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**Ku-ring-gai Stealers
Baseball and Softball
Club Incorporated**

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2021-2022 Committee

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Other
President	Adrian Steer	Uniforms Sponsorship
Secretary	Andrew Kunce	Public Officer
Treasurer	Rob Scott	
Vice President – Junior Baseball	Jane Heap	
Vice President – Senior Baseball	Shaun Joffee	
Vice President - Softball	Maria Kunce	

General Committee

Name	Portfolio
Julia Benson	Softball Committee
Fred Beyers	Canteen
Justin Chou	Junior Umpires Coordinator
Matt Dolan	
Nicholas Gibson	
Gavin Gillett	
Paul Haynes	
Glen Hurley	
Damian Kunce	Building coordinator
Graeme MacMahon	
Celeste Musgrave	Softball Committee
Tina Schuurman	Softball Committee
Courtney Tuma	Softball Registrar
Alexia White	Junior Baseball Committee
Phil Wilson	Junior Baseball Committee

Life Members

Year	Member
2018	Rob Scott
2015	Ross Stevenson
2012	Linda Matheson
2010	Rob McCluskey
2010	Ian Graham
2009	Chris Rainnie
2009	David Coutts
2009	Gordon Fraser
2002	Rick Geersen
1998	Frank Freeman
1998	Brian Luttrell
1992	Col Clarke

Club Person of the Year

Year	Member
2020-2021	Fred Beyers
2015-2016	Chris Rainnie
2014-2015	Guy Jeffrey
2013-2014	Adrian Steer

JVG Award

Excellence in Coaching & Sportsmanship

Year	Member
2021-2022	Wil Ilsong Lee
2011-2012	Harm Drenth
2010-2011	Gordon Fraser
2009-2010	John van Geldermaulsen [Posthumously]

Junior Coach of the Year

Fingleson Family Award in Honour of Joe Spinks

Year	Member
2021-2022	Mat Kiddle
2020-2021	Damien Ackland
2019-2020	Phil Wilson
2018-2019	Sabrina Caffin
2017-2018	Aaron Christie
2016-2017 (Inaugural)	Damian Kunce



President's Award – Softball

(formerly The Chase Softball Club Presidents Award
donated by Lynne Townsend)

Year	Member
2020	Courtney Tuma
2017	Maria Kunce
2015	Stephanie Koehn
2014	Ross Stevenson
2012	Gary Sullivan
2009	Alison Winch
2008	Anne Phillips
2007	Sandra Sands
2006	All Managers & Scorers
2005	Karen Hill
2000	Foster Family
1999	Felicity Witt

Player Numbers

Code	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Junior Baseball	117	148	146
Senior Baseball	197	184	120
	2021	2020	2019
Softball	99	83	91
Total	413	415	357



President's Report

Adrian Steer

As I sit here writing my last Presidents Report for the AGM, I can't help but reflect on all the wonderful people I have worked with over the last few years. And as people are what make up our great club, that is where I would like to start.

To the Committee's I have been part of, to the junior and senior players of the club, to the volunteers who have given so much of their time to the club, to all the parents of junior players, to the sponsors who continue to support us, to the politicians who support us, to the greater baseball and softball community, from the bottom of my heart I would like to thank you all for affording me the privilege of being President of the best club in Australia. It has been an absolute honour and I will be forever grateful for everything that Stealers has provided to not only me personally, but my family as well.

Well, it appears that the baseball and softball gods were not shining on us again this past year, with not only Covid still playing a big role on our lives, but the rain having a severe impact on the final half of the recent summer season.

Winter baseball and softball got off to a late start due to Covid, which then also impacted the start of the summer season, reducing it to only 12 or so rounds. With the rain belting down around us for so long, most teams only got to play 6 or so of their scheduled games. Whilst winter managed to play their finals series, no games were played for about the last 6 weeks of the summer season. More to follow on their respective seasons from Shaun, Jane, and Maria.

Only a few short weeks ago I had the privilege of re-opening the Andrew Graham and Gavin Fingleson Batting Cages. The batting cages has been an absolute labour of love over the last 9 or so years, and with funding from the Minister for Sport (Natalie Ward) and a successful grant application, we were able to finally finish the cages. And in true testament to this magnificent facility, the cages have been getting 40+ hours of bookings each and every week.

