

The Valley View Softball Club played its first games in the summer of 1977, in the Central Districts Softball Association, at Ridley Road grounds, Elizabeth.

Its President and first coach was Lee Hull, and the club fielded a single team in A(2) grade. The club trained at St Paul's College, Blacks Road, Gilles Plains. The Secretary/Treasurer of the club was Margaret LeFrancois.

In the second season 1978/79 the club grew to 2 teams, A(2) coached by Lee Hull, and C grade coached by Jim Coleman, and new members included the Peacock family and the Hudson family.

Denis Peacock became club President.

Beth Peacock made new uniforms and Denis and Judith Peacock(Lukas) supported Lee Hull umpiring.

The club was sponsored by Wilson Datsun, and the first Wilson Datsun trophy winner was Lorna Nettle, for the highest number of umpires votes.

Lee Hull was U/17 CDSA Representative coach with Beth Peacock as scorer.

Denis Peacock won Best Senior Umpire in his first season at CDSA, Judith Peacock (Lukas) Best 1st Year Umpire, and Junior Clubwoman.

The third season, 1979/80 saw the addition of a D grade team coached by Denis Peacock, and the first junior team, U/15, coached by Fiona Williams and Judith Peacock (Lukas), along with the A2 team and C teams coached by Lee Hull

Denis Peacock became the club President. Lee Hull again was the CDSA U/17 Representative coach, with Beth Peacock as manageress.

Lee Hull was named Best Association person, Beth Peacock Senior Clubwoman, and Judith Peacock (Lukas) was runner up Best Senior Umpire.

The club won its first club premiership in A(2).

In 1980 we added a further junior team, and our first state representative was Jean Cruise, in the U/16 State team.

CDWSA relocated to Salisbury College playing grounds.

Lee Hull continued as CDSA U/17 Representative coach, Judith Peacock (Lukas) as the U/15 CDSA coach and Beth Peacock as assistant U/15 coach.

Cheryl Peacock was named CDSA Junior Clubwoman.

1981 saw changes at the club, Lee Hull had left to pursue his softball ambitions at West Beach. Fiona Williams was club President and Dave Harrington became A Grade Coach.

The club fielded A, B, C, D and U/15 and U/13 teams.

C grade finished runners-up.

Julie Stevens won the Wilson Datsun trophy for highest umpires votes for the second year running.

Fiona Williams was CDSA U/15 Representative Coach.

Beth Peacock and Rosie Lawrance were CDSA scorers.

Cheryl Peacock was the winner of Best First Year Umpire.

We now had 5 umpires: Denis Peacock, Dave Harrington, Judith Peacock, Cheryl Peacock, John Robinson.

Beth Peacock was the CDSA Umpires Co-ordinator and CDSA delegate along with Fiona Williams.

1982 Valley View Softball Club moved its training ground to Ladywood Reserve, Modbury North, and a constitution change saw the inclusion of "Eagles" into our club name.

President was Fiona Williams, Secretary Beth Peacock and Treasurer Lou Stevens. John Lyons Principal at The Heights School was club Patron.

A primary school U/15 softball carnival was held at Ladywood Reserve.

The club had expanded to 4 senior teams, 3 junior teams and its first ever men's team.

Cheryl Peacock (Brown) became our second state representative player, this time for the State U/19 team.

Lorna Nettle and Cheryl Peacock become the first 100 game players.

B, C and U/13(1) teams were premiers, D1 and U/15 teams minor Premiers.

Umpires were Denis Peacock, Neville Lawrance, Ian Gillies, Roly Galaboff, Colin Ryles, Judith Peacock, Cheryl Peacock, John Robinson and Dave Thornton.

Beth and Denis Peacock were on the CDSA roster of games committee and Umpires Committee.

1983 saw the club field its largest number of teams (10): 4 senior women's teams: A, B, C, D; 4 junior teams: U/15 1&2, U/13 1&2; and 2 men's teams, 129 members and a committee of 20 members.

John Klunder became the Club Patron, and Mal Watson club President, Beth Peacock Secretary and Rita Horton Treasurer.

