MEMBERSHIP
This season the BSA experienced a small increase in playing numbers. Some of our clubs have been working hard to increase their numbers.

SUMMER COMPETITION
35 Senior Women’s Teams
4 x A1 Grade with a total of 37 players
5 x A2 Grade with a total of 53 players
5 x A3 Grade with a total of 47 players
4 x U17 with a total of 35 players
7 x B Grade with a total of 71 players
10 x C Grade with a total of 121 players

10 Junior Teams
4 x U15 girls with a total of 44 players
2 x U15 mixed with a total of 19 players
4 x U13 with a total of 44 players
Swing Into Softball/Tball had 30 participants

WINTER COMPETITION
10 Men’s Teams
6 x A/B Grade with a total of 60 players
4 x C Grade with a total of 64 players
124 participants

Officials 48
Total – 673 participants

SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS
We had two new sponsors this year - Genesis Fitness and PlusFitness Windsor. Both organisations assisted our Rep teams in their preparation and offered members discount memberships.
This year also saw our new elevated equipment shed has been finished. It’s been a five year journey. It is was constructed with the aid of grants from Brisbane City Council and State Government Sport and Recreation.

HIGHLIGHTS
Merger with South Brisbane Softball Association
The merger with SBSA allowed the established softball facility at Preston Road, Carina to remain a softball facility. As Downey Park is shared with Hockey, Preston Road provides an alternative venue during winter but also a year round venue for additional competitions. It sees the continuation of the annual Club Classic and Masters Club Classic tournaments.

REGULAR COMPETITION
The Fixtures and Grading team worked hard to make sure our season draw took into account all weather events and representative commitments. To aid our junior development and provide even team competitions, we created some combined teams in our U15 and U17 competitions. This allowed U13s to play in the U15 girls or U15 mixed teams to gain valuable game play experience and confidence.
Same was done between U15 and U17 girls. This enabled us to maintain a strong girls competition in these ages groups. This resulted in a number of payers being selected for Queensland teams.
For Grand Final day this year we tried some new stuff. Most of the games were streamed live on Facebook with lots of interactions from people watching. We had a “first pitch” for each game.
The opening pitch was thrown by BSA Rep players, Australian Players and past winners of the A1 June Spice medal. The A1 Grand Final was again played at night with Bears being eventual winners over Panthers.
Senior Club of the year - Panthers
Junior Club of the year - Saints
President’s Cup – Redsox 1

JUNIOR AWARDS/ BSA REP NIGHT
Our annual Junior Awards and Rep night celebrated our junior achievements for the past year. Each grade awards an MVP voted for by the opposition. We also present the U15 and U17 Rep teams.
This year we invited two Australian players Jess Torpey and Kaia Parnaby along to do a Q&A session. Juniors were encouraged to submit questions about what it takes to get to the highest level of our sport. It was a great celebration of their season.
WOMEN’S SENIOR AWARDS/ BSA REP NIGHT

This year we celebrated the awarding of our 30th June Spice Medal to the A1 player of the year. We had dual winners Tamieka Whitefield (Redsox) and Brooke McNamara (Panthers). 11 of the 23 past June Spice winners were in attendance and assisted in presenting awards to all grades. Lots of memories were shared amongst those that attended. It was a great way to close out our season.

MENS COMPETITION

This year saw the men’s competition move to Preston Road, Carina. As expected, the move did have some impact on our competition but we are turning a corner. We again had a combined A grade competition with Wynnum. Games were played at alternate weeks at both venues so both DAs benefited.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Brisbane nominated teams to compete in the Girls and Boys U14, Girls U17, Women’s U19 and Open Women’s State Championships. We also provided a number of players to other DAs for Championships we were not playing in. A significant number of our players and officials went on to be named in State and National squads/teams. Not only do we produce quality players, but our coaches, managers, umpires and statisticians continue to excel by participating in State, National and International tournaments.

COMPETITIONS AND CARNIVALS

Aside from our summer and winter fixture competitions, we have hosted a number of additional competitions at Downey Park: 2018 U15 Boys State Championships (Preston Road) Australian Defence Force National championships Play 4 A Cure Slowpitch competition ANZAC Day competition QGSSSA competitions Primary School Andrew’s Cup U19 Women’s State Championships Chinese Taipei & US touring teams FCL Women’s pilot games

PUBLICITY & PROMOTION

We have tried to use social media more to get out messages out to people. This culminated in live-streaming most of our games during the final series for our summer season. We had lots of positive feedback from watchers both “softball people” and those outside softball related to those viewers.

COACHING

We have had six people complete their Level 1 coaching certificates and by June those six plus another five people will have completed their Level 2 certification.

SCORING

Clinics and Exams

The demand for scoring clinics within BSA continues to be cyclical. There was sufficient interest to run two Level 1 clinics with a total of 3 attendees. One of these people attained their Level 1 with the other two passing the exam and in the process of completing the Play by the Rules modules. We also held a Level 2 clinic with 3 attendees. BSA hosted an SQI Level 4 clinic with State Scoring Director, Matt Denkel and Chris Bailey as primary presenters. Five level 3 statisticians attended - two from BSA, one each from Wynnum, Redcliffe and Ipswich. Two members attended a Level 5 clinic in Blacktown, as part of the 2018 Asia Pacific Cup. Both achieved their level 5 qualifications. We also had a member attend another Level 5 clinic in February 2019, but the result is yet to be advised.

Accredited/ Active Scorers

There has been a concerted effort to track accreditate scorers. We continue to encourage the BSA scoring fraternity to upgrade their qualifications and accreditation levels to improve the quality of team scoring and to provide a bigger pool for BSA representative duties. Best estimate is there are 24 active scorers.

BSA Hosted Championships

BSA once again hosted the Australian Defence Forces tournament in December 2018. Scoring assistance was requested by the organizers and was provided by Deb Moloney, Ros Caldwell, Joy Leach, Ngaire Huston, Fiona Goffer, Peter Collie and Chris Bailey. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event. We provided two scorers per game allowing for live iScorecasting. BSA hosted the U15 Boys’ State Championship in May 2018 at Preston Road. Hailey Ireland filled the Recorder role for BSA and Fiona Goffer appointed by SQI as the Scoring Committee Representative with the assistance of Wendy Harries. BSA will be hosting U16 Girls State Championship at Downey Park in September.
Representative Scoring

Chris Bailey was fortunate enough to continue as Statistician for the Queensland Heat. Jason Collins was appointed as Statistician for the Queensland U17 Girls team. Wendy Harries, Deb Moloney and Kim North were re-appointed to Queensland U15 teams, Wendy and Kim to the boys and Deb to the girls.

Pick—up Scorers

Once again, BSA scorers were able to assist less well staffed DAs by acting as Pick-up Scorers at State Championships. Shakira McColl scored for FNQ/Rockhampton for the U15 Girls, Graeme Bell scored for Redcliffe at Open Women's, Wendy Harries for FNQ/Mackay/Noosa U19 Women's and Fiona Goffer for Toowoomba at Open Men's. Providing pick-up scorers for other DAs has considerable benefit for BSA. Our scorers gain invaluable championship experience and BSA adds to its reputation as being ready, willing and able to help other Associations.

Official Scoring

The U23 Women’s and Men’s National Championships and the Friendship Series were held at Redlands in July, 2018. Jason Collins was appointed as Tournament Chief Statistician. Fiona Goffer, Deb Moloney, Graeme Bell and Chris Bailey all contributed as part of the official scoring panel. Fiona Goffer and Wendy Harries were invited to be part of the official scoring team at the combined Boys’ and Girls’ U17 National Championships in Adelaide. Fiona then headed to Canberra to be part of the official scoring team for the Open Men’s Nationals.

UMPIRING

Once again another successful year for the Umpires of the BSUA. We had 12 people, mostly juniors complete our Redshirt program. This is due to the fantastic efforts of Jamie Harries. We also had one obtain their Level 2 accreditation.

BSA Club Competitions:
Number of games umpired:
2018 BSA Men’s Winter Comp – 137 games,
2018-19 BSA Women’s Summer Comp – 460 games

State Championships
Qld Cup - Open Men’s: Jamie Harries, Kylie Knight, Janelle Hicks (Prelim Final Plate)
Qld Cup - Open Women’s: Jamie Harries, Kylie Knight, Janelle Hicks (Grand Final Plate)
U19 Women’s: Jamie Harries (Grand Final base), Kylie Knight
U19 Men’s: Janelle Hicks (Grand Final Plate)
U17 Girls: Kylie Knight, Ian Goodman
U17 Boys: Jamie Harries (Assessor), Janelle Hicks (Assessor)
U15 Girls: Ian Goodman
2019 Qld Secondary School Boys: Jamie Harries (Assessor)
2019 Qld Secondary School Girls: Jamie Harries, Kylie Knight
2018 ADF Nationals Open Women’s: Jamie Harries (Grand Final Plate)
2018 Open Women’s Defence Test Match Australia v New Zealand: Jamie Harries (Plate)

Other events where BSUA umpires assisted

Club Classic and Australian Uni Games, Queensland and Pan Pac Masters games.
Umpires also assisted at Redlands, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture and Rockhampton.

