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**KU-RING-GAI STEALERS
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
CLUB INCORPORATED**

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2025/26 Committee

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Other
President	Shaun Joffee	
Secretary	Andrew Kunce	Public Officer
Treasurer	Zachary Scott	
Vice President – Junior Baseball	Mathew Kiddle	
Vice President – Senior Baseball	Paul Haynes	
Vice President - Softball	Maria Kunce	

General Committee

Name	Portfolio
Fred Beyers	Canteen
James Brennan-Chong	Sponsorship
Natalie Cook	Softball Subcommittee
Alan Moore	Softball Subcommittee
Matthew Pearse	Head Coach - Baseball
Rob Scott	Assistant Treasurer
Robert Speed	Registrar – Senior Baseball
Courtney Tuma	Registrar - Softball
Alexia White	Equipment
Martin White	MPIO



Life Members

Year	Member
2025	Fred Beyers
2023	Adrian Steer
2023	Guy Jeffrey
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
2022-23	Damien Ackland
2021-22	Phil Wilson
2020-21	Fred Beyers
2015-16	Chris Rainnie
2014-15	Guy Jeffrey
2013-14	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
2025-2026	Michael Rennie
2024-2025	Dan Stevenson
2023-2024	Ed Keane & Matt Pearse
2022-2023	Adam Sprainger
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



Member Numbers

Code	2024-25	2023-24	2023-24
Junior	165	143	127
Baseball			
Senior	127	137	131
Baseball	Summer & Winter	Summer & Winter	Summer & Winter
	2025	2024	2023
Softball	124	126	111
	Summer & Winter	Summer & Winter	Summer & Winter
Total	416	406	369



President's Report

Shaun Joffee

Dear Members,

It is my privilege to present to you the President's Report for the 2025/2026 season of the Stealers Baseball and Softball Club. I want to begin by expressing my ongoing gratitude to every committee member, past and present, whose dedication continues to strengthen the foundation of our club. Their hard work and commitment have helped shape the success we enjoy today, and we remain deeply appreciative of their lasting contributions.

For those who may not yet know me, my name is Shaun Joffee. I have been a proud member of the Stealers Baseball and Softball Club since 1986. It remains an honour to serve as Club President, and I am fully committed to upholding the values, community spirit and excellence that make Stealers so special.

As we look back on the past season, I must first acknowledge the tremendous support of our sponsors. Their generous contributions have once again provided our baseballers and softballers with the resources needed to perform at their best. We extend our deepest thanks to every sponsor for their continued belief in the Stealers family.

To our coaches, managers and scorers, thank you for your tireless efforts throughout the season. Your expertise, passion and unwavering dedication have been essential in developing our players' skills and character. Beyond results on the field, you have fostered camaraderie, resilience and true sportsmanship — the qualities that define our club. We are enormously grateful for the positive influence you have on our members' lives.

This season delivered some outstanding highlights that showcased the strength of our club and our facilities. Stealers had the honour of hosting the 2026 Junior League and Intermediate League State Championships. Eighteen teams from across the state competed on our three diamonds, all fitted with home-run fences. The event attracted around 1,000 attendees — including spectators, athletes and officials — and was a resounding success. Special thanks go to our incredible Stealers volunteers, whose hard work and hospitality made the championships run so smoothly. This event perfectly demonstrated the excellent working relationship we enjoy with Baseball NSW.

That partnership continues to grow, as does our collaboration with the Sydney Blue Sox through the hosting of winter development programs at Golden Jubilee. At the same time, our relationship with Softball NSW and Softball Australia goes from strength to strength, with both organisations regularly using our facilities for training. We are proud that Stealers currently has six juniors involved in Softball Australia pathways and one player selected in the Aussie Spirit national team. In addition, this



year one athlete and one official represented Stealers at the U12 Little League World Series in Williamsport — a tremendous achievement for our club.

We also celebrate the continued success of Travis Bazza, who is making his mark in professional baseball in Major League Baseball. Travis's journey is an inspiration to every young player in the Stealers family and a reminder of what can be achieved through talent, hard work and the support of a great club.

