



Cumberland
Nepean Softball
Association

22/23 Annual Report





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About Us

Cumberland Nepean Softball Association (CNSA) is based in Sydney's west. Played in the Blacktown City Council LGA it provides an opportunity for members of the community to play Softball.

We provide Teeball and Softball for those aged 3 and up and it is open to all genders as well as an all abilities competition for those with a disability. Competitions are played on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and we offer a mixture of Junior, Senior, Mixed, Mens and O35s.

Our Executive Committee

President - Kristina Travers
Vice President - Teri Rauhihi
Secretary - Tricia Vial
Treasurer - Chris Marchant
Junior Registrar - Kylie Simpson
Senior Registrar - Tony Dent
Minutes Secretary - Karen Elder
Umpires Convener - Rob McIntosh
Representative Officers - Vanessa McCrae,
Michelle Newson, Kellie Polaschek
Grounds: Andrew Polaschek



President's Report



A NOTE FROM KRISSI TRAVERS

Dear CNSA Members,

I am pleased to present the annual report of Cumberland Nepean Softball Association (CNSA) for the 2022/2023 season. This year has been a period of reflection, as we navigated the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and achieved significant milestones in various areas of our association.

Season Summary:

Despite the lingering effects of the pandemic, we had a great season post COVID. Our teams showed exceptional dedication and passion for the sport, and we witnessed some outstanding performances on the field. Our efforts to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for softball paid off, as we were able to successfully host a number of events and competitions.

Registrations:

While we experienced a minimal increase in registrations, we acknowledge that there is still work to be done in this area. We must strive to attract more participants and create opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels to engage with softball. In particular, we are concerned about the lack of juniors across the association. We will be working closely with clubs and our members to address this issue and implement strategies to encourage junior participation.

Acknowledgements:

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the clubs and volunteers who have tirelessly supported CNSA throughout the season. Your dedication and commitment to the sport have been invaluable, and we are immensely grateful for your contributions. I would also like to express our appreciation to Blacktown Council and Softball NSW for their continuous support and collaboration. Without their assistance, our association would not be able to thrive as it has.

Infrastructure:

One significant piece of work completed during the year was the installation of lights on Diamonds 3 and 4 at Stanhope Gardens. This infrastructure improvement will enhance the playing experience for our members and provide greater flexibility in scheduling games and training sessions. We are thrilled to have this new addition and believe it will further strengthen our softball community.



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Achievements: Over the last 12 months, we have celebrated numerous achievements, particularly in our representative program. Our representatives have showcased their skills and sportsmanship at various levels, bringing pride to our association. These achievements outlined in this report are a range of State and National Representatives as well as acknowledge through Blacktown City Council, Softball NSW Awards and other third party awards. These accomplishments are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our players, coaches, and support staff.

Our Community:

In addition to our dedication to softball, CNSA remains committed to supporting our community in various ways. This year, we had the privilege of rallying behind Tony Dent, a valued member of our association, as he faced a challenging health battle. We came together as a softball family, organising a fundraiser and extending a helping hand to Tony and his loved ones. The outpouring of love and solidarity demonstrated the true spirit of our association, emphasising the importance of unity and compassion beyond the confines of the softball field. Tony's journey reminded us of the strength and resilience of our community, and we are honored to have been able to offer our unwavering support during his time of need.

Programs and supporting Softball in NSW

we are committed to promoting and fostering the growth of softball in our community. To achieve this, we run a variety of programs aimed at engaging individuals of all ages and skill levels. Programs such as Home Run Heroes and Blastball provide opportunities for young children to develop their fundamental skills and cultivate a love for the sport from an early age. Additionally, we organize numerous competitions throughout the year, offering a platform for players to showcase their talent and compete against teams from across the region. In collaboration with Softball NSW, we have also played a vital role in hosting state championships, providing top-notch training venues, and participating in events like the Winter League. These initiatives not only contribute to the overall development of our players but also strengthen our ties with Softball NSW and the wider softball community, fostering a sense of camaraderie and unity.



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Special Thanks:

I would like to extend a special thanks to Ellie and Tricia Vial for their continued efforts in running the canteen. Their tireless work ensures that our members and visitors have access to refreshments and sustenance during games. Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to the executives of our affiliated clubs and our very own CNSA executive. Your commitment and leadership have been instrumental in the success of our association. Lastly, I would like to thank Michelle Newson, who has decided not to rerun this year. Michelle has made significant contributions to CNSA, and we are grateful for her dedication and service.

VALE: Beryl Foster

It is with great sadness that we reflect on the loss of Beryl Foster, one of the founders of softball at Cumberland Nepean Softball Association (CNSA). Beryl's contributions to our association and the sport of softball as a whole were immeasurable. As one of the pioneers, she played an instrumental role in establishing CNSA and shaping its values and traditions. Beryl's passion for softball was infectious, and her dedication to the growth and development of the sport inspired countless individuals over the years. We will always remember her for her unwavering commitment, leadership, and love for the game. Beryl Foster's legacy will forever remain in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing and working with her, and we will continue to honor her memory by upholding the principles and spirit he instilled in our softball community.

