

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS



BRISBANE

The 2009 /2010 season has seen the association face many and varied challenges and experience significant highs and

lows. No doubt the low point for the year was the passing of our President Deb McColm. It was however, wonderful to see so many friends from the softball fraternity attend the memorial service and dedication day in Deb's honour.

The Association finalised a five year development plan and commenced work on it's implementation to address the key strategy areas of:

1. Facilities and Equipment
2. Administration and Financial Management
3. Membership and Participation
4. Volunteer Management

Extensive effort has been invested to enhance Downey Park facilities, including improved seating for spectators, commitment to providing healthy food options in the canteen, rejuvenation and improvement of Diamond 1, improvement of change room and umpire facilities as well as upgrade of computer systems in the office. The ambience of the venue has also been improved through installation of gardens and improved drainage.

Once again the enormous effort of the Board, Club officials and volunteers is acknowledged in assisting with improvements. I thank all for their tireless dedication and giving of important personal and family time to make the Association ever successful.

Grounds

BSA operates eighteen diamonds on Downey Park which include the following;

- 1 International skinned diamond under lights
- 1 senior diamond under lights
- 9 Senior Diamonds
- 7 Junior Diamonds

The new skin surface on Diamond 1, including the home run fence warning track has proven to be a success, providing for great competition. Improvement to the indoor training facility, including installation of two softball/baseball pitching machines has seen increased utilization of the facility. A trial of synthetic grass in batting boxes at some diamonds will be held in 2010/2011 season. If successful, further use of synthetic surfaces will be considered in consultation with QSA and joint tenants Brisbane Hockey Association.

Competition

The association again delivered women's and men's competitions with men competing over the summer period for the first time at Downey Park. Teams competed in the following grades over the summer:

Women; A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, C1, C 2, U16A, U16B, U14A, U14B, U12A, 3-Pitch,T-Ball

Men: A, B.

Winter competition saw men return to O'Callaghan Park, Zillmere with increased participation involving 15 teams across A, B and C grades. The new venue is proving a success and thanks go to Devils Softball Club for the support in preparing the facility each week.

O'Callaghan Park provides opportunity to grow participation as well as provide training venues for Association representative teams.

Sunstate Wanderers also continued its association with BSA, providing excellent alternative competition opportunities to BSA members.

Club and team contributions to Association competition were:

<u>Men's 2010</u>		<u>Women's 2009-2010</u>	
<u>Winter Competition</u>		<u>Summer Competition</u>	
Club	Teams	Club	Teams
Bruins	3	Wilston Grange	4
Redsox	2	Devils	6
Dodgers	1	Jaguars	1
Devils	3	Panthers	8
Jaguars	1	Redsox	9
Wilston Grange	1	Saints	13
PCYC	1	Sharks	1
PK	1	Waratahs	6
Wildcats	2	Springwood	5
Royals	1	Samford	4
		Bears	10

2009 also saw BSA host a slow pitch carnival day for Queensland Health. Six teams representing hospitals from across the metropolitan area competed. The day was a success with expression of interest received in participating in regular slow pitch competition at Downey Park.

BSA hosted a very successful Under 16 Championships in September 2009. The venue truly looked the '**carnival atmosphere**'. **The hard working project team** did an excellent job of preparing the venue, which looked a treat as well conducting the championship itself.

Grants

Club Development \$5000

The association completed its Strategic Plan under this program

Telstra Community Volunteers

Received \$1000

Woolworths Community Grant \$5000

Application pending approval

Community Gambling Fund \$25,000

Application pending approval for equipment

Dept of Families and Housing – Volunteers Grants Program

Unsuccessful

Academy

Both the QSA and BSA Academy continued to develop. The Under Fourteen Regional Academy Program proved extremely successful under the direction of Head Coach Dave Elder. The program and activities were very well coordinated and professionally delivered with very positive feedback received from participants. Special thanks in particular go to Shane Sirett, Deanne and Mick Gregory for their tireless efforts and contribution to making the program such a success. 2010 will see the Board consider a number of proposals to enhance what is proving a very successful initiative.

Junior Development

The Diamonds Development Under Twelve program powered on under the stewardship of Brooke Wilkins. Junior players underwent high quality development opportunities with a number of players selected to participate in Academy development as well as Brisbane Red and White training programs. Unfortunately, this years development tournament was not held due to poor weather, however the increased team registration, 16 teams, indicates the ongoing appeal of the program.

Sponsors /Partnerships

The 2009/2010 saw Leading Edge partner with the Association by establishing a Pro-Shop at Downey Park, providing convenient access to first class equipment as well as assisting with the operation of the indoor training facility.

Deb McColm Memorial

All were deeply saddened by the passing of President Deb McColm. A commemorative service was held in recognition of Debs service to softball over many years. The service, held in February 2010, was very well attended and involved past and present players in a dedication game that saw over \$1500 raised for the **Cancer Foundation. Deb's legacy to softball was** honoured by the naming of Diamond 1 dugout and establishment of the Diamond Development Trophy perpetual trophy in her name.

Association Objectives

Brisbane Softball faces challenges similar to that of other Associations. The Strategic Plan provides a road map of prioritised objectives that, when achieved, will

see the Association prosper and continue to be successful. Key to future success is increasing participation at both junior and senior levels. The Association will explore opportunities to increase participation in existing formats as well as offering other competition formats in order to attract new participants.



BUNDABERG

Membership

Overall participation has increased with many new members in our men's grade and quite a few new faces in the **volunteer ranks. The men's**

competition was increased from 4 teams to 6 teams this year.

Highlights – Reps

Representative teams performed admirably well with many teams competing in State Semi Finals. From the several players making Qld Teams it was the 2 boys who shone to be selected in Australian U19 Squads for the upcoming Friendships Series. These boys have bright futures in our game – Lyam McKay and Sam Daff.

Publicity

The Bundaberg Newsmail and Just Sports Website are fantastic ambassadors for our sport. The coverage, including full back page exploits of our game, provides a wonderful showcase of our sport. Occasional television coverage is also well received from the local community **on the Six O'clock News.**

Technical Areas

Coaching – Development has seen a strong growth in the coaching ranks. BSA introduced a scheme in which any coach not presently levelled were to attend clinics held by our Coaching Director. The beginners course had many participants with quite a number progressing to attain level 1 certification.

Scoring – A scoring clinic was held towards the latter half of the season with a good rollout. Several new scorers attaining their first level with a number of others looking to complete level 2.

Umpiring – The umpiring crew has done wonderfully well with recruitment and education of several members. There are quite a number obtaining their first levels as well as a few gaining higher levels at State Championships.

Junior Development

Encouraging signs are showing through with the up skilling of coaches and new junior games. Most of the current advances have been centred around the introduction of machine ball and modified under 12 rules. A highly successful high school competition was **held at the BSA's ground this year with participation of** lots of new softballers.

Facilities

A concerted effort was made for the upgrade of current facilities:

- Full rebuild of Diamond 1 Back Net
- Re-wire of all Diamond Back Nets and increase of height on Diamond 4
- 8 new dugouts nearly completed for all four main diamonds
- Enclosure built for safe storage of maintenance items
- Continuous work with lots of effort in upgrading playing surfaces

Future

Our main challenge is to continue to grow the sport and build solid competitions. Encouragement of more volunteers to our sport to spread the load. Looking at funding requirements to further enhance the facilities at hand. Threats always exist with other sports growing and seasons lengthening impacting on sport.



CABOOLTURE

Membership

Junior membership fluctuates yearly with players elevating through different grades. This year's change of age groups has seen CSSA not having an

U17 competition, most first year U17's stayed in the new U15 grade. T/Ball and U12 numbers were maintained with senior women having 21 teams through 4 grades (A, WB1, WB2 & WC) and 6 men's teams playing a round robin competition.

