



2016
ANNUAL **REPORT**



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As we draw the curtain on our 21st SWBL season, I would like to thank the 2016 committee. It has been a gritty season both on and off the diamond and we would not have gotten through it without this super talented group of ladies. Simply there would be no SWBL without a committee. Not only have they carried out their elected roles seamlessly but have also stepped up to fill the gaps and help out in other roles whenever necessary. Their dedication and commitment to SWBL is second to none.

Once again, SWBL received sponsorship from the Golden Barley Hotel and we thank them for their continued support and for allowing us the opportunity to hold our meat and vegetables raffles each week. These raffles generate valued revenue and allow SWBL to be visible in the wider local community. I'm almost certain that some lucky local won a raffle every Sunday through winter!

Sponsorship from ACON has also generously continued in 2016. SWBL plays an important role in supporting the community work that ACON provides through its various campaigns and services, particularly ACON's new focus on women in the LGBTIQ community. The long term relationship between ACON and SWBL continued with events like the Touch Talk Test launch which generated awareness of breast cancer prevention and detection. ACON is now working closer than ever with the Lesbian community to increase health and wellbeing into everyday actions. Baseball was also the winner with the annual ACON All Stars weekend showcasing the best of the best from SWBL.

I would also like to thank the coaches and co-ordinators for your continued support for the league, for accepting responsibility and for getting the job done. The effort of coaches, scorers and coordinators often goes unnoticed and underappreciated. Umpires are also included in this category- they often take stick and put in the effort without at times acknowledgement and ensuring that SWBL's values, culture and future remain stable and strong.

Once again 2016 showed that there was no shortage of great baseball played. It was fantastic to see the growth in talent and skill in our new and longstanding players. We gratefully also managed to get through this season without too many rain outs, allowing each team week in, week out, to turn up and be ready and rearing to play. The grounds stayed solid and predictable enough to ensure that the risk of injury was manageable. The BBQ continues to be a huge hit amongst the players and supporters (the 4 legged kind especially). Special mention for GF day with our gourmet options available- this is a tradition I'm certain players, spectators and all involved appreciated!

Player recruitment in 2016 was also a success, with most of the new members coming from the Fair day recruitment drive as well as organic referral methods through the current SWBL community. The new players were critical in helping many of our teams struggling for numbers fill the vacancies. Our rookies this year have excelled and grew more than I certainly expected. They tackled anything from the horrific BBQ pressure and raffle ticket rejections to pitching and plate umpiring, and almost coming away with the upset of the year in beating the Lifers in the ACON All-stars round! – is there anything they can't do?

On the Diamond the Baseball in 2016 proved to be one of the closest competitions in recent years with 3 of the top 4 teams finishing equal 2nd on the ladder leading up to finals. The Shamrock Players took out the Minor Premiership and were undefeated. There were many hard fought battles across the season with some highlights that are too many to mention! Each team showed that they can mix it with

the best and came up with more than expected at times. Teams playing short, players continuing through injury, players pitching when they had never done before, batters hitting all across the park, catches being taken inches from the ground and those fouls down 3rd baseline were often the pick of the hits! The finals were amazing games of baseball to watch - the semis closely contested and often any team could win on the day. However there can be only one winner. The Grand final proved to be a game for the ages, with many seasoned veterans commenting that it's the best they have seen to date! It came down to the last dig with the Saints victorious over the Shamrock Players and coming away as premiers.

The SWBL weekly newsletter continued to entertain and inform us this year with great pictures and highlights, while the Facebook pages kept us all up to date with the social aspects of the league. The Main Event took all of us on a nostalgic trip down memory lane back to 1995 when double denim could never take our 'freedom' with some teams' performances worthy of a Broadway production and fantastic costumes all round. DJ Sveta also kept us dancing all night until we had to head home. The Annual Pool Competition at The Golden Barley was as usual a tight affair. There were a few semi-professionals that walked and talked the talk.

Finally, to all of you, the players, thank you for another fantastic year and for the support you gave to this year's committee. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have served with such champions.



FROM THE TREASURER



Our 21st season has been a successful one with plenty of excitement on and off the diamond.

We saw many familiar faces returning, but also welcomed a wave of new members to the SWBL family, swelling our ranks to a very healthy 92 members. We all know it is quality and not quantity that counts and what an amazing bunch of people we had this year. A big thank you to our committee, scorers, supporters and all of those who volunteered a little or a lot of their time to the league to make it a successful one.

We raised a total of \$ 2,590.18 between BBQ and Raffle tickets sales, the result of the great effort of our volunteers and supporters. A special shout out to Michelle Link and her Brazen spices and recipes that continue to make the 'meat raffle' a delight for our winners.

