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CHICKEN SCHNITZEL - 19,574 RUMP STEAK - 9,587 GARLIC BREAD - 8,251 P122/18-18,516



President's Report



To our valued Members,

Firstly, please allow me to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and rivers on which our Club is situated. I acknowledge the significant contributions made by First Nations people and I note their contribution to the development of our great country. In this regard, I pay respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging, of the peoples of the Dhurawal and Darug Nations.

Before I reflect on the year we've had, I would like to pay tribute to former Sporties President Robert (Bob) Fleeton who sadly lost his battle with cancer recently.

Bob dedicated most of his adult life to our Club and to supporting grassroots sport in the Moorebank, Holsworthy, Hammondville and Wattle Grove areas. It was his vision and determination which laid the platform for our organisation which continues to grow year on year, following his enormous contribution.

Under his leadership, Moorebank Sports Club built a licenced venue, entered a rugby league team in the Metro Cup in the 90s, underwent multiple renovations and upgrades, and grew our local sporting codes, such that Sporties has become one of the prestigous registered clubs in Sydney's southwest. Through the crystallisation of Bob's vision and passion, millions of dollars in funding has been contributed to the sporting codes and dozens of local community organisations, which has allowed them to grow and flourish, adding so much to the lives of so many.

After 29 years as President, and 32 years as Director, Bob resigned due to ailing health. But his dedication to grassroot sport and his efforts to make our local community a better place to live, will live on for many generations to come.

Looking back on the year that was...

From success on our sporting fields, to multi-million-dollar renovations, to building stronger community partnerships, and creating new customer service facilities to improve the guest experience for everyone who walks through our doors, this year has had something positive for everyone.

We recorded a total profit of \$1,745,038 after tax, which is a great result given the extensive building works we undertook. In fact, when we set the revenue budget for this year, we were cognisant the renovations would have a big impact on the bottom line with virtually 50 per cent of the Club shut down for six months. Pleasingly though, we traded well and exceeded budget expectations by 93 per cent; a testament to the fact our members stuck by us. Our on-going fiscal success continues to allow us to re-invest plenty of funds back into the Club, our staff, our sporting codes, and the local community.

This year, we contributed \$145,000 to our five associated sporting codes, supporting 1,765 junior and senior players during 2024.

This funding has been used for things like training uniforms for our soccer teams, presentation nights for our junior and senior rugby league teams, representative levies and costs for State Age Championships for our netballers, rewiring the main diamond for the softball club, and new training shirts for our cricketers. We now hold biannual meetings with our Code Presidents, as we strive to build bigger and better connections.

Off the field, we have supported five local community organisations providing \$108,605 in funding through ClubGRANTS, focusing on mental health support, all abilities sport, learning support for children in local schools, family and domestic violence survivors, and families of premature or sick babies at Liverpool Hospital.

As most of you would have seen, we unveiled our major Club renovation in April 2024. Our aim was to improve the flow inside the venue, freshen up the indoor and outdoor facilities and amenities, and make the overall experience at our Club a more comfortable one for our members and guests. To put it simply we wanted Sporties to be beautiful. We wanted to create a 5-star hotel look and feel, something which I think most people would agree we have achieved, whether you're sitting in our Lounge Bar enjoying the big screens, dining in our great restaurant, or perhaps having a punt in our new sports bar. The new Sporties is the Club for everyone.

In June 2024, we celebrated Sporties' 30th birthday with an event in our alfresco dining area. We invited our former Directors, sporting codes and community partners, to join the current Board and managment team for drinks, food and cake. It was wonderful to see so many people who have had an impact on our Club come together for the milestone.

We also held a special event for our Life Members, who joined the current Board and members of the executive team for a luncheon at Lighthorse Kitchen.

At 30 June 2024, the proposed land sale between Liverpool City Council and Sporties was awaiting a vote by the Mayor and Councillors. Our goal remains to secure the land to secure our future and then commence the project of designing and building a new Club that will serve the needs and wants for generations to come.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members, our CEO Jeff Gibbs, and the entire Sporties team for your dedication and commitment to our Club over the past 12 months. You guys keep the wheels turning day in, day out, and you are the reason our members enjoy their Sporties experience.