The club continued to fill CDSA roles, and win CDSA awards for umpiring and CDSA roles undertaken: Best Association Person, Senior and Junior Clubwoman trophies many times over. Denis Peacock was CDSA Treasurer, Beth the Umpiring Coordinator.

Coaching, scoring and umpiring for CDSA representative teams, was another area of achievement by club members.

B grade and U/15(2) were season Premiers.

Roly Galaboff was named Country Team of the Year Coach.

5 players reached their 100 game milestones:

Elizabeth Cullen, Cathy DeConno, Tina Hudson, Sharon Hudson, and Beth Peacock.

1984 saw a new uniform design, and a split in the club to form a new CDSA club: The Golden Grove Giants. Nonetheless the club fielded 7 teams.

Barry Heidenreich become Club President.

The club boasted 8 umpires: Neville Lawrance, Roly Galaboff, Denis Peacock, Cheryl Peacock, John Robinson, Toni Lomman, Chris Hatchett (Angus), and Jewdie Sullivan.

Beth Peacock continued as CDSA umpires coordinator.

Roly Galaboff was CDSA Manager.

U/15(1) team were premiers this season, and A grade finished minor premiers.

Neville and Rosie Lawrance were jointly named Best Association Person.

The club voted to accept the nominations for our first Honorary Life Members - Beth and Denis Peacock.

Roly Galaboff was again CDSA A grade Rep Coach, with Beth Peacock as scorer.

Roly Galaboff again was named Country Team of the Year Coach.

Neville and Denis umpired for CDSA representative teams.

1985 saw further committee changes, with Chris Osborne as President and Pam Lomman as Secretary.

The club continued to field 7 teams, and succeeded in winning it's second A grade Premiership against Brahma Lodge.

Roly, Beth, Denis and Neville all continued in various CDSA roles both on the committee, and associated with Representative teams.

Once again Roly was named Country Team of the Year Coach.

Beth Peacock was selected U/16 State Team Scorer, and Toni Lomman became our latest State Team Representative, for the U/19 team.

1986 and another new club President: this time Ian Gillies who stepped up from Vice President. Beth Peacock returned to Secretary duties assisted by Lorraine Robinson.

Club members on CDSA included: Roly Galaboff – Manager, Beth Peacock – Umpires Coordinator, Rosie and Neville Lawrance – Records and Clearances, Denis Peacock - Deputy Umpires Marshall.

A consistent 7 teams were fielded by the club, the A grade team were “back to back” Premiers, this time defeating Roadrunners, and the Men's Team took out the first Men's competition flag at NAMSA.

Beth again scored for the CDSA A grade Representative team (still coached by Roly Galaboff), the NAMSA Representative Team (coached by Denis) and the State U/16 team coached by Lee Hull.

1987 saw the pattern repeated, with Janice Sandbach becoming President following a season as Vice President. Lorraine Robinson became Secretary, and Local Member Dianne Gayler became Club Patron.

The club expanded to 8 teams, with 5 senior women's teams, two junior teams, and a men's team.

The Men's team were again successful, finishing minor premiers.

Beth and Denis Peacock were nominated Honorary Life Members of CDSA.

Roly and Beth continued to support the CDSA A grade Representative Team, and Colin Ryles umpired in support of CDSA teams.

Denis Peacock was recognized as Best Senior Umpire.

1988 brought Colin Ryles to the role of Club President with a continuing list of 8 teams, yielding 3 premierships: U/13, U/15(also Minor Premiers) and the Men's team.

The club recognized 2 new Honorary Life Members: John Robinson, and Cheryl Peacock (Brown).

Beth Peacock was named CDSA Senior Clubwoman, and Denis Peacock CDSA Best Association Person.

1989 Colin Ryles continued as VVESC President, Beth as Secretary and Judith as Treasurer, with 9 teams: 5 senior womens, 2 juniors and 2 mens.

In all, 12 members umpired at CDSA and NAMSA, and Denis, Roly, and Colin umpired for CDSA Representative teams. Peta Ryles winning the umpiring Encouragement Award.

Beth scored for both CDSA U/15, and NAMSA Mens team at the state championships, being named Junior Country Team of the Year Scorer.

Unfortunately, the club went flagless.