Promotion

CSSA is in its third year of monetary reward for the winners and runners up of each senior grade. The monetary reward is equal to a refund of fees paid back to the winning teams and half fees paid to the runners up. This is a marketing concept to elevate membership to our association and was instigated to draw prospective players from other local sports and local corporate bodies and not to draw players from other associations as previously accused. As all DA's know to maintain numbers in this sport it is a massive task and CSSA is constantly working with marketing concepts that arise through our incorporated body the Caboolture Sports Club. We marketed through local papers and audio media with a low response initially but is growing each year. This concept will be reviewed at the end of the 2010 season to see if our initial targets have been met.

Grants

CSSA has just completed renovations to our complex and fields with thanks to a \$220k funding agreement with the Federal Government, which was a pre-election promise with the now elected Minister Jon Sullivan and the then shadow Minister of Sport Miss Kate Lundy.

Facilities

The grant monies were able to:

- Reconstruct the canteen and install all new improved appliances
- Refit amenities block to be 5 star water efficient
- Kitchenette to meeting room
- PA to service the complete complex
- Re-concrete and reconstruct 18 dug-outs with high back net to diamond 5
- Groundsman shed (9m x 6m)
- Spectator seating to each diamond
- Lighting upgrade to diamonds 4 & 5 at the end of 2010 season

Junior Development

T/Ball players became a part of a new CSSA Junior Development Concept where the association conducts training stations for ¾ hour each Saturday, then players are graded into teams of equal ability and games are played. First time U12 are also able to participate in the training and then play in their own grade. With half the season already unfolded the feed-back from clubs and parents has all been positive.

CSSA involvement in the North Coast Regional Softball Academy has reignited a spark into club coaches to be involved in a higher level of development for their athletes and themselves. Each year the Academy unfolds different requirements and targets for the existing and new participants to achieve.

TECHNICAL

Coaching: CSSA pays for Level 1 and 2 Coaching discs in the hope that clubs would have more accredited coaches and the possible elevation to association status. We have had some of these people complete the course to accreditation but a majority have used the disc to learn the techniques but have not completed to accreditation. The positive is that the Coaching techniques are being taught correctly.

Umpiring: Each year of competition is supported by a team of regular umpires and the yearly introduction of trainees. These trainees and new level one umpires are trained and mentored all season with exams and accreditation and the completion of our final series.

Scoring: Level 1, 2 and 3 clinics with Refreshers are conducted each year. Stat's programs for teams and clubs are made available with regular supervision and guidance for all scorers.

HIGHLIGHTS

CSSA hosted it's 5th annual Awards Night to recognise:

State Players: Erin Thras (Old Heat)
Jessica Donnelly (U16 Girls)

Participation:

10 year:	Bruce Eldridge	Belinda Goodwin
	Bernadette Sewart	Amanda Torrington
15 year:	Di Fitzhenry	Cindy Ahern
	Dell Golder	Amber Ihle
	Bruce Challenor	Calli Ihle
	Delinah Rackley	Mindy Taylor
	Kathy Dale	

Rep Teams: Trophies and Certificates for:
OPEN WOMEN
U19 WOMEN
U16 GIRLS

Future

CSSA'S biggest challenge lies in trying to at least maintain the current membership list and develop strategies to elevate numbers in the future. With the introduction of a new Sports Manager (Tony Clarke) assigned to work with all 6 sub-clubs our work in management will be made easier.

Dances Road Sporting Club (facility governing body), Caboolture Sports Club (Incorp. Body) and Caboolture Sports Softball Association have a 2 year and 5 year strategic plan that will help with funding applications for facility upgrades and development of our game of Softball into the future into our area.



CENTRAL HIGHLANDS
Membership
Membership of Central Highlands Softball Association (CHSA) has been continually declining. 2009 saw CHSA trial night mixed softball, under the OzPitch

Program. Unfortunately the response was very limited and not enough players were obtained to officially run a competition, with limited unofficial scratch matches the best that we could offer with the number of people attending.

Sponsorship and Grants

CHSA has been fortunate to have gained sponsorship from EPIC All Sports Inc. They have allowed CHSA to hold weekly raffles at their premises, which has assisted our fund raising budget immensely, plus other sponsorship activities during the year. CHSA has applied for a grant for Sporting Travel from Sport and Rec, and are awaiting the outcome.

Highlights

CHSA had three representative pick-up players during 2009 – one U19 girl who played for the Rockhampton team and two U19 boys who played for the Mt Isa team.

During the Labour Day weekend May 2010, Central Highlands was represented at the Annual Mackay Masters Competition, with the first ever Masters team from the Central Highlands region competing. Although the players lacked the experience of playing in an active softball competition, they were still able to place runners-up in the Division 2 pool. A great time was had by all, and it is hoped that this type of event will be one that Central Highlands competes in on an annual basis, and hopefully with the addition of entering more events during the year.

Junior Development

There was insufficient interest from Junior players during 2009 to conduct a Junior competition. It is still unclear if a junior competition in its own right will get off the ground for 2010, but CHSA is trying its hardest, with limited volunteer involvement, to find the best format to get interest again for junior softball players.

Facilities

CHSA currently uses one grass diamond in Emerald which falls under the jurisdiction of EPIC All Sports Inc. and one grass diamond in Clermont which falls under the jurisdiction of Isaac Regional Council.

Future

Interest in playing softball has been declining, despite promotional activities undertaken to date during 2009. Hosting games on Saturday clashes with other sporting providers, which generate more interest than softball currently does. Many mothers sacrifice their sporting opportunities by supporting their children in other sporting areas, thus not allowing them to play softball. It is hoped that the recent registration of the Masters players will spark interest again across the Central Highlands and the return to an active softball competition again.



CAIRNS

Membership
For the 2009/2010 season, the CDSA membership increased in the senior competitions but decreased in the junior competitions.

The women's division 2 competition was expanded to 4 teams and the secondary school competition peaked at 5 teams.

The expansion of the secondary and men's competitions was due to the welcome inclusion of district teams from Innisfail.

This season's competitions winners were:

- **Women's Division 1** – Ivanhoes 1
- **Women's Division 2** – Hooters
- **Men's** – Redsox Reds
- **Secondary School** – Redsox Sparkies
- **Juniors** – Ivanhoes Kids

The Cairns Association would like to congratulate Kayla Turner (Redsox) for being selected into the U19 Ladies team.

Also, well done to Lauren Dooley and Sonya Fresser for participating at the U19 Ladies State Championship

Sponsorship/Grants

The CDSA was successful in gaining a grant from the **Brother's League Club's gaming fund which was used to purchase match balls for the whole season.**

Highlights

Congratulations to Liz Fleishfresser who won the runner up award for service to NQ sports. From the Cairns City Council bulletin:

"Liz Fleishfresser was recognised for her contribution to North Queensland Softball, taking out the Runner Up prize for the Service to North Queensland Sport category for her 35 years involved in Cairns Softball. Her commitments have included roles such as Coaching Director, Fixture Director, Redsox President, School Coach, Junior Coaching Coordinator, Selector and Coach of State Representative sides and Coach for National Open Women's Softball. Liz is also a Life Member of the Cairns and District Softball Association."

The major highlight of the 2009/2010 season was **sending a men's team away to state competition for first time in nearly 30 years.**

Publicity & Promotion

The CDSA is exploring the concept of asking local businesses for sponsorship in return for placing signs promoting the business along the external fencing of the softball grounds.

Technical Areas

Umpiring: A number of our juniors successfully **completed the basic umpire's exam, starting them on** what we hope will be a long umpiring career. Congratulations to Adam Reddacliff who obtained his Level 2 umpiring.

A big thank you to Narelle Thomas and David Casey, who came to Cairns and umpired 3 games on our grand final day. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by all. David and Narelle also ran an umpiring clinic the following day.

