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# ANNUAL REPORT



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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

On behalf of the Softball SA Inc. Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present to you, the 2018 Annual Report; marking the 74th year of Softball in South Australia. This is my first annual report as the chair in a year that I would describe as busy, challenging and rewarding. The organisation continues to 'punch above our weight' in comparison to other states but still has the capability to improve, especially in the areas of member retention, club development and overall member experience on field and off.

I'm sure you'd all agree that Softball SA has delivered a successful junior development program, the Dragons. As such Wess Frances was highly commended for his work in driving this outcome and named joint winner of the Chairman's award this year. The other joint winner of this year's Chairman's Award was our outgoing Chair, Steve Trzcinski, who volunteered and contributed to our sport for 7 years. The SSA Board, Executive and Staff sincerely thank Steve for his guidance and leadership during this time as the Chair of Softball SA, and wish him well for his future endeavours.

Since its initial incorporation in 2014, Diamond Sports SA Inc. (DSSAI) had been chaired by a voluntary independent chairman, Graham O'Connor, who retired at the end of the financial year. On behalf of Softball SA, I'd like to express my gratitude for the work he has done. I'd also like to welcome Deidre Fischer, the new/replacement Chair and wish her well for her tenure in the role. Andrea Collett took on Steve Trzcinski's vacant position and I, along with Brenton Moyle, continued on the Board of DSSAI this year. As well as the efforts of the Baseball SA representatives, Mark Snelgrove, Tim Mead and Phil Lounder. Adelaide Shores has undergone a new image and changed their trading name and brand to West Beach Parks. They continued their support of Softball SA, Baseball SA and the Diamond Sports facility, which I'd like to recognise.

We very much appreciate the support of our long-time partnerships with a number of key organisations. I'd like to acknowledge this support of the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing as well as West Beach Parks and Sport SA. Our commercial partners are extremely important to us and we provide them a great return on investment as a membership. Thanks to Emmsee Sportswear, Bendigo Bank, FBW Gynaecology, Boost Juice, Hello Harry and Easton, as well as a very special mention to Statewide Super for their very generous support as a part of their Women in Sport sponsorship program. I encourage you to support our partners at every opportunity.

2018 was the final year of our current strategic plan with a new plan to be unveiled in the coming weeks. The new plan is a 5-year plan that aligns with Softball Australia. The 2015-18 plan had a focus on growing participation, developing associations and clubs, and organisational sustainability, and I can proudly say that we were able to achieve many of our objectives in each area. Each team, club and association around the state should be congratulated for their work over that 3-year plan. The operational team in the Softball SA office should also be acknowledged for the quality of work to achieve the outcomes of the plan.

Every year we look to our unpaid workforce to help on the ground and at the coal-face of our great sport. It is with a great deal of gratitude and thanks I'd like to acknowledge the contribution of the volunteers who help our sport, all across the state. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge Jacqui Dunn for her work as State Teams Coordinator, Annie Fidge as High-Performance Coordinator, Wess Frances as the State Coaching Coordinator, Lindy Rattigan as the State Scoring Coordinator, and Steve Wallace-Yarrow as the State Umpire in Chief, all sub-committees and James Harris for his 7-year commitment to the State Teams Committee.

The stability of the office staff was a strength this year and it showed with great contributions from James Harris – Executive Officer, Kelsey Knuckey – Sport and Admin Support Officer, Wess Frances – Association and Club Development Officer, and Alice Prokopec – Project Support Officer.

Thank you to a small but effective team who work hard to service our sport. Thanks also to Rick Kluge, who retired as Director, for his great service to SSA for 5 years. Finally, special thanks to my Board of Directors, all of which have supported me in my first year as Chairman.

**Uby Faddoul**  
Chairman



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The final key outcomes, facts and figures of our 2015-2018 Strategic Plan show that Softball in South Australia has great potential for the next strategic cycle where a fun and positive culture will be a focus. With that in mind, it is with great pleasure to bring you this year's report. Once again, the three main priorities of participation, association development and organisation sustainability are covered along with highlights, achievements and results from the last 12 months.

## 1. Growing Participation

For the first year in 4 years, we saw a drop in overall membership numbers. Whilst we lost a number of members from the previous year, we recruited a similar number although not quite enough to maintain growth. This tells us our recruitment methods are successful, but we need to work on retaining our members.

Results from exit surveys conducted with non-returning members showed a high percentage of players who would consider returning to the sport and/or recommend it to others. This is a positive response for us to build on so there will be a greater focus over this coming year on member experience and providing a reason for people to keep playing and being involved. Let's take this as an opportunity to deliver something we all want from softball, a fun place to be and a sport for all, for life.

## High Performance Pathways

### State Teams

There were some amazing feats from our state teams this year, an area we are always looking to improve. The Starz battled through the rounds in a tight race to the finals, winning the first playoff game and finishing 3rd overall. This is not only a vast improvement on last year, it is also the highest the team has placed in over 20 years. Our Open Men's team had another competitive tournament however still finished 6th. The U19 Women's team led by Georgia Hood (National MVP) was competitive and finishing 3rd. The U17 Girls' team finished in 5th place and will be looking to improve on that next year. Unfortunately, no U19 Men's or U17 Boys' teams went to Nationals, but we have promising numbers for 2019 which should see all team competing. U15 Regionals had great results including the U15 Boys' fielding a team for just the second time, the U14 Girls' team finished 5th and our U15 Girls' team made the Grand Final finishing 2nd. Well done to all the players, coaches and team officials for their efforts and commitment.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of the State Teams Committee for everything they do to ensure our teams can go away each year, thanks to Annie Fidge, Lee Hull and our State Teams Coordinator, Jacqui Dunn.

### National Team/Squads

Another strong showing by South Australians in national squads and teams. Congratulations to you all including Amber Hood, Georgia Hood and Jamie Mead at the Junior Women's World Championships and especially to Jarryd Farrell at the Mens World Championships with the Aussie Steelers where they won a silver medal!

Other players, officials and tours are acknowledged later in the report. South Australia continues to produce its fair share of exceptional athletes and officials

### Development

The Dragons program is our flagship junior development program, in just its second year, and what a year it was for this program – with more players and coaches than year one, the Dragons encompasses the camp, battery program, league and this year included an overseas tour.

In addition to the Camp, the Dragons program extended for a further 6 weeks to form Little League teams allowing us to embark on our first overseas tour to the Asia-Pacific tournament.

## Events

Although we didn't host any National Championships, we still had a very busy year hosting a number of events including the 22nd October Long Weekend event, 2017 Pacific School Games in December, DENSO vs Aussie Spirit series, 62<sup>nd</sup> State Championships and the 2018 Australia Cup in May.

Preparations are already underway for 2018/19 events including the 23<sup>rd</sup> October Long Weekend event, 2019 U17 Boys' and Girls' (combined) National Championships and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Senior State Championships. We're also and already starting to fill our calendar for the 2019/2020 season (including our 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday).

#### **Australia Cup:**

After a successful and fun Australia Cup in 2017, we were awarded the hosting rights for the 2018 Australia Cup. Although May is a tough time of year to host events, we still managed to put together a great event at West Beach over 3 days in May, comprised 6 divisions and 23 teams - mostly from around South Australia.

#### **Pacific School Games:**

In December, we hosted the softball program of the School Sport Australia event, the Pacific School Games. 28 Teams in 4 divisions graced our diamonds - featuring international guests from India and the Philippines.

#### **DENSO Bright Pegasus:**

It was 9 months in the making, working to bring DENSO Corporation Softball team to Adelaide for their preseason camp. The team was formally welcomed with a function at the Seaclyff Surf Life Saving Club, followed by a 3-day training camp. They even managed to find the time to enjoy some of Adelaide's best features – including a trip to Gorge Wildlife Park to hold Koalas.

The Aussie Spirit was our other special guests in January during the DENSO visit - thanks to the support of the South Australian Government and in particular the Women in Sport Task Force. Over a 4-game series, both teams won 2 games. South Australians were witness for the first time to some amazing skill of the Japanese, thanks to Spacequake Sports, our Facebook feed reached more than a half a million people around the world.

#### **Community Engagement**

The promotion of the sport achieved this year was beyond expectations with the greatest reach of our game in our history.

Spacequake Sports delivered a bigger and better production of softball, live-streaming of every game that was broadcast in 2017/18 including two State Team vs All-Star games, promotional videos, highlights packages, interviews, top 10 plays of the year and a live broadcast on channel 44 – a first for the sport and the TV station. Next year promises to be as big, if not bigger, with a massive announcement to be made regarding a national broadcaster for next season.

Our terrific reporters Ben Hook and Robert Laidlaw were once again instrumental in having a presence in mainstream print media as we had a regular spot in the Saturday Advertiser and we featured more than the odd occasion in Ben Hook's page in the Sunday Mail. We saw more great support throughout the year in local and regional areas as well.

Channel 44 featured softball weekly on Friday nights during the season (as well as the occasional replay) and a couple of guest appearances on the SA Sports Show.

We continued our popular monthly e-newsletter this season, to help share important and updated information across the state

The annual Club Development Day/Strategic Review Day had a great turn out at Sport SA; it's always a great opportunity to engage our membership. Surveys have continued to go out to the membership, it is important to us to know what they're thinking, and surveys give them a great opportunity to do so. We have taken on feedback from members on Club Development Day to make it more appealing to attend.

Although somewhat unexpected, we were able to break in to the Asian Market thanks to Softball SA's new friendship with Japanese Pro-League team, DENSO corporation. Our inclusion in the Little League International program featuring the Dragons at the Asia-Pacific tournament and not to forget the India and the Philippines playing at the Pacific School Games here in December. All helping to promote South Australian softball globally.

Softball was played at a number of events in the state this year including; the 22<sup>nd</sup> October Long Weekend tournament, Pacific School Games, Aussie Spirit vs DENSO series, 62<sup>nd</sup> Senior State Championships, 20<sup>th</sup> Junior State Championships, State Masters Games, Riverland Masters tournament, SAPSASA school carnival, and different Secondary School events.

And finally, social media this year saw our Facebook numbers blow through the roof with videos alone having a reach of 1.3 million and over 250k unique views in just the six months of our season. Thanks to all our followers and we hope to continue to bring you amazing content for you to like, comment and share to your networks and around the world.

### Annual Awards

*Robert 'Roo' Weaver Trophy, Statewide Super Volunteer of the Year: Joanne Liddell*

This year's recipient has been a great supporter of Softball SA for a few years now, but this year went way beyond and selflessly gave back in many aspects including Softball SA events, a committee member at her home association at the Hills, general office support, behind the scenes to bring Hills teams to the Adelaide Competition as well as helping to resurrect the Junior Boys' state program. Statewide Super has come aboard to support our volunteer community this year, you will see more opportunities in the coming year to nominate and recognise the work of our amazing volunteers around the state.

*Outstanding Achievement Award: Jarryd Farrell – World Championship Silver Medallist*

The winner for this year was selected not only for being the first South Australian to play at an open age World Championship but also for helping the Aussie Steelers win a silver medal. This was the highest achievement of any South Australian player since the 2004 Athens Olympics

*Life Membership: Lee Hull*

This award is in recognition of the contribution made for extensive and outstanding service to Softball SA. Lee's involvement in the sport spans over 42 years.

### Membership Growth

Overall, this strategic cycle had a positive growth, however this year saw a decline by a little over 100 members. As previously mentioned, our recruitment of new members is good, it's retaining our current members that needs a greater focus. We identified this through conducting a number of surveys with current and past players. The main reason given for leaving the sport was that it has stopped being fun. Moving forward, there will be a greater focus on member experience and making the game more enjoyable on and off the diamond.

## 2. Developing Associations and Clubs

A major focus for Softball SA over the last 3 years has been the Club Development program funded through the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. In the final year of the three-year program, we endeavoured to provide our associations with knowledge and action plans for each individually to continue in to the future, something that will be ready by the time the program wraps up in September. Many thanks to Wess Frances in his role of ACDO and to the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing for their ongoing funding and support of the program.

## 3. Organisational Sustainability

### Finance

Softball SA recorded an increase to Gross Surplus of \$126,452 or 18.2% on the back of higher program activity. The overall result was a loss of \$38,856. Whilst disappointing, the loss was due to a combination of factors including higher grounds and utilities expenses, higher wages and salaries expenses, and reduced grant income. Adjustments have been made in the FY19 budget to take into account the higher levels of events and program activity, to ensure the costs of running events and programs are recovered accordingly.

### Funding

Thanks to the work of the Fundraising and Partnership Committee, we saw some new partners welcomed to the softball community. The focus being to assist the organisation increase non-government revenue, support our elite teams and create partnerships to better service the membership. We have seen some great support

come in already and there is a sense of momentum building and some terrific feedback from our partners regarding their experiences so far with Softball SA.