1990 and Colin, Beth and Judith continued in their respective committee roles. New Patron and local Member Dorothy Kotz presided over the awarding of a further 2 Honorary Life Memberships to Lorraine Robinson and Roly Galaboff. The club held it's first family fun day with members competing in the egg and spoon, 3 legged, catcher dressing races and the dummy spit. Irene Ryles was named Association Person of the Year, Roly Galaboff - Best Senior Umpire, and Peta Ryles - Best Junior Umpire. The club was unfortunately flagless again, despite 5 teams making the finals, 3 minor premiers: U/14, D, and Mens, and 2 teams to the GF. Irene and Beth both scored for CDSA representative sides.

In April 1991 the club played host to Japan in the Junior Youth World Series held in Adelaide. Flag bearer was Peta Ryles, bat girl Melissa Deverson, members Judith and Cheryl Peacock, Pam Lomman, Annette Deverson, Denis and David Peacock all provided support at the grounds during the tournament in a variety of ways.

The 1991 playing season saw Terry Cluse become club President, and the club fielded it very first all boy junior team in U/13 coached by Denis Peacock. 7 other teams were fielded: A,B,C,D U/16 U/14, and Mens. Denis Peacock was CDSA President, and Beth Peacock CDSA Secretary. Coral Laube, Chris and Phillip Angus joined the ranks of umpires at the club. Denis Peacock and Roly Galaboff both became level 3 Umpires, and Roly again was adjudged Best Senior Umpire, an award he would win a further 2 times in subsequent seasons. Coral was recognized with an Umpire's Encouragement award. Beth continued as scorer of the CDSA A grade Representative team. U/16 finished Runners up. 2 new Club Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to Terry Cluse and Judith Peacock(Lukas).

1992 saw David Peacock become club President, Sharon Perkins - Secretary, and Teresa Scott - Treasurer. The club fielded 8 teams: 4 senior, 2 junior and 2 men's teams. Beth and Denis continued on CDSA as Secretary and President respectively. 6 teams made the finals:
Men's 1 - semi finalists
U/14 and A Grade - preliminary finalists
U/17 - Grand finalists
B Grade and Men's 2 teams Premiers for the season. Beth Peacock was recognized as the Best Association Person. Chris Angus was recognized with Club Honorary Life Membership.

1992 was significant as the year that triple Olympian Simmone Morrow commenced playing softball with the club. Whilst perhaps not the most important member that club has had, she was nonetheless the player who went on to play at the highest level in our game, winning Bronze (Sydney2000), Silver (Athens 2004), and Bronze (Beijing 2008).

1993 was a difficult year for the club with a number of members having left over the previous seasons to other clubs or to West Beach. Judith Peacock (Lukas) became President, and Kerry Nettle - Treasurer. Unfortunately the club was left with very few coaches despite still fielding 4 senior teams and 3 junior teams. Coaching of 3 senior teams was left to Judith, who resigned from the President's position and took the Vice President's position when Peter Sims assumed the President role.

The club still achieved success with U/17 and D grade finishing Premiers.

Judith Peacock (Lukas) was awarded CDSA Senior Clubwoman for her efforts.

The club had its first 2 players to reach their 300 games milestones: Cheryl Peacock, and Sharon Perkins.

A trio of U/13 players won the CDSA Best First Year Player Award: Kate McDonald, Kirsty Nelligan, Chantelle Turner.

Beth and Denis Peacock had continued on the CDSA committee in their respective positions.

1994 season saw the club field a reduced number of teams, 3 senior and 2 junior. Peter Sims continued as Club President.

Significantly, in this season, Simone Morrow was selected for the State U/19 team, and the A Grade team coached by Judith and assisted by Martyn Hilliard were successful in securing the Premiership over Roadrunners after 8 years since their last flag.

Simone Morrow was CDSA Player of the Year.

Beth Peacock continued as CDSA A grade representative team scorer and President's Cup Team Scorer.

1995 Denis Peacock returned from CDSA to the role of VVESC club President, Sharon Perkins continued as Secretary and Beth Peacock as Treasurer.

Stephen Hunt joined Judith as A grade Co-coach.