Junior Development

After a lot of planning and discussion the North Queensland Regional Academy has been finally been approved. The nominated officials are working their way through the final paperwork at the moment.

Future

The CDSA is building up contacts on Cape York with the view of assisting with competitions in areas such as the Northern Peninsula.

CDSA has started preliminary informal discussions with the Cairns City Council, Cairns Junior Baseball and Cairns Netball with the long term goal (5 – 10 years) of replacing existing facilities blocks with a new, larger joint facility.

GLADSTONE

The 2009/2010 season was very much a settling period for the Gladstone Softball Association. After the increase of our member numbers during the 2008/2009 season, the emphasise this season was one of stability. For the first time in a long time, Gladstone Softball was **able to offer two divisions, A & B in the Women's** competition and the men pushed hard to try and

establish their stand alone division. We recruited hard to increase the numbers in the Junior Softball ranks, but alas with so many more options available to children now days, we still fell short of filling teams in all divisions. We had very good responses for Diamond Ball, Tee Ball & U13 divisions. We were only able to field two (2) teams in the U15 division and nil teams in the U17. Moving forward, the Association opted to **open the women's division to accommodate both male and female junior players.** Those two U15 teams were **recruited up to women's B Grade and those few older and more experienced children in the U17 age bracket were recruited up to women's A Grade.**

The Association continues to maintain the clubhouse and grounds. We had to do a major repair job on the lights, minor repairs to the clubhouse and continued to upgrade the canteen facilities with the purchase of a new display door fridge and chest freezer.

We are still forging ahead (albeit slowly) with construction of a new international diamond. This is new diamond will complement the batting cage that was finally completed this season. We are currently investigating the re-surfacing of our main diamond.

We acknowledge the need to train additional Umpires and Coaches and we will continue to follow along that path.

The committee is currently reviewing and re-vitalizing the By-Laws. We are looking to update them from **those written in the late 80's to a clearer and fresher 2010 version.**



GOLD COAST Membership

This season we have maintained 6 senior ladies teams, 2 U/14 mixed teams and 2 mixed T-Ball teams.

Publicity & Promotion

During September 09-February 10, our Publicity Officer and our Junior Coaching co-ordinator, visited several schools at their assembly to promote the coming season.

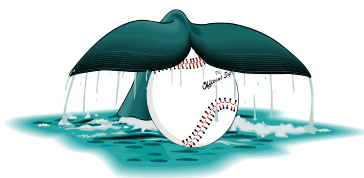
We advertised extensively through radio, newspapers **and school newsletters to attend the 'Come and Try' day** we set for mid February. The Association made up showbags to give away.

Mel Roche and Stacey Porter lent their support on the day.



Facilities
Gold Coast has 2 skinned diamonds and 1 grassed junior diamond.

The two skin diamonds will be re-surfaced after the Pan Pacific Masters Games in November.



HERVEY BAY Membership During the 2009/10 season Hervey Bay Softball Association

experienced an increase in membership. This is mainly due to the introduction of a mixed social nightball competition.

Our 2009/2010 membership split was:

	Total	Male	Female
Junior	101	53	48
Senior	73	28	45
Slowpitch	101	47	54
Total	275	128	147

Our association consists of three clubs Terrors, Misfits and Sloggers however teams are able to enter our association without being affiliated with a club.

We had some U/8 players who did weekly skills sessions prior to the Christmas break and joined the U/10 competition after the Christmas break. In the junior competition we had three U/10 3 pitch softball teams, five U/13 softball teams, four U/16 softball teams (all of which are mixed gender). In the senior competition we had six women's teams and four men's teams. One of **the U/16 and the women's teams were an Inca's club** team from Maryborough Softball Association who travelled down each week to compete in our competition. The senior and U/16 competitions were held on a Friday afternoon/night under lights and the remainder of the junior competitions were played on a Saturday morning.

Highlights

Our representative season consisted of sending an U/15 girls and U/15 boys, U/17 boys, U/19 boys and Open **Men's team to the respective State Championships.**

From these State Championships we were privileged to have two of our Hervey Bay U/19 Men's players in Nicholas Maahs and Jonathan Thomas selected in the Queensland U/19 Men's State Team and also a statistician in Kirsty Andrews appointed to the Queensland U/16 Boys State Team. All represented our association well at their respective National Championships.

Hervey Bay played host to the Secondary School Girls State Championships in March 2010. Ten teams from around Queensland travelled to the region to contest the championships which produced some high quality softball.

Publicity & Promotion

Hervey Bay Softball Association advertised itself with signs on significant road intersections as well as a pamphlet drop advertising the season. Based on feedback given from new members these two methods of advertising our association and upcoming season proved very effective.

Technical Areas

Scoring: We had one of our scorers, Kirsty Andrews, appointed to the Queensland U/16 Boys State team as statistician.

Umpiring: Clinton Reid, an up and coming umpire of our association achieved his level 2 umpiring accreditation. An umpiring clinic was held in December 2009 run by Matthew Blake. This clinic was very well attending by our junior umpires with a total of 18 attendees over the two day clinic.

Facilities

Geoff Godfrey Softball Complex consists of four diamonds in a wagon wheel layout with full infield deco. Two diamonds have full lighting. The canteen is situated in the centre of the diamonds for convenient access. All diamonds have spectator seating.

Future

In the next twelve months it is our aim to erect permanent shade and to replace the spectator grand stands. Our major upgrade to the diamonds is anticipated to include fully fencing our diamonds. In the future, it is also aimed that our association will be able to replace the clubhouse and toilet facilities and upgrade to more modern and eco-friendly facilities.

Hervey Bay Softball Association aims to continue to increase their membership as well as continue to improve the facilities of Geoff Godfrey Softball Complex in order to host quality State Championships and provide top quality facilities for our members.



IPSWICH

The summer season of 2009 – 2010 saw Ipswich softball registrations decrease slightly again in both team numbers and players numbers. In the current environment of

increased competition from other sports, value for money and the ever-present challenge of finding disposable income for recreation and sport, we consider our continued membership to be more than acceptable but it is a worrying trend that we are investigating and hopefully turnaround. In an effort to find answers we sent out survey forms Eg. Summer / Winter season, What other competitions could we run to attract more players etc. Most forms came back with the response to stay with a summer season. Our members also wish us to run social competition or a masters competition throughout the winter which we are looking into.

While we did lose team numbers the quality of players in our men's competition was excellent and it showed in the representative arena with our senior men finishing runners up to a strong Redlands team in the Queensland Cup. Unfortunately we could not field teams in all divisions at state championships and from an association point of view this was very disappointing. From these Championships we are proud to boast

several State Representative players, 1 National Representative player. We also have several players recently selected to attend the U15 Talent ID camp. These players have not achieved selection by accident; Ipswich Softball has a very strong development program for any player wishing to improve their playing skills. The Ipswich players selected for representative positions are proof of the commitment from our players, parents and coaches and the success of our programs within our Association.

Our grand final day was held on the March and there was some very entertaining games with most games being decided in the final innings, The Junior finals were completed by lunchtime and the presentation commenced straight after. In the last couple of seasons we have been able to make Grand final day a special day for all our juniors with players receiving participation trophies, Winners trophies and runner up trophies. After all the formalities were over we had a carnival for the kids with face painting and various rides and they were well supervised so the parents could play their final or relax and watch some fantastic softball. All in all a great day had by all.

Over the last twelve month we have endeavoured to maintain a closer relationship with the schools and their softball programs. We have the district schools playing at our grounds on Fridays and holding their selection trials etc. By all reports they are very happy with our facilities and are appreciative of all the assistance that we provide to ensure that all the schools events are a complete success.

Over the last year we have been working with the Ipswich city council to achieve a closer working relationship and the results have been positive. In the coming months we will have shade structures erected around the grounds. This will be followed by the erection of a shed with the view of batting cages off the side and finally a roof over the balcony at the canteen. None of this would have been possible if not for the hard work from the management team and the support from the Ipswich city council.

