

Sydney Women's Baseball League



2025 AGM Minutes

Held at Sydney Portugal Community Club, 6:30pm Saturday 12 October, 2025.

1. Acknowledgement of country: we acknowledged we were all meeting on the land of the Bidjigal people and that sovereignty has never been ceded.

2. Attendance, proxies, and apologies

Attendance:

Shammies: Loretta Cosgrove, Janna Richert, Lisa O'Sullivan, Josie Newman, Kier Velini, Hayley Lockett, Trish Donohue, Robynne Taylor, Aimee Isbister, Jude Hartnett, Gabby Rennard, Jo Sperring, Tatiana Sibirsky, Caroline Patterson, Stacy Warren, Mary Brewer, Kate Howe, Leigh Woods

Sliders: Holly Creenaune, Randi Irwin, Marsha White, Naomi Munro, Julie Kalceff, Ally Ray, Annaliese Constable, Thy Anh, Co Skyllas, Amy Ryan, Kim Ray, Lyn Doherty, Jenny Gunther.

Saints: Heather Craig, Christine Haiss, Karen Boyle, Hetty Ashton, Gretel Friend, Natasha Smith, Kristi Pokoati, Maricris Miquiabas

Cubs: Jasper James, Danielle Castle, Laura Barbat, Heather Gasper, Emily Bainbridge, Elle Allsop, Rebecca Crick, Ash Malbury, Kate Malbury, Steph Falk, Loren Utterson

Mittildas: Ash Martin, Marina Antunes dos Santos, Jessica Cassar, Noris, Katina Gregory, Rebecca Bradberry, Shae Mclean, Lizzie Matkovich

Stealers: Ruth Lindsay, Adele Bernardi, Anna Needs, Antonella Schulte, Sarah Marsden, Charlotte Price, Janet Horton, Paulette Anderson, Ashley Cairncross, Brad Watson

Lions: Rebecca Chandler, Laura Waite, Jenny White, Bugeja, Jo Jo Brown, Carly Brailsford, Stef, Dani Briers, Fiona Anderson, Peta Wallace, Rebecca Keys

Devils: Jai Miller, Vanessa Braddon, Kirby Mugford, Lisa Aizenberg, Anja Peschler, Narelle Macdonald, Aileen Leddy, Moreeliec Pena, Kylie Whittam, Sunshine Cunningham, Kristy Oliver, Elena Zagoudis, Christina Antonypillai, Lucinda Brown, Kate Gardiner

Angels: Benita McFadzen, Natalie Krikowa, Jenenne McKenzie, Maddie Kemlo, Kellie Stromborg, Candice, Melissa (Texas) Absalom, Louise Tonge, Claire Gorman, Bec Bochtler, Liz Todhunter

Bandits: Marsha White, Lauren Hiller, Nat Fulton, Krissy Magill, Bernadette Gillepsie, Jo Bonifacio, Sam Wellham, Kayla Holler, Karen McPherson

Proxies: None.

Apologies: Anne Condron

3. Confirmation of minutes from the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Janna Richert, seconded by Paulette Anderson, unanimous decision.

4. Presentation of Annual Report by Ruth Lindsay

Wow what a way to start off our 30th anniversary year. After months of planning, we had 66 SWBL members and friends participate in the Mardi Gras Parade. This was only our second time in our history. We were spectacular in our dance up Oxford Street to the tune of “Hit me with your best shot”.

A huge gratitude of thanks to our Mardi Gras subcommittee who put in hours and hours of work to make it happen.

Heather (Cubs) and Nicole (Social) did the choreography, Kellie (Angels) and myself did the general grunt work, Loretta with a few helpers did the float design and build. And it wouldn't of happened without the hard work and leadership of Hayley Lockett

We had 51 new players join the league from people who had never played sport to

seasoned athletes. We also had our first mother's and daughter pairing with Janna and Lisa from the Shammies bringing Josie into the SWBL family.

We obtained the ground for the entire day which enabled us to put on an extra time slot and for the third year in a row we welcomed a new team.

The BANDITS. A big shout out to Krissy for taking on coaching this team. They had 5 current players and 12 newbies. The Bandits were a delight to watch play as they clearly gelled as a team and loved being on the field.

Inner West Council awarded us a grant so that we could run coaching and umpiring sessions. Thanks to the council for all the support they give us. This clearly worked as umpiring complaints dropped dramatically with the upskilling and confidence of our umpires.

We also for the second year did Friday night training, between the umpiring and coaching courses and Friday night training the skill level stepped it up a notch again.

The main event party was a sight to behold seeing all those frocks, suits and rodeo outfits.

Thanks to all you brave souls for stepping up to do your performances and congratulations to Heather who with her hoops and hips took out first place in the SWBL talent quest.

I love stats and noticed that the Shamrock Players had a combined playing years of over 250 there is just a tiny bit of experience here. That says a lot about SWBL as a league and community.

