

Service Awards

Service Awards - Bronze

- o Tarsha White (Maryborough)
- o Samuel Bent (Logan)
- o Narelle Homes (Caboolture)

Service Awards - Silver

- o Michael Rigby (South Brisbane)
- o Bill Buckley (Caboolture)
- o Meredith Muspratt (Noosa and District)
- o Sue Flynn (Noosa and District)
- o Kim Cooper (Brisbane/SQI)
- o Anne Vogler (Brisbane/SQI)
- o Brooke Wilkins (Brisbane/SQI)
- o Kevin Jenkins (Brisbane/SQI)
- o Kirsty Andrews (Hervey Bay/SQI)

Service Awards - Gold

- o Judy Losberg (Caboolture)
- o Lesley McEachern (Redlands)
- o Steve Armitage (SQI/Gladstone)
- o Jamie Kronk (Redlands)

SQI Awards

Ngaire Huston Award - QLD Statistician of the Year

- o Chris Bailey

Rookie Scorer of the Year

- o Rachael Needham

DA Contribution to Scoring Award

- o Ipswich Softball Association

Tricia Bichel Award - QLD Umpire of the Year



- o Graeme
Junior Umpire of Award
- o Breanna
DA Contribution Award
- o Logan City



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the Year
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to Umpiring
Softball Associ-

HONOUR ROLL

SOFTBALL QLD LIFE MEMBERS

- 1952** Mack Gilley*
- 1957** Audrey McLaughlin AM
- 1959** Berneice Jamieson*(nee Siggs)
Braidie Noble*
Dot Tanis*
- 1960** Eunice Coleman * (nee Loff)
- 1961** Peg Seery*
- 1962** Olive Green*
- 1964** Pat O'Dwyer
Belle Cutts
- 1965** Ralph Cutts*
June Spice*
- 1966** Margaret Dodds nee Roberts)
- 1970** Margaret Luchterland
- 1972** Elaine Robinson (nee Dempster)
- 1973** Sandra Ford (nee Wooding/ Gaddes)
- 1975** Dale Woodforth*
- 1979** Kate Thomas*
- 1982** Brendan Holden*
- 1983** Heather Law OAM
- 1984** Pat Bumstead
- 1986** Betty Croker*
- 1988** Margaret Reynolds
- 1989** Mary Verrenkamp OAM
- 1992** Adrienne Andrews OAM
- 1998** Patricia Sibraa (nee Bichel)
- 2001** Ngaire Huston
- 2002** Jenny Vandenhurk
- 2003** Christine Denkel
- 2008** Dennis Cullen
John Bright
- 2009** Barbara Bleakley
- 2010** Stephen Wagner
- 2012** Matt Denkel
- 2013** Darren Sibraa

SOFTBALL QLD LEGENDS

- 2012** Mack Gilley*
Audrey McLaughlin AM
- 2013** Joyce Lester OAM

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Softball Queensland Recipients

- 1993** Daphne Hass OAM
- 1997** Edna Hertrick OAM*
- 1999** Audrey McLaughlin AM
- 2000** Betty Paxton OAM
- 2001** Adrienne Andrews OAM
Joyce Lester OAM
Jill Hooper OAM
- 2004** Heather Law OAM
Mary Verrenkamp OAM
- 2011** Alice Cullen OAM

HONOUR ROLL - HALL OF FAME

SOFTBALL QLD HALL OF FAME

2000

Berneice Jamieson* (nee Siggs)
Vera Campbell (nee Burke)
Sandra Somerville (nee Emerson)
Margaret Dodds (nee Roberts)
Lorraine Woolley
Fay Smallwood
Sandra Ford (nee Woodings/Gaddes)
Heather Byrnes
Robyn Trewick
Leigh Muller (nee Lester)
Jenny Andrews
Judy Young (nee Barden)
Scott Cagney
Julie Hass (nee Reoch)
Joyce Lester OAM

2001

Yvonne Johnston (nee Barber)
Edna Corbett (nee Siipola)
June Horne (nee Browning)
Sybil Siggs*
Lola Mavor* (nee Green)
Elaine Robinson (nee Dempster)
Carolyn Crudgington (nee Gunderson)