The club returned to fielding 6 teams, although none successful in winning a flag, A grade and U/15 were Preliminary finalists and U/17 Semi finalists.

Denis Peacock was awarded Best Senior Umpire.

Kirsty Nelligan won the CDSA Player of the Year Award.

In the off-season in 1996, the club ran the first junior development camp with contributions from our senior players towards valuable development of our future senior players.

1996 and the Committee welcomed Jane Hunt as Club Secretary, who would go on to have a significant influence on both our club and CDSA.

Martyn Hilliard assumed Treasurer duties.

Denis, Cheryl, Coral Laube and Stephen Hunt were our umpires.

However, the club shrunk to only 5 teams as competition shifted to Para Hills West Primary School.

B and C grade were Preliminary Finalists and U/17 Semi Finalists.

Stephen was active on the CDSA committee as Match Director.

The success of the previous off-season junior development camp saw it repeated.

The club had its first 400 game player: Cheryl Peacock (Brown).

1997 saw a largely unchanged committee for the first time in many years. The club fielded 5 teams: A, A2, C Yellow, C Blue and U/17. Stephen Hunt assumed full coaching of the A grade team as Judith took a break. The club was again flagless despite 3 teams making the Preliminary finals: A, C and U17. Sharon Perkins joined Cheryl as a 400 game player for the club, and Stephen Hunt was recognized for his work in CDSA with Honorary Life Membership. Many club members and players continued to be involved in representative teams and President's Cup team playing at West Beach Wednesday nights.

1998 saw another season with the committee leadership remaining, and 5 teams again, this time U/14 instead of U/17. Our run of no flags ended with Jane Hunt's C grade team finishing both minor Premiers and Premiers. A grade finished grand-finalists, going down to Roadrunners. B grade finished semi-finalists. Kim Langosch and Elizabeth Heidenreich reached their 300 game milestones.

Changes in 1999 saw Jane Hunt both Club VP and Treasurer, and Shaun O'Leary assumed coaching of A Grade with John Hutchinson as assistant. The club also fielded 2 A grade teams the strength of the playing list within the club meant two competitive sides in A grade was possible. The second team coached by playing coaches Judith Lukas (Peacock) and Cheryl Brown (Peacock). Two C grade teams and U/14 were the other teams. Unfortunately, A grade again had to settle with runners up on grand final day, again to Roadrunners. Jane Hunt was CDSA Secretary, Stephen Hunt Match Director and Webmaster, and Beth Peacock Umpiring Director.

2000 and Denis Peacock had been Club President continuously since 1995. Stephen Hunt was VP, Andrea Carpenter - Secretary, and Natalie Turner as her assistant, Jane Hunt still club Treasurer, and Judith became coaching coordinator. Jane Hunt was CDSA Secretary and Treasurer, Stephen - Match Director, and Beth continued as Umpires Director. Two senior teams made the Grand-final week, but with no joy, Div 1 team finished Runners up to Roadrunners for a third successive season, and Div 2 finished Runners Up to Giants Masters.

2001 saw a change at the helm and Judith Lukas became club President, Jane Hunt assumed roles of both Secretary & Treasurer. The club fielded 5 teams: Div 1(Stephen Hunt), Div 2(Judith Lukas), Div 3(Jane Hunt) U/16(Melissa Nettle and Kim Langosch) and Modball(Fiona Wear). Season Results were: Div 1 - Runners up to Roadrunners, Div 2 - Runners Up to Falcons, Div3 Premiers Defeating Giants Masters. Stephen Hunt was CDSA President, Jane - CDSA Treasurer, and Beth - CDSA Umpires Director. This season was significant due to the hosting of the State Junior Championships at CDSA. Jane and Stephen Hunt made significant contributions to this event. Jane Hunt and Beth Peacock were jointly awarded CDSA Association Person of the Year.

It was also important as we celebrated 25 years as a club with a Reunion function. Enormous work was put into displays and just the herculean task of finding where everyone now lived in the days prior to social media to send them an invite, was hard work.

The committee was headed by Denis Peacock, and fellow members included: Beth, Judith, Cheryl, Natalie Turner, and Andrea Carpenter.