It is a further testament to the quality of our club and facilities that requests for their use by local clubs, associations and state teams continue to arrive. This is something of which we should all be immensely proud.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to every single member of the Stealers Baseball and Softball Club. Whether you are a player, parent, sibling, volunteer or supporter, you are an essential part of our Stealers family. Your commitment, passion and unwavering support form the foundation of everything we achieve. A special thank-you once again to all our volunteers — without you, none of these successes would be possible.

Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement for the future of our club. Stealers Baseball and Softball Club will continue to grow, improve and expand, seeking new sponsorship and community fundraising opportunities while attracting new players and strengthening our already outstanding programs.

Thank you all for your incredible contributions this season. Stealers is simply the best.

Warmest regards,

Shaun Joffee

President

Secretary's Report

Andrew Kunce

As a grassroots community sports club, it is the volunteers that make the club function and allow our members to play the game they love.

Thank you to all the volunteers, from the Committee to the coaches, managers & scorers as well as the many parents and care givers who help.

Governance

- I can report that Stealers has been able to fulfil the following regulatory requirements since the last AGM:
- Submission of our 2024 A12 Annual summary of financial affairs to NSW Fair Trading.
- ATO confirmation of our non-profit status.
- The Committee has held 7 meetings since the last AGM.
- The AGM for the 2025/26 year is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd September 2026 and as required, is within 6 months of our end of financial year (31st March 2026).
- Production of end of year financial statements (as included in this report).

Andrew Kunce

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Zachary Scott

To our members, supporters, and the broader Ku-Ring-Gai Stealers community,

It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2026.

The Club remained in a strong financial position throughout the year, recording a surplus of \$3,449 and finishing with net assets of approximately \$78,947. Trading income for the year was approximately \$82,176, with continued strength across our junior baseball and softball programs and ongoing support from our sponsors and members.

Importantly, the Club continued to operate sustainably while directing funds back into the facilities, equipment and programs that benefit our members.

A key focus during the year was investment in our batting cages and pitching machine infrastructure. This included the acquisition of a mobile Hack Attack pitching machine, which is now used regularly by our junior programs, together with new protective screens for the cages. We also invested in redesigned storage and protective housing for the fixed pitching machines, helping protect some of the Club's most significant equipment investments while improving the usability of the facilities.

The Club also continued its substantial investment in ground maintenance, ensuring our playing fields are maintained to the standard that members and visiting teams have come to expect from Stealers.

These investments contributed to cash at bank reducing from approximately \$74,065 to \$54,933 during the year. This reflects the Club putting its accumulated reserves to work through significant investment in facilities and equipment, while continuing to maintain a healthy cash position.

The Club was also proud to raise \$1,374 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation through our annual Pink Month initiative, continuing a tradition that brings our members together in support of an important cause.

Subsequent to the financial year, Stealers hosted the Junior League and Intermediate League State Championships. The tournament was well received and successfully executed, showcasing the quality of our facilities and the work that has gone into their continued improvement.

As noted in last year's report, our financial strategy continues to balance maintaining healthy cash reserves with ongoing investment in the Club. The improvements made during FY26 reinforce Stealers' position as the premier destination for baseball and



softball on Sydney's North Shore, with facilities that reflect the standard of Club we want to provide for our members and the broader baseball and softball community.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, sponsors and committee for their continued support.

Zachary Scott

Treasurer

Please also see the Accounts Pack Financial Year Ending 31st March 2026 addendum at the end of this Annual Report.

Junior Baseball Report

Mat Kiddle

The 2025/26 season was a fantastic year for the Ku-ring-gai Stealers juniors, both on and off the field.

The juniors club continued to grow strongly, finishing the season with 165 junior players, including 67 new players. We also saw significant growth in female participation, demonstrating the continued appeal of baseball within our local community.

On the field, Stealers fielded 13 teams, along with two friendship teams, and every age group we competed in reached the finals. Our teams made six Grand Final appearances, winning three championships.

The club was also incredibly proud to be named the RHBL Club Championship winner for 2025/26, recognising the overall success of the club across the season.

Our player development pathway continued to produce outstanding results, with 31 Stealers players selected for representative baseball.

A major highlight of the season was our role in hosting the NSW State Championships for Junior League and Intermediate League at Golden Jubilee Oval. The Stealers partnered with Baseball NSW to host the tournament from 13–17 April 2026.