2002

Julie Dunn
Leanne Binnie (Bichel)
Kerrilyn Bichel-Hogar
Patrice Camm
Neville Otto
Eddie Tyson
Brett Walker

2003

Kim Cooper
Stephen Harding
Francine McRae

2007

Shane King

2008

Kathy Mitchell
Haylea Petrie

2010

Natalie Hodgskin

2011

Marissa Carpadios

2012

Tanya Harding
Sandra Lewis (nee Allen)
Brooke Wilkins

2013

Terry Downes
Kelly Hardie
Scott Sunley

2014

Kylie Cronk
Kym Tollenaere
Jason Nathan

MARKETING

SQI marketing consultants, Major League Marketing (MLM), has been very busy assisting SQI and district associations with promotion and marketing, recruitment activities, media and e-communication.

MLM continued to focus on raising the profile of the sport through the media which resulted in over \$173, 000 in media coverage for the 2015/16 period. Queensland Heat and Patriots players were used as the flagship identities and were supported by statewide coverage of state and national team selections and outcomes of state and national championships.



Chelsea Forkin (Qld Heat) and Julian Jemmott (Qld Patriots) featured in an episode of Juiced TV and negotiations are underway with Network Ten to film an episode for Totally Wild.

MLM has undertaken a significant amount of work assisting the SQI staff with designing and building the new website. The use of social media continues to increase and MLM assists SQI with producing content and monitoring the SQI facebook page

MLM continued to produce video content for the Softball Queensland You Tube Channel featuring Queensland Heat and Patriots members demonstrating a variety of skills and providing coaching tips.

Queensland Heat were proactive in fundraising towards their national championship expenses. MLM supported their efforts by providing guidance on promotion and marketing strategies, sponsorship proposals and assisted with their social media activities.

Six editions of the Softball Queensland e-newsletter Grand Slam, and five editions of Inside Softball, all produced by MLM, were distributed throughout the year.



MLM participated in the development of the SQI Strategic Plan, Towards 2020, and will develop the marketing plan to ensure that SQI marketing is informed by the sport's goals and the marketing tactics are linked to project imperatives.

SQI sincerely thanks Jason Greenhalgh, Christie Leppitsch and Kath Sheehan from Major League Marketing for their patience, support and guidance during the past year and look forward to working with them to grow our sport.

RETIREMENTS

John Bright

Elected in 1997, John was a SQI Board Member for 18 years. During this time, he held positions on many SQI committees including: High Performance/Representative, Coaching, Regional Development, Regional & State Championship, Game Development and Marketing.

John held coaching positions with eight Queensland teams from Under 16 to Queensland Patriots and appointed to numerous Queensland Selection Panels (including Chair) for 22 years since 1993.

He served as President of Wanderers Softball Club for 2 years and 15 years for Mount Isa Softball Association.

In recognition of his volunteer service to softball for over 35 years, John received SQI and SAL Service Awards, Life Membership of Mount Isa SA and Softball Queensland and in 2015, was awarded a Queensland Service to Sport Award at the Queensland Sport Awards.



Jodie Bowering



QUEENSLAND HEAT

Queensland player number: 246

After thirteen (13) years representing Queensland at the open level, Jodie announced her retirement on 3 September 2015.

Jodie debuted for Queensland in 2003, was co-captain for five (5) years, won four (4) Gilley's Shield titles during this time and the Midge Nelson Medal (MVP Award) in 2009.

Australian player number: 240

Jodie first represented Australia at the China Test Series in Brisbane in 2007. She went on to represent her country in the 2008 XXIX Olympic Games, Beijing, China winning the bronze medal and then two world championships in 2010 and 2012, the latter as vice-captain.