Other activities conducted by the Association during the season included basic umpiring clinics that resulted in new level 1 and level 2 accredited members in that discipline. All good news for the future.

As a District Association who encourages members to be involved it was disappointing to find the lack of support from the clubs and members this year. We failed to attract a Coaching Co-ordinator and we had a fill in Umpire Co-ordinator (Thanks to Dave Byster for filling this role)

Through sound business principles and strong financial management our District Association has again shown a slight financial profit. This financial surplus will allow us to continue to invest in our players through addition training and development assets and improving our playing facilities. This also allowed us to purchase

various items a much needed Public address system and a new paint line marker.

I would like to acknowledge the fine work done by our coaches, administrators and volunteers, and in particular our very strong, committed and successful Management Committee without whom we would not be in such a strong position.

Finally, I believe that Ipswich Softball Association will continue to be viable within Softball Queensland.



LOGAN CITY

Membership

The association has a total of 464 members, over 42 teams and a total of 13 clubs.

Breakdown for divisions/grades as shown below.

	Players	Team numbers
Tee ball	31	3
Under 13	51	5
Under 15	49	4
Under 17	55	5
C Grade	63	5
B Grade	127	11
A Grade	39	4
Men's	49	5
Total	464	42

Clubs

- Algester Arrows
- Aussie Mozzies
- Camira
- Kingston Cougars
- **D'Ruff Diamonds**
- Jaguars
- Lightning Strikes
- Mavericks
- Menace
- Raiders
- Red Sox
- Springwood
- Tornadoes

Sponsorship / Grants

Logan City Softball has received sponsorships from the following organisations.

- Bendigo Bank Acacia Ridge
- **Dormer's Softball (onsite)**
- All Mobile Apparel

Logan City Softball has also received a grant for \$220,000.00 that has been spent on the construction of 5 light towers.

Highlights

Logan City had a reasonable year on the representative team front, with three of our teams playing in Grand

Finals and one playing in a Presidents Cup final.

- Under 16 Girls 2009 State Champions
- Under 15 Girls 2010 State Champions
- **Open Women's 2009 Runners Up**
- **Open Men's 2009 Runners Up Presidents Cup**
- Logan City also many players selected for various squads.
- Queensland Squad - Girls: Bec Chapman, Lucy Lockhart, Marea Tupai, Danni Oppermann, Laura Coulter, Renee Hunter
- Queensland Squad - Boys: Jayden Reid
- Queensland School Girls: Ashleigh Harris, Dannielle Oppermann
- Queensland School Boys: Jai Martin
- Under 15 Development: Jessica Sua, Jasmine Sua, Samara Tickle, Georgia Blair, Jai Martin

Publicity & Promotion

Logan City Softball Association president Jason Harris won the Queensland of the Year for Volunteering award for his work and effort for the Qld Masters games held at our association annually.

Technical Areas

Coaching: "Train to Trainer" - Coaches training coaches for idea sharing and technique improvements. There are currently two coaches applying for RPL's.

Scoring: Level One— all people interested are training for level 1 exams.

Umpiring: A clinic was held one week before the commencement of the season. Two trainee umpires have also begun training.

Junior Development

Logan has begun planning to work on training coaches to be better prepared for junior player development. The Logan Under 15 Development team was to attend Brisbane Softball Association (Deb McColn).

Facilities

Logan undertook many facility improvements in the past year, all of them a benefit to the association as a whole.

- New Office- funded by QSA Masters earnings
- **New Shop for Dormers' (Dean Dormer).**
- Upgrade of clubhouse, ie verandah
- New dugouts on diamond 1 & 2
- New deco on diamonds 1 & 2
- Relocation of diamonds 5 & 6
- 5 New light towers

New Innovations

Solidifying our Place

Future

Challenges: Logan hopes to be able to maintain or improve current membership levels. Logan also hopes to build/improve the current levels of officials and volunteers.

Threats: Personal vendettas have become an issue at the association and plans to resolve the issue are currently being discussed.

Plans: Logan is currently planning to fundraise for more dugouts, safety netting and more permanent shade for spectators and players.



MACKAY

Mackay recovers from Cyclone and flood damage yet again. Once again we have been hit with a cyclone and non stop rain which left us with a massive clean up. By the time it was dry enough to get the mowers on to

the fields the grass was 3 foot high. Once again our good group of Volunteers set to work and we had the fields ready for the Masters.

Membership

Mackay have 6 clubs: Rebels, Dragons, Hawks, Angels, **Magic and Whitsunday. 4 Men's teams , 5 A Grade teams, 10 B Grade teams, 5 C Grade teams and 2 U12 teams.** Whitsunday nominations were down this season.

Sponsorship / Grants

We were successful in obtaining a grant from the Sports and Recreation for \$3,970 for Club Development which has enabled us to do our accreditation courses. We also received a Lap Top from the Mackay Regional Council. We currently have a grant application in at the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for the irrigation of our fields.

Highlights

The biggest highlight for the last year was the Mackay U15 boys team winning the State Championships, Coach Peter Baxter is still smiling. Mackay also hosted a very successful May Day Regional Masters Weekend in 2009 with 4 Mens teams and 5 ladies teams. This year we had 5 Men,s Teams and 8 ladies teams. Debbie Carey the Mackay Treasurer for the last 10 years was awarded Life Membership, during her time she has also served on various committees. Dot Muller and Chub James and Linda Parry received Queensland Softball Service Awards. While Debbie Carey, Tanya Bakker and Robyn Lamont were all awarded Australian Softball Service Awards. Mackay also have joined with Rockhampton and have the Central Queensland Regional Academy running.

Publicity

We have weekly write ups with photos in the local Daily Mercury

Technical Areas

Coaching: Coaching Coordinator Linda Parry has been busy with her new coaches that are coming through and she has a new group ready to do their Level 1 and a couple of others ready to do their Level 2.

Umpiring: Peter Baxter is always training his young new umpires that are coming through the ranks. He has quite a good keen group ready for this season.

Scoring: Val Cross has had 7 new Level 1 Scorers pass their Level 1 exam and is working on 4 of them to have them ready to do their Level 2 this season.

Junior Development

The Mackay Development Squad is back in full swing with weekly training sessions. The Central Queensland Regional Academy has had 2 weekend camps with one in Rockhampton and 1 in Mackay. Evidence of the success of the Regional Academy is the results that have come from the U19 girls State Championships in 2009 where Rockhampton finished runner up, and U15 Mackay boys that won the State Championships this year.

Facilities

Mackay have 4 Diamonds, 2 of them have lights. All diamonds are grass with deco bases. We have a batting / pitching enclosure.

Future

Our threats are the other high profile sports that all **play on Saturday's and lack of Juniors. We are about to start a Twilight Friday Come and Try Day on Friday evening to see if we can boost our Junior numbers.**



NOOSA

Membership

Noosa has 4 clubs in this year competition with the welcomed **new club of "Slammers"**.

Competition in grades of T/Ball, U12, U15 and U17 & **U19's were held. However Junior numbers are still down slightly on last year. We also had a Men's competition this past season.**

Sponsorship

Noosa has grant application in at the moment. And **Last year was successfully in receiving a Woolworth's Grant**, toward our canteen. Sunshine Coast Regional Council is still our major source of grants helping out with maintenance and hosting of State Champs. Many local businesses and trades people generously contribute to Softball.

Highlights

Noosa representative teams successfully competed in U15 B&G, U17 B&G, U19 & Open **Men's. Our Social Thursday nights is continuing strongly with theme nights being a big winner.**

Publicity & Promotion

Noosa DA continues to promote softball through the local schools and continues to support all school based competitions, both Primary and Secondary levels.



Technical Areas

Coaching: Though we need to do more development in this area at a Club level, Coaches are obtaining skills through involvement in the Regional Academy. Several younger people have started or recently completed their Level 1.