Apart from the greater Stealers community, in attendance was Alister Henskens (Member for Ku-ring-gai), Jeff Pettett (Mayor Ku-ring-gai Council), and representatives of the Graham and Fingleson families. Thank you to all those who attended, and whilst it may have been pouring down with rain, everybody managed to stay dry!

This year also marked the beginning of a new sponsorship program. Part of this program was to supply every player and coach with a training shirt with our sponsors logos on the back. It was great to see all the players embrace this new concept and to see them wearing their shirts with pride.

I would like to personally thank the following sponsors of the club for your continued support:

- The Youth Impact Hub
- Sydney Phobia Clinic
- CodeBlue
- Jacoby Cameron Taxation

Whilst everyone on the Committee does everything they can, we need fresh minds, ideas, and bodies on the committee. The club tries to give as much as we can to our members, and we now need your help. We need your help to recruit new players. We need your help to bring new ideas to help sustain this great club financially. We need your help in lots of areas. So please consider putting your hand up and coming onboard.

To finish this report off, I would like to end where I started.

For the countless hours and commitment that you all put in, my first port of call is the Committee. From the respective VP's who manage your portfolios so professionally and diligently, down to the general members who give up their valuable time, thank you! You all put in as much effort as your busy lives allow, and for this I am eternally grateful.

Thank you to all the coaches, managers, scorers and umpires who assisted throughout the year, because without you, the players do not get to play ball.

To Alister Henskens and Ku-ring-gai Council for their continued efforts in working with us to provide the facilities that we are fortunate to have.

And finally, to you, our members. Thank you for turning up week after week to play the sport we all love so much and for your continued support and loyalty to the club.

Yours in baseball and softball,

Adrian Steer

President

Secretary's Report

Andrew Kunce

It really has been a roller coaster of a year, from the lows of rainouts, Covid restrictions and abandoned competitions to the highs of the Club launching a sponsorship program, being a successful grant recipient, and culminating in the completion of the batting cages. Our members now have access to some of the best baseball and softball facilities around.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to Adrian Steer our retiring President and Jane Heap our retiring Vice President of Junior Softball. Thank you for your hard work in the running of the club, getting players on the field and the improvement of our facilities.

Governance

I can report that Stealers has been able to fulfil the following regulatory requirements since the last AGM:

- Submission of our 2021 A12 Annual summary of financial affairs to NSW Fair Trading.
- The Committee has held 8 meetings since the last AGM.
- The AGM for the 2022 year is scheduled for 18th May 2022 and as required, is within 6 months of our end of financial year (31st March 2022).
- Production of end of year financial statements (as included in this report).

New Constitution

The special resolution to adopt a new Stealers Constitution was unanimously adopted at our last AGM held on the 21st of July 2021. I am pleased to confirm that this was registered with NSW Fair Trading shortly after the AGM and we received confirmation from them on the 29th July 2021 that as at this date it had been registered as the updated Constitution for the Club.

Andrew Kunce

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Rob Scott

Reports for Financial Year ending 31st March 2022 Balance Sheet

Ku-ring-gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club Inc

P.O. Box 193
WAHROONGA NSW 2076
ABN 21 664 105 236

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

Assets

Cash			
Savings Account	70,569		
Statement Account	3,364		
Total Assets	73,933	73,933	

Liabilities

Creditors	-		
Total Liabilities	-	-	

Equity		73,933	
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Change in Cash 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Opening Balances at 1 April 2021

Savings Account	66,871		
Statement Account	5,949		
Total	72,820	72,820	

Closing Balances at 31 March 2022

Savings Account	70,569		
Statement Account	3,364		
Total	73,933	73,933	

Net increase/(decrease)		1,113	
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Profit/(loss)		1,113	
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discrepancy		0	
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Profit & Loss