COMMITTEES & SELECTION PANELS

AWARDS PANEL

Mark Jeppesen - Chair

Sub Panels

Matt Gowty

Val Cross

Heather Byrnes

COMMISSIONERS

John Ferguson: Chief Commissioner

Yvonne Kahler: Deputy Commissioner

Rob Ferguson

Terry McLaughlin

Scott McIntyre

APPEALS PANEL

Chris Newton

Ann-Maree Waugh

Kylie Bruce

MEMBER PROTECTION

OFFICERS

Dawn McKell

Geraldine Allan

EVENT MANAGEMENT

Heather Law (Chairperson)

Jenny Vandenhurk

David Casey

Alexis Hartigan

Sue Nisbet

FINANCE & COMMERCE

John Philp (Chairperson)

Joan Jackson

Sue Nisbet

Mark Jeppesen

HIGH PERFORMANCE

John Bright (Chairperson) (retired February 2016)

Steve Armitage (Chairperson) (appointed February 2016)

Heather Law

Nicole Watts

Fabian Barlow

Sue Nisbet

SELECTION PANELS

QLD HEAT & U23 WOMEN

Jenny Vandenhurk (Chairperson)

Fabian Barlow

Kevin Jenkins

U19 WOMEN

Jenny Vandenhurk (Chairperson)

Anne Vogler

Liz Fresser

U17 GIRLS

Jenny Vandenhurk (Chairperson)

Kym Tollenaere

Liz Fresser

Vaughn Whitworth

QLD PATRIOTS & U23 MEN

Steve Armitage (Chairperson)

Wayne Saunders

Chris Edards

U19 MEN

Lexie Pearce (Chairperson)

Stephen Wagner

Chris Edards

U17 BOYS

Lexie Pearce (Chairperson)

Tyson Howard

Stephen Wagner

SQI AFFILIATES

- Brisbane
- Bundaberg
- Caboolture
- Far North Queensland (formerly Cairns)
- Gladstone
- Gold Coast
- Hervey Bay
- Ipswich
- Logan City
- Mackay
- Maryborough
- Mount Isa
- Noosa
- Redcliffe
- Redlands
- Rockhampton
- South Brisbane
- Suncoast Hinterland
- Toowoomba
- Townsville
- Wynnum

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Granite Belt Softball Association
 - Charleville Softball Association
 - School Sport Softball
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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Position	Name	Board Meeting
President	Mark Jeppesen	6/6
Vice-President	Jenny Vandenhurk	5/6
Executive Member	John Philp	6/6
Board	Steve Armitage	4/6
Board	Jodie Bowering (from 01/12/15)	3/3
Board	John Bright (to 11/07/15)	1/1
Board	Heather Law OAM	5/6
Board	Alicia Northcott (approved leave of absence)	2/6
Board	Stephen Wagner	6/6
General Manager	Sue Nisbet	6/6

COACHING TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE

TALENT ID AND DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

Regional Academies

The Regional Academy Program continued to provide development opportunities for players aged 12-18. The Regional Academies also provide the training for the SQI Under 15 Regional Academy squads which participate in the Australian Under 15 Regional Championships and members of the state teams who reside in regional areas.

Thirteen Regional Academies were in operation during 2015/16. These were: Brisbane Metropolitan, Darling Downs, West Moreton, North Coast, Wide Bay, Port Curtis, North Queensland, North West, Central Queensland, South Coast, South East, Moreton Bay and Whitsundays.

Two hundred and five under fifteen aged athletes participated in the Regional Academy Program. A squad of 28 girls and 28 boys were selected to attend a camp which was held in October in Redlands in conjunction with the QLD Under 17 and 19 State Team Camp.

Specialist coaches, along with Queensland elite players, participated in the camp providing guidance and support to the coaches who had been appointed to the Regional Academy teams for the national competition. At the conclusion of the camp, the squads were split into teams of equal ability. Qld Storm brought home the national title finishing in 1st position whilst Qld Thunder came 3rd. In the girls competition, Qld Fire and Qld Flames finished 3rd and 5th respectively.

TID CAMP

A Talent ID Camp was held at Redcliffe in May 2015. 112 athletes were identified and invited to attend with over 85 accepting the invitation. The camp was conducted by the state team coaches, Coaching Director and specialist coaches. The camp was open for district association coaches to attend with a number taking up this opportunity.

COACH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Coaching Technical Directorate is headed by Lexie Pearce with Mitchell Crawford and supported by Elite Program Head Coach, Fabian Barlow.

Coach education is provided through face to face and on-line formal accreditation courses and also facilitated through the Softball Community Coach program, general workshops and individual mentoring.

Six level 1 and six level 2 face to face courses were conducted with fifty five successful candidates for level 1 and twenty eight for level 2. In addition, 34 coaches renewed their accreditation.