2002 President Judith Lukas, Jane Hunt Treasurer, Secretary Fiona Wear

7 teams: Div1, Div2, Div3 Gold, Div3 Blue, U/16, two Modball teams.

Central Districts Softball Association games returned to Ridley Reserve, Elizabeth. Stephen Hunt in particular had been involved in the locating of a suitable playing ground for the Association.

Div 1 coached by Judith Lukas and assisted by Shaun O'Leary finally clinched the Div1 flag they so long tried to win, this time the victors over Roadrunners.

Div 3 coached by Jane also won their grand final match.

Both Jane and Stephen completed second seasons as CDSA Treasurer and President respectively.

Sharon Perkins played her 500th Club game.

Stephen Hunt was named CDSA Association Person of the Year.

Sadly, a few short weeks after the end of the season, A Grade Premiership Player Jenny Taylor tragically died suddenly, she had been a great team member, a supportive and encouraging modball coach, and had been a stand out player in the CDSA representative team.

2003 Jane Hunt President, Secretary Ben Close/Carly Hutchinson, Treasurer Margaret Clark.

Div 1 coached by Shaun and Sharon Perkins were Premiers second year running.

Div 4 coached by Carly Close were also Premiers.

U/16 also coached by Carly, finished runners up.

Jane Hunt was named CDSA Association Person of the Year, in recognition of her role as Treasurer.

Beth Peacock was Scorer at the Australian U/16 Championships held in Adelaide, for Tasmania.

2004 Ben Close became Club President, Secretary - Jaime Clark and Carly Hutchinson jointly.

It was a very lean year for results.

Stephen was now CDSA Umpires Director, Jane continuing as CDSA Treasurer.

Stephen Hunt was named Best Senior Umpire. Anni Filsell - Best First Year Umpire.

Jane Hunt was named CDSA's newest Honorary Life Member in recognition of her dedicated service to CDSA.

On 3rd March 2005 Comanches Softball club President Danielle Gilboy notified VVESC President Ben Close of acceptance of the terms of the amalgamation of Comanches Softball Club with Valley View Eagles Softball Club. Remaining members of Comanches joined the Valley View Club for the start of the 2005/06 season.

2005 Ben Close stepped down as President and there were no successful nominations at the AGM for the position, Sharon Perkins as Vice President assumed both roles in the interim, Margaret Clark continued as Treasurer, Stephen Hunt accepted the nomination of Secretary, Natalie Turner as Vice President.

Ben Close moved into the role of CDSA Match Director, a role he would fill in both 2005 and 2006, along with the role of web-master from 2005 through to 2012.

5 teams were fielded: Div 1(Sharon), Div2(Stephen and Ben), Div3(John Hutchinson), U/19(Joint team with Golden Grove Giants – coached by Sharon Perkins and Toni Norris), U15(Carly), Modball (Sharon Hunt).

2006 Sharon Perkins became Club President, Margaret Clark both Vice President and Treasurer, but Secretary and Uniforms remained unfilled until later.

Consideration of an amalgamation with Golden Grove Giants was discussed with GGG reduced to just one team. VVESC voted unanimously in favour should GGG wish to move ahead with that plan.

Nomination of Kim Sanderson for Honorary Life Member was accepted by the club members, present.

Teams: Div1 (Judith Lukas and Sharon Perkins), Div3, U/15.

No flags.

2007 President Sharon Perkins, Secretary Lyn Gibbons, Treasurer Margaret Clark. Denis Peacock returned to CDSA as Umpires Director, and Sharon Perkins joined as Development Director.

Teams: Div2 (Judith Lukas and Sharon Perkins) Div3 (John Eichner), U/16

No Flags.

2008 President Sharon Perkins, Vice President - Judith Lukas, Secretary - Lynn Gibbons, Treasurer - Margaret Clark.

Div2 (Judith Lukas and Sharon Perkins) and Div3(Veronica Geesing) and Div4(Isadora Roberts), U/14 and Modball Sharon Hunt and Darryl French, Valley View were Div3 Premiers. Veronica Geesing - Player of the GF, Div3 B&F, and CDSA Player of the Year.