Ku-ring-gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club Inc <small>P.O. Box 193 WAHROONGA NSW 2076 ABN 21 664 105 236</small>					
Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis] <small>"2022 Actual Column" shows actual income and expenditure to 31/03/2022</small>					
	2022 Actual	2022 full year Budget	Var Forecast to Budget	Last Year 2021 Actual	Var 2022 Forecast to 2021
Income					
Summer Seniors Baseball	28,740	33,000	(4,260)	32,770	(4,030)
Summer Juniors Baseball	23,627	29,000	(5,373)	28,010	(4,383)
Winter Seniors Baseball	7,820	17,000	(9,180)	5,510	2,310
Softball	3,393	12,000	(8,607)	3,096	297
Uniform Sales	4,169	15,000	(10,831)	15,610	(11,441)
Canteen Takings	1,610	5,000	(3,390)	4,650	(3,040)
Miscellaneous Income	430	4,000	(3,570)	4,350	(3,920)
Jubilee Cup & Other Rego	-	1,000	(1,000)	990	(990)
Sponsorships and grants	54,584	15,000	39,584	24,300	30,284
Total Income	124,372	131,000	(6,628)	119,285	5,087
Cost of Sales					
Tournament costs (in-out)	(120)	10,000	10,120	-	-
Purchases for Resale-Uniforms	10,533	7,500	(3,033)	7,840	-
Capitation - BA & BNSW	-	-	-	-	-
Capitation - RHBL	3,335	4,000	665	3,785	-
Capitation - PCBL	15,290	17,000	1,710	16,461	-
Capitation - Softball	(363)	10,000	10,363	9,344	9,707
Total Cost of Sales	28,674	48,500	19,826	37,430	9,707
Gross Profit	95,698	82,500	13,198	81,855	13,843
Expenses					
Bank & Government Charges	101	100	(1)	52	(50)
Advertising	2,259	3,000	741	3,209	950
Commissions Paid	200	-	(200)	-	(200)
Gala Day & Other Subscriptions	-	200	200	-	-
Insurance	-	3,500	3,500	3,250	3,250
Baseball Equipment	2,707	6,000	3,293	4,264	1,557
Baseballs	1,803	3,000	1,197	2,260	457
Machine Maint	680	1,000	320	-	(680)
Training and Camps	631	2,000	1,369	75	(556)
Ground & Hall Hire	22,392	34,000	11,609	33,029	10,637
Ground Maintenance	60,672	10,000	(50,672)	29,120	(31,552)
Postage & Communication	144	150	6	136	(8)
Web Site Expenses	990	1,200	210	1,144	154
Season Start Up Costs	-	1,000	1,000	887	887
Registration & Meeting Expense	-	200	200	105	105
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,850	4,000	2,150	2,090	240
Presentation Day & Awards etc.	187	3,000	2,813	1,878	1,691
Clubhouse/Committee Amenities	-	300	300	-	-
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	94,614	72,650	(21,964)	81,497	(13,118)
Operating Profit	1,083	9,850	(43,929)	358	(26,236)
Other Income					
Interest Income	29	-	-	179	-
Total Other Income	29	100	71	179	150
Other Expenses					
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Net Profit / (Loss)	1,113	9,950	(8,837)	537	575

Junior Baseball Report

Jane Heap

The 2021/22 season was an interesting one. We had another delayed start due to COVID-19 and a shortened season (13 round season, when we normally play 20). On top of that we had a lot of "rain outs" – so teams only played 7 rounds with 6 rains out – less than half a normal season. This was disappointing, but nothing we could do about it.

Our junior players numbers decreased to 117 registered players (2020/21 – 148 players, 2019/20 – 146 players, 2018/19 – 123 players). Unfortunately, the drop in players was in the Hawk Ball kids – only 5 this season, whereas we had 20 last season. The number of competition teams stayed the same (12 this season and 11 ½ last season).

We had 4 of our 12 teams make it through to the finals series. We had 2 Minor Premiers – Zooka Leopards coached by Mat Kiddle and SD1 Jaguars coached by Phil Wilson. Unfortunately, no Grand Finals were played as both the original date and wet weather back up date were both rained out. Congratulations also to the Zooka Cheetahs and Rookie Live Lions for being "Runners Up" in their division.

The Fingleson Family Award to the Junior Coach of the Year in Honour of Joe Spinks was awarded to Mat Kiddle.

I would like to thank Justin Chou our Junior Umpires Co-ordinator and Simon Granville our Results Coordinator and all our coaches & managers who give up their time each week for our kids to play the sport they love.

This is my last season as VP Juniors – I'd like to especially thank Adrian Steer & Phil Wilson for their guidance and assistance over the past 4 seasons.

Jane Heap

VP Junior Baseball

Senior Baseball Report

Shaun Joffee

I would firstly like to acknowledge Gavin Gillett and thank him for his hard work in this role and his ongoing guidance and support.

The 2021/22 season was greeted with much anticipation following the Covid NSW lockdowns, and all members were excited to take the field again. However, in what was already a shortened season due to the late start, we were then affected by multiple rain washouts including all final series games.