Ninety-eight coaches completed the Softball Community Coach Program including members of the Queensland Under 19 Men and Women's teams.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Softball Australia International Friendship Series – July 2015

Softball Queensland entered two development teams in the 2015 Softball Australia International Friendship Series and Wynnum Association also entered one team. Queensland Blaze (female) and Queensland Lightning (male) finished the competition in 5th and 7th places respectively. The Australian Gold Girls Team and the Australian Green Boys Team won their respective divisions.

- ◇ Queenslanders Tia Waters (Australia Green) and Carly Parkes (Wynnum) were named in the 10 person All Tournament Team.

2015 State Team Awards

2015 State Team of the Year

Qld Under 23 Men

Team	Most Valuable Player	Player's Player
Heat	Justine Smethurst	Melinda Weaver
Patriots	Marshall Kronk	Marshall Kronk
Under 23 Women	Tammy McMillan	Tammy McMillan
Under 23 Men	Ryan Merriman	Ryan Merriman
Under 19 Women	Dorinda Stone	Ocearna Conaty-Boxall
Under 19 Men	Brandon Goffer	Nicholas Moore
Under 17 Girls	Tia Waters	Madison Falcon-Green
Under 17 Boys	Joshua Bedgood	Jeremy Waters

State Teams

Queensland had successful national championship campaigns with Heat bringing home the Gilley's Shield title and the McLaughlin Trophy (Minor Premiers).

The Under 17 and Under 19 teams all placed second in closely fought grand finals against arch rivals New South Wales. Queensland Patriots fought hard in the John Reid Shield finishing in 5th place. The 2016 Under 23 Championships will be held in July 2016.

Seven (7) individual awards were won by members of the Queensland teams and twenty (20) athletes were named in the Tournament All Star Teams which were announced at the completion of each championship. The results for all national championship are included further in this report.

Our goal is to have 30% Queensland representation in Australian Squads. In 2015/16 Queensland has the following representation in Australian squads and teams:
Aussie Spirit squad: 32% (11/30)
Aussie Spirit team to contest the 2016 world championship: 53% (9/17)
Aussie Steelers squad: 29% (5/28)
Junior Spirit squad (U19 Women): 20% (9/30). (It is noted that there were only 9 age eligible athletes in the U19 team.)
Junior Steelers squad (U19 Men): 41% (9/22)
Junior Steelers team to contest the 2016 world championship: 47% (8/17)
Under 17 Boys squad: 33% (10/31)
An Under 17 Girls squad was not selected.

The achievements of the Queensland teams and individual members don't come without a strong commitment by a number of people including the coaches, managers, statisticians and in particular the player's family and team supporters. Softball Queensland sincerely thanks all those involved for their contribution to the success of our teams

National Staff Appointments 2016

Softball Queensland wishes to congratulate Fabian Barlow on his appointment as the Australian Open Women's Team Head Coach. Fabian has led the Softball Queensland elite program and been the head coach of Queensland Heat for the past five years. He has extensive elite softball experience, which includes success at an array of both national and international softball competitions. Fabian will lead the Aussie Spirit at the 2016 World Championship.

Fellow Queenslanders joining Fabian in the 2016 Aussie Spirit team are Lisa Anderson (Manager), Kelly Hardie (Battery Coach) and Kym Tollenaere (Assistant Coach)

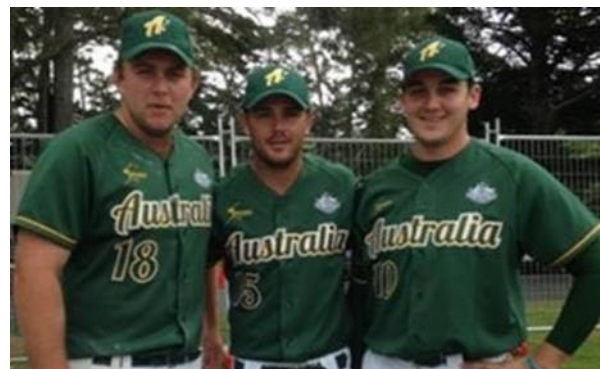
Maxine Cleary joins the Junior Steelers (Australian Under 19 Men) as their team manager for their 2016 World Championship campaign.