Kim Sanderson became the second 500 game player.

Denis continued on CDSA as Umpires Director, Catherine joined as Fundraising Director.

Erin Reed was selected and played in the State U/19 Representative Team.

2009 President Judith Lukas, Vice President Sharon Perkins, Secretary Position Vacant, and Treasurer Margaret Clark.

Carly Close and Coral Laube were both elected Honorary Life Members.

Sharon Perkins became CDSA President, Catherine Gregory became CDSA Secretary, and Benjamin Close became Fundraising Director. Denis Peacock continued as Umpire's Director.

Teams:

Div 1 finished Plate Premiers.

Div 2 finished finalists.

Div 3 coached by Isadora and Darryl Ward

Modball Coached by Isadora Roberts.

Catherine Gregory was awarded CDSA Best Association Person, and Judith Lukas Best Senior Umpire.

2010 Sharon and Judith switched roles again, with Sharon returning to President, and Judith to Vice President, Michelle Nicholls and Kim Sanderson shared the role of Secretary, and Sharee Forrester as Treasurer, as well as CDSA Treasurer Margaret Clark was successfully nominated for Honorary Life Membership Sharon, Catherine, and Ben continued in their respective CDSA positions Denis stepped down as Umpires Director. Catherine Gregory was awarded CDSA Best Association Person, and Judith Lukas Best Senior Umpire for the second year running.

2011

Sharon stepped down at the end of this season from committee and coaching roles, and 3 seasons as CDSA President.

But not before coaching the club's Div4 team to their grand-final win.

President Sharon Perkins, Vice President Judith Lukas, and Treasurer - Sharee Forrester again this season.

Div2 Judith Lukas and Sharon Perkins

Div4 Sharon Perkins

U/13 Wendy Howe

T-ball Kim Sanderson

Sharee was voted Best Association Person, Denis Peacock was recognized as Best Senior Umpire

Sharon Perkins played her 700th game during the season, an impressive 32 continuous seasons.

2012 President Judith Lukas, Vice President Michelle Nicholls, Kim Sanderson - Secretary, Sharee Forrester - Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary - Danielle Gilboy. After many years without a Patron of the club, Judith nominated Mrs Betty Godfrey, who was unanimously accepted.

Div2 coached by Judith Lukas finished Grand-finalists losing to USC.

Div3 finished semifinalists, Coached by Wendy Howe

U/16, very narrowly missed the grand-final after struggling every week for numbers, coached by Judith and Danielle.

U/13 Wendy Howe and Mark Birrell

T-ball Kim Sanderson

Danielle Childs was joint winner of CDSA Best Senior Umpire

Natalie Turner reached her 400th club game mark.

2013 President Judith Lukas, Michelle Nicholls Vice President, Sharee Wilden continued in the role of Treasurer.

The 2013 season heralded the beginning of 4 seasons of great success unlike any the club has had consistently prior to this time.

Div2 Judith Minor Premiers and Premiers.

Div3 Anni Filsel

Div4 Judith (Playing Coach) Grand-finalists, losing to Roadrunners.

U/16 Danielle Childs

U/13 Wendy Howe

Catherine Gregory was CDSA President and Sharee Forrester Treasurer, Melanie Gilboy was Umpires Director, and CDSA VP.

2014 Committee changes included Catherine Gregory became President, Jody Hobbs VP, Secretary Judith Lukas, and Treasurer Sharee Forrester.

Significantly Scott and Chantelle Humphrys joined VVESC.

Catherine Gregory was in the second year of her term as CDSA President, Melanie Gilboy VP, and Sharee Forrester Treasurer, Danielle Gilboy was Umpires Allocations Officer after Constitutional changes.

Scott became the Div1 coach, and the club had the first Div 1 team since 2009, and the first men's team since 1992.

Div 2 and 3 teams coached by Judith Lukas with Jody Hobbs assisting.

U/16 coached by Chantelle with Scott's assistance, U/13 by Wendy Howe and Mark Birrell, Tball also coached by Scott.

Men's Team Scott Humphrys.

Kim Sanderson became the second member to reach the impressive milestone of 600 club games.