Each of our partners are equally important to us but a special thank you to long-time supporters of Softball SA Emmsee Sports and new partners Statewide Super for your contributions.

The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing has continued to provide major support to Softball SA which is always appreciated and vital to our organisation. We received funding from them for the following: Women in Sport Taskforce funding to help bring the Aussie Spirit to Adelaide to play the DENSO team, Diamond Sports state-wide facilities audit, special project funding for our development (Dragons) programs, Diamond Sports Female Facilities Program for operable walls in the changerooms, ACDO and Club Development program and finally our ongoing sustainability program funding. Softball SA acknowledges the South Australian Government as a funding source and we are very grateful for their ongoing support.

### **Governance**

For the first time in a long time, we had a new Chair after Steve Trzcinski retired at the 2017 AGM, after seven years in the role. Also retiring at the AGM was Rick Kluge with over five years' service. In their place, we welcomed new Directors Paul Brooking and Stuart Mossman with Uby Faddoul and Janell Behrendt re-elected. Uby took over as Chair and went to work immediately to secure the stability of the office and setting a new direction strategically with a more governance focus.

With the return to the Olympic program, a new strategic plan around the corner and a national governance review underway, the sport has all the governance tools in place to lead us through positive change.

### **Leadership & People Management**

I'd like to acknowledge the work of Steve Trzcinski, just over seven years on the Board, all but a few months as Chairman. Steve worked tirelessly for the betterment of our organisation, never putting his own needs before the sport. Thank you Steve, I hope you always look back at your time with Softball SA as one that you were able to influence change for all the right reasons and also to help lead us back in the right direction.

Thanks also to Rick Kluge, your retirement was somewhat overshadowed by Steve, but you left your own legacy with the organisation, always considering the bigger picture. Hopefully it's not a long break from the sport and we see you back out around and on the diamond soon.

Finally, as I have done in previous years, I'd like to thank every single person in the softball community that volunteers their time for the betterment of the game and, in particular, those that advocate a positive culture and safe environment. And to my team in the Softball SA office, your contribution this year has been nothing short of outstanding, thanks for your efforts, commitment and putting together a year to remember.

**James Harris**

Executive Officer



# STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 - 2018

## **PURPOSE/MISSION:**

To grow softball; for all, for life, together.

## **VISION:**

To be a thriving, innovative and inclusive sport for the South Australian Community.

## **VALUES:**

**Inclusive:** we encourage participation and involvement by the entire community.

**Innovation:** we strive for new and creative ways to deliver value to the community

**Collaborative:** through effective engagement we will listen and respond to the needs of the community

**Professionalism:** we conduct ourselves in a professional manner and represent our products, partners and members to the highest level

**Integrity:** we will behave ethically and honestly in all our actions.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Softball South Australia will achieve its purpose and vision by focusing on the following strategic themes that are supported by Softball Australia (SAL) and SSA objectives and initiatives will support this.

### **Growing Participation:**

Focusing on products, promotion, participation marketing, communication, pathways, and events.

### **Developing Associations and Clubs:**

Focusing on the sustainability and health of local clubs/associations through building the capacity and management of our facilities and skills of volunteers.

### **Organisational Sustainability:**

Focusing on financial sustainability, people management, leadership and governance.



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## **BOARD & STAFF**

### ***SOFTBALL SA DIRECTORS***



**Uby Faddoul  
(Chairman)**



**Janell Behrendt**



**Paul Brooking**



**Andrea Collett**



**Karyn Dale**



**Stuart Mossman**



**Simone Thompson**

## **SOFTBALL SA MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**Executive Officer** – James Harris

**Sport and Admin Support Officer** – Kelsey Knuckey

**Association and Clubs Development Officer** – Wess Frances

**Project Support Officer** – Alice Prokopec

## **KEY VOLUNTEERS**

### **STATE COORDINATORS**

**Umpiring** – Steve Wallace-Yarrow

**Scoring** – Lindy Rattigan

**Coaching** – Wess Frances

**High Performance** – Annie Fidge

**State Teams** – Jacqui Dunn

**Grounds** – Robert Weaver and Graham O'Neill



## 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.

For the 2017/18 season we had 2186 playing members, which is a decrease of 141 players from the previous year.

We also had 297 officials for the 2017/18 season - an increase on last year's numbers of 9 members.

Overall, we had a decrease in total membership of 132 members.

## REGISTERED PLAYING MEMBERS

<b>SOFTBALL SA</b>			
	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>PLAYERS</b>			
Seniors	125	915	1040
Juniors	86	436	522
Sub – Juniors	221	403	624
<b>OFFICIALS</b>			
Officials	91	142	233
Off Diamond	14	50	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>2483</b>

## SOFTBALL SA AFFILIATES

### ADELAIDE CLUBS

Glenelg Rebels  
Legends  
Port Adelaide Magpies  
Seacombe Tigers  
Southern Districts  
Sturt Falcons  
Walkerville Cats  
West Torrens Eagles

### ASSOCIATIONS

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



## MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

### LIFE MEMBERS:

1950 Miss E Summers*	1975 Miss M Laing*	2005 Mrs J Williams
1951 Miss J Irwin*	1976 Miss Ry Adey OAM*	2008 Mr K Sampson
1958 Mrs K Correll	1977 Miss N Whittingham	2009 Mrs R Robinson
1961 Miss K Sims*	1982 Mr L Tyler OAM	2009 Mrs H Baker
1962 Mrs O Radloff*	1987 Mrs L Brown	2012 Mr N Lawrance
1963 Miss M Parslow*	1989 Miss V Scarman*	2012 Ms L Rattigan
1969 Mrs L Mildren	1993 Mr R Coombe	2014 Mrs T Connolly
1972 Mrs M Pollard*	2002 Mr A McAuliffe	2017 Mr L Hull
1975 Miss J Cahill	2003 Mrs L Birks	

(\*deceased)

### HALL OF FAME:

Ms R Adey OAM*	Mrs B Bawden	Mrs L Brown
Ms J Cheesman	Mrs T Connolly	Mrs J Dale
Ms M Laing*	Mr A McAuliffe	Mr J McAuliffe
Ms K Maloney	Mrs D Mason*	Ms L Martin
Ms B Phillips	Mrs M Pollard*	Mrs K Sims*
Ms J Stevens	Ms R Strapps	Mrs S Tomlinson
Ms L White	Ms N Whittingham	

(\*deceased)

# ASSOCIATION AND CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Softball is an amazing sport to play and has the potential to be highly engaging, regardless of the level of competition.

The work of the Association Clubs Development Officer this year was based on finalising the third and final year of the Sport and Recreation Development and Inclusion Program (SRDIP). This included surveys of the membership including exit surveys to those that have recently left the sport.

Overall, it is felt that the sport of softball can thrive and there is a lot of support around for our sport. Any change requires everyone working together, sharing and utilising best practice ideas that are making a difference at a local level and embracing these ideas/initiatives with a 'can do attitude'.

## Survey Results and Data Based Summary of Softball in SA

The information collected recently shows some real positives as well as some key areas for us to focus our attention and see some improvements.

### Positive

- 789 new or returning members for season 2017/18
- 398 new junior aged members for season 2017/18 (junior 101, sub-junior 297)
- 4 Associations showed positive overall growth since 2015/16 season to present (CDSA, GDSA, Hills and Pt Pirie). They also have the highest percentage of junior and sub-junior members as a percentage of overall membership (PP 47%, H 48%, GDSA 55%, CDSA 58%)
- The four associations listed above have some of the best practices in relation to junior development/recruitment
- The best affiliated association constitutions are from CDSA and GDSA
- 1751 new or returning members since 2014/15 season (3-year period)
- 75% of Adelaide clubs and 60% of Affiliated Associations have submitted constituent documents to SSA
- 63% of Adelaide clubs have submitted annual financial reports to SSA
- 79% of members who left softball in the past 12 months would recommend it as a sport to others
- 48% of past members from 2016/17 season are considering being involved again
- Only about 9% of all past members cite the cost as too expensive

The data above indicates the following:

- Our sport is doing a fantastic job of recruiting new members to softball
- Majority of Adelaide clubs and associations are being compliant to the SSA Constitution
- There is scope to contact past members and seek their involvement again
- The cost to play is not considered a reason to stop playing
- The higher the percentage of juniors the greater likelihood of potential growth for the sport

### Areas of attention

- We are losing too many current members each year, which is being supported by the recruitment of new members
- We need to make our sport more engaging for our members, particularly juniors
- More Affiliated Associations and Adelaide clubs to develop dedicated strategic plans for where they are going or what they want to achieve (e.g. vision, mission, strategic plan and targets)
- Ensuring SSA is able to effectively communicate with all members
- Ensuring all member registration details are accurate

Additionally, just because a club or association has all the relevant policies and has their 'house in order' with regards to documentation this doesn't necessarily correlate to growth, retention or positive experiences for members. It is the actions and commitment of the leadership, as well as all members, within each organisation to effect change to current practices, that will see positive outcomes, not something written on a piece of paper. It's about getting your hands dirty, so to speak. We can have the greatest policies in the world, but if we have coaches that are not engaging for our junior members then we will never effect change in retention and engagement levels of these young people, as one example.

There is still a major attitude pervading many associations and particularly the Adelaide Club Competition that softball is for girls/women only and many associations are limiting opportunity for development and growth by not offering or promoting the game as a sport to be enjoyed by both genders. Whilst some Associations allow boys to compete in the girls'/women's competitions until a certain age, and with various restrictions, it would be argued that this practice is really only being utilised as a means to 'propping up' the female competitions and once these boys reach the designated age there are no strategies in place by such Associations to retain these players within their organisations.

SSA and every Affiliated Association, Adelaide Club and Regional Club can get better at what they do. To think otherwise is to halt progress. We must all have an improvement headset, in order to realise the potential, we have as a sport. As identified earlier we are doing a marvellous job at recruiting people to our sport each year. Imagine if we retained half of them for the long-term. Within 10 years our sport could be back to the 6000 members it had in the late 80s and early 90s. WE CAN DO IT. It is possible if you believe it is possible. It will mean stepping outside our comfort zones but imagine what we ALL can achieve if we put up with a little discomfort for the greater good of the sport.

The sport is first and foremost about the players. Without players we do not need administrators, umpires, coaches, statisticians and managers. Whatever we do must have them as the number one priority. Let's find out what this means for our members and ensure we met their needs in relation to having an enjoyable experience.

### Wess Frances

Association Clubs Development Officer



# **DRAGONS PROGRAM**

## **Introduction**

This program developed from the notion that our juniors are the future elite level performers for not only Softball SA, but Softball Australia as well. It was felt that significant work was needed at the under-age level participant group in terms of delivering and teaching them the skills and expectations that are required to become a successful participant at the elite level, with the resultant effect of improved levels of performance at National Championship play.

Hence the journey to find Softball SA's more talented junior athletes began in 2016 and continued this season.

## **Talent Identification**

Clubs and associations nominated who they felt were their more talented athletes in the U13, U15 and U17 age groups.

Email invites to approximately 180 parents/caregivers to inform them of the upcoming testing visits and times that were suitable for their child.

Baseline testing (fitness and skill) occurring across all Softball SA Associations (Adelaide/MFSA, Central Districts, Gawler, Hills, Mount Gambier, Northern Area Mens, Port Pirie, Riverland and Sunraysia), with 72 athletes accepting a position in the Dragons Program.

This data from testing, in conjunction with opinion of a number of members on the High-Performance Group, formed the basis of the athletes that were to be targeted to be involved in the flagship program a 5-day live-in camp titled "Dragons Camp".

## **Dragons Camp**

This program required extensive planning and organisation as it was designed to be a development program for players, coaches, umpires, statisticians and managers. It was a user pay system for participants, particularly the athletes who were charged \$500 that covered: uniform items (cap, shirt, shorts, track pants, hoodie); all food (breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, dessert, hot drink and biscuits); 4-nights' accommodation; facility hire and instructor/presenter fees.

The umpiring community were able to assist, and it was set-up as a development opportunity for a small group that were seeking further accreditation.

Approximately 10% of the entire SSA membership were part of the camp program.

Athletes participated in injury prevention and self-management, sports psychology, sports nutrition, fitness and conditioning, softball specific, basic tactical and game/scrimmage sessions.

## **Dragons Softball League**

In an effort to provide another pathway for our junior players SSA entered the USA Little League Program.

This program saw two regions created that divided the SSA Associations/Clubs into Northern and Southern Charters, based on the geographical location of each association or Adelaide club. Northern consisted of players and coaches from Port Adelaide, Walkerville, West Torrens, Central Districts, Gawler, Riverland and Port Pirie, whilst Southern consisted of players and coaches from Seacombe, Glenelg, Sturt, Southern Districts, MFSA and Hills. A total of six teams were formed, with three in each Charter.