Outlook for 2023/2024:

Looking ahead, we have a positive outlook for the upcoming season. We recognize the need to continue rebuilding and focus on how we can further grow softball in the Blacktown community. This will require collaborative efforts, innovative ideas, and a commitment to providing an inclusive and enjoyable experience for all participants. Together, we can continue to nurture a strong and vibrant softball community that brings joy and fulfillment to its members.



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In conclusion, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to everyone involved in Cumberland Nepean Softball Association. Your unwavering support and commitment have made this season a resounding success. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, and I am confident that with our collective efforts, we will continue to build on our strong Softball Foundations.

Yours in Softball

Krissi Travers





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A NOTE FROM CHRIS MARCHANT

As provided in the meeting



Around the Grounds

A NOTE FROM ANDREW POLASCHEK

International Peace Park

This season was a lot of work to ensure all our members received all the game's in a safe environment. Pre season we cleaned all the astro turf of all 10 diamonds at IPP, there was a Working Bee that most clubs contributed to and assisted in getting the grounds ready for the season. As Blacktown council were unable to mow at IPP we were tasked with this job to get the fields ready, using wet vacs to suck up water, moving dirt to fill holes, repairing all mesh fences that were damaged by vandals, re painting batter's boxes, home plates and pitcher lines.

Thanks to the following energetic people we were able to have every game completed at IPP, Kyle Polaschek, Rod Worth, Patrick Green, with assistance of Leigh Blanning, Jason Wallwork, Jack Rauhihi, Alyssa Harris and George Mobbs.

Stanhope

Unfortunately, Stanhope had issues with the grounds being too wet to use to start the season, after a lot of work with assistance of Blacktown council we were able to have games here. The new lights going into diamonds 3 and 4 were a task and caused issues with diamonds being used, but we'll have no foreseeable problems in the future besides everyone wanting to use them. Our finals season was held here with a lot of enthusiasm for all teams and committee.

As we head into 23/24, we will continue to look at how we can ensure we have the right equipment in order to equip us for ground maintenance going forward.

I would like to thank all of those who expressed how the grounds looked this season, we will endeavor to have a better season next season across both grounds.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Polaschek

Representative Report

A NOTE FROM VANESSA MCRAE, KELLIE POLASCHEK & MICHELLE NEWSON

CNSA has had a very successful representative season, with players and officials representing us at local, state and national level. Following a couple of seasons affected by weather and COVID, CNSA has seen an increase in the number of people trialling for our representative programs and this season saw us being able to field a male and female team in every age category including our very first U19 and U23 male teams.

In 2022/2023, we saw some of our representative teams venture to regional areas with U12's playing in Orange and U10's playing on the Central Coast. CNSA were also hosts to the U14 boys State Championship and more recently sharing hosting responsibilities with Softball NSW for the O35 State championships which saw 21 teams enter across men and women.

We saw many of our members also represent at primary and high school All School events as well as Australian development camps and the Blacktown Junior International Challenge where 18 of our representatives got to enjoy the experience of playing against the Japanese. This was an amazing opportunity for some of our younger members.

The highlights of the 2022/2023 representative season are:

- U10 2022 Girls team making the grand final coming 2nd at State Championships
- U12 Girls team winning the State Championships in Orange
- U12 Boys team making the grand final coming 2nd at State Championships
- U18 Girls team winning the State Championships at BISP
- O35 Mens team making the grand final coming 2nd at State Championships
- Open Women's team making the grand final coming 2nd at State Championships
- Charli Orsini & Jayda Lorigan representing Australia at the Canada Cup in 2022
- Ryleigh Arnott & Charli Orsini making the Aussie Spirit Development squad
- Jayda Lorigan, Angelique Iredale, Brooke Thomas, McKenzie Newson, Tanika Terkildsen, Mason Malkoun & Maikera Thompson-TeTana making Softball Australia Representative Squads





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Congratulations to the following CNSA Players and officials who represented CNSA at the following tournaments:

2022 – Canada Cup

- ·Charli Orsini
- ·Jayda Lorigan

2022 – Spirit Development Squad

- ·Ryleigh Arnott
- ·Charli Orsini

2022 - Softball Australia Representative Squads

- ·Jayda Lorigan
- ·Angelique Iredale
- ·Brooke Thomas
- ·Mckenzie Newson
- ·Tanika Terkildsen
- ·Mason Malkoun
- ·Maikera Thompson-TeTana