The crowning result of the season was to win the Div1 grand-final, coming from behind in what seemed an impossible situation, taking the flag for the first time since 2003, 11 years.

Div 3 were Grand-finalists going down to USC.

Div 2 missed the finals, U/16 and U/13 missed the GF.

2015 Committee largely the same, but Sharee leaving to move to Tigers, closer to her home and Toni Norris becoming Treasurer.

Judith Lukas became CDSA Secretary, and Jody Hobbs became Technology Officer. Judith finally played her 300th club game, but she's probably coached double or triple that number!

Teams the same:

Div 1 Scott Humphrys and John Goller

Div 2 Judith and Rick Norris

Div 3 Judith and Cathy G & Jody Hobbs.

U/16 Scott Humphrys, and Judith

U/13 Kim Sanderson and Bronwyn Lloyd-Jones

Teeball Chantelle Humphrys and helpers!

If 2014 was good, 2015 was better!

Div 1 narrowly lost in the Preliminary Final to USC on a day over 39°C.

Div2 crushed by Tigers in the semi won through to the GF beating USC.

Div3 booked themselves a berth in the GF winning on semi final day against Hornets.

U/16 also won on Preliminary Final day to set up an encounter with the favoured Roadrunners.

U/13 were very narrowly beaten in the Preliminary final.

No VVESC team looked the obvious winner, the other teams had had good wins and Tigers Div2 had been very strong, but nonetheless VVESC walked away with 3 Premierships, and the only club to win more than 1 for the season, a stunning result.

2016 Saw small changes to the committee with Denis replacing Jody as VP, John Goller replacing Toni as Treasurer.

Catherine Gregory returned to the role of CDSA President, Judith Lukas CDSA Secretary and Scott Humphrys Technology Officer.

Teams:

Div 1 Scott Humphrys and John Goller

Div 2 Judith and helpers.

Div 3 Judith and Nathan Humphrys & Jody Hobbs

U/16 Mark Podzuweit and Matt Roberts

U/13 Mark Podzuweit and Kathryn Norris

Teeball Veronica Geesing and helpers!

Men's Scott Humphrys.

Start of this season saw 3 VVESC members achieve Honorary Life Membership of CDSA:

Sharon Perkins

Catherine Gregory

Judith Lukas

If 2015 was good 2016 was even better. Div1 again took out the Div 1 flag in another very exciting game, after an equally exciting come from behind finish in the semi final, to earn a very much-needed 2 weeks of recovery.

Div 2 narrowly missed making the finals.

Div 3 went back to back defeating Roadrunners for a second year running.

Including marking the incredible effort of playing 500 games to Natalie Turner who coincided this important game with a grand-final game.

U/16 were Grand-finalists this year losing to Roadrunners.

U/13 took the flag after a great many years, since 1988.

For the second season, the only club to win more than a single flag.

The following day the men's team were victors at NAMSA in oppressively hot conditions, to give the club it's best ever result of 4 flags.

Scott Humphrys coached the CDSA A Grade to it's first win in the State Championships and was named Coach Country Team of the Year.

Over all the years Valley View Eagles Softball Club members have given great service to the club, but also have a rich history of service to CDSA as Committee Members, Umpires and in support of Representative Teams.

Some club history is well recorded and some just information in minutes, but the one thing the club has done very well is keep a history of every person who ever stepped onto a diamond in a Valley View uniform, even if only once, and that number is around 950.

There is much more that could be recorded here but in the interests of keeping it to a paragraph on each season some has been omitted.

There maybe more that people could add or correct, and I imagine that will also occur.

I'm still looking for some missing AGM Minutes and I will be able to build a fuller picture with time.

2017-18 Season is the 40th season for Valley View Eagles Softball Club.

We have a Committee of experienced and very new members, all are welcome.

We have 3 senior teams Div 2 and 2 Div3 teams, 3 junior teams: U/16, U/13, Teeball and a men's team.

We are proud of our history and our reputation.

This January we have members playing and supporting CDSA representative teams, and 3 players playing in the Australian Championships:

Scott Humphrys – Open Men's

Sam Paturis Open Men's

Michael Jaeger U/15 Boys.

Judith Lukas