A 12-game season was conducted over the course of four Sundays from February to March, with a regional round being held in the Riverland. At the completion of the minor round games a Junior League (U15) and Senior League (U17) All-Star was selected from the player pool for both the Northern and Southern Charters. These teams played a best of three finals series to determine the winning Charter, with the winning teams going on to represent Australia at the Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament in Singapore.



It is worth noting that 98% of all remaining minor round players were selected to an All-Star Team, giving them an opportunity to qualify for Singapore, with 51% of all remaining minor round players touring to Singapore and 25% of the players who toured were from regional centres. No other SSA program offers such a high strike rate in terms of pathway opportunities, especially where an international tour is concerned. This is a definite highlight of the program.

SSA achieved another Australian first when it sent the teams to Singapore, as no other State in Australia had sent either a Junior League or Senior League Team to such an event previously. This is an amazing outcome for SSA and a wonderful opportunity for these young athletes to be the first group of junior athletes from SSA to tour internationally.

The players and officials who went on the tour to Singapore were:

Northern Senior League	Club/Association	Southern Junior League	Club/Association
Rylee Benedictson	West Torrens	Georgia Ballard	Hills
Rachel Bryan	Gawler Districts	Indigo Beck de Silva	Sturt
Paris Callaghan	Port Adelaide	Jazz Blight	Seacombe
Hannah Cameron	Gawler Districts	Jessica Bushell	Sturt
Ella Forrester	Port Adelaide	Poppy Carman	Sturt
Ellie Georgaris (C)	Walkerville	Michaela Collins	Sturt
Becky Havis	Gawler Districts	Simi Dhaliwal	Sturt
Gemma Letton (VC)	Riverland	Mille Fidge	Sturt
Isabelle Lilburn	Walkerville	Jade Graham	Glenelg
Shaelah Rossack	West Torrens	Aroha Munroe (C)	Seacombe
Georgia Salt	Port Pirie	Sacha Mutze (VC)	Glenelg
Erin Stone	Walkerville	Harriet Rasheed	Sturt
Akacia Vanmali	Walkerville	Jasmine Trigg	Glenelg
Molly Walmsley-Cotham	Riverland	Zoe Young	Sturt
Steven Sims	Head Coach	Wess Frances	Head Coach
Bill Benedictson	Asst. Coach	Amanda Fairley	Asst. Coach
Kelsey Knuckey	Manager	Carla Munroe	Manager

In total 28 athletes and six officials were sent to Singapore for the Asia-Pacific Regional Championships. The junior team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and the senior team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the inaugural tour. These are fantastic results in our inaugural year and the experience and knowledge gained from this competition will enable SSA to better prepare for the event in 2019.

An interesting statistic is that 50% of the players who went to Singapore had never been in a SSA State Team before. This is significant as it indicates this program opens up opportunities for others who have not represented SA previously.

### Next Steps

Currently a review of both programs is being completed, with results of this process enabling coordinators to identify areas for improvement.

Once all review tasks have been completed it will be important to formulate the plan for the coming season and communicate this to the Softball SA membership in a timely manner to avoid anyone missing out on an opportunity to become involved in these amazing programs.

**Concluding Comments**

It is essential that we get both programs (Camp/Little League) off the ground again in 2018/19 as both programs have much potential in developing and improving the standard of our players, umpires, coaches, statisticians and managers. They also have the potential to put SSA in the forefront of Australian softball and become the nation's leader in development programs for junior athletes. For this to happen, we need everyone on board.

For a state with such a small membership we have already achieved a number of Australian firsts through both programs and it is exciting that we have a monopoly, at present, in relation to the delivery of these programs and that a number of other member states are highly interested in our programs as we have been identified as the most progressive state in Australia in terms of junior development programs.

The aim is for all members to see the benefits of each program to our development as a state and to become actively involved. Softball SA is seeking a greater involvement from each of the Adelaide Clubs and Affiliated Associations and urge members to put their hand up to assist these programs eventuate and grow.

Many thanks must be given to Steve Wallace-Yarrow and the umpires who assisted make both programs a reality. Without their support and efforts both programs wouldn't have been successful.

Softball SA has the undoubted potential to be the best softball state in Australia and these programs, with improvement each year, will help us to realise the ultimate aim of becoming the best state at all levels of participation.

Let's ride this current wave of nation-leading programs for as long as we can and use it to our advantage, now and in the future.

**Wess Frances**

Dragons Academy Coordinator



## **EVENTS REPORT**

Softball SA held a variety of events in the 2017/2018 season, drawing in some great crowd numbers. The major highlight for the season was hosting the DENSO Bright Pegasus who conducted their pre-season training camp at West Beach in January, which was followed by a two-day tournament against the Aussie Spirit over the Australia Day Long Weekend.

### ***CLUB DEVELOPMENT DAY***

The 2017 Club Development Day was held on the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August, with more than 50 club and association members attending from across the state.

Kat Ingram (ORS), SSA Board members and SSA State Umpiring, Coaching and Scoring Coordinators presented on a range of topics, including V-Star, StarClub, volunteer workshops, financial results and strategic planning. A special presentation from Tim Hatzi from Softball Australia was made on the Home Plate Ladder Program and presented CDSA with their Home Plate certificate.



### ***Labour Day Tournament***

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Labour Day Tournament was held over the October Long weekend, fielding 18 teams through four age groups with teams travelling from New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

Premiership teams included the Sturt Falcons (U18), Eastern Raiders (U15), Victorian Development Sapphires (U13) and Hills Blue (U13 mixed).





### ***Aussie Spirit vs DENSO Bright Pegasus***

The first Professional League Softball Team to visit South Australia, the DENSO Bright Pegasus, conducted their annual spring training at Softball SA's West Beach Headquarters, January 24-30, 2018, which included a two-day tournament against the Aussie Spirit over the Australia Day Long Weekend.

For the first time in Softball SA history, local members were able to watch the Australian softball team compete in their own state during the tournament, which coincided with the Senior State Championships.

The Aussie Spirit team included four South Australian members, with an additional opportunity for Softball SA to appoint assisting coaching staff and team management, as well as scoring and umpiring officials.

31 junior Softball SA members from across the state escorted the teams on to the field during the opening ceremony in their own club uniforms, with six bat girls and boys assisting the teams over the weekend. A great opportunity for our future generation to rub shoulders with the elite.

Local MP and Women in Sport Taskforce chair, Katrine Hildyard, addressed the crowd during the opening ceremony before throwing an unforgettable first pitch.

The tournament coincided with the Senior State Championships and Adelaide Bite home games, which assisted in generating additional interest and spectators.

For those who were unable to make it to the grounds at West Beach during the extreme heat, Spacequake Sports broadcast the games live on Facebook and YouTube; these games were played in the following weeks on free to air television on Channel 44.





## Senior State Championships

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Senior State Championships (26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017) was held over two and a half days, hosting 20 teams.

A combined Mount Gambier/Adelaide took out the Women's A Grade, CDSA claiming the B Grade and CDSA's Chelsea Meyer was awarded the Women's MVP.

MFSA were the A Grade Men's premiers, with Jesse Vogt (Hills) and Morgan Young (MFSA) being named joint MVPs.

The annual Emmsee Sportswear Home Run Derby was again run on the Saturday night of competition, featuring a special appearance by the DENSO Bright Pegasus' Captain Makiko Tanaka – even having a hit herself. The Home Run Derby winners Cody Manning (Mt Gambier) and Bodie Williams (NAMS) each received Emmsee Sportswear vouchers.

The event coincided with both the Aussie Spirit vs DENSO tournament and Adelaide Bite home games, creating plenty of spectators and atmosphere.



## Australia Cup

Softball SA hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Australia Cup for its second consecutive year, May 4-6, comprising of 23 teams in six divisions; of which four teams were from interstate.

A different approach was taken this year to incorporate a village green, with food trucks, fundraising BBQ, face painter, 'Mothers' Day' Arbonne Stall and a special performance by SA's 'The Voice' contestant Mikayla Jade.

Additionally, a home run derby, fastest pitch and base running competition were all held, with Lauren Arnott (Sweet Heat) and Gemma Letton (Bandits) winning the base running competition for the U15's and U17's respectively, Karah Schultz (Bandits) and Cooper Goodman winning the home run derby, and Charli Orsini (Sweet Heat) and Aroha Munro (Renegades) winning the fastest pitch for the U15's and U17's.

The Open Men's division was won by Sturt and the Social Women's division was won by the Lady Adeys.



## 2017-18 Softball SA & ACC Awards Night

Softball SA Annual Awards Night was held on 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 at the Festival Functions, Findon. The awards night provided numerous highlights from an outstanding year of softball moments. A total of 219 guests attended the event; an increase of 30 from last year.

Formalities were kicked up a gear at the event this year, including Sunday Mail Journalist Ben Hook performing the Master of Ceremonies duties, professional audio-visual equipment in the larger function space, a new-look visual presentation and program, and formal table centrepieces through a new partnership with Henley Beach Florist, Minnow on Seaview.

Guests were treated to the vocal talents of Kelly O'Brien and various Spacequake Sports video highlights.

The formal and professional presentation for the annual event was warmly received by all in attendance, including sponsors, partners, Life Members, Hall of Famers and other VIPs, with the major highlight of the evening being, no doubt, the presentation of Life Membership of Softball SA's Lee Hull.



*Jo Liddell being awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award by Roo Weaver.*



*Lee Hull being awarded Life Membership, pictured with SSA Chairman Uby Faddoul.*



*Damien McCauley being awarded the Umpire of the Year Award by Alan McAuliffe.*

Other major award recipients included:

### **Robert 'Roo' Weaver Trophy Volunteer of the Year**

Jo Liddell

### **Chairman's Award**

Steve Trzcinski and Wess Frances

### **Outstanding Achievement Award**

Jarryd Farrell

### **Adelaide Shores Junior Softball Athletes of the Year**

**Girls:** Gemma Letton

**Boys:** Cooper Hopgood

### **State Team Awards - 10 Year Representation**

Barb Bawden

Jordan Lambert

Sue Norris

Sue Tomlinson

Jill Williams

### **Umpires Awards**

**Marg Abbott Trophy, Rookie Umpire of the Year**

Briony Pierson

**Lyle Tyler Trophy, Director of Umpiring Award**

Michael Bendall

**McAuliffe Trophy, Umpire of the Year Award**

Damien McCauley

### **State Team MVPs**

**Lorraine Brown Trophy, Open Women MVP**

Stephanie Trzcinski & Jaily Ford

**Open Men MVP**

James Harris & Clayton McKenzie

**Ian Pike Memorial Trophy, U19 Women MVP**

Georgia Hood

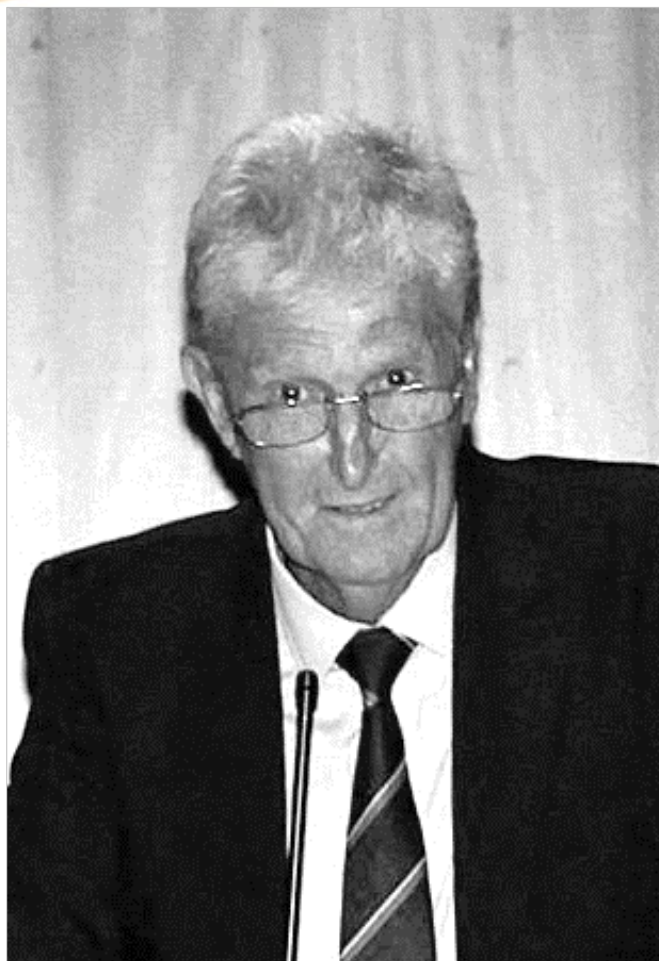
**Steve Hamra Trophy, U17 Girls MVP**

Gemma Letton

**Alice Prokopec**

Project Support Officer

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP



### ***Lee Hull***

It is with great pleasure that Softball SA awarded Lee Hull the honour of Life Membership for his involvement in softball for over 42 years, at the 2018 Softball SA and Adelaide Competition Awards Night in March.