Scoring: We have a basic program in place to encourage more volunteers to undertake scoring. Clinics are being held and follow up give to scorers at a club level with the aim to increase the necessary skills for additional levels.

Umpiring: Presently we have 2 youths of a high standard doing their levels and many more experiencing umpiring for their first season. Our aim is to develop and support these young people as they are the future umpires.

Junior Development

Our younger members and coaches have been involved in the Academy, and further developing their skills. We have a battery program in place with 10 – 12 players attending weekly.

Facilities

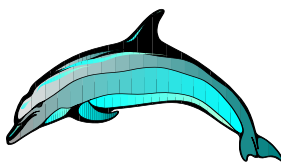
Noosa has 8 diamonds, 3 of which are t-ball diamonds. 2 are deco running tracks with the rest being grass. Noosa has undertaken to replace the old fencing on most of the diamonds and fields. This work is being continually carried out of the past year, including restructure of some dugouts .

New Innovations

Sunshine Coast Regional Council has had a proposal to restructure the Noosa District sports Complex, drafted by outside consultants, with the inclusion of lights and upgrade of playing fields and facilities. Noosa Softball has been involved in all phases of this development over the past year. This matter is yet to be put before Council to be included in future budgets.

Future

Prior to our next season further advertising and promotion of the sport through the local media and schools will be implemented. Our biggest challenge is competing against other activities like Surf Life Saving and beach activities through the summer months.



REDCLIFFE

Introduction

Works to the fields have continued through the expenditure of our grant money and Council funded projects. The lights to diamond 2 are complete and the new car park is open for use. Our membership continues to remain steady with only minor increase to player numbers. Player development continued with the Academy and player development sessions throughout the year.

Membership

With an increase of 4 teams since last year RLSA had a total of eight clubs fielding 68 teams in the summer season.

- 34 junior teams
 - 10 x TBall with a total of 98 players
 - 9 x U12 with a total of 87 players
 - 6 x U14 with a total of 73 players
 - 5 x U16 with a total of 58 players
 - 4 x 16 Open with a total of 43 players
- 24 senior women's teams
 - 4 x Division 1 with a total of 46 players
 - 7 x Division 1 Reserve with a total of 79 players
 - 6 x Division 2 with a total of 64 players
 - 7 x Division 3 with a total of 81 players
- 10 senior men's teams
 - 10 x Division 1 with a total of 100 players

In the winter season there are 10 women's teams playing an ungraded competition.

Highlights

Coaching Committee: The Coaching Committee have continued to be active this year with the regional academy rolling into its third year. RLSA members are continuing to provide key roles such as Academy Coordinator and Academy Head Coach for Queensland's first regional softball academy. As the Association with the largest number of players involved in the Academy, we also have the largest number of coaches participating at each session.

Grants

Redcliffe Leagues Club: RLSA has continued its ongoing sponsorship agreement with the Redcliffe Leagues Club with an annual provision of \$10,000.

Sports and Recreation Queensland: The contract to install the lights to diamond 2 is nearing completion. Funding for this Grant was provided Moreton Bay Regional Council (\$27,500 including GST) and Sports and Recreation Queensland (\$137,500 including GST). The contract value for the lights is \$258,486 (including GST) which meant that RLSA funded \$93,486 (including GST).

Facilities

Sealed Carpark: Moreton Bay Regional Council has recently completed the construction of the new carpark at the clubhouse. This was developed and organised with our assistance. The timing of the work did not match our expectations, however RLSA did not need to contribute to any costs.

Street Lighting: The next phase of the car parking will be the installation of street lighting. Consultation with Council will continue.

Master Plan for Tallobila Park

The Master Plan for Tallobila Park continues to be delivered by the Council. Other works will include further carparking areas, street lighting and footpaths around the Tallobila Park area.

Regional Academy

The North Coast Regional Softball Academy continues into its second year of operation. RLSA recognises the contribution of its members to the Academy

- Administrator – Mark Mawn
- Head Coach – Steve Wagner
- Coaches – Steve Wagner, Scott A McIntyre, Bryan Moylan, David Ingram, Stephanie Pascoe (Trainee), Aaron Zuch, Paul Jackson

RLSA also recognises the contributions of Caboolture Softball Association, Noosa Softball Association and Sunshine Coast Softball Association.

Junior Development

- RLSA ran battery clinics leading into the summer season.
- Plans are underway to include batting and fielding clinics before this year's summer season.
- Simple Softball sessions will start in July and run for seven weeks leading into the summer season

Diamonds

RLSA currently has 8 senior diamonds and two TBall diamonds

- Diamonds 1 and 2 are deco
- Diamonds 3 to 10 are grassed



REDLANDS

Redlands Softball Association's competition this year showed a decrease in the number of teams competing, with seven clubs suppling 71 teams, a decrease of **eleven teams.** **This year's break down of membership** shows that participation has decreased in all the junior grades from Tball to Under 17 Girls, and a slight decrease in the number of seniors.

Redlands City Council remains one of the major sponsors & supporters of the Association; the Council has recently assisted with project management assistance for the installation of a mass 188litre storage tank to assist with irrigation of the international diamond. Redlands Softball and the Redlands City Council continue to maintain a strong relationship with the signing of a Permit to Occupy which outlines the responsibilities of each group regarding the growth and development of Redlands Softball grounds.

Future development of the facilities is always a priority for the Association however with the international diamond costing the association a significant amount per annum in maintenance alone, this limits the number of other improvements that we can accomplished per annum. The committee has overseen the following developments / improvements, which has been possible due to a very successful season and event packed off season, which included the hosting of round **three of the Gilley's Shield, numerous school events**

REDLANDS SOFTBALL TEAM NOMINATIONS

	Fraser	Mariners	Raiders	Scorpions	Sharks	United	Wildcats	2010	2009
T/Ball	1	1	1	1	1			5	6
Rookie Ball	1	1	1	1	1		1	6	7
Under 12		1	1	1	1		1	5	7
Under 14 Boys			1	1	1			3	3
Under 14 Girls		1	1	1	2		1	6	5
Under 17 Boys			1	1	1			3	3
Under 17 Girls	1	1			1	1	1	5	7
C Men	1		1	1	1		1	5	6
C Ladies		2	2	1	1			6	9
B Men			1	1	1			3	4
B Ladies	1	2	1	1	1			6	5
A Reserve Men			1	1	1		1	4	5
A Reserve Ladies		1		1	2	2	1	7	7
A Men			1	1	1			3	4
A Ladies		1		1	1	1		4	4
Team Totals	5	11	13	14	17	4	7	71	82

including the Met East Tournament and the Patriots tournament:

- Installation of new groundsman equipment shed
- Installation of security grills on the main building
- Installation and set-up of new uniform room
- Installation of electronic security system
- Re-surfacing Diamond 2 , 6 and 8
- Purchase and installation of 4 outdoor table settings
- Purchase and installation of new setting for T Ball diamonds
- Purchase of 2 manual scoreboards
- New batting screens for all training diamonds
- Installation of re-enforced security doors for the canteen
- Purchase of new equipment for representative teams i.e. Water bottles and additional first aid kits.
- Installation of bollards to define boundary of licensed area
- **Major equipment services on all groundsman's machinery**
- Installation of new change room to meet requirements to host National/International tournaments

The Association was represented by 10 teams in the state titles with some great success. The Senior Men's Green team, U19 Men's, Under 16 boys and Under 14 boys were successful at their respective championship bringing home the trophy. Our Under 14 girls and our Women's Queensland Cup team were runners up after nail biting finals. Under 16, Under 19 Girls and Senior Men's Red team finished third however performed admirably while the Open women's Red Team side were competitive in a very strong field.

Our excellent results in the state titles again translated into a very significant number of players and officials gaining State representation, with a number of these players also gaining selection in national squads and in national teams.