Nationals Representation:
Ron Trow - U17 Boys (Grand Final Base)
Janelle Hicks - U17 Girls (Grand Final Plate)
Kylie Knight - Combined U17 Girls and Boys

Jamie Harries travelled to New Zealand to attend the tournaments below

2019 NZ Service National Open Men’s & Women’s Championship in Auckland (Open Men’s Grand Final Plate)
2019 NZ Defence Championship Open Men’s (3rd base Grand Final)
2019 Vic Guth Open Men’s Tournament (2nd base Semi Final)

BSUA umpires also volunteered to assist with scrimmage games for National Teams pre—tournament games.

Brisbane would like to acknowledge the support of the umpires from outside of BSA who provide us with the opportunity to cover more games and occasionally work three umpire systems on games other than the A1 comp. Those people are Norelle Thomas, Nicole Finlay, Dell Belchambers, Tony Turner, Tony Ringrose and Alex Turnbull. Thanks for your support.
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

2017/18 season has been another busy one for Brisbane. Development highlights included the Swing into Softball and Diamond Development Programs, Deb McColm Shield, U15 Regional Academy Program, coach accreditation support and distribution and reporting on player/parent survey.

SWING INTO SOFTBALL

The SIS program was available again this year. Those that participated showed improved skill development by the end of the program. The second half of the season saw many participants move up to a Tball styled game format so they experienced a “higher level” of softball in a friendly environment. Many thanks must go to the Club coaches that were involved for their support and enthusiasm.

DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Diamond Development program aimed to capture those players not old enough for under 15 selection and provide them with additional development opportunities to keep them engaged. This team participated in the Deb McColm Shield as a culmination of the program with other Brisbane U15 Brisbane teams and invited Associations and was again successful.

U15 DEVELOPMENT

Our Fixtures & Grading team has been working closely with the Development team to provide the best competition possible. We have modified rules to promote participation and skill development across under-age competitions. We continued to provide an U15 Mixed competition. There wasn’t enough boys for a single gender competition. This way the boys still get to play and the girls could opt-in to experience a different type of competition. At the same time, we maintained dedicated U15 Girls and U17 Girls competitions. We provided a development pathway through recognition of players to benefit from dual registration to U17 competition.

FACILITIES

Brisbane currently maintain 2 facilities: Downey Park and Preston Road (Carina). We handed O’Callaghan Park back to Brisbane City Council.

Downey Park has:
2 skinned diamonds under lights
8 Senior diamonds
6 Junior diamonds

Other facilities include
Canteen and BBQ
Bar and “pig pen” area
Mobile food cart (servicing our outer diamonds)
Grandstand
Umpire’s Room
Queensland Heat Gym and Administration room
Hall for hire
BSA Administration area and Board Room
Representative Team Administration Room
Events Administration area
We also offer a batting cage facility to Clubs, teams and individuals on a for hire basis.

The on-site Leading Edge Pro Shop continues to prove successful, providing softball equipment and clothing services to players and officials.

Preston Road has:
1 skinned diamonds
7 senior grassed diamond
3 junior grassed diamond

Other facilities at Carina include:
Office/Umpire’s Room
Canteen / Bar
Equipment containers

FUTURE PLANS

We are working hard to continue to develop our skinned diamonds and make our grassed surfaces be the best they can be. Because we share the Downey Park playing surfaces this is a challenge but we are working closely with our co-tenant Brisbane Hockey to make our surfaces as safe as possible for both sports. With Downey Park being on a flood plain, we have finally been able to flood-proof our equipment with the new shed being finished. It will be a relief the next time the weather gods speak out. Preston Road has become our “second home” with the grounds formally been taken over from South Brisbane DA. They also will need flood-proofing as best we can, so long term planning has started. Like all Associations, we are concerned about numbers and we will continue working with our clubs to have a collective effort to recruit and retain players and officials in coming years.

Importantly, we need to continue to recognise and accommodate the non-traditional forms of softball. Having a low cost, low level, social competition that is held at a time that attracts people will continue to be supported by the BSA.
GROUNDS & FACILITIES:
The facility at the Dances Road Sports Complex provides appropriate, sufficient & an accessible public sports facility, which has a positive influence on personal & community participation in the sport of softball & other physical activities. The access to quality softball competition & recreation facility that is supported by the Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC), the governing body of softball - Softball Qld Inc (SQI) & through the Major Development Grant Fund from the Caboolture Sports Club Ltd (CSC Group) the major factor in the sport of softball capacity to meet current user demand and plan for future growth.

The facility operates with:
- Camera| Video Monitor security system
- 2 Lanes Batting Cage Building | solar heat extraction panels|7 external storage units for hire
- 2 full skinned diamonds under lights
- 3 skinned infield diamonds (1 under lights)
- 5 grass based|grass outfields
- Fully renovated Canteen/ Cold Room & Bar areas (air conditioned)
- Fully renovated Administration Office (air conditioned)
- Fully renovated Umpires Room/Conference area (air conditioned)
- 2 Fully renovated Meeting /Board Room (air conditioned)
- Female & Male amenities with 3 shower cubicles
- 1 x Medical Room
- Training Equipment & Uniform Rooms
- Fully equipped Groundsmen Shed
- 2 Tractors | blowers | Lawn mowers | Gator |Sweeper | Vacuum

The facility is used by:
- Yearly 22 week competition x 16 Affiliated Clubs (Saturdays 8.00am - 6.30pm)
- Host Venue - State Championships (on successful nomination / selection)
- North Coast Regional Softball Academy (NCRSA) training sessions (fortnightly)
- Primary School Gala Days (on request, yearly)
- Secondary School -Interschool competition (on request, yearly)
- SQI State Teams - training sessions (on request, yearly)
- CSSA Rep Teams (training sessions (Jan - December yearly)
- 15 x Affiliated Clubs for training sessions on weekly basis throughout competition season
- 4 x Affiliated Clubs for training sessions on weekly basis "off season"
- Specialists Coaching Clinics - Junior Development (on request, yearly)

The MBRC maintain the fields, facility as per the set guidelines for Management and Operation of Sporting Facilities & Reserves. The Management Committee of CSSA acknowledge & accept the guidelines under the said Guidelines. The Management Committee of CSSA agree for the employed Groundsperson/s to conduct regular maintenance to facility:

Water / soaking /dragging of deco diamonds
- Deco diamonds maintained
- Deco inserts maintained
- Levels and grass edges trimmed
- When Council mow, clipped grass or clumps of grass must be vacuumed
- Poison around fences, dam and areas as required
- Repair fences (as required)
- Sport field line marking
- Tools & Machinery equipment & storage areas to be cleaned & maintained
- General maintenance of the facility, so as games & training can be played safely by members
- Preparation of diamonds prior to Saturday fixtures
- Litter collection & Bins cleaned & placed to all diamonds
- Complex hosed & blown on regular basis
- All rubbish cleaned up for the Monday bin pick up
- Report any identified maintenance issue or similar concerns

With excessive rain the clay and loam in the deco can wash out and it will need replacing.

Maintenance/Building Modifications 2018/2019:

Request to justification for the projects to MBRC & to the CSCS to funds for the request to approval for alterations/renovations, capital improvements and major equipment to the Dances Road Complex:
- Completion - Batting Cage Facility
- Purchase - all terrain vehicle | Sweeper | Vacuum
- Instalment of extra Security cameras inside & outside Batting Cages
- re-fencing all diamonds
- Overhead Shades to cover the spectators
- Resurfacing deco diamonds
- Beautify the front entrance
Tee Ball Development  5 years old - 8 years old

Winter Season

Tee Ball development aimed at capturing those players not old enough for U12 games, but provides additional development opportunities to keep them engaged. Those that participate in the Tee Ball Development, showed improvement & ‘moved up’ to a “rookie ball" style game format, so they experience a 'high level' of softball in a friendly environment. Many thanks to the Club Coaches who are involved for the support & enthusiasm.

North Coast Regional Softball Academy ( NCRSA)

Selected week ends throughout January 2018 - December 2019

A range of potential Junior players are identified for the opportunity to trial for the Academy Squad (athletes are Under 13 - U17 both male and female. Trial dates scheduled to undertake testing. Test scores in conjunction with game knowledge, attitude & motivation are considered:

∙ This program involves a 12 month commitment from selected athletes.
∙ CSSA & SQI directly overviews the participants in the planning & implementation of program
∙ Participants agree to terms & conditions for selection.
∙ Commit to undertake extra training (personal) as well as squad academy training days.
∙ Abide by Code of Conduct.
∙ Athletes & Coaches have exposure to a professional approach to player development assessment and specialist coaching.
∙ Further testing & skill assessment is undertaken.
∙ Assessment provided that will allow athletes and coaches to recognise & develop strategies for improving, knowledge, skills and ability to play the game at the highest level.
∙ Athletes and coaches are provided with proper technique, suggestions & guidance to assist with improvements.