Lee developed his passion and understanding of the game at the Ingle Farm Softball Club in 1975 and is today one of the state's longest serving coaches in Softball SA history.

Active in many other roles – such as the State Team Committee, state coaching positions, Aussie sports expos, indigenous camps, inclusive softball programs and High-Performance programs – softball has afforded him the opportunity to travel and compete in a number of other countries.

Lee's contribution to the sport also includes numerous years of service to several clubs in the ACC, tribunal and member protection hearing roles, the Softball SA commentary team, numerous MC roles during official events and functions and was awarded the Softball SA Volunteer of the Year Award in 2016.



## **EVENT RESULTS**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> LABOUR DAY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

#### **U18 GIRLS**

**CHAMPIONS:** Sturt Falcons  
**PLATE WINNER:** Seacombe Tigers

#### **U15 GIRLS**

**CHAMPIONS:** Eastern Raiders  
**RUNNER UP:** Port Adelaide Cats

#### **U13 GIRLS**

**CHAMPIONS:** Vic Dev Sapphires  
**RUNNER UP:** Vic Dev Diamonds

#### **U13 MIXED**

**CHAMPIONS:** Hills Blue  
**RUNNER UP:** Vic Dev Lightning

### **20<sup>th</sup> JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**HOSTED BY HILLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

#### **UNDER 17 GIRLS - DIVISION 1**

**PREMIERS:** Sturt White  
**RUNNER UP:** Seacombe

#### **UNDER 17 GIRLS - DIVISION 2**

**PREMIERS:** Glenelg  
**RUNNER UP:** Hills/WT

#### **UNDER 17 GIRLS - DIVISION 3**

**PREMIERS:** Gawler  
**RUNNER UP:** Pt Pirie

#### **UNDER 15 GIRLS - DIVISION 1**

**PREMIERS:** Pt Adelaide  
**RUNNER UP:** Sturt White

#### **UNDER 15 GIRLS - DIVISION 2**

**PREMIERS:** Hills  
**RUNNER UP:** West Torrens

#### **UNDER 13 GIRLS - DIVISION 1**

**PREMIERS:** Pt Pirie  
**RUNNER UP:** Hills Blue

#### **UNDER 13 GIRLS - DIVISION 2**

**PREMIERS:** CDSA  
**RUNNER UP:** Sturt

#### **UNDER 13 BOYS**

**PREMIERS:** Hills Blue  
**RUNNER UP:** Hills Green

#### **UNDER 15 BOYS**

**PREMIERS:** Hills  
**RUNNER UP:** CDSA



*U17 Girls Div 1 Champions, Sturt White.*



*U15 Boys Champions, Hills.*



## 62<sup>nd</sup> SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### A GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Mt Gambier / Adelaide (2)

**RUNNERS UP:** CDSA (1)

### A GRADE MEN

**PREMIERS:** MFSA (5)

**RUNNERS UP:** NAMSA (4)

### B GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** CDSA

### C GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Sunraysia (2)

**RUNNERS UP:** GDSA (1)

### D GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Hills Masters (11)

**RUNNERS UP:** Hills (7)

### HOME RUN DERBY WINNERS

**Men:** Bodie Williams (NAMSA)

**Women:** Cody Manning (Mt Gambier)

### 2018 WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR

<b>PITCHER</b>	Jade Peterson	<i>Mt Gambier/Adel</i>
<b>PITCHER</b>	Chelsea Meyer	<i>CDSA</i>
<b>CATCHER</b>	Leyna Bruggerman	<i>Mt Gambier/Adel</i>
<b>FIRST</b>	Belinda Stansfield	<i>Adelaide</i>
<b>SECOND</b>	Tahlia Larosa	<i>Hills</i>
<b>THIRD</b>	Mis O'Keefe	<i>Hills</i>
<b>SHORT STOP</b>	Steph Cutler	<i>Pt Pirie</i>
<b>LEFT FIELD</b>	Rita Meijer	<i>CDSA</i>
<b>CENTRE FIELD</b>	Carolyn Radford	<i>Hills</i>
<b>RIGHT FIELD</b>	Taylor Raya	<i>Hills</i>
<b>UTILITY</b>	Abbie Mossman	<i>Adelaide</i>
<b>UTILITY</b>	Amanda Treadrea	<i>Riverland</i>
<b>COACH</b>	Leyna Bruggerman	<i>Mt Gambier/Adel</i>

### 2018 MEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR

<b>PITCHER</b>	Dennis Williamson	<i>MFSA</i>
<b>PITCHER</b>	Jesse Vogt	<i>Hills</i>
<b>CATCHER</b>	James Harris	<i>MFSA</i>
<b>FIRST</b>	Marcellus Enalanga	<i>NAMSA</i>
<b>SECOND</b>	Nick Green	<i>MFSA</i>
<b>THIRD</b>	Marty Comini	<i>NAMSA</i>
<b>SHORT STOP</b>	Nate Humphrys	<i>NAMSA</i>
<b>LEFT FIELD</b>	Mark Peressin	<i>MFSA</i>
<b>CENTRE FIELD</b>	Jack Hopkins	<i>Hills</i>
<b>RIGHT FIELD</b>	Matt Cooper	<i>Hills</i>
<b>UTILITY</b>	Bodie Williams	<i>NAMSA</i>
<b>UTILITY</b>	Morgan Young	<i>MFSA</i>
<b>COACH</b>	Dan Waters	<i>MFSA</i>

**KATH SIMS AWARD:** Chelsea Meyer (CDSA)

**Womens MVP**

**MEN'S MVP:** Morgan Young (MFSA)  
& Jesse Vogt (Hills)



## RIVERLAND MASTERS SOFTBALL CARNIVAL

The Riverland Softball Association played host for the annual Riverland Masters Championship at Alan Glassey Park, Berri.

The 2018 championship was held over the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend and resulted in a fantastic competition, with much fun had by all.

Seven teams made the trek to Berri, playing some very competitive and exciting softball.

The annual 'novelty round' was again a hit, with the Hills being named the fancy-dress winners; dressed in giant animal heads!

CDSA Blue were the wooden spoon winners, with Allsorts claiming the 2018 Championship title.

RIVERLAND MASTERS SOFTBALL CARNIVAL RESULTS								
Team	Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	For	Against	%	Points
Allsorts	6	5	1	0	66	23	287	16
Hills	6	5	1	0	52	22	236.4	16
Riverland	6	4	2	0	49	26	188.5	14
Port Pirie	6	3	3	0	32	36	89	12
CDSA Red	6	1	4	1	25	49	51.02	9
Cobdogla	6	1	4	1	15	41	36.59	9
CDSA Blue	6	1	5	0	14	55	25.45	8



*Riverland Masters Softball Carnival winners, Allsorts.*



*Riverland Masters Softball Novelty Round Winners, Hills.*

# ADELAIDE COMPETITION

## A GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Walkerville  
**RUNNERS UP:** West Torrens  
**GF MVP:** Sophie King (Walkerville)  
**B&F:** Gabby Snyder (Walkerville)

## C GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Sturt Navy  
**RUNNERS UP:** Sturt Blue  
**B&F:** Mel Strapps (Southern Districts)

## UNDER 17 - DIVISION 1

**PREMIERS:** Seacombe  
**RUNNERS UP:** Sturt White

## UNDER 15 - DIVISION 1

**PREMIERS:** Seacombe  
**RUNNERS UP:** Sturt

## UNDER 13 - DIVISION 1

**PREMIERS:** Sturt Blue  
**RUNNERS UP:** Hills

## B GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Sturt  
**RUNNERS UP:** Walkerville  
**B&F:** Karyn Dale (Walkerville)

## D GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Seacombe  
**RUNNERS UP:** Walkerville  
**B&F:** Marianne Floyd (Walkerville)

## UNDER 17 - DIVISION 2

**PREMIERS:** Walkerville White  
**RUNNERS UP:** Glenelg Navy

## UNDER 15 - DIVISION 2

**PREMIERS:** Sturt Blue  
**RUNNERS UP:** Glenelg

## UNDER 13 - DIVISION 2

**PREMIERS:** Glenelg  
**RUNNERS UP:** West Torrens

## A GRADE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Pippa Adkins (Hills)

## MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUB, Jnr DIVISION

Sturt

## MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUB, Snr DIVISION

Sturt

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

<b>PITCHER</b>	Gabby Snyder	Walkerville
<b>PITCHER (R)</b>	Jade Peterson	Seacombe
<b>CATCHER</b>	Carly Allen	West Torrens
<b>FIRST</b>	Kelsey Knuckey	West Torrens
<b>SECOND</b>	Sophie King	Walkerville
<b>THIRD</b>	Lana Kaesler	West Torrens
<b>SHORT STOP</b>	Jordan Lambert	West Torrens
<b>OUTFIELD</b>	Ada Brincat-Tree	Sturt
<b>OUTFIELD</b>	Vicky McFarland	Port Adelaide
<b>OUTFIELD</b>	Maddie Cameron	Sturt
<b>UTILITY</b>	Pippa Adkins	Hills
<b>UTILITY</b>	Georgia Hood	Hills
<b>UTILITY</b>	Chelsea Robinson	Walkerville
<b>COACH</b>	David Gooley	West Torrens



A Grade Kath Correll (B&F) winner Gabby Snyder.

# The Season That Was

By Robert Laidlaw, Chief Softball Reporter (Adelaide Advertiser and Community Newspaper)

It was a bit of the changing of the guard this season, as a new team, young players and a couple of handy recruits saw a different look to A grade softball in 2017/18.

The competition was one of the closest in years, in spite of West Torrens and Walkerville pulling away over the final four weeks of the season, with an incredible eight draws, which included one Saturday with nothing separating the six teams in action.

Port Adelaide, attempting to win its first game in almost two years, started the day with a 3-3 draw with West Torrens after leading until late in the contest. Then after trailing by five runs, Glenelg came back to level Seacombe at 6-6 in the second game, while in the final match-up of the day Sturt scored twice in the last inning to hit the front, before Hills answered with one run to see the game finish 4-4.

Hills Heat joined to make it a seven-team competition this season, and made a splash, qualifying for the finals with some big wins.

Sisters Georgia and Amber Hood played a big part in Hills competitiveness, as they joined Heat from Seacombe to form a solid battery – and contributed with the bat. Pippa Adkins was also a revelation with her batting a highlight.

Early in the season Hills, with Seacombe were the early trendsetters. And it all began from the Heat's first game, when they triumphed 10-3 against Walkerville, with Emily Hopkins batting the club's first run home in the opening inning, and Adkins belting a grand slam home run.

Another highlight of the Hills season was Georgia Hood's no-hitter against Glenelg in a 13-0 victory, as she struck out six in four innings and walked one batter.

West Torrens deserved the minor premiership, winning its final 11 games, including every round since Christmas, with its last loss against bottom-placed Glenelg on November 22.

With the likes of Kelsey Knuckey, Emma Burridge, Jordan Lambert and Lana Kaesler forming the Eagles infield, it was arguably the best in the competition, and a huge reason why they finished top. Carly Allen can lay claim to being the best catcher this season, with Sturt's Bel White injured, while teenager Madi Scott pitched like a veteran, choosing her spots to suit the strong field behind her.

One outstanding game that stands out for the Eagles was a 6-0 win over Hills, where Scott gave up a two-out infield single in the final frame – the only hit she surrendered for the day.

Walkerville lost three of its first seven games but only two more for the rest of the season, as USA pitcher Gabby Snyder came in and had a huge impact, both from the circle and with the bat, to lead the Cats.

Chelsea Robinson was one of Walkerville's most consistent hitters and did a great job catching Snyder, while Desi Giamarelos and Sophie King picked up plenty of crucial hits through the season. A highlight for the Cats was its 15-0 victory over Glenelg in the Annual Breast Cancer Awareness match-up, with Snyder pitching a no-hitter and hit a triple, as did Robinson and Giamarelos.

Snyder also had two further no-hitters, both 10-0 results, against Glenelg and Hills.

After four consecutive premierships, Sturt was brought back to the field a bit this season, although still qualifying for the finals.