Australian Teams at 2015 World Championships and Events

The Aussie Steelers finished the 2015 World Championship in 4th place. Queensland representatives were Julian Jemmott, Marshall Kronk, Shaun Goffer and Nick Shailes.

The Australian Under 19 Women's team, Aussie Pride, finished in 7th place at the conclusion of the World Championship. Queensland representatives were Georgia Blair, Sara Caterson, Mikayla Gregory, Rebecca McEachern, Alisha Prybyszczuk, Dorinda Stone and Kirsty Andrews (Statistician)

Aussie Spirit competed in the 2015 Japan Cup finishing in 3rd place behind the USA and Japan. Queensland representatives were Janice Blackman, Jocelyn McCallum, Erin Thras, Stacey Webber.



QUEENSLAND HEAT SPONSORS

Queensland Heat and Softball Queensland sincerely thanks the following companies for their support of the 2016 Queensland Heat team.



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Spot Productions

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Ausplay

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Rostron Carlyle Lawyers

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SCORING TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Matt Denkel (State Director - Ipswich); Val Cross (Mackay); Christine Denkel (Ipswich); Kirsty Andrews (Hervey Bay); Chris Bailey (Brisbane) and Leanne Harvey (Bundaberg). This is a good balance between the south east corner and regional DAs.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings were held on the second Thursday of the month by teleconference. The Committee endeavour to have face to face meetings whenever the opportunity arises e.g. all in one place at State or National Championships, Forums etc.

The Committee have not yet mastered Skype or Facetime. A challenge for this year maybe.

ANNUAL COMBINED FORUM

From the feedback received we believe that the scoring component of our last Forum was successful.

Our first session this year included a feedback session as to what delegates would like to see discussed along with our current agenda. The information that came from this session provided additional topics that overflowed our agenda.

Our practical session was done from a DVD encompassing iScore and while most found it worthwhile we did receive feedback that the size of the television screen would have enhanced the session.

The rules session with Darren Sibraa was as usual beneficial to all; not as many questions for him this year so possibly more scorers are becoming aware of the benefits of knowing the rules.

With the spread of levels and experience of delegates we strive to find a common ground where they feel that they are contributing to as well as benefiting from the event.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Once again SQI sent a scoring representative to each State Championship. The role of the scoring representative now encompasses uploading of results to the Queensland website along with the usual duties of results, examinations and provision of assistance to all association scorers.

SCORING REPRESENTATIVES

CHAMPIONSHIP

U15 Girls

U15 Boys

SQ Masters

Open Women

U17 Girls

U17 Boys

U19 Women

U19 Men

Open Men

REPRESENTATIVE

Matt Denkel

Krystle Fullelove

Chris Bailey and Kirsty Andrews

Joy Leach

Chris Bailey

Chris Bailey

Deb Clarke

Kirsty Andrews

Matt Denkel

STATISTICS AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Statistics at championships occasionally cause some concern. Each scorer who attends should be capable of generating statistics for their coaches and selectors if required. It is for this reason that a level 3 accreditation is required to be a team scorer for a district association team. It appears that some coaches are not availing themselves of this valuable tool. District Associations need to address this issue. It may be that coaches do not understand how these statistics can be of benefit to them and this could be addressed through education.

PICK UP SCORERS

This year a number of associations requested pick-up scorers for championships. This is an area that district associations need to work on to ensure that they have the personnel coming through who can accommodate their association's teams. Thank you to the associations who have supplied statisticians to help out other associations.

CLINICS

Level	Association
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One	Toowoomba, Ipswich x 3, Bundaberg, Logan City, Brisbane, Redlands, Maryborough, Gladstone, and Redcliffe (still awaiting results)
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Two	Toowoomba, Ipswich x 2, Bundaberg, Maryborough, Mackay
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Three	Ipswich
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iSCORE

iScore continues to be the preferred program for technology based scoring. A session on the application was held at the SQI Forum.

EXAMINATIONS

Examinations were conducted at most of the State Championships and at some district associations on their grand finals.