The Golden Barley Hotel and ACON continued to support the league contributing \$6000 in sponsorship revenue.

ACON also continued to run amazing projects aimed to our community, notable the #TalkTouchTest campaign which featured our lovely Laura and Hayley looking fab as always.

Thanks to Haylz, Laura and Loretta for an amazing 21st party, Meet and Greet, Pool Comp, Grand Final, and Presentation Night. We had a great turnout at all the events and we certainly had lots of fun.

We end the year financially sound and well prepared to re-invest back into our league for 2017.



26 AUGUST 2015 – 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

| 2015 | Income | 2016 |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| \$9,660 | Registration Fees | \$11,371 |
| \$7,333 | BBQ & Meat Raffle Takings | \$8,061 |
| \$6,300 | Sponsorship - Golden Barley \$4300 - Acon \$4000 (2015/2016) | \$8,300 |
| \$0 | Government and Community Grants | - |
| \$491 | Merchandise and Entertainment Book Sales | - |
| \$0 | Social Events | \$1,050 |
| \$990 | Presentation Night 2015 | - |
| \$605 | Presentation Night 2016 | \$2,370 |
| \$0 | Bank Interest | 261 |
| \$267 | Other Revenue | - |
| \$25,646 | Total Income | \$31,345 |
| 2015 | Expenditure | 2016 |
| -\$3,046 | BBQ Purchases | -\$4,246 |
| -\$585 | Equipment | -\$666 |
| -\$3,169 | Ground Hire | -\$1,961 |
| -\$1,281 | Insurance | -\$1,281 |
| -\$385 | Plate Umpire Fees | -\$720 |
| \$0 | Merchandise | - |
| -\$266 | Website | -\$199 |
| -\$16,775 | Presentation Night 2014/2015 | -\$2,998 |
| \$0 | Presentation Night 2016 | -\$9,650 |
| -\$290 | Publicity | -\$631 |
| -\$8,223 | Social Events | -\$5,702 |
| -\$3,000 | Garage Rent | -\$2,500 |
| -\$1,874 | Vehicle Expenses | -\$1,688 |
| -\$1,706 | Depreciation of Assets | -\$2,762 |
| -\$429 | Printing and Communications | \$56 |
| -\$110 | Bank Fees | \$110 |
| -\$244 | Miscellaneous | \$1,308 |
| -\$41,384 | Total Expenditure | -\$36,478 |
| -\$15,738 | Net Surplus/(Deficit) | -\$5,064 |
| 2015 | Assets | 2016 |
| \$31,139 | Cash at Bank | \$22,313 |
| -\$3,761 | Cash in Bank: Adjustment ¹ | - |
| \$4,468 | Fixed Assets ² | - |
| \$591 | Accrued Revenue | - |
| \$441 | Stock Held | - |
| \$36,639 | Total Assets | \$22,313 |
| 2015 | Liabilities | 2016 |
| -\$5,840 | Creditors | - |
| -\$5,840 | Total Liabilities | - |
| \$30,799 | Net Assets | \$22,313 |

1. Cash in Bank: An adjustment made to Cash in bank as at 16 September 2015 to reflect actual account balance

2. Fixed Assets: The motor vehicle was fully depreciated as per the 2014 Annual report financials and is not reflected in the Fixed assets in 2016

What an excellent year to be Secretary for SWBL – our 21st celebrations helped consolidate what is a pretty remarkable sporting achievement. I don't think there are many equivalent women's sporting leagues like SWBL in Australia – inclusive, fun and going strong for 21 years!!

First and foremost, our thanks go out to SWBL's founders, who started this amazing league in 1995. Little did they know what they had spawned!! Thank you also to the outgoing committee from 2015, you made our jobs on the committee that much easier.

Thanks must also go to our incredible SWBL 2016 committee members who work hard behind the scenes (like ducks paddling underwater) to bring this league together year in year out. 2016 saw a lot of new members and everyone on the executive were new to their roles, challenging at the best of times!

To our outgoing President, Lauren James, you really had to hit the ground running, and lucky you are one of the league's fastest runners!

To the ever hard-working Vice-President, Cheryl Bernhard, you took a holiday after your big birthday, but I'm sure you will need another one before you return for committee duties next year!

To our quiet achiever Treasurer, Bernie Gillespie, thanks for your prompt and efficient money-magic and for always having the most up-to-date list of members for our member's draw!

To our Grounds and Equipment Officer, Alison Colton-Rhoads, thanks for making sure we had our fantastic Mahoney Park grounds again. Looks like the general consensus is that we love playing in Marrickville.