With Monica Perry not returning to Australia after three fantastic seasons with the Falcons, Sturt relied more on Tash Strapps, who pitched well in most games. Losing Bel White through injury was a big blow, although a number of promising juniors made their debut, which augurs well for the future. Maddie Cameron and the Tonkin sisters, Sarah and Rachel were consistent performers for Sturt, as was Ada Brincat-Tree, now Caruana. A bonus for the Falcons was acquiring American Jailyn Ford before Christmas for three games, as she prepared to play for the Starz.



Ford pitched three hit-less innings against Glenelg in her first game, for five K2s, then beat Seacombe 9-1, striking out 11 batters for three hits, and against Hills in a 7-0 result collected 11 K2s for just one hit.

Seacombe looked the real deal early in the season, and came home strong, but missed the finals by two points. Jess Maslin carried a big bat and Alice Prokopec was a rock at first base, but pitcher Jade Peterson was the Tigers star, striking out over 150 batters for the season. On runs conceded, Seacombe had the third best record in the competition. Arguably the Tigers best game of the season was a 7-0 win over Port Adelaide, with Maslin batting five runs home on a double and triple, while Peterson struck out the first nine batters she faced before settling for 11K2s.

Win-less and bottom last season, Port Adelaide was competitive for most of the campaign and made a run for a finals spot until late in the season. Picking up speedy centrefielder Vicky McFarland was a huge boost for the Magpies, while pitcher McKenzie Thompson kept Port in the hunt when she arrived from the USA. Although not winning any of their first eight games of the season – two draws against West Torrens was a positive – the Magpies broke a 610-day drought when they beat Seacombe 3-1 on November 4. Megan Williams had a two-out, two-run hit in the third inning and came home on Latisha Marranya single. Another highlight was a 2-2 draw with Glenelg, with McFarland smashing a huge home run over the left field fence for both of Port's runs in the bottom of the third frame.

It was a poor season for Glenelg, dropping from grand finalist last season to the wooden spoon, but there were some highlights. It took nine games for Rebels to finally taste victory, an 8-3 victory over eventual minor premier West Torrens, thanks to eight walks, all of which were converted into runs. Then a magnificent pitching performance by Steph Trzcinski, in a rare appearance for Glenelg this season, as she struck out 16 batters in a 6-0 win over Seacombe, conceding just one hit – in the last inning. Sophie Hoyle easily was Glenelg's top hitter, while Kushla Brewster was a solid contributor from the circle. Rebels also finished the season on a high with a 4-2 win over Port Adelaide.

Team	Pld	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Ag	Pts
West Torrens	24	17	3	4	147	62	38
Walkerville	24	18	5	1	143	54	37
Hills	24	11	11	2	110	116	24
Sturt	24	11	12	1	131	110	23
Seacombe	24	9	12	3	75	88	21
Port Adelaide	24	7	14	3	87	127	17
Glenelg	24	3	19	2	58	194	8





## AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS

### **CDSA**

#### **DIVISION 2**

**PREMIERS:** Road Runners  
**GF MVP:** Nicole Hutton (Road Runners)  
**B&F:** Nicole Hutton (Road Runners)  
**R/UP B&F:** Chelsea Meyer (Road Runners)

#### **DIVISION 4**

**PREMIERS:** Phantoms  
**GF MVP:** Leah Stirling (Phantoms)  
**B&F:** Kelly Ransom (Phantoms)  
**R/UP B&F:** Annette Sizer (Road Runners)  
 Kerry Lancaster (Falcons)  
 Helen McDonagh (Falcons)

#### **UNDER 13**

**PREMIERS:** USC (Blue)  
**GF MVP:** Thomas Pederick-Hull (USC)  
**PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Kelly Ransom (Phantoms)

#### **DIVISION 3**

**PREMIERS:** Falcons  
**GF MVP:** Brenda De Duonni (Falcons)  
**B&F:** Skye Jacobs-Mitchell (Valley View)  
**R/UP B&F:** Lisa Elliot (Falcons)

#### **UNDER 16**

**PREMIERS:** Road Runners  
**GF MVP:** Jude Barker (Road Runners)  
**B&F:** Boyd Wordon (Road Runners)  
**R/UP B&F:** Jude Barker (Road Runners)

#### **ASSOCIATION AWARDS**

**Association Person of the Year:** Kym McDonagh & Christie Button  
**50 Year Special Recognition Award:** Lorna Van Soest

# SPORTING Schools

# GDSA

## DIVISION 1

**PREMIERS:** Kangas Blue  
**GF MVP:** Becky Havis  
**B&F:** Jenny Freeman  
**R/UP B&F:** Sally Green

## UNDER 17

**PREMIERS:** Kangas  
**GF MVP:** Hannah Cameron  
**B&F:** Becky Havis  
**R/UP B&F:** Hannah Cameron

## DIVISION 2

**PREMIERS:** Kangas  
**GF MVP:** Amanda Unger  
**B&F:** Amanda Unger  
**R/UP B&F:** Lenae Bradbury

## UNDER 13

**PREMIERS:** Kangas  
**GF MVP:** Kyle Watson  
**B&F:** Jaye Carson  
**R/UP B&F:** Kai Carson

## ASSOCIATION AWARDS

**President's Trophy:** Sally Green  
**Senior Umpire Award:** Pam Sims  
**Junior Umpire Award:** Becky Havis  
**Scorers Trophy:** Carly-Jayne Coates  
**Most Runs Shield:** Two Wells (Div 2)  
**Club Championship Shield:** Kangas  
**GDSA Playing Life Membership:** Amanda Stuart  
 Shannon Havis  
 Amelia Benn

## GDSA State Championships Awards:

**C Grade MVP:** Jo Pfeiffer  
**C Grade R/UP MVP:** Jenny Freeman

**U17 MVP:** Becky Havis  
**U17 R/UP MVP:** Hannah Cameron

**U13 Boys Most Improved:** Kayden Hancock  
**U13 Boys Most Courageous:** Nathan Curnow

**D Grade MVP:** Kim Storton  
**D Grade R/UP MVP:** Heather Baldock

**U13 Girls MVP:** Tayla Peel  
**U13 Girls Most Consistent:** Caitlyn Holt

# HILLS

The past season has been one of the most rewarding and successful for Hills Softball for many years, both on and off the diamond.

Our hosting of the Junior State Championships was exceptional; and the feedback was positive on all fronts. It was also particularly pleasing to have boy's teams back in Junior State, the first time in four years and we can unashamedly take all the credit for making this possible.

State Masters in April was an unqualified success, both financially and in lifting our profile as both a sport and as an organisation. Softball had the most participants of any sport and was considered by the organisers to be among the best run sports in the competition.

The entry of two teams into the Adelaide Club Competition was an outstanding success. This was primarily undertaken for two reasons; the first to give our players the opportunity to play at the highest level in the state; secondly to give our most talented players the opportunity to play at the highest level and remain as Hills players. A great result for both teams, with the A grade team making the preliminary final and U13s making it to the Grand Final.

## A GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Torrens Valley  
**MVP:** Pippa Adkins (Torrens Valley)  
**R/UP MVP:** Alex Mackay (Torrens Valley)

## B GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Hahndorf White  
**MVP:** Nancy Johns (Hahndorf White)  
**R/UP MVP:** Karen Boswell (Echunga)

## C GRADE WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Mt Barker Redsox  
**MVP:** Anita Hannaford (Pirates)  
**R/UP MVP:** Lynore Close (Macclesfield)

## DIVISION 1 MEN

**PREMIERS:** Redsox  
**MVP:** Scott Humphrys (Echunga)  
**R/UP MVP:** Jarryd Farrell (Redsox)

## DIVISION 2 MEN

**PREMIERS:** Hahndorf  
**MVP:** Jesse Vogt (Hahndorf)  
**R/UP MVP:** Jaiden Crane (Redsox)  
 Nick Sexton (Macclesfield)

## U15 MIXED

**PREMIERS:** Torrens Valley  
**MVP:** Oliver Askew (Echunga)

## U13 MIXED

**PREMIERS:** Hahndorf White  
**MVP:** Summer Rist (Mt Barker Redsox)  
 Archie King (Hahndorf White)  
 Harry Hopkins (Torrens Valley)

## HILLS HEAT TEAMS

### A GRADE

**MVP:** Georgia Hood  
**R/UP MVP:** Pippa Adkins  
**COACH'S:** Kim Cutting

### U13 DIV 1

**MVP:** Harry Hopkins  
**R/UP MVP:** Chloe Zakelj  
**COACH'S:** Charlie Ernst

### TEAM OF THE YEAR DIVISION 1 WOMEN

PITCHER	Tahlia Larosa	Hahndorf
CATCHER	Alex MacKay	Torrens Valley
FIRST	Pippa Adkins	Torrens Valley
SECOND	Kathryn Milne	Strathalbyn
THIRD	Abbie Ballard	Redsox
SHORT STOP	Kim Cutting	Strathalbyn
LEFT FIELD	Jasmine Sward	Redsox
CENTRE FIELD	Emily Eglitis	Strathalbyn
RIGHT FIELD	Lisa Wilson	USCB
UTILITY	Rita Meijer	USCB
COACH	Kris McLeod	Hahndorf

### TEAM OF THE YEAR DIVISION 1 MEN

PITCHER	Dan Waters	Hahndorf
CATCHER	Cooper Goodman	Redsox
FIRST	Martin Comini	Echunga
SECOND	Kye Sinnott	Echunga
THIRD	Jarryd Farrell	Redsox
SHORT STOP	Corey Nesbitt	Echunga
LEFT FIELD	Dale Martin	Redsox
CENTRE FIELD	Bodie Williams	Echunga
RIGHT FIELD	Harry May	Redsox
UTILITY	Scott Humphrys	Echunga

**Mattingly Perpetual Shield** (Most Runs Scored)

**Tony Snell Memorial Trophy**

**Bob Crowhurst Shield**

**Smith Builders Perpetual Trophy for U16 Girls**

**Senior Umpire of the Year**

**Junior Umpire of the Year**

**President's Trophy**

U13 Hahndorf White (199 Runs)

Scott Humphrys Echunga

Pippa Adkins Torrens Valley

Rylee Zobel Hahndorf

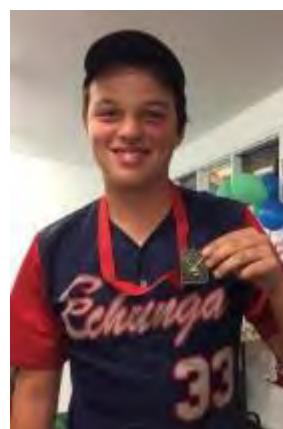
Deb Hopgood Hahndorf

Riley Karayiannis Echunga

Joanne Liddell Torrens Valley



Hills Women's A Grade Premiers, Torrens Valley.



Junior Umpire of the Year,  
Riley Karayiannis.



# MFSA

## Australian Mens' Team – World Silver Medallists

The Aussie Steelers took Silver at the 2017 World Championships in Yukon, Canada. This was the greatest achievement in Australian Men's Softball since the historic 2009 World Championship win.

What made this feat even more memorable for MFSA is that South Australian Jarryd Farrell was a part of that team becoming the first SA based player to play at a Senior Men's World Championship, let alone medal!

Farrell met all expectations and more than contributed to the team's overall success, he was also given a rare at bat which saw him despatch a huge home run.

Farrell has retained his spot in the current Aussie squad and we hope to see him continue to notch up caps with the Steelers. Congratulations Chops.

## Social Media

Mens' Fastpitch SA continued the development of their brand as our partnership with Al's Fastball ([www.alsfastball.com](http://www.alsfastball.com)) transitioned into its second year. We hope this global partnership continues well into the future. We increased the number of online posts from the previous year also increasing our page views by 88% and video views by 21%. The most watched post of the year came when the Mens' State Team played the All-Stars late in December, thanks to Softball SA and Spacequake Sports for covering/live-streaming that game (a first for SA Men's Softball).

## State and National Representatives

MFSA would like to take the time to formally congratulate those that have gone on to represent our state and country in 2017/18:

2017 XV Men's Softball World Championships

Aussie Steelers – Jarryd Farrell (World Silver Medallist)

2018 International Friendship Series

U19 Men's – Morgan Young (Development Coach)

2018 State Teams

Combined SA/WA (representing WA) U19 Men's – Harry May, Ben Marsh

SA Open Men – Geoff May (Head Coach), James Harris (playing/asst. coach), Jarryd Farrell, Sheldon Hall, Scott Humphrys, Laurie Peters, Troy Granger and Sam Paturis

Awards:

Softball SA Outstanding Achievement Award: Jarryd Farrell

Softball SA Open Men's MVP – James Harris / Clayton Mackenzie (joint winners)

## State Champions

MFSA, represented by the Nairne Angels won its 2nd state title. We'd like to express our thanks to both the Hills and NAMSAs associations for releasing several of our regular players to ensure we not only had a team but ultimately, a viable competition. It is this inclusive, cohesive and forward thinking that allows our sport to continue to develop and elevate men's fastpitch in South Australia.