The five-day tournament brought 18 teams to the Stealers and showcased our club, volunteers and facilities to the wider baseball community. The event showcased Golden Jubilee Oval as a quality baseball venue and demonstrated the capability of the Stealers to host major baseball events. A special thankyou to our volunteers that went above and beyond to make this happen.

Off the field, our community continued to come together, including raising funds through our Pink Ribbon fundraiser.



None of this would have been possible without our incredible coaches, managers, volunteers, committee members, players and families who give so much to the club.

2025/26 was a season of growth, achievement and community — and a great foundation for an even bigger future for the Ku-ring-gai Stealers.

Mat Kiddle

VP Junior Baseball

Senior Baseball Report

Paul Haynes

Stealers Seniors had another successful season in 2025/26. In the PCBL summer competition, we had 84 registered players across 6 teams. Our Saturday afternoon Pacific Coast Baseball League (PCBL) teams included: Aliens (C1), Zeppelins (C1), Numbats (C2), Rolling Stones (C2), Bandicoots (E1), and Bad News Beers (E2). The BaTs also played in the Monday night Masters competition in the Spring/Autumn season, adding an additional 14 players. In the 2025 PCBL winter season, we had 29 registered players across 2 teams, making a total of 127 players for the year. We seemed to have slightly better weather during the summer season than the previous few years, with some teams managing to play as many as 18 games out of a 20 game schedule.

Several of our teams were successful in making the play-offs in their respective grades. The Zeppelins made the C1 playoffs, the Numbats won a nail-biting grand final 3-2 with the game ending on a spectacular double play, and the 2025 Winter BaTs also won a very close grand final in a 6-5 walk off. Well done to all involved!

This year we continued the occasional use of reversible training jerseys, with the hot pink version with numbers on the back being used as an alternate uniform throughout October as part of a club-wide breast cancer fundraising initiative. We also continued our club tradition of sending at least one team to the recent Tamworth June Invitational tournament. Rob Scott and Shaun Joffe continue to put a lot of effort into making sure this happens every year.

We have a growing number of younger players in our senior ranks, many of whom are playing with their parents, which I can say from personal experience is great fun and very rewarding. This is an encouraging trend, and we need to facilitate the progression of more junior players into seniors to keep our player numbers healthy and sustainable.

I would like to acknowledge once more all the work put in by team managers, scorers, coaches, umpires, and spectators. I encourage everyone to get involved, because every little bit helps. We are not a professional club with paid employees, so we rely entirely on volunteers and that in turn relies on everyone playing a part. It takes a lot of effort to run a successful baseball club, and we could not do it without all the volunteer contributions from all our club members.

Paul Haynes

VP Senior Baseball

Softball Report

Maria Kunce

2025 North Shore (NSDSA) Winter Season

Players	93
Officials	11

Another great winter season of softball played at the St Ives Village Green. The Association and Clubs worked hard at ensuring we maximised game time where the weather had cancelled many weeks of play.

Morning Competition

We had three full junior teams, Div 1 Uranii, Div 2 Green Supernovas, Div 2 White Novas, with one member in Div 3 Shore Fury and three teeballers in the Wahroonga/Stealers Galaxy Kittens

Afternoon Competition

Our seniors were also well represented with the A Grade Aquillas, B1 Rockets, B3 Jets, B3 Titans and B3 Killa Whirlies. We also had members play in combination teams in A1 (3 members, Kissing Point) and B2 (2 members, Wahroonga)

Thank you, Courtney Tuma, for your dedication in getting players to join Stealers – we are very grateful. Thank you also to Julia Benson and Sabrina Caffin who, between them, playing, coaching, managing & 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, and to parents/family for getting your superstars to games and trainings; we are truly grateful.

2025 NSDSA Representative Season

Again, many Stealers junior players were selected to the North Shore U12, U14, U16 & U18 Representative Teams and Opens Teams.

Congratulations to all players who represented their home associations at the State Championships.

Congratulations to all the Stealers members who represented their home associations in an official capacity (umpires, coaches, managers, scorers).