Battery Clinic Pitching Clinic - 2018 - Juniors (20 attended)

Teaching the Pitchers & Catchers what is takes to get to the top, CSSA looks at ways to immediately improve their mechanics, goals, increase speed, movement & efficiency. The development of pitchers & catchers is critical to the success of our athletes & teams. CSSA in collaboration with State Players & Coaching Directors conducted a Battery Development Program throughout 2018 - 2019, targeting athletes from U13 through to U18’s. Coach education is included in the programs to ensure coaches have the most current knowledge to deliver the training sessions for their athletes.

Participation:
CSSA hope to continue our membership growth & source more volunteers to aid in strengthening our Association for a more sustainable future for softball in the Caboolture area.

Like most, we are concerned about numbers & we will continue working with our clubs to have a collective effort to recruit & retain players & officials in coming years. Our biggest challenge is juniors, we have tried & tested many ways increase junior numbers with success, but not as much as desired.

Sign On/ Come & Try Day - March 2019 (40 Attended)

Clubs & Management take advantage of a Sign on Day, for existing members & new members to Sign On and to also 'come and try' with a BBQ at the completion of day’s events.

USA Team to Caboolture

Touring USA girls softball teams visiting Australia in July, came to Caboolture. 2-night games with the USA teams and CSSA U17 + U19 Girls Rep Teams were. hosted at Dances Road 17.7.18. A great opportunity to the lead up for State Championships & fund raising.

3.2.1 - Best & Fairest -

An end of year presentation is awarded for a ‘3.2.1. Best & Fairest’ for the Junior U12, U14, U16 & U18 players. Gift Vouchers are donated by Leading Edge to all the recognised players.

Modified Tee Ball & Rookie Ball

2019 CSSA maintained the modified games format throughout the Tee Ball & Rookie Ball teams. The modified games addressing a more 'ability based' competition, with participants having fun & showing improved skills by the end of the season. Many thanks must go to the Club Coaches & CSSA Junior Development Committee for their support & enthusiasm.

Tee Ball & Rookie Ball - You're a Star

Tee Ball & Rookie Ball players are registered in "You're a Star" program. To receive a prize (lucky dip) every time their booklet shows 4 stars in a row.
CSSA values the contribution members of the softball community make to the sport of softball at Caboolture. It is important to recognise this contribution and also the achievements of athletes, coaches, scorers, umpires, administrators and other volunteers make.

**Major Milestones:**

**CSSA Service Awards:** Recognition awarded to 10 | 15 | 20 years

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**2018 CSSA Junior Umpire & Senior Umpire of the Year**

CSSA may confer an award, to be known as Junior Umpire of the Year, & Senior Umpire of the Year, the nominees must:

- Be a current umpire in the year of nomination who consistently demonstrates a high level of officiating skill, contributing to umpire development as an instructor, examiner, mentor or program designer.
- Be an umpire role model and one who presents a positive public image of umpiring and the role of umpire.

- Bryce Fergusson - Junior Umpire of the Year
- Breanna O’Connor - Senior Umpire of the Year

**2018 SQI Silver Service Award**

Service rendered over a period of not less than ten (10) years

- BRENDAN HUNTLEY
- BETH TAHERE

**Umpire Accreditation:**

Another successful year for the umpires of CSSA. New levels were obtained. Through the financial support of the CSSA - Umpires Association the CSUA has been successful in the development & accreditations

- Callum Thiess # 4
- Katelyn Bell # 2
- Bryce Fergusson # 2

**Scoring Clinics:**

CSSA continues to encourage the CSSA scoring fraternity to upgrade their qualifications & accreditation level to improve the quality of team scoring & to provide a bigger pool of CSSA representative duties.

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With submission to proof of successful selection & upon application for CSSA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, Athletes & Officials were approved for a monetary amount (depending on the Championship) to assist with costs for State, Regional or International teams. (N.B. Financial Assistance is not permitted with School selections)
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Qld Girls Friendship Series - JULY 2017  
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Successful selection from U19- Qld U19 Women State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
| ANDERSON Liam     | Qld U17 Boys State Team - ACT - JAN 2017  
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| FALCON-GREEN Maddy| QLD U19 WOMEN STATE TEAM - WA - JAN 2017 ( Team 3rd)  
Successful selection from U15- U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip-ACT JAN 2018 |
| FERGUSSON Georgia | Qld U17 BOYS STATE TEAM (Statistician) - ACT - JAN 2017 (National winners)  
Successful selection from U17- Qld U17 Boys State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
| GREEN Leila       | SQI U15 GIRLS REGIONAL ACADEMY STATE TEAM (Fire)  
Successful selection from U15- U15 Girls Regional Academy C'ship - WA - JAN2018 |
| KERR Charisma     | QLD U23 WOMEN STATE TEAM - NSW - JULY 2017 (National winners)  
Successful selection from U15- U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JULY 2018 |
| HOLLY Jaiden      | Successful selection from U19- Qld U23 Men State Team-R'lands -JULY2018  
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| HOUSE Zoe         | 2017 Pacific School Games - ACT - Jan 2017  
Successful selection from U15 - U15 Girls Regional Academy C'ship - WA - JAN2018 |
| LAWTON Darian     | QLD SECONDARY SCHOOL C'SHIP - CAIRNS - MARCH 2017  
2017 PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES - ADELAIDE - DECEMBER 2017 (Silver)  
Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018 |
| LEMM John         | Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018  
Successful selection from U19- Qld U19 Women State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
| MUNRO Ethan       | Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018  
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| MUNRO Indy        | 2017 PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES - ADELAIDE - DECEMBER 2017 (Silver)  
Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018 |
| McClure Todd      | SQI U15 BOYS REGIONAL STATE TEAM - BRISBANE - JAN 2017  
(State Winners)  
Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018 |
| O’CONNOR Jacque   | Qld U17 Girls State Team - NSW - JAN 2017  
Secondary School C’ship - CAIRNS MARCH 2017  
2017 Australian U17Girls Friendship Series - JULY 2017  
2017 PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES - ADELAIDE - DECEMBER 2017 (Silver)  
Successful selection from U17 - Qld U17 Girls State Team- NSW-JAN 2018  
Successful selection from U19- Qld U19 Women State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
| RAWHTI-NOBLE Aroha| Successful selection from U15 - U15 Girls Regional Academy C'ship - WA - JAN2018  
Successful selection from U15- U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018 |
| READDY Luke       | Successful selection from U17- Qld U17 Boys State Team-NSW-JAN 2018  
Successful selection from U19- Qld U19 Boys State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
| RICHTERS Billy    | Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018  
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| ROOKE Jacob       | QLD PATRIOTS STATE TEAM - ACT - JAN 2017  
(Patriots placed 2nd)  
Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018 |
| SIDEY Mitchell    | Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018  
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| SMITH Luke        | Successful selection from U15 - U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018  
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| SULLIVAN Jessica  | QLD U17 GIRLS STATE TEAM - NSW - JAN 2017 (4th)  
Qld U19 WOMEN STATE TEAM - WA - JAN 2017 (3rd)  
QLD SECONDARY SCHOOL C'SHIP - CAIRNS - MARCH 2017  
QLD GIRLS FRIENDSHIP SERIES - BRIS - JULY 2017  
Successful selection from U17 - Qld U17 Girls State Team- NSW-JAN 2018  
Successful selection from U19- Qld U19 Women State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
| SULLIVAN Samantha | SQI U15 GIRLS REGIONAL ACADEMY STATE TEAM (Flame team)  
Secondary School C'ship - CAIRNS MARCH 2017  
Successful selection from U15 - U15 Girls Regional Academy C'ship - WA - JAN2018 |
| THOMPSON Owen     | QLD U19 MEN STATE TEAM - REDLANDS - JAN 2017  
QLD BOYS FRIENDSHIP SERIES - JULY 2017 - REDLANDS  
Successful selection from U19- Qld U23 Men State Team-R'lands -JULY2018  
Successful selection from U19- Qld U19 Men State Team-NSW-JAN 2018  
Successful selection from U17 - Qld U17 Men State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
| THRAS Erin        | Qld U17 HEAT TEAM - Gilley Shield JAN 2017 ( Qld Heat placed 2nd)  
Down Under Series - NSW - FEB 2017  
AUSSIE SPIRIT TEAM - JAPAN CUP - Takasaki Japan - SEPT 2017 |
| TOUGH Madison     | Qld U17 Girls State Team - NSW - JAN 2017  
Secondary School C'ship - CAIRNS MARCH 2017  
Qld Girls Friendship Series - JULY 2017  
Successful selection from U17- Qld U17 Boys State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
| VARNEY Brodie     | Successful selection from U17- Qld U17 Boys State Team-NSW-JAN 2018  
Successful selection from U15- U15 Boys Regional Academy S'chip- ACT JAN 2018 |
| WHITE Cameron     | Qld U17 Boys State Team - ACT - JAN 2017  
Aust. Mens Friendship Series - JULY 2017  
Successful selection from U19- Qld U23 Men State Team-NSW-JULY 2018  
Successful selection from U19- Qld U19 Men State Team-NSW-JAN 2018 |
With submission to proof of successful selection & upon application for CSSA financial assistance, athletes and officials were approved for a monetary amount (depending on the championship) to assist with costings for State, Regional or International teams. (N.B. Financial Assistance is not permitted with school selections).