To the volunteers who run our sporting codes – thank you for your passion and enthusiasm to grow and develop your chosen sport, and for investing in our kids. You truly are wonderful human beings who deserve credit and recognition for the countless hours you devote to our clubs.

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Alby Taylor President Moorebank Sports Club

CEO's Report



What a year we've had at Sporties!

To begin, I would like to pay tribute to former President Bob Fleeton who recently lost his battle with cancer

I've had the pleasure of knowing Bob for 15 years, working alongside him as he and the Board grew our Club to the fantastic venue it is today.

His ingenuity and out-of-the-box thinking paved the way for our Club to be built back in the 90s and his leadership over the years has seen its unwavering success.

Bob and his wife Lynne were constant fixtures in the Club on a Friday night and were known to most members. Their presence is still felt throughout our organisation and he will be greatly missed.

I would like to thank Bob for playing a vital role in creating this Club that has become an integral part of the community, but also for creating something that is loved by so many.

With over 26,000 members and millions of dollars of funding given to the community, Bob has created a legacy that he and his family should be proud of.

Looking back at the last 12 months and I'm proud to say we've had another positive year.

With a total revenue of \$18,199,722 and a profit of \$1,745,038 we have been able to contribute more than \$250,000 to our five sporting clubs and five local community organisations, including Miracle Babies, Southwest Sydney Local Health District, Heroes With Ability, Georges River Life Care, and Learning Links.

In April 2024, after months of construction, we unveiled our \$6M renovations. We are thrilled with the outcome and that we've been able to pay homage to our military connections and historical ties with the local community.

In June 2024, we celebrated the Club's 30th birthday with special VIP and Life Member events, and our members were treated to 30 days of giveaways across the month of June.

This also coincided with the release of the Sporties Club History booklet which took a trip down memory lane, back to the inception of our sporting codes to the latest renovations. We spoke to some of the key decision-makers who were instrumental in the development of the licenced venue and paid tribute to the team who kept the Club moving during COVID lockdowns.

Over the past 12 months, we have focused on ensuring a positive and supportive workplace for all employees within our organisation. We have offered our staff several health and wellbeing initiatives including massages and skin cancer checks, free fruit, flu vaccinations, and other team building activities.

We also launched a 12-month leadership development program for our Team Leaders and Customer Service Managers and delivered a comprehensive training program, which included safety and compliance, customer service, train the trainer, industry tours, and invitations to special events.

We had almost a dozen team members reach their five and ten-year work anniversaries with us, and we ran our Staff Opinion Survey again with some fantastic results which are outlined later in this report.

To finish, I would like to thank the Board for their ongoing support, the executive team for their hard work and unwavering commitment to our cause, and to our frontline staff who are the backbone of our operations.

And of course, a huge thank you to our members and guests who continue to support us, so we can support them.

Jeff Gibbs

Chief Executive Officer
Moorebank Sports Club



Sporties Turns Thirty!

On Friday 21 June, we marked 30 years to the day since Sporties officially opened its doors as Moorebank Sports Club.

To celebrate, we invited our former Directors, sporting codes and community partners, to join the current Board and executive team for an intimate party at the Club, with canapes, drinks, and cake.

And on Sunday 23 June, we invited our Life Members to join the current Board of Directors and members of the manaagement team for a special luncheon at Lighthorse Kitchen.

Ann Cook, Neil Clancy, Roger Crowfoot, Bonita Jones, Shirley McAlister, Ann Richards and Dennis Errington were all in attendance.

It was wonderful to see so many people who have had an impact on our Club – both in the past and present, come together to celebrate the milestone.













A Look Back Throughout The Years...





Sporties Gets a Makeover

In January 2024, Sporties underwent a \$6M renovation to revitalise the venue and better showcase its historical ties to the Holsworthy military community. The aim was to position the Club as the jewel of south-west Sydney.

Key Features:

- Better flow from the indoor to the outdoor spaces, with views of the surrounding sports fields now showcased through a much more open perspective.
- The main bar area has additional booth seating for groups and three giant screens across the back wall.
- A wall was removed in the Auditorium to open up the area at the back of the room, and a new cocktail bar has been built to enhance the guest experience.
- The main bathrooms between the lounge and Auditorium areas have been completely refurbished with a sleek new design.
- The alfresco dining area has been given a facelift, with new banquet seating and upholstery, updated LED lighting, and new tiles.
- Part of the gaming room has been redesigned to provide members and guests with additional space, with new carpet, a new cashier area, and more room between machines.
- The main dining area has also been given a revamp with a raft of cosmetic changes, a stunning ceiling feature, and an enhanced wine bar, giving the space a very luxe feel.