2022 - WSAS

- ·Kate Blanning
- ·Amelia Manks
- ·Mckenzie Newson
- ·Kirra Gibson
- ·Tanika Terkildsen
- ·Kara Cassidy
- ·Jonathan Fabar
- ·Liam McRae
- ·Mac Orsini
- ·Jack Rauhihi (Coach)
- ·Donna McGrath (Coach)



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2022 – O35 Women – NSW Representatives : National Champions

- ·Fiona Crawford - Player
- ·Nicole Gibson - Player
- ·Leah Willoughby - Player
- ·Jack Rauhihi - Coach

2022 – O35 Men – NSW Representatives : National Champions

- ·Alan McNulty - Player
- ·Jack Rauhihi - Player
- ·Dale Smith - Player
- ·Demetrius Doney - Player

2022 – NSW All Schools Teams – School Sports Australia Championships (WA)

- ·Amelia Cousins
- ·Angelique Iredale
- ·Jayda Lorigan
- ·Brooke Thomas
- ·Mason Malkoun

2022 – NSW PSSA State Championships (Mudgee)

- ·Tanika Williams
- ·Madeline Gauci
- ·Zoey Feeney
- ·Jorja Erzetic
- ·Nicola Harris
- ·Charloltte Bedwell
- ·Emaan Zackria
- ·Aaliyah Batey
- ·Patrick Cassidy
- ·Caleb Gover
- ·Jack Mathews
- ·Ethan McRae

2022 – Australian All Schools Primary School Championships (VIC)

- ·Nicola Harris
- ·Charloltte Bedwell
- ·Aaliyah Batey
- ·Jack Mathews
- ·Ethan McRae



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2022 – U23 Women – NSW Representatives

- ·Alyssa Connell – Player
- ·Amelia Cousins – Player
- ·Rowena Whittle – Statistician
- ·Krissi Travers – Umpire

2023 – Open Women – NSW Representatives

- ·Ryleigh Arnott – Player
- ·Rowena Whittle – Statistician
- ·Andrew Birks – Umpire

2023 – U18 Girls – NSW Representatives

- ·Brooke Thomas – Player
- ·Olivia Bonello – Player
- ·Angelique Iredale – Player
- ·Jayda Lorigan – Player
- ·Warren Arnott – Assistant Coach
- ·Narelle McIntosh – Statistician
- ·Krissi Travers – Umpire
- ·Rob McIntosh – Umpire

2023 – U16 Girls / Boys – NSW Representatives

- ·Jonathan Fabar – Player
- ·Mckenzie Newson – Player
- ·Mac Orsini – Player
- ·Tanika Terkildsen – Player
- ·Maikera Thompson-TeTana – player
- ·Amelia Manks – Player (ACT)
- ·Liam McRae – Player (ACT)
- ·Vanessa McRae – Administrator
- ·Kerri Wallwork – Administrator
- ·Allison Connell – Coach (ACT)
- ·Lyneene Orsini (Battery Coach)
- ·Krissi Travers – Umpire
- ·Andrew Birks – Umpire



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2023 – U14 Softball Australia Development Camp

- ·Charlotte Bedwell
- ·Jamie Blanning
- ·Payten Feeney
- ·Murray Gibson
- ·Nicola Harris
- ·Matthew Kellett
- ·Isabella Lopez
- ·Jack Mathews
- ·Jessica Middleton
- ·Miranda Moretti
- ·Addison O'Connor

2023 – Easter Classic – Auckland, New Zealand

- ·Charlotte Bedwell – Team Fierce
- ·Murray Gibson – Team Chill
- ·Jack Mathews – Team Frost
- ·Kerri Wallwork – Manager

2023 – Blacktown Junior International Challenge

- ·Aaliyah Batey
- ·Charlotte Bedwell
- ·Jamie Blanning
- ·Patrick Cassidy
- ·Amelia Darek
- ·Payten Feeney
- ·Murray Gibson
- ·Nicola Harris
- ·Chloe Johnston
- ·Matthew Kellett
- ·Isabella Lopez
- ·Damon Marks
- ·Jack Mathews
- ·Ethan McRae
- ·Jessica Middleton
- ·Miranda Moretti
- ·Addison O'Connor
- ·Emaan Zackria
- ·Natalie Blanning – Manager
- ·Paul Elder – Coach
- ·Alyssa Harris – Manager
- ·Alex Johnston – Manager
- ·Donna Kelly – Statistician
- ·Donna McGrath – Coach
- ·Vanessa McRae – Manager

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2022 – Blacktown City Sports Awards

- Krissi Travers – Winner : Senior Official of the Year
- Amelia Cousins – Encouragement Award Winner & Finalist : Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Jack Rauhihi – Finalist : Coach of the Year
- Tricia Vial – Finalist : Volunteer of the Year
- CNSA U16 Female Rep Team – Finalist : Team of the Year
- CNSA U23 Female Rep Team – Finalist : Team of the Year



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