2010 Queensland Teams

U16 Girls – Sara Caterson

U16 Boys – Marshall Kronk, Chris Isele, Ryan Merriman, Aaron Whitefield, Chris Kacin, Roline Sheppard

U19 Girls – Stacey Webber, Tara Speakman, Jodie-Lee King

U19 Boys – Danny Kronk, Joel Almond, Liam Thomas, Marshall Kronk, Jeremy Jemmott, Julian Jemmott, Mitchell Daly

QLD Heat – Sheridan Darroch, Danielle Stewart and Jade Wall and Troy McKell

QLD Patriots – Andrew Blackshaw, Shaun Goffer, Julian Jemmott, Luke Van de Griendt, Guy Covacin, Thomas Bailey, William Bailey, Jason Nathan and Kelly McKellar-Nathan

2010 Australian Team/Squads

U19 Women – Stacey Webber, Tara Speakman

U19 Men – Marshall Kronk, Ryan Merriman, Mitchell Daly

Aussie Spirit – Danielle Stewart

Aussie Steelers – Andrew Blackshaw, Shaun Goffer

Anna Allez was our Volunteer of the Year and a special thanks must go to Anna and the small band of **volunteers' who continually put their hands up and supported us through-out the year.**

The Association continues to support school softball with the grounds being made available for rounds and finals of Golden Glove, Metropolitan and District schools softball competitions.

The Redlands Umpires Softball Association ran a green shirt program, thank-you, Norelle Thomas and Matthew Blake.

The continued success of the Redlands Academy in developing our junior players by the enhancement of their playing skills which will assist them in achieving selection in the Redlands Representative teams and possibly go further within the sport.

We would like to thank the members of the committee, Roanne Troost, Angie Bedggood, Debbie Opie, Jo Voltz, Leanne Brennan and John Whitefield. The Association continues to prosper from the enormous efforts you

put in and we are grateful for your support.

To our clubs, your continued support has again help form the backbone of this very successful Association **and to your officials and players' thanks for a more than memorable year.**

To our staff members, a small band of dedicated and tireless workers, thank-you for the work you performed, your efforts greatly contributed to the smooth running of our association.



ROCKHAMPTON

Membership

There has been an Increase in teams playing in senior grades with the entry of 2 Easy Riders teams under the umbrella of Frenchville Scorpions Softball Club.

Harbour City Hawks from Gladstone area elected to play under the banner of Magpies Softball Club. Capricorn Softball Club ceased to be an entity under its own right and rejoined their parent body, Magpies Softball Club. Unfortunately Mt Morgan Softball Club was unable to source officials and has folded for this year. Rockhampton softball is trialling the registration of T Ball players with RDSA in 2010 and has enough members for 2 teams.

Our competition consists of:

Open Men: Outlaws, Capricorn, Frenchville, Easy Riders, Harbour City Hawks

A Women: Magpies, Magpies Black, Capricorn and Outlaws.

Res Women: Frenchville Green, Frenchville White, Easy Riders and a combined Magpies/Capricorn team.

B Women: Magpies, Frenchville Red, Outlaws and a combined Capricorn/Magpies team

U17: Magpies, Capricorn and Outlaws

U15: Frenchville Stingers, Frenchville Scorpions, Magpies, Capricorn and Outlaws.

U13: Outlaws and Capricorn. These two teams are the majority of players from the 2009 T Ball teams.

Sponsorship/Grants

We received \$20,000.00 from Stanwell Power Station to be used for the shade structure in the middle of the diamonds. This structure has an anticipated completion date for the first stage as of September. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our application for the 2009 Volunteers grant. Applications are pending for 2010 Volunteers grant for equipment and the Sport & Recreation grant for club development.

Highlights

Representative Teams: Rockhampton competed in the 2009 State Championships for U16 Girls, U19 Women and Open Men. Easy Riders Masters teams played in the Logan Masters competition. So far in 2010 teams from Rockhampton have competed in the State U15 Girls and Boys, a combined Rockhampton and Mt Isa

team played at the Southern Cross Challenge and a **women's team is participating at the International Friendship Series Challenge.**

Our Association gained state representation with three (3) female players and one (1) male player in the U16 State Teams and one player each in the male and female U19 State Teams. Four (4) of our U15 female players and two (2) of our male players were invited to attend the development camp in June.

The reactivated Rockhampton Sullivan Shield competition invitations were sent out to neighbouring Associations and a team from Gladstone nominated to play this year.

Volunteers

The volunteer base for the association is expanding slowly with more parents and senior members coming forward to ensure that the association grounds are kept in a safe playing condition and canteen facilities are available for all members. The under 13 age groups have organised rubbish pick ups where required showing pride in the softball grounds. Two (2) volunteers completed a Quickbooks accounting course at TAFE during 2009

Publicity & Promotion

Rockhampton Regional Council ran their Sports Expo again this year. Rockhampton Softball has participated over the last three years and this year, was lucky enough to receive the third place for an innovative and interactive display. The prize was a \$250.00 Amart Sports voucher, from which we anticipate purchasing gear for the T ball players.

Our Promotions manager has been forwarding a weekly report on the senior games to the Morning Bulletin and has been publicised each time.

A junior sports reporter has lately joined the Morning Bulletin and we are looking forward to publishing the junior games reports on a different day as well.

Technical Areas

Coaching: Rockhampton accessed a grant to put interested members through their level 1 coaching accreditation in 2009, unfortunately to date, very few of the participants have finalised the level.

Scoring: A scoring clinic was also held with grant money in 2009. Eight (8) members passed their level one (1). Three (3) members gained their level two (2) and one (1) member received a level three (3) pass.

Umpiring: This year Rockhampton has a member who put his hand up for the co-ordinators job. We are looking forward to the progress of some junior and senior umpires through our ranks in the future. Two members sat the national umpire exam this year.

Junior Development

Rockhampton Academy training commenced with our U15 representative players and we will add players from the U17 and U19 grades as we progress. It is anticipated that we will hold a Have a Go day in

conjunction with Rockhampton Hockey late in October, followed by a simple softball or T ball game.

Facilities

The first stage of the centre shade area is almost completed; we are waiting on a builder to finish putting the roof on the girders. We hope to commence the levelling of our outfields during the off season prior to setting up home run fences on the four (4) diamonds around the club house, however, are still accessing sponsors and grant applications for the fences and the second stage of our shade area.

Future Challenges

One of the main challenges that we foresee in future years is the rising cost of utilities and a similar sized player base to try to offset costs. To try to alleviate costs we are intending to hold discussions with firms to source alternative power. The main challenge for this is how to effectively protect solar panels/wind generators on the buildings from the dreaded direct softball hits without losing efficient power generation.



SOUTH BRISBANE

South Brisbane Softball Association Inc. had a very successful and rewarding 2009 season with some great results for both the players and the association.

The 2009 Saturday Softball Season consisted of the following:

Clubs

- Dodgers
- Lightning Strikes
- Panthers
- Redbacks

Grades

- 2x A Grade Women's Teams
- 4x B Grade Women's Teams

Premiers

- B2 Women: Lightning Strikes Maroon
- B1 Women: Dodgers Blue
- A Women: Redbacks 2

Most Valuable Player – Div 1: Jessica McCann
Most Valuable Player – Div 2: Monica Legge
Most Valuable Player – Div 3: Kim Estriech

Club Champions

Redbacks Softball Club

The women's competition was still of a very high standard and the sportsmanship and friendliness of all players was outstanding.

Due to numbers, a junior competition was not able to be run however we will continue to offer a junior competition in the 2010 season.

South Brisbane's only men's team, Dodgers, again permitted to the Brisbane Men's Association for the season. The Brisbane Men's competition has moved from Downey Park to O'callaghan Park, Zillmere. The Dodgers men's team won the B Grade grand final.