Awards:

MVP – MFSA's Morgan Young / Hills Jesse Vogt (joint winners)

Team of the Year (MFSA Players) Pitcher: Dennis Williamson, Catcher: James Harris, 2nd Base: Nick Green, Leftfield: Mark Peressin, Rightfield: Matt Cooper, Utility: Morgan Young and Coach: Dan Waters.

## Australia Cup Winners

MFSA's Nairne Angels won the inaugural Masters Men's division at the 3rd Australia Cup. Hosted by Softball SA, the Angels executed well and were undefeated in the minor round (which included all Men's teams). The Nairne Angels were runners up last year in the Open Men's division and now after a dominant 2018 campaign, have the honour of being the first ever Men's Masters Champions of this event.

### **Lindy Rattigan – Softball SA State Coordinator of Scoring**

2017/18 was a massive year for the first lady in SA Men's Softball, Lindy Rattigan. Not only is she the association Men's team scorer but she is also the State Coordinator of scoring. This season saw a substantial amount of hard work come to fruition with the achievement of a high number of accreditations and representative team appointments. Lindy also headed the team of local statisticians to provide the Spacequake Sports crew with ACC stats for the entire season further boosting the quality of the Spacequake production. Congratulations Lindy!

### **Playing Abroad**

Former MFSA State Champion and State Rep, Joel Cooley once joked that he'd never play for the USA. The St Paul (Minnesota) native had another successful season in the States last year with his club team (Marchio Sausage, Tin Cup) and was rewarded with national selection for the 2017 Pan American Championship. Joel performed extremely well pitching 4 games and finishing with the team leading ERA of 2.33 and a Bronze Medal. Congratulations Joel.

Laurie Peters and Cooley played in the 2017 European Super Cup in the Netherlands. The European circuit has become a great and successful place for SA Men's players to play in the winter, going back to 2010 joining the likes of Farrell, Gowers and Harris paving the way for others to now follow.

### **Jack O'Loughlin**

We have been delighted in watching our former Junior Player of the Year, Jack O'Loughlin's career flourish from softball star to dominating baseball and being signed by the Detroit Tigers organisation. This year, he has progressed to minor league baseball (within the Detroit organisation) and pitching for the Connecticut Tigers. We have no doubt he will continue to grow and impress in this league and progress further still. Best of luck Jack!

### **Spacequake Sports**

Our final thanks to Dave Muggleton and his team at Spacequake Sports for producing and live-streaming the State Men's vs All-Stars game. The success of this single game was a surprise to us all when it was revealed that it was the highest recorded viewership of any of the Spacequake Softball games (Mens or Womens) up to that point in time with close to 100k reach on the Softball SA Facebook page alone, added to that it was televised on Channel 44, becoming the first SA Mens game to be televised. We are very much looking forward to seeing more Men's games live-streamed in the near future.



*2018 Australia Cup Winners – Masters Mens Division*



*Jarryd Farrell – Aussie Steelers World Silver Medalist*

## NAMSA

**PREMIERS:** Hills  
**RUNNERS UP:** Valley View  
**GF MVP:** Jarryd Farrell

**B&F:** Bodie Williams  
**R/UP B&F:** Cooper Goodman  
**Rising Star:** Aaron Cox

### TEAM OF THE YEAR

**PITCHER** Jarryd Farrell  
**PITCHER** Scott Humphrys  
**CATCHER** Cooper Goodman  
**FIRST** Dennis Williamson  
**SECOND** Nathan Humphrys  
**THIRD** Jake Rodda  
**SHORT STOP** Kaelym Laird  
**OUTFIELD** Sam Paturis  
**OUTFIELD** Troy Granger  
**OUTFIELD** Peter Fairley  
**UTILITY** Corey Nesbitt  
**UTILITY** Bodie Williams

## MOUNT GAMBIER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**PREMIERS:** Warriors (8)  
**RUNNERS UP:** Demons (0)  
**MVP:** Leyna Bruggemann  
**B&F:** Leyna Bruggemann  
**R/UP B&F:** Anna Livingston  
**BATTING AVERAGE:** Leyna Bruggemann  
**R/UP BATTING AVERAGE:** Jo Hopgood  
**RBI'S:** Leyna Bruggemann  
**R/UP RBI'S:** Anna Livingston

**MARJ COOKE MEMORIAL (MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION):** Jo & Em Hart

**KATH SIMS MEMORIAL AWARD (BEST PLAYER IN CHAMPIONSHIPS):** Mackenzie Millard

## PORT PIRIE

### A1 WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Solly Cats  
**R/UP:** Checkmates  
**B&F:** Sam Burt  
**R/UP B&F:** Zali Adams

### A2 WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Solly Cats  
**R/UP:** Tigers  
**B&F:** Claire Beyer  
**R/UP B&F:** Kristy Thomas

### A3 WOMEN

**PREMIERS:** Solly Cats  
**R/UP:** Checkmates  
**B&F:** Karen Bowering  
**R/UP B&F:** Bekki Noonan

### U17 GIRLS

**PREMIERS:** Solly Cats  
**R/UP:** Cougars  
**B&F:** Harper Bridley  
**R/UP B&F:** Halle Adams

### U13 GIRLS

**PREMIERS:** Solly Cats  
**R/UP:** Checkmates  
**B&F:** Annabel Arnold  
**R/UP B&F:** Kira Counsell, Bridie Ellis-Nunn & Ariel Tee

## RIVERLAND

### SENIORS

**PREMIERS:** Loxton  
**RUNNERS UP:** Cobdogla  
**Best on Ground:** Hayley Symens (Loxton)  
**B&F:** Gemma Letton (Renmark)  
**R/UP B&F:** Haylee Symens (Loxton)

**RISING STAR:** Tayla Anspach (Cobdogla)

### SENIOR ALL STARS

Gemma Letton *Renmark*  
 Haylee Symens *Loxton*  
 Amy Selfe *Renmark*  
 Cara Venning *Loxton*  
 Nicole Mentha *Loxton*  
 Codie Tilbrook *Lyrup*  
 Caleb Koehne *Loxton*  
 Eunice Abdulla *Cobdogla*  
 Di Passmore *Cobdogla*  
 Rahmen Martinez *Renmark*

### C GRADE

**PREMIERS:** Loxton  
**RUNNERS UP:** Renmark  
**Best on Ground:** Eleni Tzanos (Renmark)  
**B&F:** Isaac Edwards (Loxton Blue)  
**R/UP B&F:** Kale Karpany (Berri)



*Riverland Softball Association's Senior Premiers, Loxton*

## SUNRAYSIA

### A GRADE

**PREMIERS:** Bears  
**RUNNER UP:** Eagles  
**BEST ON GROUND:** Breanna Smith  
**MVP:** Breeana Wade  
**R/U MVP:** Emily Knights & Breanna Smith  
**BATTING AWARD:** Carrie Barlow  
**FEILDING AWARD:** Maddie Cesco

### B GRADE

**PREMIERS:** Bears  
**RUNNER UP:** Eagles  
**BEST ON GROUND:** Tam McAlpine  
**MVP:** Stacey Peterson  
**R/U MVP:** Kirsty Telfer



## HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

### **OPEN WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Gilley's Shield, January 2018*  
*Mirrabooka, WA*

*Head Coach, Kere Johanson*

Progression was evident with the Starz team this year, not only by going from 6<sup>th</sup> place to 3<sup>rd</sup> place but having five players selected for the National Women's Squad, also. This is a testament to the hard work from the players and the planning and implementing by all coaches involved.

The team's maturity on the field and playing the game is developing, but the maturity needs to develop when it comes to "sticking our hand up and not out". As softball is an amateur sport, there are so many issues that need to be negotiated off the field. It is in these areas in which I think we can improve and, in turn, will have a positive impact on the team's culture.

Whilst I believe the culture has progressed, there is room for improvement. 'Better people before better softballers' has previously been the focus. Most teams only prepare softball skills and forget that softball is a team sport, consisting of people who are reliant on each other in 'battle'. Being totally united and committed as people in addition to being good players will eventually allow this team to "reach for the Starz".



## OPEN MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*John Reid Shield, January 2018*

*Hawker, ACT*

**Head Coach, Geoff May**

As head coach this year of the men's team, we ended up with a disappointing result, as we came last and won only one game. The reality however is that we should have won four and could have won five, meaning we would have made finals which was our goal.

We need to learn how to win and believe we should win, as this seems to be part lacking is the sheer belief that we deserve to win. The game against Qld was the main one where we should have won, going into the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> and leading 5-1. Jarryd had pitched well the entire game and then in the one innings we let in seven runs mainly on the back of errors.

Our game plan needs to include the ability to stop runs coming in too easy as well as we need more variety in our pitching. Both Jarryd and Laurie Peters were fantastic, but they are both similar pitchers, so when they were interchanged during a game there wasn't a big difference and the batters were able to adjust easily. With Cooper Goodman coming up through our junior ranks we have a good up and coming catcher to support James Harris, who again was outstanding with both bat and glove.

Our pick-ups this year supplied us with good depth in the batting but not fielding so we need to try and develop some local infielders that can support our pitchers.

Overall it was a terrific experience and hopefully one we can build on over the next few years. With some work in the offseason with regards to fundraising and new competitions locally, hopefully in 2019 we can push for a finals position.



## U19 WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Elinor McKenzie Shield, January 2018*  
*Blacktown, NSW*

**Head Coach, Janell Behrendt**

The Under 19 Women's team had an excellent tournament finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We came out on day one with a great win over WA and then took a narrow loss against NSW 5 - 4. Winning four out of eight games we finished 4<sup>th</sup> after the minor rounds

We won our first playoff game against Victoria 3 - 1 after losing to them twice in the minor rounds. We came up against NSW in our next final but were unable to put more than one run on the board, resulting in a 4 - 1 loss.

We had many stand out performances for the week, most noticeably was Georgia Hood's outstanding batting on the back of solid pitching, which resulted in her winning the tournament MVP. Pippa Adkins, Faith Pickard and Sophie Roberts all had fantastic batting results and knowing all these players are eligible again next year together with most of the team, it's an exciting time for this age group.



Georgia Hood was named Most Valuable Player at the 2018 U19 Women's National Championship.



## U17 GIRLS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Esther Deason Shield, January 2018*

*Blacktown, NSW*

**Head Coach, Steven Sims**

Our aim from the very start was to obviously finish as high as we possibly could. We intended to get as many runners on base as possible, by any means we could.

We concentrated a lot on contact hitting, bunting and just getting the ball in play.

We were aiming to put opposition fielders under as much pressure as we could and we, as a coaching staff, realised we were not blessed with a large number of power hitters. But, our group was very speedy at base running, and we intended to use that to our advantage.

Our pitchers were informed that they were to expect 3-4 innings each game – our aim was to attempt to keep all pitchers as fresh as possible for the duration of the tournament.

Over the tournament we did tend to use Jordyn Lee and Zali Adams a bit more than we had hoped as they were in form and seemed to be our most successful pitchers.

Overall, as head coach, I was disappointed with our finishing position.

Injuries to Karah Schultz and Abbie Mossman did affect our team positioning a fair bit and players at times were forced to play in positions they weren't all that familiar with. This is part of learning.

Our officials were of the highest standard and all gelled together very well – they were a pleasure to work with.

I am certain they all learnt a lot about themselves, their team mates and about the game.