To our Social Media Officer, Mel Garrett, thanks for getting our social media presence on the web and Facebook into shape, and thanks for all the great classic baseball videos you posted to entertain and inspire us!

To our super word-smith, Lisa O'Sullivan, thank you for your informative, newsy and

outright funky newsletters, week in, week out - keeping us all in the loop.

To our super Social Officers, Hayley Lockett and Laura Steel, you kept the fun side of SWBL well and truly alive. And special mention must go to Loretta Cosgrove, who continues to play such a big role in SWBL's social life, despite not being on the committee.

And last, but not least, big thanks go out to our army of General Members who help out each week with committee duties at the grounds, odd jobs as delegated and keeping us entertained at committee meetings – Anne Condren, Annemarie Manning, Kath Hardin, Nicole Martins, Tanya Poole, Rob Pink and Melissa Tallon, you are all top chicks! Big thank you also to general member, Michelle Link, who helps SWBL generate much needed income each week with her fabulous foodie raffle prizes at the Barley and kept our tummies happy with delicious food at the Grand Final!

Our sponsors, the Golden Barley and ACON continued their generous support for SWBL in 2016. The Golden Barley host us every Sunday after the games, with generous discounts on drinks and encourage us to raise funds with our entertaining raffle draw. I'm sure the pub regulars love that raffle as much as we do! They also host us for some of our key social events, the Meet and Greet and Pool Comp, and our monthly committee meetings.

ACON again had a presence, linking our women's sporting activities with their organisational goal of keeping women healthy. Some SWBL members participated in a saucy photo shoot to promote ACON's Talk, Touch, Test campaign to raise awareness of breast health. We all love a bit of a feel up here at SWBL! This year we saw our traditional ACON All Stars game played mid-season, with a great turn out of Rookies and Life Members and some brilliant baseball played by our hand-picked All Stars. We also had an ACON representative, who had a disclaimer of not being able to throw before he threw the first pitch of the Grand Final game.

Importantly, this year the committee implemented a much-needed Rule Review, establishing a committee with representatives from every team to review the SWBL Rules of Play to make them clearer and more consistent. The Rule Review will take place during the off-season and the new rules will be launched for SWBL season 2017.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to all of our fantastic and committed SWBL players, you are all part of something amazing and bring your energy each week to make this league what it is today. To the Coaches and Coordinators, hats off to you, to the scorers who are crucial to ensuring accurate stats and results every game and the rowdy, loveable spectators and families who support what we do on the diamond – we love you!!

Here's to an even bigger and better SWBL 2017!

Cathy Saunders, Secretary





In 2016, the Social Officers focused on SWBL's 21st Birthday and used that milestone to encourage our members to celebrate the league and get back to the Golden Barley by offering a mix of social events.

MEET AND GREET

The traditional 'meet and greet' at the GBH helped reinforce how lucky SWBL is to be supported by such a great pub. The GBH's annual sponsorship ensures we have a great place to meet and we can run quality social events, at a minimal cost to members.

POOL AND PINBALL COMP

The Pool Comp - it wouldn't have happened without one lady, Loretta Cosgrove. Mainly because she had all the gear and actually knows the rules. (Hayley and Laura have no idea! But they organised some grub and great prizes and left the hard work to Loretta!) Thanks Loretta, you're a star! What an excellent turn out at the pool comp this year- despite the torrential rain that saw the comp briefly pause so we could watch Edgware Road turn into a torrent of water and people scramble to rescue their motorbikes!

Congratulations to this year's winners Tanya and Helen representing the Sliders. Enjoy the glory ladies!

The pinball Machines - we managed to break both of them. So the Pinball comp happened for about an hour before both machines gave up the ghost and the Pinball comp was forfeited. Collie Curry Kenny gave it a good crack as usual, Cheryl had some early practice before getting a big score but this year there was no winner. Get some practice in ladies for next year, the

crown is up for grabs!

SWBL'S 21ST BIRTHDAY BASH

It was a no-brainer really, the social committee decided early that a 21st Birthday party was the way to go to celebrate the Main Event this year.

And what a night it was! The Camperdown Hotel was turned into a 21st themed party complete 90's fashion like you wouldn't believe! The one and only DJ Sveta kept the punters on the dance floor.

We were very lucky to have our special guest Aunty Rhonda who delivered a highly inappropriate and absolutely hilarious 21st birthday speech. You were a sight to behold Aunty Rhonda, a front-runner for best dressed I'm sure.

For the second year in a row, teams got to pre-record their performances if they chose to. Teams had drawn at random a 90's hit to perform and those performances were judged on creativity, originality and team spirit.