**CLOSING STATEMENT:**

CSSA recognise the committed work of our Management & Committee members & their willingness to work together to achieve the best outcomes possible for CSSA.

These volunteers make a significant contribution to our Association & sport: a contribution that should not be underestimated.

A strong committee focused on continuous improvement & delivery outcomes
Gold Coast Softball Association

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Membership</th>
<th>GCSA has seen an increase in numbers this year and have also added a new team to our competition. We have a total of 7 Senior Women’s teams. We also saw in increase in our junior membership due to the successful Mako program.</th>
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<td>Highlights</td>
<td>We hosted the 2018 Division 1 University Games, Pan Pacific Masters games which drew over 150 teams. We also hosted Qld Heat team as well as teams from the USA &amp; New Zealand.</td>
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<td>Future</td>
<td>Pizzey Park is in the process of completing a Master Plan which could see development of the whole Pizzey Park precinct over a 5-15 year period.</td>
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MEMBERSHIPS

The Gladstone region continues to face economic challenges which have negatively impacted membership for the past few years. To promote the 2018/19 Summer Season the Association held:

- Social 7s 3-team double header competition in August/September 2018, resulting in 2 new senior members
- Primary Interschool Tball Cup Challenge in Term 3, resulting in 18 new junior members.

Summer sport has many challenges in Central Queensland; heat, humidity and storms and families wanting their weekends free. In 2016/17 SGI introduced a Wednesday TBall competition in addition to its regular Saturday competitions. This proved popular and in 2017/18 SGI changed its entire season to weekday afternoons/evenings. The format for 2018/19 was:

- Thursdays from 3.45pm – T Ball and 3 Pitch and from 6.30pm - Men
- Fridays from 4.30pm – Junior Fastpitch and from 6.30pm - Women

Benefits of the change to days and times are:

- New members
- Ability for members to play more than one summer sport
- Reduced heat and/or rain cancelled games
- Weekends free for family time for members
- Opportunity to hold regional carnivals on weekends.

The 2018/19 Junior competition comprised 4 x T Ball and 4 x 3 Pitch teams in a mixed gender competition and 2 x Junior Fastpitch male only teams competing during the season. Senior Men had a 2-team competition, with 6 players returning after a 20-year absence. The Women had a 3-team competition.

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Clubs

Softball Gladstone utilises SportsTG for registration, representative and volunteer data collection, competition draws and results and registration fee payments. Registration with compulsory fee payment has been extremely time saving to our administration processes.

SPONSORSHIPS /GRANTS

In conjunction with a training organisation Softball Gladstone has hosted 2 rounds of trainees completing a Certificate III in Rural Operations. This has proven invaluable to our Association providing manpower to complete many projects and regular maintenance that otherwise could only be accomplished with softball families volunteering at working bees.

HIGHLIGHTS

It is pleasing to acknowledge the development of softball in Gladstone has again resulted in representative teams competing at the following championships in the previous period. In addition to those who competed on behalf of Softball Gladstone other members were released to play for other Associations at various State Championships in 2018/19.

State Championships

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<td>2018 U17 Boys Mackay/Gladstone</td>
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<td>2018 U17 Boys Ipswich/Gladstone</td>
<td>7th</td>
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<td>2019 U14 Boys Mackay/Gladstone/Bundaberg</td>
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State and National Representatives

Michael Ludkin – Australia Junior Steeler, Queensland Under 23 and Open Men
Brock Finlay – Queensland Under 23 (moved to Brisbane now Ipswich registered)
Chyanne Downing – Queensland U19 and Queensland Secondary School Girls
Joshua Ferguson – Queensland Under 17
Daniel Ludkin – Queensland Under 17 (withdrew due to injury)
Nicholas Gehrmann – Queensland Regional Academy Team
Nicholas Noonan – Queensland Regional Academy Team
Daniel Ferguson – Queensland Regional Academy Team
Kirsty Lester – Queensland Regional Academy Team
PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

Softball Gladstone continues to utilise its Facebook page to promote the sport in the region with 820 likes to date, 67% female and 32% male. The group most interested in our page continues to be those aged 35 to 44. The Gladstone Observer is a great supporter of softball providing weekly draws, results, articles and photos from games and updates on representative achievements. This publicity is priceless to encouraging new members to our sport. Softball Gladstone would like to acknowledge the great work by Joanne Beach, our Publicity Officer, for engaging with The Observer and keeping our Facebook page up to date to ensure our sport is featured regularly and in a positive manner.

TECHNICAL— COACHING, SCORING AND UMPIRING

While no new or upgraded technical levels were achieved during the reporting period our coaches, scorers and umpires have continued to support the Association with their skills.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Softball Batter Up programme was held in the first 4 weeks of the season with all participants continuing to the TBall competition. Port Curtis Regional Academy recommenced in June 2018 for 7 male and 4 female players participating at U15 Regional Academy and U17 and U19 State Championships. Training was held twice a week with drills, games, fitness and game strategy to ensure the players were match ready. This group competed as a team in the Social 7’s competition as The Representatives and dominated while supporting the Association and having fun. Prior to departing for State Championships, The Representatives played a Gladstone Dream Team of senior players. This proved beneficial in identifying improvement in some aspects of the individuals game play. Following the underage State Championships training commenced for 8 Gladstone members representing Queensland teams in the lead-up to Nationals in 2019. Training was again twice a week with more intense and physical sessions. Invitations were extended to 36 U14 members to participate in Academy training. Training was scheduled weekly with every child having to the opportunity to learn to play and practice every position with emphasis on fundamentals. Looking ahead to U16 State Championships training will be split into gender specific groups and will recommence in June.

The success of junior development in Gladstone is thanks to a group of dedicated officials and they are:

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<td>Kellie Pengelly</td>
<td>Batter Up, &amp; Scoring Coordinator</td>
<td>Leanne Martin</td>
<td>Junior Coordinator</td>
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<td>Merv Downing/Nicole Pomeroy</td>
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<td>Louisa Dennan/Matthew Radford</td>
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<td>Stuart Orr/Nicole Pomeroy</td>
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Softball Gladstone continues to strengthen its ties with local schools supporting the inter-school Tball competition held at our fields in Term 3. This provides a great opportunity for new members as this competition leads straight into the Summer season.

FACILITIES

With the support of the Gladstone Regional Council and volunteers, including the Certificate III Rural Services trainees, our skinned and grass fields are in great playing condition. Other projects completed by the trainees were:
- Grandstands – sanded and repainted
- Maintenance Shed – reorganised
- D1 Warren Dinte Diamond – deco levelled, weed control, fence line edging
- D2 – fence repairs
- Batting Cage – weed control
- Tournament logo washed down and signage wall painted
- Canteen – painted inside walls

Softball Gladstone maintains 3 diamonds, 2 grass and 1 skinned, and a warm-up area.
Softball Gladstone Inc

FUTURE

Softball Gladstone shall continue to promote and develop the sport in the area. Junior development will continue with the Batter Up programme, Regional Academy and age group teams in the summer season and a social competition in winter. A focus on the upskilling of coaches, umpires and statisticians will also continue which will enhance our local and representative teams. Continue our strong association with The Observer for ongoing publicity and increase our use of Facebook to increase our membership base with positive articles of our members and association. Develop the new website to support our members and attract new members. Identify new strategies to grow our men’s summer competition to provide a pathway for our current and future young men to develop and enhance their skills. Continue sourcing funding opportunities to improve our facilities and ability to support our members. Maintain our network with Civil Safety to continue to host training courses which provides additional assistance to the Association for maintenance and project works. Continue discussions with Southern Great Barrier Reef Softball Associations for a regional carnival/competition, 1 per quarter in a different Association, to provide game practice for our representative teams and to build stronger relationships with each other. Engage with other Gladstone sporting Clubs with a view to nominating teams for the summer season. Softball Gladstone’s achievements and future goals would not be possible without the dedication of our Committee and volunteers and thank you does not seem sufficient.
MEMBERSHIP
We suffered a loss of about 18 members this year. Feedback indicates that this may have been as a result of confusion regarding the competitions to be held prior to the start of the season. The Association is working hard to bring these members back to the Association next season through a range of recruitment strategies.

SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS
SMI and its Clubs were successful in obtaining the following grants in 2018/19 totaling $149,375:

- $2,475 to SMI from the Queensland Government through Disaster Funding to address damage to trees which then created a risk on Fairfield Park;
- $140,000 to SMI from the Australian Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities for lighting of one diamond;
- $4,800 to SMI through the Volunteer Grants for white goods and training; and
- $2,100 to Incas through the Volunteer Grants for equipment.

B&H Design continued to be a valuable sponsor of SMI and its Clubs and Anderleigh Quarries made a very welcome donation to our grounds upgrade.