Stealers Seniors had 113 registered players in 9 teams in the PCBL A league competition and 84 registered players in 7 teams in the PCBL Winter competition (abandoned due to COVID).

Congratulations to the following finalists in their respective competitions:

- Summer C grade Division 1 - Runners Up
- Summer C grade Division 2 - Premiers
- Summer F grade Division 2 - Premiers
- Summer G grade Division 2 - Premiers

Stealers Masters had 50 registered players in 4 teams in the PCBL Masters Spring and Autumn competitions.

Stealers baseball was represented in the Tamworth Baseball Carnival June 2021 by two teams of 26 players. The C grade team was a runner up in the final.

And finally - Congratulations to Dr Wil Ilsong Lee, awarded the JVG (John van Geldermaulsen) for Excellence in Coaching and Sportsmanship.

I would like to thank all members of the Executive and Committee for their support and most importantly all members of this great club for their loyal support.

Shaun Joffee

VP Senior Baseball

Softball Report

Maria Kunce

2021 North Shore (NSDSA) Winter Season

Registered Players		
Benny Ball	3-6 Years	-
Sub-Junior	7-12 Years	17
Junior	13-17 Years	16
Senior	18+ Years	66
Player Totals		99
Officials	-	4

Unfortunately, the competition once again suffered the effects of Covid. Our season was cut short with rain cancellations and then Covid restrictions, which was such a shame as our teams were all playing so well. We played 7 rounds, with rounds 8 and 9 cancelled due to rain, then the competition was cancelled shortly afterwards due to Covid restrictions. No awards were presented this year.

We had two junior teams, Division 2 Stellars and Division 3 Stars with some of our Division 4 superstars playing in a friendship team with Kissing Point to form the Golden Galaxies. We unfortunately do not have a Division 1 team yet, but Kissing Point kindly took our in Stealers Division 1 player for the season and they also played in their seniors B1 team.

Seniors were also well represented with our B2 Rockets, B3 Jets, Frantics & Titans, C Grade Comets & Pulsars. The Rockets, Frantics & Comets were all strong contenders for the finals.

Appreciations go to Courtney Tuma, Tina Schuurman, Celeste Musgrave and Sabrina Caffin for all their help in getting teams on the diamonds at St Ives. Thank you also to Julia Benson who along with playing and managing and scoring for teams, works tirelessly on the NSDSA committee. Thank you also to all coaches, managers and scorers for volunteering their time to bring out the best in our players. Thank you also parents for getting your superstars to games and trainings.... we are truly grateful.

2021 NSDSA Representative Season

Again, many Stealers junior players were selected to u10, u12, u14 & u16 NSDSA Representative Teams. In some representative teams, Stealers players have made up ½ of the team, For such a small pool of juniors this just shows some of the great talent we have within the Club. Congratulations also go to Sabrina Caffin and Mark Benson for their contribution to coaching in the Representative Program.

2021-22 Hornsby (HDSA) Summer Season

Again, Covid has not been kind to us. With the Winter season cut short due to Covid restrictions, these restrictions in turn caused a delay for the start of the summer season. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure enough players for a full Stealers team this year. We had three registrations and we were lucky enough to have them join other clubs to play for the season. We had three officials join the season, two of which were a part of the junior blues (umpiring) program.

Once the season did finally kick off, the rains started and what was going to be a quick 12-week season, ended up with less than half those rounds played... a disappointing season for all.

Thank you to Courtney Tuma, for all your hard work this season... not only as a player but also your involvement in the junior blues program.

Maria Kunce

VP Softball

Highlights



Adrian Steer presenting Wil Ilsong Lee the JVG Award

Larry Fingleson presenting Mat Kiddle the Junior Coach of the Year Award



Stealers Seniors at the Tamworth Baseball Carnival



Jeff Pettett (Ku-ring-gai Mayor), Adrian Steer (Stealers President) and Alister Henskens (Member for Ku-ring-gai) at the re-opening of the batting cages



The re-opening of the Andrew Graham & Gavin Fingleson Batting Cages at Golden Jubilee



Sponsors

As a community-based club one of the ways we strive to deliver the maximum value to our members whilst keeping fees as low as possible is by sponsorship.

We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for the past year and highly encourage all members to support them where possible.

This year we were able to provide all players and coaches with a training shirt with our sponsors logos on the back.

If you or a business you know would like to join as a sponsor for this upcoming year then please contact president@stealers.com.au for more information.



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