Seven teams, and seven incredible performances, a genuine mix of rhythm, sweet moves and what the hell was that!?! (Shamrock Players we're looking at you!!) Good job Shammies for getting on stage with only 2 minutes notice! They may take our live performers, but they will never take our FREEDOM!!

I won't be able to hear "Here comes the Hotstepper" without breaking into dance after that great number from The Stealers. You looked awesome, who knew you were all so gangster?? Well done for taking out the win this year ladies.

I'm sure everyone would agree that lycra was the real winner on the night with the gorgeous chicks from the Angels absolutely killing it - extra points for wearing those outfits the next day on the diamond! That's commitment!

Shout out to Wayne & Garth who were runners up in the best dressed stakes. Party on Wayne, Party on Garth!

Congratulations to Heidi the Troll Doll on taking out the best dressed prize this year. Well deserved. How much hair product did you go through on the night Heidi??

Lilian Star strutted her stuff and we all enjoyed the Swing dancers - talk about TALENT!

Special (super big) thanks to Loretta & Stacy for dealing with some last minute technical difficulties, battling computers, projectors, Hayley and Laura's last minute requests, devices being unfriendly and cords that didn't bloody fit! (Next year it's all LIVE ladies). Roz, thanks for going backwards and forwards fetching a cable from the car. Thanks to our esteemed performance judges Mel, Bruce and the talented crew. A big thank you to our door bitches Lauren and Karlie, much appreciated (they offered so they could "have a sit down"). Thank you to our best dressed judges Cass and Sveta.

Thanks to all our amazing performers and thanks to the Camperdown Hotel for having us, a great venue and I'm sure we'll be back!

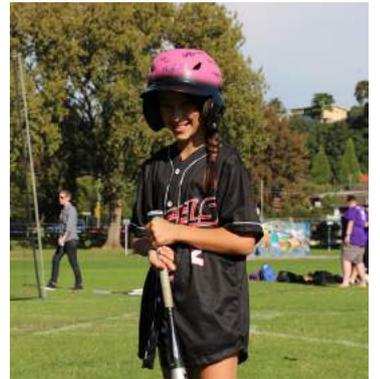
A special thanks to all the helpers who lent their time behind the scenes. Karlie, Rob, Annie, Collie, Tash and Stacy, thanks chicks, you're tops!

Last, but certainly not least we need to make a very big mention of one lady in particular. Loretta Cosgrove, thank you so much for everything you did this year. We could not have done it without you. You lent gear, time, knowledge and expertise. Thank you Lozzy. We sincerely appreciate all of your hard work. Boat races definitely need a mention! Some chugged hard, some sipped gently and others ended their race with wet heads. Well done Devils on being the best guzzlers in the league this year.

Thanks for all your support for all things social, we've really enjoyed being your Social Officers in 2016. Our final event will be the AGM/Presentation night and we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Best of luck to Claire and Dani from the Angels who have put their hands up to take the reins for 2017.

Hayley Lockett & Laura Steel, Social Officers











THE ANGELS

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE SAUSAGE!

2016 may not have been the first year that the Angels made the finals, but it was the first year we deserved to.

A solid pre-season, a favourable draw, and a couple of new recruits in Jess P & Donna ensured we went into the season ready to play. We played the Sliders first up and got away to a strong start with Jess Hodge showing she had recovered from her broken arm by taking out our first sausage of the season. It was also Mia's first game and as batgirl, a welcome addition to the team.

Round 2 against the Shammies was a reminder that there was still some work to be done. We know what a great team they are, but we showed some strong signs scoring a few

runs, leaving a few out there. Nikki made her pitching debut making them work hard for their runs. But alas no sausage for us.

Round 3 welcomed our first controversy of the season with an official 8 – 7 win over the Rebels with another 7 runs left on the diamond after time was called early. We will never know what might have been. Option 1: 3 up – 3 down Option 2: 10 runs in the bottom of the inning to the Rebels resulting in a loss...or anywhere in between. But, on the positive it was a dual win - 3 points for the Angels and a sausage for Jenenne.

Round 4 against the Devils resulted in one of the most memorable moments of the season when Danielle "sausage" Bowman had a double play taking a ripping catch and following it up with a base play. 3 wins and top place on the ladder – And Dani learnt that a PB is personal best.

Our Round 5 clash against the Stealers was an epic game played over 5 innings with fantastic pitching from both sides keeping the game tight. Unfortunately we pulled up short with a 3 - 5 defeat, no sausage and no first place. With our first bye looming it would be a wait before we could redeem ourselves.

