Current Assets		203,382	146,325
Fixed Assets	6	612,964	606,272
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>816,346</b>	<b>752,598</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	7	49,494	5,984
Credit Cards		26	572
Other Current Liabilities	8	15,822	18,056
Total Current Liabilities		65,342	24,613
Long Term Liabilities	9	9,000	9,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>74,342</b>	<b>33,613</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>742,003</b>	<b>718,985</b>
Accumulated Surplus		742,003	718,985
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>742,003</b>	<b>718,985</b>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



## Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements

1 Revenues		2012	2011
		12 months	14 months
<b><u>Operating</u></b>			
Sale of goods		145,930	125,333
Rendering of services			
Member registration fees		150,847	134,775
Player payments		196,046	136,808
Event registrations		92,793	6,870
Facilities hire		4,629	4,768
Interest		6,561	5,824
Sponsorship		9,600	28,881
Other		2,764	15,529
	Total SSA revenue	609,169	458,789
<b><u>Umpires</u></b>			
Sale of goods	1,272	4,422	
Member registration fees	15,628	11,910	
Interest	291	461	
Other	1,568	1,424	
	Total umpires revenue	18,759	18,216
	Total operating revenue	627,929	477,005
<b><u>Non-Operating</u></b>			
SAL contributions		49,530	53,700
Government Grants		81,000	50,000
	Total non-operating revenue	130,530	103,700





<b>2 Expenses</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Cost of sales	105,956	77,618
<sup>a</sup> Administration	144,020	123,123
Member Support Services	284,498	225,624
Leasehold & Rental Expenses	12,813	24,736
<sup>b</sup> Employee Expenses	138,744	126,816
Volunteer Expenses	8,007	7,864
<sup>c</sup> Superannuation & WorkCover contributions	16,072	14,079
Depreciation - Buildings & Improvements	4,705	5,346
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	5,468	5,007
Bad & Doubtful Debts Expense	(536)	3,797
Write-offs	1,037	4,013
<b>Total SSA expenses</b>	<b>720,785</b>	<b>618,023</b>

**Umpires**

Cost of sales	850	5,609
Administration etc	1,109	1,979
Member Support Services	1,966	2,744
Fees	11,262	8,675
Volunteer Expenses	1,310	800
Bad & Doubtful Debts Expense	-	-
Write-offs	1,001	(2,531)
<b>Total umpires expenses</b>	<b>17,497</b>	<b>17,277</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>738,281</b>	<b>635,300</b>

a, b, c refer Carry/Overs in  
note 8

<b>3 Cheque/Savings</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
SSA Cheque Account	14,662	34,031
Fixed Term Deposit Investment	-	46,339
Incentive Saver Account	-	12,015
ING Investment Account	96,394	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,056</b>	<b>92,385</b>

**Umpires**

Cheque account	24,115	22,742
	24,115	22,742
	135,170	115,127



<b>4 Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Softball SA	32,581	3,276
Umpires	1,034	99
	<u>33,615</u>	<u>3,375</u>

<b>5 Other Current Assets</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Cash on Premises	1,516	1,566
Petty Cash on Hand	4,500	500
Undeposited Funds	-	-
Prepayments	1,025	1,647
Non-Trading Stock	15,625	16,974
Trading Stock	8,460	2,666
	<u>31,126</u>	<u>23,353</u>

**Umpires**

Petty Cash on Hand	-	-
Undeposited Funds	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
Non-Trading Stock	150	10
Trading Stock	<u>3,320</u>	<u>4,461</u>
	3,470	4,471
	<u>34,596</u>	<u>27,823</u>



## 6 Fixed Assets

Property, Plant & Equipment	Gross Value	2012 Accum Depn	WDV	Gross Value	2011 Accum Depn	WDV
At cost						
Computers & Office Equipment	8,971	(3,813)	5,158	3,347	(1,605)	1,742
Furniture & Fittings	22,848	(18,915)	3,933	20,309	(17,882)	2,427
Bar Equipment	6,014	(5,794)	220	6,014	(5,537)	477
Grounds Maintenance Equipment	15,316	(10,368)	4,948	12,361	(9,107)	3,255
Playing Equipment	8,174	(5,855)	2,319	5,987	(5,620)	367
Coaching Equipment	16,946	(16,946)	-	16,946	(16,946)	-
Electronic Communications Equip't	10,179	(6,351)	3,829	9,362	(5,877)	3,485
	88,447	(68,042)	20,406	74,327	(62,574)	11,753
<b>Umpires</b>						
Electronic Equipment	2,486	(2,486)	-	2,486	(2,486)	-
Furniture & Fittings	2,362	(2,362)	-	2,362	(2,362)	-
Training Aids	2,597	(2,597)	-	2,597	(2,597)	-
	7,445	(7,445)	-	7,445	(7,445)	-
Property At Cost	450,515			450,515		
Capital Improvements at cost	127,042			127,042		
Leasehold Improvements at cost	87,762			85,018		
	665,319	(72,761)	592,559	662,575	(68,055)	594,519
			612,964			606,272