The 2009 Wednesday Night Softball Season started after the World Masters Games. Two women's teams, Redbacks and Dodgers and 4 Men's teams, Qld U16, Qld U19, Jaguars and Dodgers played a 7 week competition. This competition provided the Qld teams with game practice before heading away to their prospective national tournament. It also provided training and game practice for the players of Dodgers, Redbacks and Jaguars.

A special thanks to the Qld teams, Jaguars and Royals players for playing at South Brisbane. Thanks you also to the umpires and administration staff for a great competition.

In 2009, the South Brisbane representative teams provided the opportunity for players to compete at a higher level. South Brisbane teams competed in the **Open Women and Open Men's State Championships.**

For South Brisbane, State Championships provide an opportunity for our players to play against some of the best raw talent in the state and country. Congratulations to all District Associations for giving our players this opportunity.

Highlights of our 2009 representative season were;

- The South Brisbane Men's softball team competed at Toowoomba and were runners up for the Open State Championship Trophy and finished 8th in the state.
- The level of competition at State Championships continues to increase. Once again, teams were enhanced by not only our own state and Australian players but also by the national and international players available to compete at our state level.
- The South Brisbane team consisted mainly of players from Dodgers Softball Club and South Brisbane were also fortunate enough to enlist the spirited talents of James Darby, Christopher Nash, Michael Tanner, Ryan Tranter and Lee Williams. The combination of the Dodgers men's team and these 5 specialist players made the South Brisbane team a serious contender again.
- The South Brisbane Men's team consisted of Kris Amy, David Broadbent, Paul Childers, James Darby, Grant Hobday, Mark Holmes, Paul Holmes, Christopher Nash, Michael Rigby, Matthew Sayers, Michael Tanner, Ryan Tranter, Aidan van den Hurk and Lee Williams.
- The team was coached by Jenny Covill and Grant Hobday, Team Managers, Alison Fenton and Denise Covill and the Team Statistician was Barbara Neumann.

- **The South Brisbane Women's representative team** competed at Redlands and finished 10th in the state.
- South Brisbane took a new direction this year and recruited 4 talented young players from New Zealand to improve South Brisbane competitiveness at a State Championship level.
- Kyla Bromhead from Auckland, Jessica Jowett from Wellington, Rita Hokianga and Kelly-Aroha Huata from Hawkes Bay provided the pitching and catching capacity to keep the South Brisbane team competitive all weekend.
- The South Brisbane Women's team consisted of Cheryl Blakey, Kyla Bromhead, Cheyenne Burnett, Denise Covill, Jenny Covill, Sharon Covill, Kim Estreich, Rita Hokianga, Kelly-Aroha Huata, Jessica Jowett, Tynelle Lyons, Felicity McCann, Jess McCann, Sharon Rowley, Lauren Taylor, Alkira Toby.
- **Our women's team was extremely competitive however we weren't able to secure a finals position.**
- The Women's team was coached by Grant Hobday, Team Manager, Denise Covill and the Team Statistician was Barbara Neumann.

I would like to thank all players and officials for their hours of dedication and hard work to ensure that the association and the sport are professionally represented.

Unfortunately in 2009, South Brisbane was unsuccessful in hosting a State Championship however we have **secured the Queensland Under 17 Girl's State Championships** in 2010.

Our SBSA Umpires have successfully managed another **great year. SBSA currently have 7 "Blue" umpires as well as another 2 "blue" umpires playing within the competition.** We are extremely lucky to have the quality of umpires that we have and I encourage them to continue striving for excellence. Our season runs extremely well and this can be attributed to both the high quality of players SBSA has recruited and the game management skills of our umpires.

On the June long weekend, SBSA held the 18th SBSA **Men's Club Classic. For 3 days, players and spectators were able to watch some of Australia's best players in action.** The 8 team competition included Bruins, Scorpions, Victoria Point Sharks, Brisbane Giants, TAN, Raiders, Southside Mariners and Sydney United. In the final, Southside Mariners defeated Brisbane Giants 2 - 0.

18th SBSA Men's Club Classic All Star Team

- Pitcher: Adam Humble (Southside Mariners)
- Catcher: Mike Harrow (Scorpions)
- 1ST Base: Michael Tanner (Sydney United)
- 2ND Base: Zenon Winters (Southside Mariners)

- 3RD Base: Aaron Cockman (Southside Mariners)
- Short Stop: Nic Norton (Sydney United)
- Left Field: Patrick Norton (Brisbane Giants)
- Centre Field: Shawn Goffer (Raiders)
- Right Field: Josh Davison (Victoria Point Sharks)
- Utility: Thomas Cameron (Bruins)
- Coach: Shane Hughes (Southside Mariners)

Individual Player Awards

- Batting: Aaron Cockman (Southside Mariners)
- Fielding: Mike Harrow (Scorpions)
- MVP: Aaron Cockman (Southside Mariners)
- Pitcher of the Series: Adam Humble (Southside Mariners)
- Player of the Finals: Adam Folkard (Southside Mariners)
- Rookie of the Year: Tyson Byrne (Brisbane Giants)

The SBSA Club Classic is the premier men's softball tournament in Queensland. Numerous Australian Players plus many international players furnish the club teams therefore raising the level of softball in Queensland and Australia to a new level.

The 2009 Club Classic was the final hit out before the Aussie Steelers went to World Series where they became the World Champions. All Aussie Steeler players were encouraged to attend. 14 of the 17 players in the team attended the tournament.

The South Brisbane Club Classic is now recognised on **the Aussie Steeler's training & tournament schedule** as it provides another opportunity for the coaches to view the players. Bob Harrow & Mike Titheradge were both present at our tournament.



On the same weekend, SBSA held the 7th SBSA Masters Classic for both men's and women's masters teams.

Nine (9) teams competed in the Women's division. They were Aussie Mozzies, Phantoms, Mavericks, Noosa Buzzards, Camira Amigos, ERTS, Redbacks, Brighton Roosters and Legends.

In the Division 1 final, Redbacks defeated Phantoms, 8 – 3. In the Division 2 final, Mavericks defeated Noosa Buzzards, 11 – 2. In the Division 3 final, Legends defeated Brighton Roosters, 11 – 2.

Six (6) teams competed in the Men's division. They were Redbacks, Hooters, Giants, PK Pride, Bombers and Greenbacks. In the Division 1 final, PK Pride defeated Giants, 5 – 1. In the Division 2 final, Hooters defeated Greenbacks, 6 – 4.

I would like to thank all of the clubs and the volunteers that make the Club & Masters Classic a huge success every year. I would also like to thank the umpiring and scoring contingent for making the weekend a success.

In 2009 South Brisbane Softball received a Brisbane City Council grant for \$12,000. This grant was used to install 2 water tanks and plumbing for watering our grounds.

I would like to thank the Board and Management Committee of SBSA Inc for a great 12 months. Barbara Neumann, Debbie Pengelly and Jenny Covill have done a fantastic job during the past 12 months and I thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the association and the sport.

Thanks also to our great canteen staff, ground staff, respective club members and volunteers that help out at South Brisbane Softball Association.

I would like to thank the Brisbane City Council for their assistance over the past 12 months. Brisbane City Council mow our fields and maintain the car park area and this has been very helpful in making the South Brisbane Softball grounds look great.

South Brisbane Softball Association Inc. has achieved great results in 2009 and I look forward to a prosperous 2010.



SUNCOAST HINTERLAND

Membership
Membership for 2009 season was 248 members.

Our association offered the following competitions:

- Women's: A & B grades – 9 teams
- Men's – 4 teams
- Mixed U14's – 6 teams
- Mixed 3Pitch – 3 teams

Grants

Grants submitted and approved:

- Sport & Rec – Club Development Education & Training \$3969
- Volunteer Grant – Training aids for Umpiring, Scoring & Coaching \$3714
- Woolworths – Marquees \$3000
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council - Sporting Equipment \$2000

Highlights

Our association had a few highlights for 2009. We entered 2 teams in the Qld Masters, Suncoast Flames **Division 9 (over 45's)** and **Suncoast Flickers Division 6**, both bringing home the Gold.