Fired up and ready to go we came up

against the ladder leaders in the Saints in Round 7. In a seesawing game time and game was called with a fantastic 7 – 5 win. Mel took some clutch catches in centre field, some great hits by Donna and Nat, and the speed around the diamond from Candice and Jess P helping the run tally. All round it was a fantastic game by the Angels, and



whilst we failed to win the sausage, and ultimately the points, we beat the team that would be premiers and that is the way I choose to remember it.

Following a great turnout at the pool comp where Dani & Donna put in a competitive performance to make the Semis, a rained out round, the Queen's Birthday weekend and another rainout, we finally came up against the Shammies at their best. While we lost 8 – 2 we were not embarrassed, but some errors in the field cost us any chance of a win or a sausage!

Before we knew it, it was Round 11 and we were back up against the Stealers. And what a ripping game it was. It ended in a 3 - 3 draw after another 5 innings of tightly contested, fun baseball. Again, we failed to win a sausage but it was a great team performance.

The Main event was the backdrop for our round 12 game against the Saints. It was a great turnout by the Angels in their aerobics gear – both at the main event and in the game. Hours of practice, ok minutes, came together on the night and we became the crowd favourites, if not the judges. We had our best win of the season beating the Saints 12- 6 and we had an enormous amount of fun...and thrusting. Candice won the sausage as much for her outfit as for her 2 runs.

In round 13 we did what we needed to and defeated the Rebels 13 - 7 to guarantee our finals position and Beni won the sausage.

A final against the Stealers was an opportunity to progress into week 2, we knew we were good enough to beat them if we brought our best. It was another really tight game, though only 4 innings this time and sadly we fell short 3 – 5 despite some great batting by Jess H and Donna/Mel.

The Angels went from winning one game last season to 4 this year, and being competitive in all games. Based on that improvement watch out for the Angels in 2017...we are coming!



THE DEVILS

CONGRATS ON A GREAT SEASON DEVILS!!

An introduction of The Devils, in case you don't know all of us

(as I've heard described by other teams):

Aileen - 'that loud Irish lady'

Alison - 'the loud American/Coach Hellspawn'

Bui - 'the funny one'

Donna - 'the slugger'

Elise - 'that chick who made that great play'

Janet - 'the tall American'

KG - 'the utility player/Stacey's GF'

Maeve - 'the tall one'

Marika - 'the pitcher'

Narelle - 'the one that injured herself'

Rozenn - 'the fast one'

Shae - 'the talker'

Vanessa - 'the catcher'

Team Mascot: Dexter- KG's lovable Dachshund

Devils, you continue to improve individually and as a team. Some improvements include double plays, big hits, trying new positions, and catching runners trying to steal. You should all hold your heads high! Very proud of all of you!

Special recognition:

Donna - your doubles

Marika - your multiple strikeouts each game

Vanessa - throwing out runners at third and trying pitching

Elise - for sacrificing your body to get the out

Maeve and KG- for rotating positions and trying pitching for the first time

Bui - improving your swing and getting hits

Rozenn - for being a utility player and willing to start off our batting order

Shae - willingness to play anywhere you're needed in the infield

Narelle - being team cheerleader and your quick response to cover those hits to left field

Janet - your coverage at first base

Special thanks for understanding my absence during the last part of the season and for managing without me