2025 NSW Representative Season

Congratulations to the following members how have represented NSW (or picked up by another state): Hallie D, Maddie K, Mille B, Henry Y (SA), Eva K, Gabi N, Alsyia K, Lola J, Sophia B, Ellen M, Bree E, Alyssa M.

2025 Australian Representative Season

Stealers are very proud of our u15/16 players who were selected for the Aussie 16s camp: Gabi N, Lola J, Eva K and Sophia B.

Particular mention to Gabi N, Lola J & Eva K who were selected to represent Australia at the WBSC World Cup u15s in Milan (July 2025). The first time Australia has entered a u15s team. Well done ladies!

Congratulations to Alyssa M for being selected into the Aussie Spirit team.

2025-26 Hornsby (HDSA) Summer Season

Players	18
Officials	2

It's been another great year for Stealers Softball, with Meteors playing in the Seniors B/C grade and junior players playing in two teams in the juniors' morning competition.

Thank you to all players and officials for another fun season.

Finally, to all members who play with Stealers in winter and summer and with other associations in summer and in the Masters circuit, congratulations for continuing to play the sport you love.

Maria Kunce

VP Softball



Accounts Pack Financial Year Ending 31st March 2026 Addendum

Balance Sheet

Ku-Ring-Gai Stealers Baseball & Softball Club As at 31 March 2026

	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
Assets		
Bank		
Cheque Account	3,254.75	2,791.39
Savings Account	51,677.78	71,273.25
Total Bank	54,932.53	74,064.64
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	4,917.00	1,400.00
Accounts Receivable - Provision for Doubtful Debts	(4,200.00)	-
Prepayments	7,909.82	-
Tournament costs (in-out)	(483.53)	(368.53)
Total Current Assets	8,143.29	1,031.47
Fixed Assets		
Baseball Equipment - at cost	14,054.00	-
Grounds Equipment - at cost	3,093.70	3,093.70
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Baseball Equipment	(1,676.62)	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Grounds Equipment	(618.74)	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(254.60)	-
Office Equipment - at cost	1,273.00	1,273.00
Total Fixed Assets	15,870.74	4,366.70
Total Assets	78,946.56	79,462.81
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	-	3,735.35
Committee Reimbursement Payable	-	229.50
Rounding	-	0.01
Total Current Liabilities	-	3,964.86
Total Liabilities	-	3,964.86
Net Assets	78,946.56	75,497.95
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	3,448.61	7,741.25
Retained Earnings	75,497.95	67,756.70
Total Equity	78,946.56	75,497.95

Profit and Loss

Ku-Ring-Gai Stealers Baseball & Softball Club For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026	2025
Trading Income		
Canteen Takings (net)	2,712.35	5,509.50
Facilities Rental Income	4,416.88	6,300.00
Registrations - Juniors	30,841.63	28,142.23
Registrations - Seniors	29,888.45	39,672.52
Registrations - Softball	11,617.06	4,222.28
Sponsorships and grants	1,800.00	12,200.00
Uniform Sales	900.00	1,346.00
Total Trading Income	82,176.37	97,392.53
Cost of Sales		
Capitation - PCBL	9,827.25	15,770.98
Capitation - Softball	-	(50.00)
Purchases for Resale-Uniforms	5,553.25	7,949.51
Umpire costs	4,570.00	3,285.00
Total Cost of Sales	19,950.50	26,955.49
Gross Profit	62,225.87	70,437.04
Other Income		
Interest Income	598.00	945.51
Total Other Income	598.00	945.51
Operating Expenses		
Advertising	5,127.56	2,120.00
Bank Fees	63.00	31.00
Baseball Equipment	3,500.87	3,021.92
Baseballs	3,975.00	2,801.66
Depreciation	2,549.96	-
Entertainment	-	2,174.01
General Expenses	4,322.66	2,633.68
Ground & Hall Hire	22,996.93	32,438.16
Ground Maintenance	9,178.72	11,771.39
Machine Maintenance	771.43	2,014.05
Presentation Day & Awards	4,330.48	3,274.63
Telephone & Internet	759.00	464.00
Web and IT Expenses	1,799.65	896.80
Total Operating Expenses	59,375.26	63,641.30
Net Profit	3,448.61	7,741.25