A huge thanks to The Golden Barley Hotel, our home away from home. For many years now they have been our major sponsors. This year they also gave us vouchers for the pool comp as well as \$250 for the grand final winners and \$250 for the tug of war winners. They also enable us to run the meat raffles each Sunday which really helps our league out financially. We love our Sunday evenings at the GB and so do the locals they greet us back each May and tell us they will miss us at the end of the season.

It's been a pleasure taking on the role of President and I personally thank all the players for your interactions and how this season was conducted.

A huge thanks to our 2025 committee.

It takes a lot of good people and a lot of hard work to keep SWBL running smoothly. The whole league thanks you all for committing your time and thanks to the people stepping down and the people coming onboard.

From our executive committee we have three of the four stepping down to reclaim their lives back. Laura, Lisa and Spike. We are four very different people who have gelled as a team unbelievably well. I appreciate and respect you all enormously and SWBL and I will miss you on the committee next year. And personally, I love the friendship we have built over the last two years.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to our coaches and coordinators. Each week you step up to not only coach your players you also organise duties each week. Each and every one of you have done an amazing job.

To all our volunteer umpires, it can be scary standing behind that plate. We wouldn't be playing without you all. Thanks to all the players who make SWBL the close-knit community that we are.

And to the First Lady of SWBL my partner Mary, thanks for putting up with me constantly on my phone and laptop even on holidays.

I would like Laura, Lisa and Spike to come up here and except a gift for all the many hours and hard work you have put in.

Acceptance of the Annual Report: moved by Stacey Warren, seconded by Krissy Magill, unanimous decision.

5. Presentation of Financial Report by Treasurer Antoanella Schulte.

Acceptance of the Financial Report moved by Janna Richert, seconded by Sarah Marsden, with a unanimous decision.

6. Thank you outgoing 2024 Committee

- President: Ruth Lindsay (Stealers)
- Vice President Laura Barbat (Cubs)
- Secretary: Lisa O'Sullivan (Shammies)
- Treasurer: Antonella Schulte (Stealers)
- Social events: Loretta Cosgrove (Shammies) + sub committee
- Publicity: Jess Stagg (Saints), Loren Utterson (Cubs)
- Grounds and Equipment: Kylie Whittam (Devils)
- Grants Coordinator (Kellie Stromberg)

- General Member:
 - Naomi Munro (Sliders)
 - Jo Sperring (Shammies)
 - Jenny White (Lions)
 - Tash Smith (Saints)
 - Kirby Mugford (Devils)

7. Election of Office Bearers and General Committee Members 2026

Nominations received one week prior to the AGM supported by two SWBL members:

- President: Ruth Lindsay (Stealers)
- Vice President: Natasha Smith (Saints), Jenny White (Lions)
- Secretary: Trish Donohue (Shammies)
- Treasurer: Kylie Whittam (Devils)
- Social events: Lisa Aizenberg (Devils)
- Publicity: Ruth Lindsay (Stealers)
- Grounds and Equipment: Paulette Anderson (Stealers)
- General Member:
 - Jo Sperring (Shammies)
 - Kirby Mugford (Devils)
 - Rebecca Bradbury (Mittildas)
 - Anna Terer (Sliders)
 - Charlotte Price (Stealers)
 - Kristi Pokoati (Saints)
 - Moreeliec Pena (Devils)
 - Noris Rodriguez (Mittildas)
 - Chandler (Lions)

All nominations accepted unanimously and all positions declared filled.

8. General Business: There was no general business.

9. Award of Life Memberships and milestone acknowledgment

10 years	Cass Boyle (Stealers), Bernadette Gillespie (Bandits)
15 years	Jasper James (Cubs)
16 years	Natalie Krikowa (Angels), Beni McFadzen (Angels)

18 years	Jude Hartnett (Shammies, Loretta Cosgrove (Shammies), Narelle McDonald (Devils)
20 years	Collie Patterson (Shammies), Jacqui Brookes (Shammies), Mary Brewer (Shammies), Sarah Marsden (Stealers)
21 years	Lisa O'Sullivan (Shammies)
23 years	Hayley Locketts (Shammies), Stacey Warren (Shammies), Hetty Ashton (Saints)
24 years	Janna Richert (Shammies)
27 years	Kelly Griffith (Stealers)

10. Presentation of 2024 season awards.

- Rookie of the Year Jo Bonifacio. Runner up Maddie Kemlo.
- Players' Player Winner Antonella Schulte. Runner up. Naomi Munro.
- President's Award Loretta Cosgrove, Hayley Lockett
- Most Improved Paulette Anderson. Runner up Holly Creenaune.
- Slugger First Katho Murphy. Second Janna Richert
- Most Valuable Player (Joint winners) Jasper James, Maddie Kemlo
- Minor Premiers - Shammies
- Runners Up - Shammies
- Premiers - Angels