HIGHLIGHTS
The highlights for this year have included the following:

- SMI entered an Open Men’s team into the State Championship for the first time since around 1992;
- We were able to enter an Under 14 Boys Representative Team into the State Championship using only SMI registered players in 2019 who were President’s Cup finalists;
- 2018/19 represented Incas Softball Club’s 50th season entering teams in SMI competitions;
- We welcomed six new Level 1 Umpires;
- Jaycob Singleton was selected to represent Queensland at the U15 Regional National Championships;
- Isaac Bolderow-Strange, Thomas McCarroll, Alex Tobin and Mitchell Kraft were selected in the Queensland Under 14 Squad;
- We successfully held the Queensland Secondary Schoolboys State Championships in March: the first state level championship held in Maryborough for several decades; and
- Fairfield Park was upgraded with the building of Office facilities and fencing the outside on a third diamond.

SMI premiership records for 2018/19 are as follows:

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FACILITIES

The SMI complex in Searle St, Maryborough is dedicated to Softball and contains four senior and three junior diamonds. SMI has established a Facility Development Plan with a vision to have the best facilities in regional Queensland. This Plan will support the future development of our facility in a coordinated manner.

This year, with the support of Llew O’Brien the Federal Member for Wide Bay, we were successful in gaining funding of $140,000 towards the installation of lights at Fairfield Park from the Federal Government. This will support us in providing a range of competition offerings with a view to increasing membership.

AWARDS

SMI Season Award Winners for the 2018/19 season were:

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<td>Jack Forbes</td>
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<td>Most Potential Under 17 Female</td>
<td>Amber Seehars</td>
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<td>Most Potential Under 17 Male</td>
<td>Jaycob Singleton</td>
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<td>Female Softballer of the Year</td>
<td>Melissa Tobin</td>
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<td>Best Senior Team Performance</td>
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<td>Sportsmanship Award</td>
<td>Kira Abell</td>
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<td>SMI Award</td>
<td>Matthew Moore</td>
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<td>A Grade Player of the GF (Margaret Hyne Trophy)</td>
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<td>Under 17 Player of the GF (Lew Moulds Memorial Trophy)</td>
<td>Saxon Cornwell</td>
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<td>Men’s Player of the GF (Tom Doyle Memorial Trophy)</td>
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<td>Junior Umpire of the Year</td>
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Other Awards made were:
- Stephen Steinberg – SQI 5 Year Service Award
- Reen Paea – SQI 5 Year Service Award
- Sheree Lehr – SQI 10 Year Service Award
- Wendy Mathiesen – SQI 15 Year Service Award
- Melissa Tobin – SQI 25 Year Service Award
- Bev Thatcher – SQI 25 Year Service Award
- Fiona James – SMI 10 Year Service Award
- Ashleigh James – SMI 10 Year Service Award
- Susan Cain – SMI 10 Year Service Award

FUTURE

SMI has identified the following priorities to support growth and development over the next 12 months:

- Install lights on Diamond 1;
- commit to building our junior and Men’s and Women’s senior grades;
- offer more social competitions;
- establish more intercity carnival (rep and club) days with our neighbouring Associations; and
- further develop our facilities in line with our Facility Development Plan.

SMI has a proud history over the past 69 years and we look forward to a successful future.

Sheree Lehr
President
MEMBERSHIP
We are now in our off season and have completed another small but successful summer season of softball. Our overall membership and playing numbers have dropped and at the beginning of our season things were looking very grim. During the season we did pick up a few junior members. Of our 56 junior players registered this year (18 female and 38 male) it was pleasing to note that 16 are new registrations. Add to this our 24 senior registrations and the Association tally is 80 members. That is 24 members less than last year. Noosa District Softball have 3 clubs, with 16 tee-ballers, 2 x U13 Teams, 2 x U15 Teams, 0 x U17, 0 x Ladies Teams, 2 x A Grade Men’s & 2 x Mixed Social Seniors Teams.
We find that softball is regarded as the second sport of choice/preference for some of our juniors and we must work hard to compete with the ‘primary’ sports such as cricket, netball, and nippers in our district. Having said that, we are also pleased that many of our players now play softball all year round as they play as a Noosa team or individually in the Caboolture winter season.

SPONSORSHIP
NDSA would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support through our season and during various events we host throughout the year.

- Noosa Council
- Tewantin?Noosa RSL
- Noosa Lighting
- Pet Stock
- The Paint Place
- Richie’s Bakery
- Bendigo Bank
- Leading Edge
- Mode Screen Prints

GRANTS
Noosa Council Sports Field Maintenance Grant $13,950 Successful
Noosa Council Community Project – Events Grant $2,800 Successful
Dept of Sports & Recreation Female Facilities Grant $199,946 Successful
Energex – Rewire Clubhouse Upgrade fencing Diamond 1 $5,000 Successful
Australian Sports Commission

HIGHLIGHTS
Representative Teams
- U19 Men’s
- U19 Girls combined with FNQ
- U14 Boys combined with Caboolture and Suncoast
- U14 Girls combined with Caboolture and Suncoast

State Reps
Ethan Lewis – U17 boys and U19 men’s
Riley Murrinhy – U19 Mens and Friendship Series
Dylan Todd – U17 Boys, U19 Boys & Friendship Series
Charles Schefe – U19 Boys
Riki Yeomans – U17 Boys and U19 men’s
Shinae Shakespeares – U17 Girls & U19 Women’s
Will Todd – U19 Boys
Shinae Gibbins – U19 Girls, U23 Women’s
Luke Thomas – Open Men’s
Leigh Ryan – Open Men’s

National Reps
Ethan Lewis – U17 Boys pick up to Victoria
Shinae Gibbins – U19 Women’s, U23 Women’s, U19 Women’s Australian team
Riley Murrinhy – U19 Men’s
Callum Theiss – U17 Boys, U 19 Men’s pick up to WA, U17 Australian Squad (team reserve)
Dylan Todd – U19 Men’s
Richard Wakeham – Head coach U15 Boys
Erin Boardman – U14 Girls RA
Our B grade men
In our mixed game we played 17 games with 54 (20 female and 34 male) players involved including 17 new players to the Association and a lot of fun. Players also pay casually per game rather than a fixed up front amount.

For social aspects only and we catered for new players new to softball and also experienced players. There are no scores and near home plate to avoid collisions at home plate. Catcher stands on home plate with the ball and the runner runs past the safety line.

This year we were selected to run a trial Mixed medium pitch format in conjunction with Softball Australia. The game is the same as fast pitch with a few variations for safety. One being it is played with a slow pitch ball and the other being a safety line near home plate to avoid collisions at home plate. Catcher stands on home plate with the ball and the runner runs past the safety line.

Instead of the ball coming in at a lab as in slow pitch the ball is pitched at a normal pitch height with the strike zone in play. This game is for social aspects only and we catered for new players new to softball and also experienced players. There are no scores and no umpire and a lot of fun. Players also pay casually per game rather than a fixed up front amount.

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Our B grade men’s game – 13 games with 38 different players – again with a casual payment per game.

A huge thank you to our Committee and Volunteers for their time and effort. These events require a lot of planning and a lot of hard work to be successful, and once again it all came together.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION
Softball news continues fight for space in our local newspapers, but with the persistence of our Publicity Officer we have managed to get stories in our local papers with photos every week. We have had fantastic coverage over our summer season. With State Reps in the Association the papers are more likely to include a story and pictures. We also thank the TV stations for covering our larger events and also highlighting our State representatives. Noosa Council publishes a Community E news and we thank them for always including Noosa Softball. We target local schools in the lead up to our September sign on and receive some new members through this avenue. Noosa Council also asked us to participate in the Come & Try Day which was run in the afternoon and was attended by over 300 participants.

TECHNICAL AREAS

COACHING
Thank you to Richard Wakeham for assisting with the development of new coaches in our Association. We now have 1 person working towards Level 1 qualification, 1 coach working towards their Level 2, and one working towards their Level 3.

SCORING
Kim Wakeham has been teaching several people in preparation for the Level 1 in scoring.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT
Noosa Council held their winter Come & Try Day. Noosa Council asked NDSA to host the Come & Try Day and supplied sandwiches and fruit for the children. The day was a success and we gained a few new members. Combined training afternoons are offered for all players throughout the year. Our training aids were well used for fun, practical and educational sessions.

Academy and other interested players were welcome any/all afternoons for training sessions with Richard Wakeham. Richard gives his time freely to all players regardless of their club and his work is paying off for as we see improvements and state selections.

FACILITIES
Our Association has 8 diamonds; all diamonds are grassed with Diamond 1 having a skinned deco base-running track. We are planning to make our main diamond full deco in the near future.

Contractors are in the process of replacing the fences on Diamond 1. The shade sail between Diamond 3 & 4 will be replaced and a new shade sail will be installed between Diamond 1 and the Clubhouse. This is all possible through our successful grant application through the Gambling Fund and Australian Sports Commission. Once the re-fencing is complete the installation of lights on Diamond 1 will commence, thanks to another successful grant application from Department of Sports and Recreation.

The biggest change in our facilities has been the renovation of our toilet block, umpire room and we have added a disability/change room. These were completed just in time for us to host the U19 Men State Championships. Both toilets are now unisex to better cater for carnivals as well as showers and change rooms.

