



SWBL Annual Report 2021



Co-Presidents' Report

Following the disruption of 2020, our expectations were high for returning to the diamonds and belatedly celebrating our 25th anniversary. To borrow the great sporting cliché, it's fair to say 2021 was a 'game of two halves'.

The season started with a strong recruitment drive and renewed energy for getting back to community sport. We welcomed over 50 new players and were able to strengthen our seven existing teams to launch a strong competition in May. In total, our membership grew to more than 100, and from early May to late June we all enjoyed some fun but competitive games in the winter sun.

Although we were all disappointed for the season to be cut short at the mid-point of the season, we're grateful we had the chance to play some baseball and, importantly, to reconnect. It was particularly exciting to see so many new faces, and for our newest members to at least get a taste of the game and our baseball community.

Despite the short season, we've had a remarkably successful year. Key achievements include:

- Successful pre-season and recruitment drive to overcome the discontinuity of 2020
- Completion of seven rounds of baseball – comprising 21 games
- Introduction of the new cashless payment system
- Continued sponsorship from the Golden Barley Hotel and return to the pub for our regular Sunday sessions
- Successful repeat ACON Community Partnerships Grant
- Securing Lesbians Incorporated (LINC) Grant and a new partnership with IVF Australia in 2021
- Working with Inner West Council and other seasonal hirers for better access to the facilities at Mahoney Reserve.
- Detailed planning and preparation for the Community Gala Day (which will be held in 2022)
- Hosting the 2021 Pool Comp at The Golden Barley
- Hosting an online trivia contest
- Continued engagement and connection through our social media platforms
- Circulation and promotion of health and wellbeing initiatives on behalf of ACON and others.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, particularly over the last couple of years – which have been some of the most difficult times for the League and our communities.



We are incredibly fortunate that, in addition to our members' support, we've received financial support from our partners and sponsors even during these difficult times, especially ACON and The Golden Barley. This support allows us to fund many operational costs, and keep fees at a manageable level.

Even without a season in 2020, and only half a season in 2021, the League did have ongoing costs, including the SWBL van, booking the grounds, and increasing insurance costs (in part as a result of COVID-19).

We were excited to get a 2021 grant from Lesbians Incorporated, which supports lesbians and lesbian-friendly groups in Australia through its community grants scheme (see <http://lincgrants.org.au/>) and a 2021 partnership with IVF Australia, which we'll continue to strengthen over coming years in consultation with members. This funding means SWBL is set for a strong return in 2022, keeping registration fees low, and maintaining SWBL social events. This funding provides a range of opportunities to benefit SWBL members and grow the League.

We are also hugely appreciative of the Golden Barley Hotel's loyal and generous support over many years. It was wonderful to have the chance to return to our local for the first part of the season and for the pool comp. We can't wait to share a cold beverage and a hot meal with you all in 2022 after a day on the diamonds.

A heart-felt thank you to all our 2021 Committee members, team coaches and coordinators, umpires and supporters for 2021 – we wouldn't be here without all of you, your dedication, energy, and enthusiasm. 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.

We can't wait to show you what's in the pipeline for SWBL as we go full steam ahead for the roarin' 20s! Onward and upwards for 2022.



A big thank you to the 2021 SWBL Committee

Presidents: Stacy Warren and Holly Creenaune

Vice Presidents: Randi Irwin and Collie Patterson

Secretary: Olivia Liu

Treasurer: Elma Aguilera

Grounds & Equipment: Kylie Whittam

Publicity: Mandy Kingsman

Social: Loretta Cosgrove

General members: Annaliese Constable, Annemarie Manning, Vanessa Braddon, Vanessa Hill, Mellisa Tallon and Cheryl Bernhard.

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 Jordan

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*

Jo Sperring*

* Nominated in 2021.



Financial Statement

Income & Expense Statement	FY2020	FY2021
Income		
Registration Fees	\$ -	\$ 14,735
Sponsorship (Acon)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Sponsorship (IVF)		\$ 10,000
Sponsorship (GBH)		\$ 4,700
Sponsorship (LINC)		\$ 1,000
BBQ	\$ -	\$ 1,531
Presentation Night	\$ 445	
Pool Comp		\$ 40
Total Income	\$ 2,445	\$ 34,006
Expenses		
BBQ		\$ 693
Ground hire		\$ 2,488
Insurance QBE		\$ 2,128
Insurance Public Liability		\$ 1,708
DEFT Insurance		\$ 2,048
Website	\$ 346	
Wix mailbox		\$ 106
Social Events	\$ 180	\$ 1,569
Garage Rent	\$ 1,900	
Vehicle expenses	\$ 4,085	\$ 3,193
Printing & communications	\$ 474	
Bank fees	\$ 160	\$ 120
Miscellaneous	\$ 47	\$ 150
Depreciation of assets (van)		\$ 3,200
Tyro Fees		\$ 14
Total Expenses	\$ 7,192	\$ 17,404
Depreciation of assets (van)	-\$ 3,200	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 4,747	\$ 16,602
Balance Sheet	FY2020	FY2021
Assets		
Cash at Bank @ 31.08.2021	\$ 8,270	\$ 27,221
Petty Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,067
Fixed Assets (vehicle)	\$ 9,600	\$ 6,399
Total Assets	\$ 17,870	\$ 34,687