



SWBL Annual Report 2022



SWBL 2022 President's Report

Our goal for the season was to get back on the diamond and finish the season - and we did, completing our first season since the pandemic began!

We welcomed a swag of rookie players and welcomed back some players for their 20th and 25th seasons in SWBL! Early in the season, the Committee ran several training sessions at the batting cages, with strong attendance from across the league, and lots of skill sharing in batting and fielding. We're hoping to do this again in 2023, as well as some focused skills sessions on pitching and umpiring.

It was a big year for SWBL social events, ably led by the brilliant Loretta Cosgrove from the Shammies. We brought back Sundays at the Barley with heaps of people from across the league every week - and a big thanks to Asma Ahmed for organising the meat trays all season. The Meet and Greet at the Golden Barley was awesome, and congrats to Annie and Kath from the Stealers for taking out the 2022 SWBL Pool Comp!

The level of competition on the diamond went from strength to strength, with so many incredibly close games week after week. Congratulations to The Sliders, who had an undefeated season and were Minor Premiers, making the finals for the first time. The Angels took the 2022 Premiership after making their first ever Grand Final! We brought back the ACON AllStars Rookies v Lifers game, and the League's biggest trophy went to the Devils who took out the Annual Boat Race in spectacular fashion.

A big thanks to the SWBL 2022 season sponsors: ACON and the Golden Barley Hotel. We're incredibly appreciative of the financial and community support: ACON's brilliant LGBTIQ health and advocacy services, and the Golden Barley for keeping us fed, watered, and socialising.

A heartfelt thank you to all our 2022 Committee members: particularly Collie and Jacqui, who went above and beyond with BBQ shopping and equipment setup each week - and much more.

A special thank you to Claire Gorman for taking photos every game, and Mellisa Tallon and Rob McFarland for doing the statistics for the season.

Huge thanks to coaches, coordinators, and umpires who keep teams together and organised, welcome and support new players, and make the games and team duties happen. SWBL really is a huge collective effort, and is stronger than ever after 27 years.



SWBL 2022 Finances Report

After the interruptions experienced over the last two seasons, the committee were committed to delivering a big 2022 season. The strategic focus was on getting everyone back on the diamond, attracting new players to grow the league, developing skills and fostering a strong sporting and social community.

To facilitate this, SWBL offered discounted registration fees for returning players. This led to a reduced income from registration, although we achieved the aim of increasing league registrations to 107 members. It is great to see so many new and enthusiastic players contributing to the league this year. This growth is vital to the ongoing success of SWBL. The committee invested significantly in new equipment for the league (new bats, helmets and catchers equipment) and also had a focus on player skill development, putting on training sessions at the batting cages at no cost to players. The standard of play really improved this year, with all teams being competitive and many games with very close margins.

The committee worked to increase the ongoing financial sustainability of the league. The van was sold for a gain of \$13,166. The benefits of this sale will continue to be realised in coming years by reducing high operational costs and overheads associated with vehicle maintenance, registration, garaging and insurance. We were very lucky to have again received \$4700 from the Golden Barley Hotel as our sponsor pub, and a \$2000 community grant from ACON.

Implementation of cashless payments was a huge bonus making it easier for our players and supporters to buy a snag or the elusive winning meat raffle ticket. Combined efforts across our BBQ and meat raffles generated a profit of nearly \$8800 providing a healthy income stream for the League. Sundays at the Golden Barley Hotel were well attended showing strong support for our amazing long-term sponsor. Sundays were a great chance to catch up socially with players new and old across the league. The decision to reintroduce the meat raffle and a revamped weekly members' draw encouraged a consistently high attendance. A big shout out to Lyn for the amazing Lyn's recipe vege boxes: they were a big hit! Thanks to all the league volunteers who flipped snags, sold raffle tickets and helped set up and pack down each week.

Other major operating expenses included public liability and personal accident insurances.

The Committee also recognised the importance of social events in creating a sense of belonging and community, and in increasing participation. This season we spent significantly on social events including the Meet and Greet, Pool Comp, Grand Final Night and the AGM/Presentation night. These events have been put on at no cost or at heavily subsidised rates for members. The AGM is carried over as a liability and Grand Final day and night were incurred within the 22/23 financial year. Merchandise was also subsidised so that everyone would be looking great in new SWBL hats and hoodies.

Despite the discounts and subsidisation provided by the league this year, SWBL is in a solid financial position with net assets of \$44,748. The subsidisation provided by the league was to provide a kick start coming out of the seasons impacted by covid and was enabled by generous sponsorships and sale of fixed assets. The league should be in a steady financial position heading into 2023 with a return to more standard operating conditions with the injection of a growing membership base, steady income from game day and sponsors and reduced operational expenses through the van sale (compared to pre-covid seasons).