As advised last year the Association undertook a review of the adopted accounting treatment of the lease agreement on the Association's Club House building. The review incorporated an analysis of the Australian Accounting Standard (AASB) 116 Property, Plant and Equipment to determine the correct accounting treatment for the building asset. As lease terms are still being negotiated, the Association has elected to continue to account for the building asset as has been done in previous years. Should the Association, however, consider it now be appropriate to amortize the buildings, it would create a significant expense as one lump sum or over the period of the lease

## 7 Accounts Payable

	2012	2011
Softball SA	49,494	5,984
Umpires	-	-
	49,494	5,984



8 Other Current Liabilities		2012	2011
Accrued Liabilities - Programs			
App'd C/Over - National League	-		13,966
App'd C/Over - Player Dev'ment	2,372		2,372
App'd C/Over - Uniform S/Team	-		5,000
App'd C/Over - Strategic Plan	1,089		1,089
App'd C/Over - Grounds	-		-
App'd C/Over - Other	9,381		-
Total	12,842		22,427
Payroll Liabilities			
PAYG Withholding Liability	4,855		3,541
Superannuation Liability	(25)		725
WorkCover Liability	-		(1,310)
Total	4,830		2,955
Revenue Received in Advance		200	-
Tax Payable			
Softball SA Inc	(2,040)	(7,272)	
Umpires	(9)	(54)	
	(2,049)		(7,326)
Total Current Liabilities	15,822		18,056
Approved Carry/Overs			2012
National League	Transfer of funds to offset losses by National League from last two seasons, 2010-11 & 2011-12		(13,966)
Uniform S/Team	Transfer of funds to offset losses by National League from last two seasons, 2010-11 & 2011-12		(5,000)
<sup>a</sup>	total of transfers from carry/overs included in Administration Expenses - note 2		(18,966)
Other	Tfr of unused expenses in 2011-12 Budget for payment in 2012-13		9,381
<sup>b</sup>	total of transfers to carry/overs included in Employee Expenses - note 2		8,381
<sup>c</sup>	total of transfers to carry/overs included in Super'n & W'cover - note 2		1,000
			9,381
9 Long Term Liabilities		2012	2011
Asset Maintenance Provision		9,000	9,000
Total		9,000	9,000



**STATEMENT BY THE BOARD  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
SOFTBALL SA INCORPORATED**

In compliance with Section 35(2) (c) of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1985 the attached Financial Statements of SOFTBALL SA INCORPORATED for the year ended 30 June 2012 are, in our opinion, properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2012 and the results of its operations for the year then ended and;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Association rules and;
- (c) in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards;

As 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.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board



..... **CHAIRPERSON**



..... **BOARD MEMBER**

**DATED at** West Beach this 6th day of September 2012



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## REPORT BY THE BOARD TO THE MEMBERS OF SOFTBALL SA INCORPORATED

In accordance with Section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1985 the Board of SOFTBALL SA INCORPORATED hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 June 2012:

- (a) (1) no officer of the association;
- (2) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
- (3) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest,
- has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the association except for the following -

NIL

- (b) no officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value except for the following -

Honoraria payments to the following

J. Behrendt	\$750	State Coaching Co-ordinator
L. Rattigan	\$750	State Scoring Co-ordinator
N. Lawrance	\$750	State Umpiring Co-ordinator
T. Borovnik	\$375	Bar Manager

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and signed by at least two members of the Board.



..... **CHAIRPERSON**



..... **BOARD MEMBER**

**DATED at** West Beach this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012



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## **AUDITORS REPORT**

### **SOFTBALL SA INCORPORATED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of Softball SA Incorporated, for the year ended 30 June 2012.

#### **Board of Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and regulations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements of Softball SA Incorporated are properly drawn up:

- (a) to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at the  
30 June 2012 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and;
- (b) according to applicable Australian Accounting Standards.



## Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and regulations. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members of Softball SA Incorporated.




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**IAN G McDONALD FCA**

**REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR**

**DATED** at **EASTWOOD** this                      6th                      day of September    2012

**SOFTBALL SA INCORPORATED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AT 30 JUNE 2012**

### **NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use only by the Association.

The Association has determined that it is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 110: Events Occurring After Reporting Date

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.



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