NEW INNOVATIONS
Little League has now been changed to include skill-based activities prior to each game using the equipment purchased through our successful grant. These activities include developing technical aspects, agility, hand/eye coordination and basic rule knowledge.

The children enjoy these activities and look forward to them each week.

We have also added an Under 10 division this year to give those that are ready a modified game so that they can gain game sense as well as put into practice what skills they learn in Tee Ball.

Rock Up softball - This year we were selected to run a trial Mixed medium pitch format in conjunction with Softball Australia. The game is the same as fast pitch with a few variations for safety. One being it is played with a slow pitch ball and the other being a safety line near home plate to avoid collisions at home plate. Catcher stands on home plate with the ball and the runner runs past the safety line.

Instead of the ball coming in at a lab as in slow pitch the ball is pitched at a normal pitch height with the strike zone in play. This game is for social aspects only and we catered for new players new to softball and also experienced players. There are no scores and no umpire and a lot of fun. Players also pay casually per game rather than a fixed up front amount.

In our mixed game we played 17 games with 54 (20 female and 34 male) players involved including 17 new players to the Association.

Our B grade men’s game – 13 games with 38 different players – again with a casual payment per game.
Noosa District Softball Association

FUTURE
Our Association is looking forward to a bright future in 2019/20 with new initiatives being developed.

Through our constant publicity we are picking up new juniors and with our participation in Come and Try days we are also attracting further players. Hosting things like State Championships gives us airtime on local television and papers again spreading the word that we are here.

With the lights in play by the end of the year we also are looking at hosting a possible slow pitch competition and a fully loaded softball as well as hopefully continuing with our Rock up softball.

CHALLENGES

Retention and recruitment of junior players – This is becoming a constant problem each year. It becomes a catch 22. We train the juniors to a certain level and then they leave to go to larger associations for bigger competitions leaving us depleted in numbers. Also add on that others don’t then want to play as their friends are playing elsewhere and it becomes a huge drain annually.

The other issue depleting numbers is that Noosa is deemed too expensive to live and hard to find employment, so families move on. The transient nature of our area will always cause some fluctuation in numbers.

Attracting new Committee members and sharing the workload – another constant problem is the fact that too few do too much. Hard as we try, we cannot attract people for Committee positions due to people working and not having the time to spend on the larger positions.

Keeping costs to a minimum – As our membership decreases so do registration funds coming into the Association. This makes things extremely difficult as costs continue to rise, and income continues to fall. With costs such as electricity and insurance constantly going up each year as well as mandatory requirements with SQI payments for forums, umpire fee’s for carnivals small associations such as ours struggle to meet our obligations.

PLANS

Our season has finished and now we move onto the review process of our Association. Some of the areas to be looked at this year are

- Review of ground rules to cater for the change in numbers
- Recruitment drive
- Upgrading fencing and lights
- Policies and procedures review and update
- Strategic planning review and development
- AGM preparation
The Redcliffe Leagues Softball Association completed a summer season and a winter season is currently underway. We have dropped a little in terms of teams however our membership remains steady at 499. We had 652 participants in our 2018/2019 summer season which consisted of junior programs including tee ball and modified rules as well as U13, U15 and U17 competition. We also had 7 women’s grades and 3 men’s grades.

The summer season held multiple challenges that related to weather and fixture issues. These were identified and rectified as best could be. Clubs exercised patience and this was appreciated. Timing around Pan Pac’s Masters Tournament and the School Boys State Championships also proved to be challenging to the season.

We held a 6-week Oz Pitch competition which attracted 63 participants. Some of these participants then registered to take part in the summer season.

We are pleased to have 129 across 10 women’s teams, currently competing in our 2019 winter season.

SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS
We continue to be supported by the Redcliffe Leagues Club, Leading Edge Sports and Moreton Bay Regional Council. We are currently seeking further avenues with local businesses - and have one who has expressed interest in being a named sponsor on our representative training shirts. This continues to be investigated.

HIGHLIGHTS
We have had a number of successes over the 2018/2019 year.
- In August it was announced by SQI that Redcliffe would host the SQI Masters Tournament for the next two years. This provides wonderful opportunities for Redcliffe to shine.
- In September we hosted the Open Women’s State Championships which saw over 15 teams compete at our facilities.
- We hosted scrimmage games which gave our U17 girls and open women representative teams the chance to play against visiting USA women’s squads made up of players from high school and college teams.
- We held trials for the Sunshine Coast boys and girls representative squads and then hosted the QLD School Sport State Championships in March 2019. We had 2 players selected to represent QLD at the School Sport Australia Nationals in Canberra, ACT.
- We are working with NISSA which is a combination of Genesis College, The Lakes College and Grace Lutheran School, to develop softball skills for Tee Ball and Mod players. NISSA hold gala days at Redcliffe which involves 220 students over 10 diamonds playing tee ball and mod rules. It is anticipated that this program will run again in Semester 1, 2020 and has the potential to introduce a large number of young players to the sport.
- We hosted the Emerging Talent Camps for SQI in May with over 130 participants (players and officials).

REPRESENTATIVE SQUADS
- We saw 8 teams attend State Championship to represent Redcliffe Leagues Softball Association which included 80 players and 33 officials. One of these teams was combined with Mt Isa and another combined with Hervey Bay. From these campaigns we had 3 girls selected to U15 QLD Regional Academy (one declined her invitation) and 1 official, 3 girls and 1 boy selected to the U17 State Teams, 2 women and 1 man and 1 official selected to the U19 State Teams, 6 women and 1 man selected to U23 State Squads and 2 women selected to the QLD Heat team and 1 official selected to the QLD Patriots team.
- A huge achievement for the Association was to submit an U14 Boys team into the 2019 State Championships. This is the first junior team made up of RLSA registered players that Redcliffe have been able to field since 2014. Clubs should be commended for their junior recruitment programs that enable the Association to then field representative teams. Our girls have achieved elite success with two players selected to the U15 Australian Girls Squad, one as a shadow player. Two girls were selected to the U17 Australian Girls squad and 1 young woman was selected to the U19 Australian Development Squad in 2018 and then in 2019 was selected as a member of the 2019 Junior Spirit Team to compete in the U19 Women’s World Cup. Two senior players represented Australia in the Women's Aussie Spirit team and also in Softball Australia's Fully Loaded Tournament.

The RLSA provided a total of $4500 in grants to assist our elite athletes in achieving their national and international goals.

EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Education programs were a high priority for the RLSA in 2018/2019 with a view to increasing knowledge of the game for everyone to better softball as a whole. We offered scoring, umpiring and coaching accreditation courses as well as coach the coaches workshops and “Monday night under lights” battery training for players of all ages. These programs were open to all associations and their members with the view to educate and provide accreditation avenues to all interested parties regardless of where their “membership” was held. A cost for individuals to take part in these programs was only that which was charged by the SQI. The Association took no additional fees to provide the programs.

Coaching - Coaching accreditation was organised by the RLSA and led by an SQI accredited instructor. A total of 13 participants completed their Level 1 accreditation and 3 participants completed their Level 2 accreditation.
Scoring - Scoring accreditation was organised by the RLSA with our Scoring Coordinator successful in achieving sufficient levels to be a recognised instructor. As with our coaching education program, invitations were extended to all associations and their members with 6 scoring clinics being held. A total of 23 participants achieved Level 1 accreditation, one participant achieved Level 2 accreditation with a further 2 outcomes pending. One member of the Association achieved Level 3 accreditation.

In 2019 the RLSA looked at a holistic approach to its representative program. We considered, of course, the players selection, development and gamesmanship and we also considered the training and development of our officials with a view to growing a pool of individuals who could continue their learning pathways in Softball and develop the appropriate skills required to contribute to our representative program.

Our coaching, umpiring and scoring development program included the introduction of trainee coaches and scorers to participate in the representative program under the mentoring and guidance of experienced coaches and statisticians. This was first trialled in the U14s State Championships and proved a success. This practice will continue with the rest of the RLSA squads for the representative season.

**UMPIRING**

Redcliffe’s summer season was a success for our umpiring program. A total of 39 accredited umpires, based at multiple associations undertook 75% (601) of the allocations required for our fixtures. The remaining 25% were undertaken as club allocations (203). Senior umpires and trainers provided feedback to umpires throughout the season.

As with our scoring and coaching clinics, we offered several clinics to all umpires across all associations which targeted specific aspects of umpiring and a number of clinics that focussed on umpiring levels for example, 10 individuals attended a clinic which focussed on skills required for Level 3 and Level 4 umpires.

As a result of the training offered at the RLSA during it’s summer season, three individuals achieved their Level 1 accreditation (2 RLSA and 1 external Association). Three umpires where sent to the U14 State Championships and the U19 QSS State Championships, all of whom achieved Level 2 accreditation. Two umpires achieved Level 3 accreditation at the U17 State Championships and three umpires are on the pathway to attempt Level 4 accreditation.

**FUTURE**

A planning day involving all teams and clubs who competed in the 2018/2019 Summer season will be held on the 2 June 2019. This will be an opportunity for feedback on the recent season and identify strategic directions that may guide the association for the next few years. It will allow for process maps to be written assisting incoming committees and coordinators with clarity around their roles and duties/responsibilities.