Looking forward, the key focus will be to develop stronger partnerships with other community groups and the Inner West Council, and strengthen our proposals for funding applications, particularly with World Pride just around the corner!

The Financial Statement below covers the period of 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2020, in line with the financial year under SWBL Constitution.

Income & Expense Statement		FY2021	FY2022
Operating Income			
Registration Fees		\$ 14,735	\$ 11,680
Sponsorship (Acon)		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Sponsorship (IVF)		\$ 10,000	\$ -
Sponsorship (GBH)		\$ 4,700	\$ 4,700
Sponsorship (LINC)		\$ 1,000	\$ -
BBQ and Meat Raffle		\$ 1,531	\$ 15,789
Presentation Night			\$ 1,890
Merchandise			\$ 2,140
Pool Comp		\$ 40	\$ -
Total Operating Income		\$ 34,006	\$ 38,199
Non-operating income			
Gain on disposal of van*			\$ 13,166
Interest			\$ 23
Total Non-Operating Income		\$ -	\$ 13,189
Total Income		\$ 34,006	\$ 51,388
Expenses			
BBQ		\$ 693	\$ 4,440
Meat Raffle			\$ 2,550
Members' Draw			\$ 1,950
Ground hire		\$ 2,488	\$ 2,200
Equipment			\$ 3,691
Batting Cages			\$ 900
Insurance QBE		\$ 2,128	\$ 1,505
Insurance Public Liability		\$ 1,708	\$ 1,722
Personal Accident Insurance		\$ 2,048	\$ 2,137
Website/mailbox		\$ 106	\$ 329
Social Events		\$ 1,569	\$ 1,803
Fair Day			\$ 799
Merchandise			\$ 4,029
Vehicle expenses		\$ 3,193	\$ 2,620
Bank fees		\$ 120	\$ 135
Miscellaneous		\$ 150	\$ 300
Depreciation of assets (van)		\$ 3,200	\$ 1,866
Tyro Fees		\$ 14	\$ 266
Total Expenses		\$ 17,418	\$ 33,242
Surplus/Deficit		\$ 16,588	\$ 18,146
Balance Sheet		FY2021	FY2022
Assets			
Cash at Bank @ 31.08.2021		\$ 27,221	\$ 50,784
Petty Cash		\$ 1,067	\$ 754
Accounts Receivable (merchandise and presentation)			\$ 1,295
Fixed Assets (vehicle)		\$ 6,399	
Total Assets		\$ 34,687	\$ 52,833
Liabilities			
Account Payable - Presentation Night 2022			\$ 8,085
Total Liabilities		\$ -	\$ 8,085
Net Assets		\$ 34,687	\$ 44,748

*Van sold for \$17,700 - carrying value of \$4534 (accumulated depreciation of \$11465)

#Grand final bbq and meat raffle income and expenses, umpires (\$300), and grand final night at the GBH (\$695) are incurred within the 22/23 FY

A big thank you to the 2022 SWBL Committee

President: Holly Creenaune

Vice Presidents: Collie Patterson and Jacqui Brooks

Secretary: Katie Hughes

Treasurer: Steph Greaney

Grounds & Equipment: Kylie Whittam and Loz James

Publicity: vacant

Social: Loretta Cosgrove and Hayley Cosgrove

General members: Annemarie Manning, Vanessa

Braddon, Asma Ahmed, Olivia Liu, Nicole

Syllas-Vosta.



SWBL Life Members

Aileen Leddy

Lee Griffin

Allyson Witten

Lena Caruso

Amy Shaw

Lisa O'Sullivan

Anne Condren

Loretta Cosgrove

Belinda Evernden

Maggie Jenkins

Benita McFadzen

Mandi Barno

Cathy Saunders

Mary Brewer

Cheryl Bernard

Max Costello

Chloe Mulheron

Mel Garrett

Collie Patterson

Mel Murphy

Elizabeth Haines

Michelle Link

Ellen Young

Nadine Brown

Hayley Lockett

Nadine Lutherborrow

Hetty Ashton

Narelle MacDonald

Jackie Mills

Natalie Espinosa

Jacqui Brooks

Natalie Krikowa

Jacquie Walden

Oriel Webster

Janna Richert

Pete Anderson

Jenny Gunther

Pip Marks

Jordana Blank

Rochelle Peen

Jude Hartnett

Robynne Taylor

Karlie Wise

Roz Vanderzwet

Kate Howe

Sarah Marsden

Kelly Griffith

Shelley Tinworth

Ken Douglass

Simone Roco

Kylie Jordon

Stacy Warren

Lara Sabaddin

Lauren James

Tracey Lambert

Warner Ward

Annemarie Manning

Davina Pye

Mel D'arcy

Claire Gorman

Stacy Speer

Kate Gardiner

Vanessa Braddon

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