## **U15 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### ***U15 Girls Development Red, January 2018, Mirrabooka, WA***

**Head Coach:** Morgan Young  
**Manager:** Kelsey Knuckey

**Assistant Coach:** Alice Prokopec  
**Statistician:** Cathy Lambert



### ***U15 Girls Development Blue, January 2018, Mirrabooka, WA***

**Head Coach:** Annie Fidge  
**Assistant Coach:** Justina Adams

**Assistant Coach:** Jodie Smith  
**Statistician:** Bill Benedictson



### ***U15 Boys Development, January 2018, Hawker, ACT***

**Head Coach:** Meg Chaplin  
**Assistant Coach:** Mandy Bottroff

**Assistant Coach:** Kylie Zakelj  
**Manager:** Tania Lucas

**Statistician:** Rose Mattingly



## 2018 STATE REPRESENTATIVES

### OPEN WOMEN - STARZ

#### Mirrabooka, WA

Charelle Ainslie (VIC)  
 Ada Brincat-Tree  
 Maddie Cameron  
 Jenny Dunn  
 Jailyn Ford (USA)  
 Amber Hood  
 Sophie Hoyle  
 Lana Kaesler  
 Jordan Lambert  
 Olivia MacGinley  
 Victoria McFarland (USA)  
 Chelsea Robinson  
 Tash Strapps  
 Sarah Tonkin  
 Stephanie Trzcinski  
 Belinda White

**MVP:** Steph Trzcinski & Jailyn Ford

#### OFFICIALS

**Head Coach** Kere Johanson  
**Asst. Coach** Karyn Dale  
**Asst. Coach** Mel McGie  
**Manager** Jacqui Dunn  
**Statistician** Simone Thompson

### U19 WOMEN

#### Blacktown, NSW

Pippa Adkins	Hayley Bonython
Kushla Brewster	Montana Edwards
Emily Flaherty	Nicole Fleming
Georgia Hood	Alex Mackay
Alexandra Pallot	Daniela Perez
Faith Pickard	Madi Rocher
Sophie Roberts	Madi Scott
McKenzie Ween	Ella White

**MVP:** Georgia Hood

#### OFFICIALS

Head Coach	Janell Behrendt
Asst. Coach	Belinda White
Asst. Coach	Bridget Corver
Manager	Meegan Roberts
Statistician	Derek Roberts

### OPEN MEN

#### Canberra, ACT

Jarryd Farrell  
 Cooper Goodman  
 Josh Goodman  
 Troy Granger  
 Sheldon Hall  
 James Harris  
 Scott Humphrys  
 Matthew Kutnikoff (ACT/CAN)  
 Maclaine Lowe (NSW)  
 Clayton Mackenzie (ACT/CAN)  
 Tom Noble (NSW)  
 Laurie Peters  
 Sam Paturis

**MVP:** James Harris &  
 Clayton Mackenzie

#### OFFICIALS

**Head Coach** Geoff May  
**Asst. Coach** Don Peters  
**Playing Asst. Coach** James Harris  
**Manager** Paegan Hall  
**Statistician** Courtney May

### U17 GIRLS

#### Blacktown, NSW

Zali Adams	Maddi Ashby
Kelsea Barker	Skye Downs
Jenny Gray	Jessie Keech
Sophie Kinnear	Jordyn Lee
Gemma Letton	Isabelle Lilburn
Abbie Mossman	Sophie Roberts
Karah Schultz	McKenzie Ween
Amy Wheeler	Ella White

**MVP:** Gemma Letton

#### OFFICIALS

Head Coach	Steven Sims
Asst. Coach	Sue Norris
Asst. Coach	Ray Strapps
Manager	Felicity Walker
Manager	Nicole Kinnear
Statistician	Marcie Trzcinski

## 2017 AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

### ***Aussie Spirit:***

**WORLD CUP OF SOFTBALL, OKLAHOMA (USA)  
& 2017 CANADA CUP, BRITISH COLUMBIA (CAN)**



Jordan Lambert



Belinda White



Annie Fidge (Assistant Coach)

### ***Aussie Steelers:***

**XV MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP,  
WHITEHORSE, YUKON (CAN)**

Jarryd Farrell (Silver Medallist)



### ***Junior Spirit:***

**XII Jr. WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA (USA)**

Amber Hood  
Georgia Hood  
Jamie Mead





## 2018 AUSTRALIAN SQUAD MEMBERS

### U17 Girls

Sophie Roberts

### U19 Women

Pippa Adkins  
Montana Edwards  
Georgia Hood  
Faith Pickard  
Madi Scott

### Open Women

Maddie Cameron  
Jordan Lambert  
Chelsea Robinson  
Stephanie Trzcinski  
Belinda White

### U19 Men

Cooper Goodman

### Open Men

Jarryd Farrell

## 2017 FRIENDSHIP SERIES

### Jnr WOMEN'S SPIRIT:

Pippa Adkins  
Montana Edwards  
Daniela Perez  
Faith Pickard  
Madison Scott  
Meegan Roberts (*Manager*)

### Jnr BOYS SQUAD:

Cooper Goodman  
Dylan Hopgood  
Harry May  
Jacqui Crafter (*Asst/Development Coach*)  
James Harris (*Head Coach*)

## AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

### 2017 Japan Cup (Japan)

Belinda White

### 2017 Kochi City Tour (Japan)

Maddie Cameron  
Jacqui Dunn (*Team Manager*)

Jordan Lambert  
Annie Fidge (*Asst. Coach*)

Chelsea Robinson

### 2018 DENSO vs Aussie Spirit (Adelaide)

Jordan Lambert  
Belinda White  
Morgan Young (*Development Coach*)

Chelsea Robinson  
Jacqui Dunn (*Team Manager*)

Stephanie Trzcinski  
Annie Fidge (*Asst. Coach*)

### 2018 ASIA-PACIFIC TOURNAMENT (Blacktown)

Maddie Cameron  
Stephanie Trzcinski

Jordan Lambert  
Belinda White

Chelsea Robinson  
Jacqui Dunn (*Team Manager*)

### 2018 National Pro Fastpitch (USA)

Jordan Lambert  
Belinda White

Chelsea Robinson  
Jacqui Dunn (*Team Manager*)

Stephanie Trzcinski



# **TECHNICAL**

## **STATE COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT**

This year saw the continued approach to providing accreditation courses in regional Associations, as a means to making access more equitable for our regional membership. It was fantastic to see a reasonable number of coaches from the Adelaide Club Competition completed new accreditations, especially given that in the past the uptake of these courses in Adelaide has been inconsistent over the past few years.

### ***New Accreditations***

The following people gained either their Softball Community Coach, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 or Level 4 accreditation over the past 12 months, with a total of 47 new accreditations and 1 re-accreditation. Congratulations to all of these coaches (new and experienced) and we hope you continue to progress in your career as a coach.

### ***SCCP***

Adelaide – Leah Stirling, Leigh Stone, Sigrid Schumacher, Anthony Pierson

CDSA – Mark Podzuweit

Hills – Dale Martin, Amanda Martin

GDSA – Alison Holt, Amanda Unger

### ***Level 1***

Adelaide – Jessica Ward, Rebecka Jury, Kate Szczypiorski, Amy Buckney, Regan Lambert, Leah Stirling, Leigh Stone, Sigrid Schumacher, Chevy Havis, Becky Havis, Molly Matotek, Anthony Pierson

CDSA – Mark Podzuweit

Hills – Dale Martin, Amanda Martin, Mandy Bottroff, Amanda Fairley, Peter Fairley

GDSA – Alison Holt, Ebony Yard, Andrea Slade, Amanda Unger

### ***Level 2***

Adelaide - Lynette Callaghan, Isadora Roberts, Natalie Brinkworth, Kelsey Knuckey, Steph Collett, Alice Prokopec, Tracy Opolski

Hills – Alexandra Mackay

Riverland – Haylee Symens

GDSA – Kat Ingram

### ***Level 3***

Adelaide – Steven Sims, Jodie Smith, Andrea Collett, Deb Kennedy

Port Pirie – Justina Adams

### ***Level 4***

MFSA – James Harris

### ***Level 5 Re-Accreditation***

NAMSA – Wess Frances

### Accreditation History

The table below shows the number of accreditations given/attained across all of Softball SA since 2013.

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Number	54	2	43	28	48

### Last Point

All the best to anyone involved in coaching at any level of softball. It is a demanding but rewarding role where you are able to work with athletes to develop their skills, knowledge and love of the game. Do not underestimate the impact you can have on the future of our great game and remember that it is just a game and it should be fun and enjoyable for all participants, regardless of their standard of play or age.

### Wess Frances

State Coordinator of Coaching

## STATE SCORING COORDINATOR REPORT

The scoring program has good outcomes this season and continues to show some momentum with new scorers take-up for accreditation programs at Levels 1, 2 and 3 gaining good attendance.

The National Officiating Scoring Program (formerly NOAS) has recently changed in structure and is no longer captured under the Australian Sports Commission accreditation framework. This has now reverted to Softball Australia to manage in entirety, including the former online database.

The National Scoring Committee is currently redeveloping the entire accreditation framework, along with accredited modules for the technology aspect of the sport, to assist in formalising competency for this area. To date, I'm unsure what this will look like – however, I will update you as information is presented.

A new initiative was undertaken this year, with all Spacequake televised games being scored, and statistics compiled across every A grade game – to enable a more comprehensive commentary to be provided to those streaming the games or watching on Channel 44. I thank Julee Preiss and Jill Williams, who assisted me scoring, to enable me to compile statistics across 87 games. Thanks to the couple of club scorers who also provided backup sheets where we were needing to be in two places at once. Your willing assistance was most appreciated.

This format could in fact provide a structure for awarding the MVP across the competition (in a similar manner that the statistics are utilised at national tournaments) – and also for team of the year identification.

An additional benefit to the A grade games being scored, and televised, is that a number of the up and coming scorers used these games to score and submit for feedback. This was a fabulous opportunity – one I'm hoping will be able to be formalised next season, in rostering in Level 2 and 3 to assist.

As noted during the season, where clubs do not have the resources to keep their own statistics, please follow up with me – I'm more than happy to provide you with your team statistics and work with your A grade scorers to help them develop their competency.

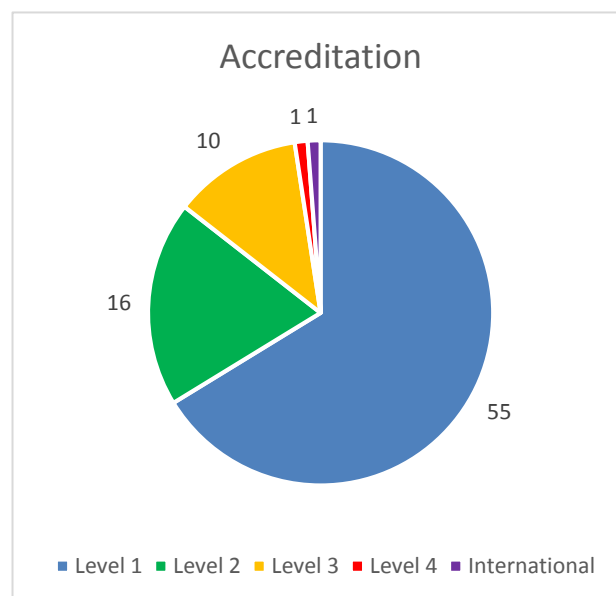
• 2017 - 2018 report – SOUTH AUSTRALIA					
Clinics held 17/18	1 x iScore	2 x Level 1	1 x Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Number attended	6	12 + 6 + 7	7 + 2	8	
Number advanced/new level		25	5	7	
Number refresher/reaccreditation		1	2		1 underway
Current Accredited Scorers in SA					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Int	Total
55	16	10	1	1	83

### Accreditation Summary

South Australia currently has 83 accredited scorers with five due to expire 31 December 2018.

Accreditation was conducted for Riverland Association at Berri, with no further regional programs undertaken, despite the opportunities being offered. Both CDSA and Hills affiliates had representatives attend at West Beach. The new program will be released at the AGM, with accreditation commencing late September.

This season saw a group who commenced working in the program in 2015/16, progress through to Level 3 – providing eight new Level 3 scorers resulted. Particular credit to the Sturt Softball Club in supporting the accreditation program, where the majority of these people have come from.



Congratulations to our new and updated scorers:

Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Level 3
Josh Goodman	Marcellus Enalanga	Natalie Milburn	Sheree Forrester
Mancy Schutz	Isadora Roberts	Leanne Sims	Marcie Trzcinski
Kathryn Drewer	Nivea Carsson	Janice Wheeler	Gel Collins
Dana Wright	Carolyn Murray	Kay Bendall	Stuart Mossman
Sharon Ward	Leah Pearson	Mandy Schutz	Ashley Mossman
Melinda Burr	Jenny Buttfeld		Sue Norris
Ben Moore	Angela McCann	Vikkie Taylor ( <i>Reaccred</i> )	Kat Mackareth
Jane Entre	Cheri Healy	Cheri Healy ( <i>Reaccred</i> )	
Emilie Noble	Katina Saint-Leone		
Craig Soraghan	Melissa Bristow		
Trudy Phillips	Monica Hawker		
Jodie Graham	Kylie Duncan		
Courtney May	Karen Clarke		

The lack of Level 4+ competency still jeopardises our ability to be self-sufficient at Softball Australia national events – and will continue to require the resources to be appointed from other states at a significant cost to Softball SA. While new scorers do not provide immediate relief for nationals resourcing with the requirement for Level 4 statisticians, they are essential to train and progress through the system – to provide a foundation to build South Australia's Level 4 competency.

I am hopeful that within a season or two, all of the new Level 3's will progress through to Level 4. At the same time, we are working with the National Scoring Committee to ensure that two additional Level 4's are able to progress by the January 2018 Nationals – along with our two current Level 4/Internationals being reaccredited.

