



— SYDNEY — OUTFIELDERS

2021-22 Annual Report

Acknowledgement of Country

The Sydney Outfielders play our games on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora nation.

This land was never ceded. It always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and thank them for their custodianship of Country.

Sydney Outfielders aims to make our events a welcoming space for all First Nations people.

About the league

The Outfielders are Sydney's LGBTQIA+ slow-pitch softball league. Players of all ages, genders, orientations and skill levels are welcome. We offer a welcoming and social environment where you can spend time with friends, meet new people, learn new skills and have fun outdoors.

We are proudly volunteer-run, thanks to the hard work of our committee and captains.

Committee members

President

Michael Wright

Vice President

Zack Krause

Secretary

Tyler Juel

Treasurer

Brad Veitch

General members

Jeffrey Dalziel

Leanne Macey

Heather Simpson

Jappe Wouters

Jared Young

Teams and captains

BallBreakers

Marika Nabung and Brad Veitch

BareBatters

Pip Mowat and Benjamin Newman

Comets

Danielle Castle, Jeffery Dalziel and Tyler Juel

Fireballs

Koji Niikura and Sarah Van Ryn

Fowl Balls

Lucinda Barlow and Luke Tuite

Galahs

Deborah Leake and Duncan Shadie

Oddballs

Natasha Smith and Emilie Stirling

Ohana

Pamela Christensen-Aropio and Mellisa Tallon

Pickles

Margaret Ross and Jinny Smith

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2021-22 President's report

The 2021-22 season showcased our players' resilience above all else.

Lockdowns, mandatory isolation and flooding rains disrupted the season repeatedly, making sunny evenings at Moore Park even more enjoyable for their rarity.

All teams welcomed new players and a new team – the Pickles – were a welcome (and strong) addition to the league. We look forward to playing against them again next season.

An opportunity for stronger partnerships

With our city hosting Sydney WorldPride 2023 alongside the 45th anniversary of Mardi Gras, the Outfielders have the chance to leave a global impression. Similarly, 2023 will see the delayed 2022 Gay Games in Hong Kong and Guadalajara. However, these sorts of engagements will require substantial effort, from both within and outside the committee.

To maximize these opportunities, I encourage our new committee to reignite the passion in our partnerships with ACON and Team Sydney Sports while exploring new opportunities to work with organisations such as Softball NSW and Softball Australia.

An opportunity for reflection

The current constitution requires substantial rewrites; to remove internal inconsistencies, improve readability and align with best practice. The outgoing committee – with the advice of several team captains – have concluded this work should be led by a subcommittee and reviewed by a lawyer before being agreed upon at a Special General Meeting.

With a growing number of players outside the gender binary, the league should also consider how it can improve current gender rules to be more inclusive. This work should prioritise the voices of women and players outside the gender binary, who these rules were originally designed to platform.

Despite the reduction of a team from the season, there were approximately 150 players. Teams were allowed to decide their own registration caps this season, which served many teams well during the repeated disruptions. Additional waitlisted players indicate enough demand to both reintroduce the 10th team and consider expanding beyond that.

An opportunity for thanks

On behalf of the entire league, I would like to thank our outgoing committee members and team captains. We are highly reliant on volunteer effort and expertise – often with faint praise and boisterous opposition.

Particularly, I would like to acknowledge retiring Treasurer Brad Veitch, who has served the Sydney Outfielders for many years. He leaves the league in a strong financial position, allowing our new treasurer to plan for future growth. Discussions about new playing fields (under lights), new equipment and bigger events (both social and promotional) will need to be balanced against an income based on registration costs and ACON's generosity.

Thank you to everyone who makes Tuesday evenings enjoyable. I look forward to seeing you next season.

Michael Wright

President

Sydney Outfielders Softball League



2021-22 Financial statement

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	Budget	Actual
Profit / Loss	-\$3,035.00	-\$2,865.21

Income		Budget	Actual	Difference	Expenses	Budget	Actual	Difference
Memberships	105*95	\$12,000.00	\$11,690.49	-\$309.51	Field Hire	\$4,000.00	\$3,944.50	\$55.50
Casual Registrations		\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00	AGM	\$1,000.00	\$2,690.00	-\$1,690.00
ACON Sponsorship		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	Insurance	\$2,500.00	\$4,864.36	-\$2,364.36
					Kit Equipment	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
					Christmas Party	\$2,000.00	\$1,853.00	\$147.00
					AGM Prizes	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
					Medals / Trophy Repair	\$355.00	\$1,137.00	-\$782.00
					Fair Day	\$400.00	\$353.00	\$47.00
					Team Sydney Membership	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
					Advertising	\$1,100.00	\$109.92	\$990.08
					X-Mas Party Prizes	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
					Bank Fees	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
					Petty Cash	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
					Website	\$600.00	\$578.92	\$21.08
					COVID-19	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
					Team Sydney Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
					Equipment Maintenance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
					Other	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
					Service NSW Fees	\$75.00	\$425.00	-\$350.00
					Unknown	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
TOTAL		\$12,100.00	\$13,190.49	\$1,090.49	TOTAL	\$15,135.00	\$16,055.70	-\$920.70