Successful candidates who have completed their assessments are:

LEVEL 1

Jordan Ward, Stacey Champs, Katrina McLean, Tamara Muller, Kalyb Ward, Coady Ramsden, Lisa Allen, Kellie Webb, Dakota Watson, Adele Watson, Alison Sorbello, Cynthia Stone, Dorinda Stone, Kylie Pittman, Rachel Stone, Stephen Murray, Rebecca Ross, Vicki Brown, Bronya Hamilton, Corinna Valencic, Nicole Muller, Nikki Wong, Suzanne Ross, Amy Markham, Jayke Reynolds, Katherine Ellem, Demi Mutch, Jodie Teys, Kelli Moore, Krystal Schmidt, Raelean Crowell, Melinda Doherty, Tracy Keighran, Jonathon Herekiuha, Dylan Martin, Ashli Menadue, Emily Phillips, Neville Baggow, Neil Wallace, Joanne Wallace, Riley Cunningham, Garry Cunningham, Stephanie Baggow, Chyanne Downing, Robert Cook, Jodie Grimshaw, Kelly Gear, Gemma Bush, Leanne Janke, Amy Drabwell, Carolyn Jacobsen, Christie Kelly, Jessica O'Neill, Nadia Dittman, Nicole Findlay, Cara Asken.

LEVEL 2

Maddy Needham, Bronwyn Rohde

LEVEL 3

Kim North, Rachael Needham, Chris Roberts

LEVEL 4

Raelene Cook

NATIONAL EVENTS AND QUALITY ASSESSMENT

The following Queensland statisticians have had the opportunity this year to hone their skills on the national stage.

Age Group	Female Teams	Male Teams
U15	Rachael Needham – Level 3 Deb Moloney - Level 3	Leanne Harvey – Level 4 Wendy Harries – Level 3
U17	Krystle Fullelove – Level 4	Debbie Carey – Level 4
U19	Kirsty Andrews – Level 4	Christine Denkel – Level 4
U23	Rae Crook – Level 3	Debbie Opie - Level 4
Open	Chris Bailey – Level 4	Sean Francis – Level 4

Official statisticians at the Australian U19 Women & U15 Girls Regional Championships:

Chief Statistician	Official Statisticians	2 nd Scorer	Technology
Chris Bailey	Matt Denkel	Narelle Donald	Matt Denkel
Web Master	Ngaire Huston	Valerie Horne	Jason Collins
Joy Leach	Bruce Challenor	Sharon Broom	Ngaire Huston
Chief Statistician Assistant	Jason Collins	Raymond Warwick	Anne-Maree Reichler
Val Cross	Anne-Maree Reichler	Roslyn Caldwell	
	Debbie Clarke	Georgia Ferguson	
	Debbie Carey		
	Tricia Sibraa		

Ngaire Huston continues in her role as National Director and as head of Quality Assessment once again has been checking all games scored at national events.

NEWSLETTERS

Val Cross has once again edited our widely distributed newsletter and we thank her for persisting with this onerous task. Papua New Guinea maintains regular contact with Val on matters relating to scoring as well as other topics of interest. Copies are also sent to Victoria who in turn provide Queensland with a copy of their newsletter. Val is always on the lookout for topics of interest and the Committee urges district associations to forward any items and/or photographs that may be of interest to the wider scoring community.

DATABASE AND ACCREDITATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The database is our record of who attains levels, when accreditation is due and contact details for Queensland's scorers. Therefore, it is important that district associations ensure that all their scorers tick the appropriate box on the registration form and notify the scoring committee if they have changed their address or any aspect of their contact details. Leanne Harvey oversees this responsibility of the Directorate. This information is then forwarded to the national body. The issuing of accreditation cards is now happening to participants in the lower levels that have been conducted in Queensland.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Kirsty Andrews has had the responsibility for this initiative and we thank her for her efforts. For the 2016/17 year and beyond, Christine Jacka has been seconded to fulfil this role and we look forward to its continued success. The new CRM provider may assist as navigating the web was not always an easy task in the past.

HISTORY

Chris Bailey continued in this role and envisions it leading into all areas of scoring.

GENERAL:

The Scoring Committee is very open to having contact with individual scorers and district associations who may have issues needing clarification. Hopefully by setting up our technology areas with a question and answer section will encourage such contact.

Each delegate at the Forum is given a contact list of committee members.

Once again thank you to Softball Queensland for allowing me to lead our evolving and enthusiastic group of dedicated statisticians.

Matt Denkel