### ***Accreditation Updating***

To enable the accreditation program to gain momentum – we need to not only recruit new scorers, but also retain those who are already accredited. 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. In encourage affiliates to work with SSA to ensure that your scoring resources remain current.

As in standard, a number of scorers lapsed their scoring accreditation within the NOAS program in 2017/2018. Those wishing to regain validity to their last held level need to work through the Scoring Coordinator to progress their updating requirements. All scorers are required to demonstrate ongoing competency of their level, in addition to undertaking a rules examination. (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 amnesty period from expiry date for updating to be undertaken prior to losing their accreditation level fully.)

### ***Tournaments***

Whilst there were no Australian national tournaments hosted in SA this season, we hosted the DENSO series – which enabled the Level 2 and 3 candidates to undertake formal scoring duties.

Congratulations to Stuart Mossman and Kat Mackareth – who were appointed as team scorers for the 4-game series – in extremely trying weather conditions! This provided a great development opportunity working with elite teams.

2019 will see Australian under 17 dual tournaments hosted. This is the most difficult format for a state to host – in effect, two tournaments at the same time. The requirements of the Australian national tournaments are extensive – with every game being live streamed through the i-Score technology in addition to the media updating, and the more familiar “paper scoring”. This will require some twelve Level 4 scorers in attendance; along with Level 3 support crew – and will be costly to undertake. The majority of scoring staff will be appointed from nominations called Australia-wide.

It is hoped that there will be further opportunities moving forward with demonstration or exhibition tournaments ongoing for the scoring pathway to gain momentum again.

### ***Promotion and Resources***

The new format scoring manuals are now available electronically. These are a great resource to assist the scoring community – from grassroots to experienced.

### ***Recognition***

And finally, recognition and congratulations to the State Team scorers for 2018. Again, I highlight that Softball SA must support the appointment of Accredited Statisticians to each state team, if we are to see the positions respected. It is important that state team scorers are seen as ambassadors working actively in the development of the scoring community and the strategic direction of SA, to increase our numbers. The benefits of experienced scorers/statisticians to a coaching team cannot be underestimated.



**Scoring Appointments:**

<b>Open Women</b>	Simone Thompson	<b>Open Men</b>	Courtney May
<b>Under 19 Women</b>	Derek Roberts	<b>Under 17 Women</b>	Marcia Trzcinski
<b>U15 Girls Red Dev.</b>	Cathy Lambert	<b>U15 Girls Blue Dev.</b>	Bill Benedictson
<b>U15 Boys Dev.</b>	Rose Mattingly		

I stepped back from the national scoring profile somewhat this season and made the decision to retire from the National Scoring Committee – a position I had held since 2004, due to extensive work travel commitments and time demands. The only downside is that I don't have as clear a picture of what is happening in the strategic directions level nationally. I will present information when I receive it and continue to work with the SA scorers to advance their pathways.

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

**Lindy Rattigan**

State Coordinator of Scoring

**STATE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF REPORT**

With a year into my 2 years, I have found it a steep learning curve and very rewarding. I want to thank Neville for his ongoing support but in particular, I have appreciated the support extended to me by the committee and indeed our whole softball community.

Our committee discussions have centred around how we can further develop our skills within umpiring, our relationship with all stakeholders and the improved recruitment of umpires. I believe that we are on the right track in all areas and that the benefits of our actions will be felt even more within SA Softball in the next 12 months.

**Umpiring Committee**

<b>UMPIRE IN CHIEF</b>	Steve Wallace-Yarrow
<b>DEPUTY UIC</b>	Haydyn Wood
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Ian Gray
<b>TREASURER</b>	Karen Wood
<b>EXAMINING</b>	Steve Wallace-Yarrow
<b>ROSTERS – ACC REP</b>	Mike Bendall
<b>TRAINING</b>	Kevin Tannebring

**Clinics Conducted**

Type	Date	# of Attendees	Presenters
Level 1/Green Shirt Adelaide	Sep 2017	10	Kevin Tannebring Ian Gray
Level 1 Hills	Feb 2018	30	Kevin Tannebring
APY Lands	8 trips	10	Kevin Tannebring
Level 3/4	July 2017	2	Neville Lawrance Kevin Tannebring
Level 2	July 2017	5	Michael Bendall Steve Wallace-Yarrow
Level 1 GDSA	March 2018	18	Steve Wallace-Yarrow

**Management crews at respective state championships:**

Championship	UIC	Deputy
Labour Day Junior Tournament	Mike Bendall	-
Open State Championships	Mike Bendall	Ian Gray
Junior State Championships	Steve Wallace-Yarrow	Kevin Tannebring
Australia Cup	Kevin Tannebring	-

**Umpires on ACC Finals**

<b>A</b>	Walkerville vs West Torrens	D McCauley	N Lawrance	M Bendall
<b>B</b>	Sturt vs Walkerville	K Tannebring	S Wallace-Yarrow	I Gray
<b>C</b>	Sturt Navy vs Sturt Blue	C Paech	G Rusack	
<b>D</b>	Seacombe vs Walkerville	J Williams	G O'Neil	

**Awards:****MARG ABBOTT ROCKY AWARD**

Briony Pierson

**LYLE TYLER UIC AWARD**

Mike Bendall

**McAULIFFE AWARD**

Damien McCauley

**Level Advancements:**

<b>Level 1</b>	6	<b>Level 2</b>	0	<b>Level 3</b>	1	<b>Level 4</b>	1
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**Summary of recruitment and retention initiatives:**

We are continuing with our Green Shirt program which continues to be successful as we see some junior players in particular becoming involved.

In 2017, as part of the Dragons Clinic, we included the Level 2 clinic which was very well received with five attending. We also offered a subsidy for Affiliate Associations to send their Umpire Coordinator and we plan to offer teacher-styled sessions, so they might be better able to deliver Level 1 training within their associations. We are continuing to do this in 2018 but with little uptake at this stage. We have begun an initiative to foster our junior umpires through the Dragons program and we are having a number take this up for the 2018 Dragons.

This year we had our first opportunity to work with a couple of junior umpires through the SAPSASA week of games.

The SSAU committee is committed to further developing initiatives around the recruitment and retention of umpires at all levels across our state.

**Steve Wallace - Yarrow**

SSA UMPIRE IN CHIEF



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Income and Expenditure Statement

Softball SA Incorporated  
For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
<b>Income</b>		
Event/Program income	339,660	255,896
Grants	158,410	200,089
Membership income	235,393	177,963
Sponsorship	33,712	21,327
Umpires incomes	36,511	31,610
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>803,685</b>	<b>686,885</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Income	2,059	2,494
Other Revenue	7,083	2,055
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>9,142</b>	<b>4,549</b>
<b>Sale of Goods</b>		
Sales	6,213	21,137
<b>Total Sale of Goods</b>	<b>6,213</b>	<b>21,137</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	499	20,184
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>20,184</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>818,540</b>	<b>692,088</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Administration	13,106	21,680
Audit fees	300	6,300
Bank Fees	2,189	1,571
Consulting & Accounting	16,026	7,759
Depreciation	2,434	3,757
Diamond Sports expenses	86,902	70,681
Donations	-	409
Freight & Courier	302	430
Insurance	15,779	14,248
Light, Power, Heating	-	367
Member support services	96,244	56,159
Printing & Stationery	8,685	2,519
Repairs and Maintenance	5,937	749
Superannuation	19,360	15,677
Team travel costs	293,872	185,708
Telephone & Internet	469	1,160
Travel and Accommodation	27,536	11,110
Umpires expense	36,511	28,113
Volunteers	4,642	12,372
Wages and Salaries	222,766	186,326
Workcover	4,337	3,735
Write off	-	(501)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>857,396</b>	<b>630,328</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(38,856)</b>	<b>61,760</b>

# Assets and Liabilities Statement

## Softball SA Incorporated As at 30 June 2018

	NOTES	30 JUN 2018	30 JUN 2017
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1	84,252	103,481
Trade and Other Receivables	2	94,793	147,158
Inventories	3	47,093	47,093
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>226,137</b>	<b>297,731</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant & equipment	4	44,903	44,903
Accumulated depreciation of plant and equipment	4	(36,542)	(34,108)
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>8,361</b>	<b>10,795</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>234,498</b>	<b>308,526</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Liabilities	5	50,715	96,520
Employee Entitlements	6	37,764	20,391
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>88,479</b>	<b>116,911</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>146,019</b>	<b>191,615</b>
<b>Member's Funds</b>			
<b>Capital Reserve</b>			
Current Year Earnings		(38,856)	61,760
Retained Earnings		165,491	103,730
Equity - Umpires		19,384	26,125
<b>Total Capital Reserve</b>		<b>146,019</b>	<b>191,615</b>
<b>Total Member's Funds</b>		<b>146,019</b>	<b>191,615</b>



# Notes of the Financial Statements

## Softball SA Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2018

### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### 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.

### Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

### Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

## Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

## Plant and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

## Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

## Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

	2018	2017
<b>1. Cash on Hand &amp; at Bank</b>		
Bendigo Pship #2892	3,843	-
Bank SA: Umpires	14,476	21,387
Bendigo Bank #9761	26,887	29,879
ING Direct #0150	32,533	50,898
Petty cash	106	106
State team debit cards	6,356	1,161
Undeposited funds	50	50
<b>Total Cash on Hand &amp; at Bank</b>	<b>84,252</b>	<b>103,481</b>

	2018	2017
<b>2. Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>		
Long Term Investment	30,000	-
Debtors - Umpires	8,212	5,571
Debtors	42,809	124,141
Prepayments	13,773	17,446
<b>Total Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>	<b>94,793</b>	<b>147,158</b>

	2018	2017
<b>3. Inventory</b>		
Inventory - Softball SA	42,049	42,049
Inventory - Umpires	5,043	5,043
<b>Total Inventory</b>	<b>47,093</b>	<b>47,093</b>

#### 4. Plant & Equipment

<b>Bar &amp; Canteen Equipment At Cost</b>		
Bar & Canteen Equipment	4,636	4,636
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Bar & Canteen Equipment	(4,636)	(4,636)
<b>Total Bar &amp; Canteen Equipment At Cost</b>	-	-
<b>Computer Equipment At Cost</b>		
Computer Equipment	15,221	15,221
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(15,221)	(13,932)
<b>Total Computer Equipment At Cost</b>	-	1,289
<b>Coaching Equipment At Cost</b>		
Coaching Equipment At Cost	2,980	2,980
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Coaching Equipment	(745)	(373)
<b>Total Coaching Equipment At Cost</b>	2,235	2,608
<b>Office Equipment At Cost</b>		
Office Equipment	3,591	3,591
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(3,591)	(3,591)
<b>Total Office Equipment At Cost</b>	-	-
<b>Playing Equipment At Cost</b>		
Playing Equipment	8,844	8,844
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Playing Equipment	(2,718)	(1,945)
<b>Total Playing Equipment At Cost</b>	6,126	6,899
<b>Umpires Equipment At Cost</b>		
Umpires Equipment	9,631	9,631
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Umpires Equipment	(9,631)	(9,631)
<b>Total Umpires Equipment At Cost</b>	-	-
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>8,361</b>	<b>10,795</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>

#### 5. Trade & Other Payables

Amounts in advance	2,700	39,065
Credit cards	577	580
Creditors	29,144	39,308
GST	9,427	8,553
Provision for Asset Maintenance	9,000	9,000
Superannuation Payable	1,422	1,448
Workcover Payable	(1,556)	(1,435)
<b>Total Trade &amp; Other Payables</b>	<b>50,715</b>	<b>96,520</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>

#### 6. Employee Entitlements

Accrued expenses	10,910	4,712
Provision for Long Service Leave	13,127	9,000
Provision for Annual Leave	13,728	6,679
<b>Total Employee Entitlements</b>	<b>37,764</b>	<b>20,391</b>

**STATEMENT AND REPORT BY THE BOARD  
TO THE MEMBERS OF SOFTBALL SA INC.**

The attached financial statements of Softball SA Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2018 are, in our opinion properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2018 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, and;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Association rules/regulations, 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.

During the financial year no;

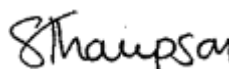
- (a) officers of the Association,
- (b) firms of which an officer is a member,
- (c) corporation in which an officer has a substantial financial interest,

have received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or corporation and the Association.

Signed according to a resolution of the Board



**Chairperson**



**Board Member**

**DATED at West Beach This 5th day of September 2018**



# AUDITORS REPORT

Ian G McDonald FCA



## Softball SA Incorporated Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of Softball SA Incorporated (Association), for the year ended 30 June 2018.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:

- to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at the 30 June 2018 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and,
- according to applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

### Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Association we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other Information – 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.

### Responsibilities of Management 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 Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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.

Ian G McDonald FCA  
Registered Company Auditor

Dated at Grange this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018

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