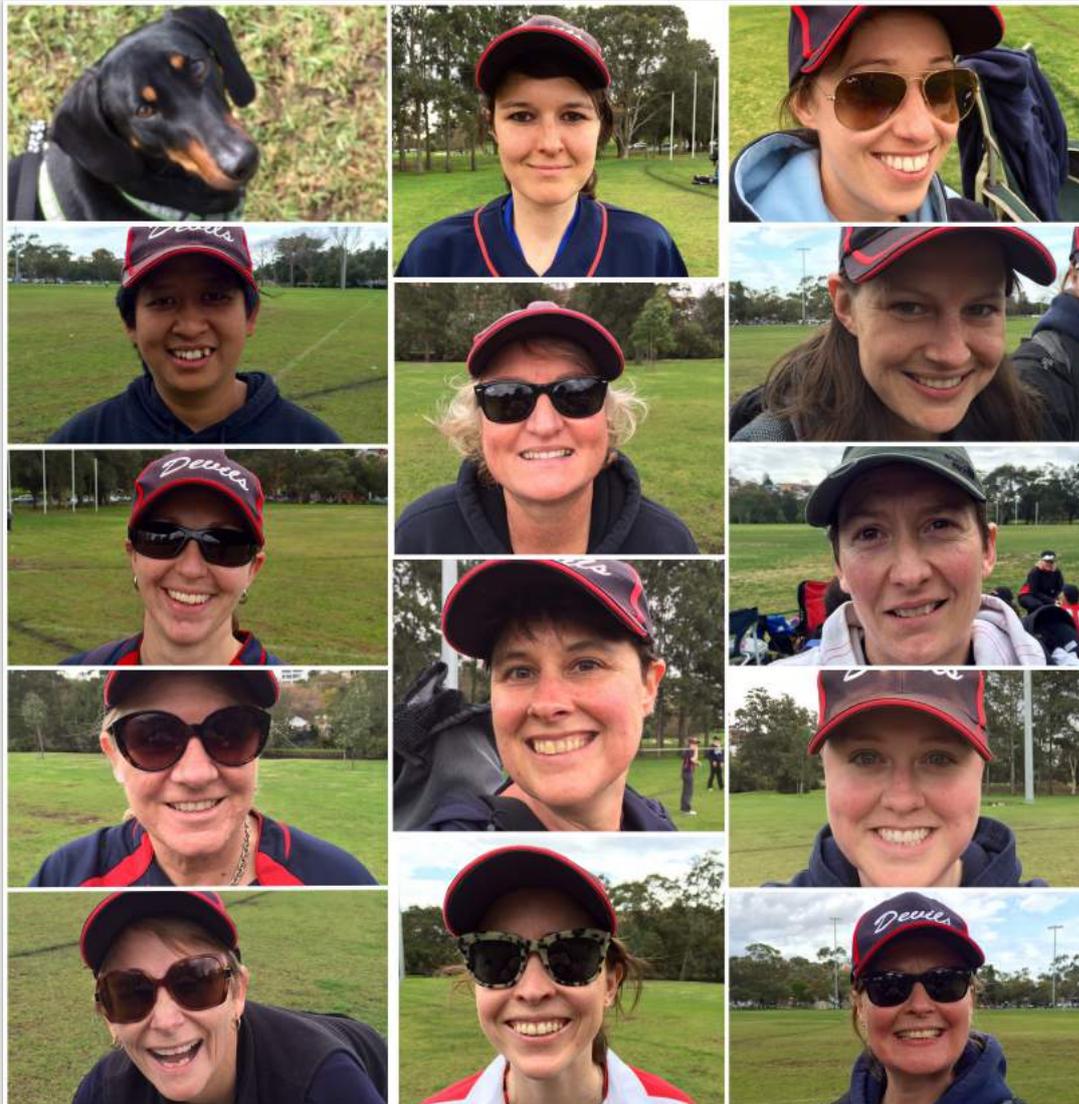


Photo: Ann-Marie Caillhanna

THE REBELS

FIVE YEAR PLAN

It wasn't just any Sunday; there was a buzz in the air. It was the Rebels biggest test to date, it was what we train for and we were pumped. There we were, huddled in a team embrace, trembling hands brought together in a pre-game cheer. Phones lighting up for update requests, live videos being sent across the world. It was game time.

Cut to 20 minutes later - a huge cheer erupts, high fives and hugs all around, congratulations from opposing teams and fist pumps. After an intense battle for the trophy...we had snatched it in the final round! The light hit the gold writing on the pink cup "Boat Race Interim Trophy"...it was ours...and it was going straight to the Rebels Trophy Cabinet.

But in all seriousness, this was a transformation year for the Rebels, the year in which we build our team from new talent, with a long term objective of taking out the cup next year (maybe the year after, more likely 2021).

A huge shout out to all of the Rookies who turned it on every game, Gabby, pitching in every game with her... pitching, Carmen bringing control to the game with her catching, Vikki learning how to throw, Minna's inspirational talks (hit the bus!)... the list goes on!

We've had double plays, outfield catches, huge hits and hospital visits (here's looking at you Guy Elves), all held together by our five loyal Rebel elders; Bernie, Jo, Katherine, Annemarie and Caro.

Bring on year two of our five year succession plan.



THE SAINTS

SAINTS ANNUAL REPORT

I must shine my crystal ball - I boldly predicted at the end of last season that this year would be our year, and so it was.

Saints proudly square up against the Shammies in their first grand final in 8 years and 4 of that grand final team are still playing in the team.

Again we had lots of gaps between games which made it hard to get into a regular rhythm but with Mel's strong coaching plan we managed to win at all the right times.

We had 3 new recruits Lee, Deb and Helen, who gave us their all. Karen signed up and then out when the lure of a new job in Canberra was too good to refuse.

Stacey had a grid-iron injury that kept her out for most of the season but next year she'll be back with a plan of how to do both grid-iron and baseball safely.

Solid, consistent performances from Mel M, Mel G, Kylie, Holly, Hetty, Jackie and Loz were excellent and Brenda stepped up to pitch for most of the season accompanied

by our newbie Lee – yay you guys.