Our men's team participated in the Open Men's State Championships in Toowoomba, and won the Presidents Cup, it was such an accomplishment for these guys.

Technical Areas

Through the successful grant applications we were able to put a lot of people through the different courses in the following areas.

- Coaching Level 1 – 6
- Umpiring Level 1 – 3
- Scoring Level 1 – 11 & Level 3 – 2

Junior Development

We held 2 junior development clinics through the year, with Stephen Shorten running one of those for us. It was a great success.

4 junior members of our association attended the Regional Academy Camp in 2009 and 2 of them made the squad. A big accomplishment for these kids and our association.

Future

We are still facing an uphill battle with the managing body of our grounds, regarding upgrading the grounds. Slowly we are making progress, and hope to have new back nets and dugouts for 2 diamonds up and running by our 2011 season.



TOOWOOMBA

Another season over. I wish to congratulate everyone on their efforts throughout the season.

This season showed a strong competition in both the junior and senior ranks. A special mention must go to the Narelle Donald (JVP) and all the Rep Coaches who ensured that the Academy ran successfully on Friday evenings. This opportunity for our junior players and officials helped to further their knowledge of the game. We are looking forward to increasing our numbers with this academy again next season.

TSA held a number of Coaching, Scoring & Umpiring clinics throughout the season and it is great to see numbers are increasing every time we hold Clinics to help our Volunteers. TSA in conjunction with QLD Softball held a Battery Clinic run by Lexie Pearce. The morning saw 15 Coaches attend a workshop with the afternoon dedicated to Junior Players who wanted to **learn more about Pitching & Catching. To Lexie's surprise, we had "60" kids turn up ready to participate and learn.** Thanks to Lexie for a great day!!!

Successful funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund this season saw \$28K spent on a large amount of equipment for the grounds & canteen – items purchased new BBQ, Canteen Trolley, Display Stand, Shade Tents, Grass Matting for Ball Pens, New Office Equipment including laptops, camera, folding machine & digital projector. We now await the outcome of grant applications for some junior equipment through the Woolworths Community Kids Fund.

Plans are also in the pipe line for future applications to cover the renewing of wiring on the fences of diamond 1, 2 and 3. Council are also coming to the party and helping us re-surface Diamond 3. Hopefully this will be done before the start of our next season.

Kearney Springs Management Committee has recently spent \$20K on upgrading the canteen with a large chip fryer, stainless steel benches and hot food warmer, this upgrade will benefit both Softball & Touch. KSMC have also submitted an application for funding to upgrade the toilet facilities fingers crossed we will be successful and this will be upgraded within the next 12 months. With new members on the Kearney Springs Committee we are finally looking forward to smoother sailing for all involved.

We were again represented at all State Championships. Well done to those players and officials who were chosen to represent QLD. TSA are also well represented in both Junior & Senior Darling Downs zone teams as players and officials. As per previous years, our sights are set on more player / coaching development with the goal of having more teams finishing higher in the ranks at future State Championships.

Toowoomba Softball was busy this past season playing host to THREE Titles in one season. We played host to the Primary School Girls Titles in October 2009, the Open Men in November 2009 and then the U15 Boys in April 2010. All three Titles were a success. Thanks to all those people who volunteered their time to ensure that all went well. We look forward to the future hosting of State Titles and National Titles in the future. The Darling Downs Region have put their hands up to host the 2011 Secondary School Titles so fingers crossed they will be successful with this application so TSA can play apart of this.

My personal thanks to each Executive member and position holder within the Association. There are numerous jobs and events which occur within our Association and within your own clubs. I applaud your tenacity to keep on going even when it can sometimes seem too much. Thanks to club officials and club members who stepped up to assist TSA throughout the season.

Again I put forward the call for members to stand up and become Executive members or to take on a role within the Toowoomba Softball Association. This will allow for new ideas and thoughts to come forward so that our Association continues to flourish.

I am thankful that although we don't always see eye to eye or agree on every topic/issue, the members of the Toowoomba Softball Association are all working towards the betterment of our sport and Association.

I thank you for allowing me to be president of the Toowoomba Softball association for the past season and wish you all the best in future seasons.



WYNNUM
Wynnum Softball
Association, for the period 1
May 2009 – 30 April 2010

has been working towards a number of key goals. Whilst, as for many associations, a strong focus has been on both member retention and acquisition we have been also focusing on ways to ensure we have a competitive standard of game for our members to play as well developing the skills and accreditation of our officials.

Membership Increase/Decrease
Wynnum Softball Association has experienced a small increase in membership in the period of 1 May 2009 to April 30 2010. It is anticipated that the current playing season which has recently commenced will report **another increase in next year's annual report.**

Wynnum Softball Association has the following registrations as at 31 March 2010 (our Winter registrations for the season which has commenced mid April have not yet been finalized to give a number at 30 April 2010):

- 50 Senior Male Players
- 31 Senior Female Players

Number of Clubs/Teams/Grades
Wynnum Softball Association has 4 affiliated clubs, these being Hooters, Te Arohanui (TAN), Marist and Outlaws. Our current 2010 competition which **commenced on 17 April is open grade men's and open grade women's with 7 men's teams and 4 women's teams**, an increase in the number teams from last season which is very rewarding from a committee point of view.

Highlights

QLD Open Men's State Championships: Wynnum Softball Association entered one team into the **Open Men's/QLD Cup state titles, which was hosted by Toowoomba Association.** The team played very well only missing out on making the QLD Cup division by one run. **The team then went on to win the Open Men's grade which was a great result.**

Coaching: Steve Anderson was appointed the position of **Head Coach of the QLD U19 Men's team for 2009/2010** with the team finishing forth at the Nationals. Steve has also been successful in his application for the **Head Coach position of the QLD U19 Men's team for 2010/2011.** Steve also was accredited his Level 2 Coaching this year, congratulations to Steve on this achievement.

Scoring: In 2009 a Level 1 and Level 2 scoring clinic were held. These clinics were a great result for such a small association with one new Level One and three new Level Two scorers accredited. We also had two of our current scorers go on to obtain their Level Three accreditation this year.

Umpiring: Life Member and Umpire David Casey, was successful in obtaining his Level Six umpiring accreditation in 2009. Congratulations David on this major achievement.

Host Association: Wynnum was fortunate to have the opportunity to host the QLD U19 Women's State Championships in October. The weekend was a great success with a number of visitors providing positive feedback regarding the success of the event.

Facilities

Wynnum Softball has 7 open diamonds available for play, all of which are grassed. We are currently having our second toilet block refurbished with thanks to the Brisbane City Council. This will be a great asset to have these facilities open when we host the Open Women's State Championships later in 2010.

Future: Challenges & Plans

Further in 2010 and 2011 we will be focusing on improving a number of key things, one of these main things being the development of our officials. This will be achieved by running accreditation clinics and the attendance of our officials at external courses/information programs wherever possible. Also another identified need is the recruitment of volunteers. As with almost all sporting associations, the recruitment and retention of volunteers is crucial to ensuring we can keep our associations running and in turn, players on our diamonds.

We still face the major challenge of junior recruitment. Our current junior base is nil and obviously it is not easy to build a junior competition based on this. We have put this into our future plan and will be kept on our agenda to work on.

We would like to thank Softball Queensland for their continued support and assistance throughout the past year. We would also like to take this opportunity to once again thank the dedicated volunteers who have given their time to keep the continual improvement of our association on track and most importantly, the game of softball on our diamonds.



Floods once again leave a trail of destruction at the Mackay Softball Association grounds.