**THANK YOU**

I wish to thank members of the Management Committee for their support and considered approach to the administration of the Association, and the coordinators and subcommittee members for their time and commitment. I would also like to thank the volunteers who simply show up when needed and do all that they can. This Association could not survive and we would not be able to provide the facilities or options that we can without all of you. Thank you to the executive members of the Management Committee, particularly to the secretary and the treasurer who provide the administrative backbone of the Association. No wheel turns without them.

Finally, last but definitely not least, a thank you to all clubs, teams, players, families and friends who continue to support Redcliffe and Softball.

Yours in Softball,
Carrie Te Wani
President
The 2018 season was another good year, with a special “thank you” once again to the Clubs & their Committee’s for assisting in ensuring that the season ran smoothly.

A huge thank you goes to the RSA Management Committee – Ivan Cailotto, Kym Carsburg, Nikki VandeGriendt, Michael Matthews and Nicole Molander, for all the support and many hours that they have given to the Association. We thoroughly enjoyed working with you all and your efforts improved Redlands Softball for the better.

The Redlands Softball 2018 competition was played with five Redlands clubs, supplying 53 teams, a decrease of 4 teams from last year. This year’s break down of membership shows that participation has decreased in both junior and senior grades. We need to take all steps necessary to increase our membership across the board, and this must be a combined effort from the entire Association. It has been a struggle to retain some of our players/members due to promises made elsewhere.

Redlands Softball Association prides itself on having one of the best softball facilities in Australia, we are continually improving our facilities to make both the players and spectators experience both an enjoyable and memorable one. The costs to keep Diamond 1 alone to an International standard, is in excess of the $30,000 per year, however one (1) diamond does not make the Association. With us having two (2) International standard diamonds, an additional four (4) diamonds of a state standard, two (2) junior diamonds plus the clubhouse facilities, our maintenance costs are the main drawdown for the Association.

2018 again saw Redland Softball Association field 9 teams in the State Championships, winning 4 Premierships and runners-up in 1 tournament, another successful year for Redlands Softball Association – congratulations to all.

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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.
2018/19 QUEENSLAND TEAMS/SQUAD

Under 15 Girls  Soraya Hamson, Matisse Sorbello, Annie Turner
Under 15 Boys  Khye Chamberlain-Clarke, Ayden Champneys, Ethan Goffer, Tipene Harkness, Zane Macrae.
Under 17 Girls  Kiara Watson, Christel Strohschon
Under 17 Boys  Aiden Blackmore, Byron Humble, Kyan Molander, Caleb VandeGriendt, Edda Cailotto, Sean Francis
Under 19 Women  Mikayla Facer, Shania Watson
Under 19 Men  Keenan Smith
Under 23 Women  Georgia Blair, Rebecca McEachern, Dorinda Stone, Tegan Trindle, Shania Watson, Tamieka Whitefield
Under 23 Men  Isaac Caloiero-Smith, James Purcell, Keenan Smith.
QLD Heat Team  Janice Blackman, Georgia Blair, Nicole Boughton, Dorinda Stone, Stacey Webber, Tamieka Whitefield.

2018/19 AUSTRALIAN TEAM/SQUAD

Aussie Spirit  Tamieka Whitefield
Junior Steelers  Keenan Smith
Aussie Steelers  Julian Jemmott, Ryan Merriman, James Purcell

2018/19 UMPIRE ACCREDITATIONS

Level 1 Accreditation  Jasmyn Bochow, Joel Bochow, Khye Chamberlain-Clark, Hayley Mathews, Matisse Sorbello, Annie Turner, Lachlan Turner
Level 2 Accreditation  Joel, Bochow, Lachlan Turner, Matisse Sorbello, Hayley Matthews

2018/19 COACHING ACCREDITATIONS

Level 1 Accreditation  Scott Collins, Elle Stewart, Brett Wilkie, Callum Turner, David Turner, Kerry McCracken, Wayne Molander, Sarah Weeks
Level 2 Accreditation  Karen Sala, Jeremy Jemmott, Chris MacRae, Dorinda Stone

Projects and events undertaken during the 2018 season include:-
Hosting of the 2018 Combined U23 National Championship
Hosting of the 2018 Friendship Series
Hosting of the 2018 Japanese Corporate Softball Tournament
Hosting of the 2018 SQI State Camp
Level 1 Coaching Course
Level 2 Coaching Course
Green Shirt Umpiring Program
Oz Pitch Competition
Purchase of a Coffee Machine & Frappe Equipment

Special thanks to:
• Norelle Thomas (Umpiring Director), Ngaire Houston & Sean Francis (Scoring Directors), and Nikkie Molander (Coaching) for their work during the 2018 season. The work that these members have done in their Technical Directorate is often overlooked; however, their work is invaluable to the smooth running and future of our Association. You have again done a great job.
• Adele Watson (Administrator) and Shane King (Head Coach), who did a good job running this program, as well as the Coaches/Players who came along each week. The continued success of the Redlands Academy in developing our junior players by the enhancement of their playing skills is a priority, as this may assist them in achieving selection in the Redlands Representative teams and possibly go further within the sport.
• The many members and volunteers who generously gave up their time to assist at the Nationals, and to our volunteers who helped out on the Grounds Crews at all the events we hosted.
• Our volunteer Bar Convenor, Rose Beauchamp, who generally gave up her time each week to man the bar for us.
Our staff members thank you for the work that you performed, your efforts greatly assisted in the running of our Association.

Wayne Molander & Janelle Kronk
The 2018 – 2019 season saw a small increase in membership, which is always great to see. Like other DA’s obviously our aim each season is to grow in numbers.

We have maintained the 5 clubs with teams in U9, U11, U13, U15 & U17 being a combined boys/girls competition and B Grade Women, A2 Women and A Women and A Men.

This year with the Secondary School titles being played mid March we decided to extend our season to the end of March so our members got value for money. We ended up playing our SF and PF during the week as night games which everyone seem to enjoy. Unfortunately our GF that were set for the 30 March were washed out. Only the second time in history that this has happened. Although we all know we needed the much needed rain, it was still disappointing.

18/19 AWARDS
Premiers
U13 – All Stars, U15 – Warriors (G), U17 – Warriors (W), B Women – All Stars, A2 Women – All Stars
A Women – Warriors (W), A Men – Warriors (G)

ASSOCIATION AWARDS
Junior Female Player of the Year
Lily Watts

Junior Male Player of the Year
Nicholas Murphy

Senior Female Player of the Year
Joelle Natividad

Senior Male Player of the Year
Lewis Codd

Kennedy Shield – Junior Female Most Potential
Bianca Markham

Holley Shield – Junior Male Most Potential
Eli Schmidt

Mark Toft Trophy - Junior Umpire of the Year
Rohn Doherty

Lyn Lange Trophy - Umpire of the Year
Dale Kaimoana

Anne Thompson Trophy - Coach of the Year
Chris Edwards

Most Successful Rep Coach of the Year
Jayke Reynolds

Judy “Scorer” Nielsen Memorial Trophy - Scorer of the Year
Gina Simpson

Pat Teys - Volunte er of the Year
Kirsty Prouten / Jayke Reynolds

Junior Club Champions
Warriors

Senior Club Champions
Warriors

SPONSORSHIPS/GRANTS
Funding acquittals have now all been submitted and finalised. We will now make plans for our next Funding applications and what we need to achieve as an Association to keep functioning.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund $34,900.00
Shading, Marketing Items, Playing & Grounds Equipment
Get Going Clubs $7,500.00
Accreditations, First Aid, ACM & Forum attendances, Ground signs

ACCREDITATIONS OBTAINED
18 new Level 1 coaches, 5 new Level 2 coaching, 19 new Level 1 Umpiring and 2 new Level 2 Umpiring

Representative Teams
TSA was represented at each State Championship except for U19 Women this year. Our goal each year is still working on improving players ability and team success in all grades. TSA didn’t hold any Titles this past season but we will be hosting the U18 Boys in October 2019.

State/ National Representatives
Congratulations to Eli Schimdt (U15B), Nathan Simpson(U15B), Lilly Watts (U15G), Nicholas Murphy (U17 B), Luke Levitt (U17B), Lincoln Walk (U17B and U19M), Zac Erlandon (U19 Men), Lewis Codd (Patriots) for their representation as players in Queensland State Teams and Regional Teams. Congratulations to Deb Prouten (U19M), Kirsty Prouten (U15G), Jayke Reynolds (U17B) and Chris Edards (U15B / U23M) for their representation as officials in Queensland State Teams and Regional Teams. Congratulations also to Lincoln Walk and Nicholas Murphy who have been named in the Australian U17 Squad as well.