What was Robbie thinking backing up hockey and baseball on a hot day without enough hydration – those cold showers are a real blessing.

Poss was joined by additional spectator crew this year (thanks Mel and Jan - we know it's all about the Chunk) and the SAINTS family just continues to grow.

Big cheers to Brenda and Mel G for getting serious about warm ups and training sessions – all serving to make us smarter and stronger and most importantly, safer. And thanks to those on Chunk duty when Brenda is on the field.

We managed our injuries pretty well with just the odd back ache and bruise. But Ms Mills puts the capital B into bruise with a broken nose and 2 black eyes - racoons are lovely really. Cheers to Mary Shamrock for stepping in to fill the gap in that extraordinary game!

We really enjoy being at Mahoney Park – it saves so much time and energy not dealing with Moore Park traffic and parking hassles.

And even the Blues appreciated the special changing space just for them.

Great effort to get to the Grand Final this year ladies and lovely to have a new combo of teams to watch for the spectators.

Excellent work Committee - our team is very proud to have back to back Saints Presidents - we salute you on a job well done.



THE SHAMROCK PLAYERS

THE 2016 MINOR PREMIERS

A huge thank you goes out to the SWBL committee, without your dedication and hard work off the diamond, this season would not have been smooth and as enjoyable as it was

To the Saints, what a grand final and dare we declare it the best game ever!? There was batting brilliance and fearless fielding from both teams and nail biting moments aplenty. Congratulations to all, well played.

After a successful 2015 season the Shammies said bye for now to two team members and we gained two newbies. This led to us all enjoying an amazing year of team work and great highlights both on and off the diamond.

To all the teams and supporters including our special little two and four legged friends, thank you for a fun filled season and we hope to see you all again next year.

Big cheers to our Hayley, Laura & Loz for putting on an amazing 21st Birthday party this year.

With love from

- Grandma 'Collie Curry Kenny' Patterson
- Ally 'Advice' Witten
- Haylz 'Slugger' Lockett.
- Laura 'party queen' Steel
- Jacqui 'damn she fast' Brooks
- Janna 'jazz hands' Richert
- Karlie 'I have a fantastic reason not to play in 2017' Wise
- Loz 'just hats' Cosgrove
- Mez 'I'm there' Brewer
- Tash 'Nana Nash' Ball
- Jane 'I got this' Tsai
- Lex 'she cool' Lutherborrow
- Vanessa 'Noo Noo' White
- Rob 'tape it' Pink



THE SLIDERS

BRING ON THE BOAT RACE

It was a complete *deja vu* for the Sliders for two reasons this season it was again the year of the rookies as well as 2nd year running for the wooden spoon.

With 9 new players joining the ranks to complete the team that only had 3 returning players available to take the field this year it was always going to be a up hill battle to place highly.

However Sliders have always been better at the social aka drinking game anyway, no shame in that. This year saw Tanya Poole team up with her better half and avid Slider Supporter Helen to take out the pool comp, which was a well participated event by our Ladies.

Main event was great the new Ladies turned up and drank the way I have come to expect well seasoned Sliders to, I would write more but I personally cant remember more about it to do that (alcohol intake was much to high formemories).

This year Tanya coordinated for our team and also had make sure there was a team on the park each week with Rochelle (Gets

drunk and breaks her foot) Peen

and Chloe (Uni work takes up my Sundays) Mulheron not able to make it most weeks. We saw some great outfield catches again this year from Ann (Deep mitt) O Mahoney.

We had Dr Jacqui (I'm a Pyromanic) Sleep show us how to set fire to electrical outlets and showed us dancing belongs in the outfield. De (Can play any position) Rosser proved a valuable addition to our team with her strong arm and knowledge of the game.

With new Ladies willing to put their hands up to try most position this year we saw Loske (Fast Ball) Thompson and Katie (Don't make me pitch, I'm Hungover) Bostock take turns on the mound *giggles, mound*.

Olivia (Will do anything asked) Wu was more then willing to have balls flying straight towards her face so spent her time catching this year.

Benedett (big hit) Butson made base repeatably after some great hits.

Meredith, Rachel, Leoni (I'm running out of nicknames) Various Last names, all

helped fill in the gaps across the field and were willing to try different positions when asked. The fielding was definitely a stronger point than our batting this season but still the Ladies showed when they can get it working right we are a force to be reckoned with, we showed that with a few close hard fought games.

Next year is our year though we will win either the trophy or the boat races.

And if we get neither we don't mind being on a Wooden Spoon winning streak.

Most of of are better drinkers than baseballers anyway.



THE STEALERS

STEALERS 2016 REPORT

2016 was the year of Stealers fun in the sun (minus some rain) with lots of newbies joining us - you are AWESOME! We've had a big year with Gangsters, engagements & Honey Boo Boo mania! Oh the Gangsters will be back for another season for sure. 2016 main event was one to remember; we rapped and danced our way to a win in the main event which was a really fun highlight this year.

We had some familiar faces go around for another season:

* Annie sprinting around the diamond at lightning pace ("I am Titanium" as Sia says).

* Roz pitching in her little shorts and Mars catching - "hello ladies!" Plus them tag teaming with the coaching duties (we appreciate you both taking the reins ladies).

* Mags doing live game commentating with her crazy gibberish, as always!

* Cath Saunders rocking it out for her 20th season in a row (yes 20, this is not a typo).

* Kath Hardin coming and playing where required and being a top nice chick (we will get you a proper shirt one day).

* Kel playing not many games but assisting the team in so many ways on and off the diamond - we love you coach Kel!

* Mel the chick with the odd big hit & the serious Gangster look for the main event ;)

* Amy is back after a siesta away and aren't we glad to have the dress up queen back!

Our fabulous newbies have injected some fabulous energy and are just a great addition to our team and the league:

* Che, Our new dance move extraordinaire who is happy to try any fielding position - we salute you.

* OC & Jean B, such quiet achievers with positive energy and happy to play anywhere. Plus Jean is darn fast!

* Nat getting thrown in the deep end stepping up to try pitching and catching in her first season - bring on next season, she'll be coaching we reckon :)

* Betty joined us after half way through the season and has just grabbed the SWBL spirit with both hands, coming to all the social events and getting her Gangster on big time!! Plus catching after running her first city to surf was her highlight right?

And finally our new gang leader, Honey Boo Boo, welcome to SWBL! You have shown us how to turn up to Baseball in style and look good while playing it. Your gangster spirit is fabulous and we can't wait to see what you do next.

Rog & John you are our reliable guys on the sideline doing anything and everything to assist us.

The Stealers extended family is growing and we welcome the new kids and partners and can't wait for next year.

SWBL you are looking sexy at 21yrs old and the red & black Stealers kids will be back for another run around the diamond in 2017.



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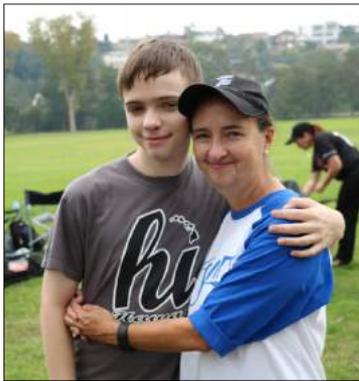


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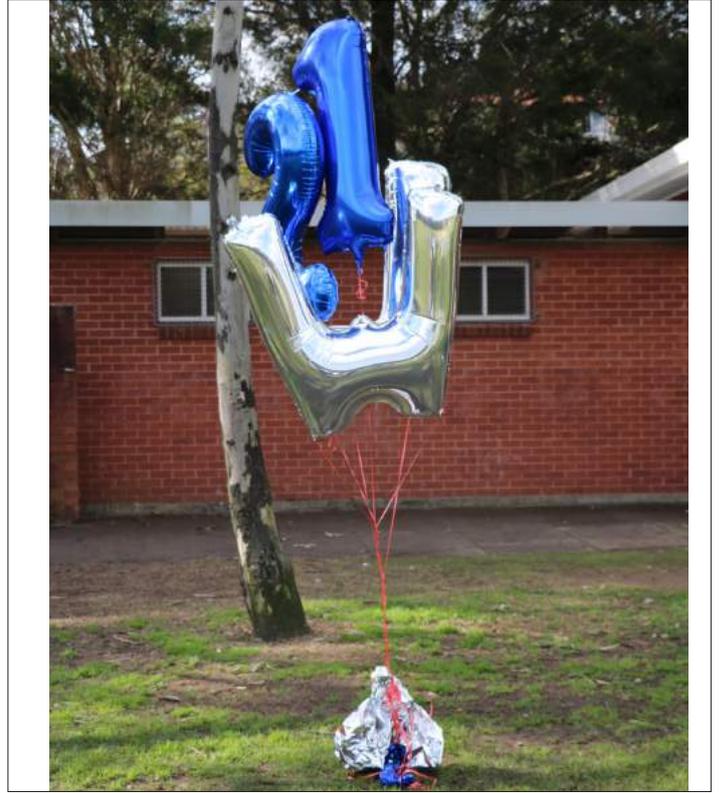




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