We would also like to congratulate the following that are currently away with the Aussie Diamonds touring teams: Eli Schimdt (U14B), Lincoln Walk (U17B), Nicholas Murphy (U17B), Jayke Reynolds (U14B Assistant Coach), Chris Edards (U14B Coach). We are also proud to include Joelle Natividad in this who is currently in the States on a full Softball scholarship.
AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARDS
Congratulation to TSA member Katrina Gierke who was awarded with a Softball Service Award. Many thanks for the continued work you do for Softball in Toowoomba.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION
Our thanks to The Toowoomba Chronicle and WIN TV for their ongoing support of Toowoomba Softball. We also thank Julie Cooper for her action photography which she has made available to members. Many thanks again for the continued support from Leading Edge Sports who attended our grounds at least once a month with gear. Thanks to Vanochino Mobile Coffee and 4 Events for supplying your continued support of Junior Softball in our Community.

JUNIOR PLAYING DEVELOPMENT
Congratulations and thanks to Kirsty Prouten and Jayke Reynolds for all their work with the Academy and other Coaching development. The number of kids attending each week is fantastic and we can already see the improvement in their skills. We held two very successful clinics this season. One was a Pitching and Catching clinic and one was Batting. We saw up to 50 kids at each clinic plus mums and dads that came along to watch and learn. Both clinics were guided by specialist coaches from TSA, QLD and Aussie team members and TSA Life Members. It makes everything worthwhile when you see the kids attending and enjoying these clinics so much.

UMPIRING DEVELOPMENT
A huge thank you to Dale who was our Umpiring Co this year. TSA ran a “JUMP” Junior Umpiring Mentoring Program known as the Undershirts. We had a huge amount of Junior umpires participate in this program this season which saw 18 new Level 1 Umpiring accreditation obtained and 2 new Level 2 Umpires. It was so great to see these kids on the diamond each week umpiring our U13 games. Our umpiring program through the whole season was a great success not only in our Juniors but Seniors as well. Many times we were able to run 3 and 4 man’s on our A Grade games. Our players certainly are grateful for the time and effort put into the umpiring development which saw them receive better umpiring during the season.

COACHING DEVELOPMENT
TSA are proud to say we have now 18 new Level 1 coaches and 5 Level 2 coaches. All coaches are coaching at Club level with 90% of them now coaching at DA level. We also have two coaches that are in the middle of obtaining their Level 4 Coaching

TSA has a number of players that represent the game of Softball through the School system in both Junior and Senior softball not only regional representation in Darling Downs but also at the QLD School Sport level. Congratulations to all including those Officials who take on these roles.

FUTURE

Challenges
- Implementation of online registration program but believe things will be better next year.
- Winter sports starting earlier and earlier each year. Players leaving to play winter sports instead of finishing what they have committed too first in their Summer sport
- Keeping players longer in the sport then just one or two seasons
- Making the junior game more enjoyable

Plans
- Increase and Maintain members
- Continue to increase accredited Coaches, Scorers and Umpires
- More Softball even in the off season – Loaded Bases on the agenda to discuss
- Slow Pitch Comp – Aug to Sept. Corporate Teams
- Re-fencing of all diamonds including 6ft home run fences (big talks with TRC and TTA)
- Shades covering our grand stands on Diamonds

PINK DAY FUNDRAISER
This year one of our very own members who had played softball for 35 years was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Cheryl is one of those persons who would do anything for anybody so we thought we would give back to her. We held a PInk Day were everyone came dressed and played in Pink. From our U6 teams through to our A Grade Men it was well supported. We had a huge amount of Junior umpires participate in this program this season which saw 18 new Level 1 Umpiring accreditations obtained and 2 new Level 2 Umpires. It was so great to see these kids on the diamond each week umpiring our U13 games. Our umpiring program through the whole season was a great success not only in our Juniors but Seniors as well. Many times we were able to run 3 and 4 man’s on our A Grade games. Our players certainly are grateful for the time and effort put into the umpiring development which saw them receive better umpiring during the season.

LOSS OF A LIFE MEMBER
29th June 2018 will be a day we will never forget. The day we heard our Life Member and Friend Mark “Tofty” Toft passed away. So many of us were and are still in shock of his passing. Tofty was a true member of TSA for over 35 years. He held a number of positions from a TSA point of view from Executive, Umpiring Co, Rep Scorer. He was also a member for a number of Club as a Coach. His biggest love obviously was Umpiring and the Development of Umpires this being either Junior or Senior but he loved helping those Juniors that wanted to umpire. For many years TSA has had a trophy already in Tofty’s name as the Mark Toft Junior Umpire of the Year. Tofty donated and introduced this award about 20 years ago. Many young umpires have been awarded this the years. This year it was awarded to Rohan Doherty a young up and coming umpire that Tofty would be very proud to have presented to him.

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Whether someone is going through a hard time, having lost someone dear to them/us or even a celebration of life or life events of our players, it defiantly is a touching thing to know that the Softball community can rally together through the good and bad times and help each other out. On the diamond we might be enemies but off the field we are softball family that has each other’s backs.

Lastly, thank you to all our volunteers. At times it’s a thank-less job whether it is for the good of your Club or TSA it is all good for Softball in Toowoomba.
MEMBERSHIP
A decrease in membership numbers for ladies due to a number of members moving away from the area. The juniors and sub juniors have increased and are starting to flow into the open ladies teams

Senior Ladies: 7
Junior Girls: 13
Sub Juniors: 11
Off Field Officials: 5
2018: 2 teams in our Open Female competition

HIGHLIGHTS
Representative Teams
U15 Townsville Team
U17 Combined Townsville & Rockhampton Team
2018 State Team Members: Stephanie Low U17
(State and national team lists appear elsewhere in the SQI reports)
Awards eg new Life Members, Service Award
Open Women's: Finished Second in Open Women's Mackay
May Day Carnival

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION
Townsville City Council – Get Active Expo

TECHNICAL AREAS
Coaching
John Roberts, Ian Fulton – Level 3 Accreditation

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT
Formed Tropical North Regional Softball Academy.
Monthly completion of Academy training sessions

FACILITIES
4 diamonds - grass
Block dug outs constructed on Diamond 1

FUTURE
The competition was limited last year due to limit players. The plans for 2019 was to commence with social 7’s to increase membership to build the competition
MEMBERSHIP
Whist membership numbers have declined slightly, participation has increased as a result of the inter-association relationship with Brisbane Men and increased numbers at our annual master’s tournament.

HIGHLIGHTS
Fixtures: In our 2018 season, our men’s competition once again joined with Brisbane Softball Association men, with our home clubs playing fortnightly at Wynnum and alternate weeks at Zillmere. This arrangement was a great success, with the current 2019 season seeing both Associations playing home and away at each other’s fields – as well as two Brisbane ladies teams joining the WSA fixtures on a fortnightly basis. The result being more teams to play, higher engagement of members and a great relationship for both associations.

Upgrades: We have had 2 fields refurbished in the previous period which are now being used in the 2019 season. Larger dugouts, new back nets and fencing and great playing surfaces.

Representative: In 2018 our Open Women won the Presidents Cup at the state championships. Additionally, we had a player selected in the U19 Women’s State team, one of our coaches appointed to Head Coach of the QLD U19 Men’s team and another member appointed as Manager of the Open Women’s Australian team for the World Championships held in Japan.

Masters Tournament: The Wynnum Hit Out Masters tournament was held in September with this always being a highlight of our year. An increase in teams this year added to the overall success of the event, with positive feedback received from those who participated.

Awards: David Casey was successful in receiving the Tricia Bichel Queensland Umpire of the Year and Viv Triplet Australian Umpire of the Year in 2018. Further, Lisa Anderson was awarded the SQI Administrator of the Year Award.

UMPIRING
During the 2018 season, Wynnum was able to provide accredited umpires to a majority of fixture games. This resulted in less duties for clubs which is greatly appreciated by members.

During the period, Wynnum umpires, David Casey and Darren Sibraa attended numerous state championships in the role of TCU and as part of management crews. Of note, David Casey was appointed to plate the grand final of the U19 Men’s State Championships.

National and International Representation
Wynnum based umpire David Casey was appointed to both the 2019 Open Men’s and 2018 U23 National Championships, with Darren Sibraa being TCU at the 2019 Open Men’s and 2018 International Friendship Series. David Casey was also appointed as an examiner at the International Friendship Series.

David was also appointed to Asia Pacific Cup held in Sydney in February.

FUTURE - CHALLENGES & PLANS
Facilities
Whist Brisbane City Council has presented us future development plan for our park, we are still unsure on a timeline of when any works will commence. If the plans come to fruition, there will be a major overhaul of our field layout on the top level and much better facilities including upgraded fields, building spaces and utilities such as bathrooms and change rooms. It is now a waiting game until Council confirms the schedule of works to be undertaken and the length of time it will take to implement.

Membership
Increasing membership numbers continues to be a challenge for us. Junior programs for recruitment have been tested many times over the past few years however without success. Junior participation is a priority and will be a discussion topic frequently in the next few months. Higher participation in the senior competition is always desirable and the committee will continue to work towards to making our competition bigger, better and stronger for our members.

APPRECIATION
Our association is run by a small, committed group of volunteers who give tirelessly to ensure our fields are ready for play, the canteen has supplies and our administration is in order. Without our volunteer team we would not be here, and we want to express our thanks to those who have given their time to help us in our endeavours over the past 12 months.