Lighthorse Kitchen:

One of the most exciting changes made in these renovations was a rebranding of the Indulge Brasserie to 'Lighthorse Kitchen' which pays homage to the mounted brigade attached to the Holsworthy Army Barracks, which used to be housed on the land where the Club now stands.

Special thanks to...

Builders: FDC Constructon and Fitout Architects: Altis Architects Furniture: Toga

























Our Club's strength lies in its people and the culture we create together. We are grateful for each employee's role in shaping our community and look forward to another year of growth, connection and shared success.

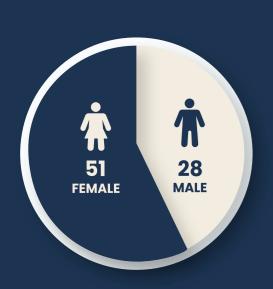
Our employees gave us a 4.5 out of 5 stars in the latest opinion survey. 87% of our workforce live within the local community

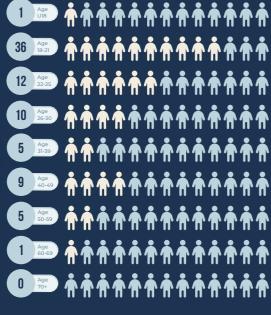
100% of employees received training

Staff turnover below industry average at 15.5%

EMPLOYEE RATING

4.5★





78
TOTAL STAFF

30 for 30!

As part of the Club's 30th birthday celebrations in June 2024, we asked our staff to reflect on what they love most about working at Sporties.

"Working at Sporties fills my heart with joy every day. I have never felt more valued and appreciated, and being able to bring my authentic self into the workplace is something I have strived for my whole career".

"It is the experiences, training and professional development opportunities that Sporties has provided me over the past 9 years that has helped me to achieve these goals, build character to become the person I am today and successfully prepare me to work in any industry".

"The staff are amazing, their positive attitude and smiles, each and every day, are infectious, you just feel-good coming to work... this has been the most beautiful experience of my working life to date".

"I love and appreciate the opportunities
Sporties has given me, allowing me to learn so many different skills and responsibilities whilst being trained to work in all areas of the club".

have also formed lasting friendships with colleagues and

patrons, which makes me love my job

even more".

"While there may be challenging times, it is inspiring to see management come together to support their staff. I

"There are people with

all different leadership

styles and experience

that I can go to for

advice or use as a

sounding board, I'm

trusted to do my job

"What do I love the most working at Sporties? Easy answer – EVERYTHING! In my life I have worked in many different workplaces and experienced working with hundreds of staff, management and customers in different industries. Moorebank Sports is by far THE BEST".



Community

Moorebank Sports Club is primarily a club whose vision is to foster amateur sport in the local Hammondville area.

Annually the club donates directly to our local community through ClubsNSW Club Grants funding, to our local sporting codes and our local schools.

Sporties donated over \$145,000 to soccer, netball, rugby league, baseball and cricket. Without this support the codes wouldn't be able to provide essential sporting equipment, maintain the grounds and develop the young local residents who play in the teams.

Sporties also continues its tradition of developing junior sport by supporting our local Sydney Shield team each year. Go Rams!

In addition to this Sporties sponsors many other community groups in the local area including Heroes with Abilities, Miracle Babies, Learning Links, Georges River Life Care, Liverpool Neighbourhood Connections and more. Sporties is proud to donate these essential funds to such worthwhile causes.

Club Grants

Heroes with Ability



Heroes With Ability is a not-for-profit organisation that promotes inclusive sporting opportunities for young people with physical and mental disabilities.

Their aim is to inspire, teach, motivate, and incorporate all aspects of health and wellbeing, social inclusion, and awareness, for individuals and the communities they live in.

THE PROJECT - Varying Abilities Sports Schools Program

This program is targeted at both special education and mainstream government schools, that have cohorts of students living with a disability.

Over the course of one term, a sport and exercise program is delivered for one hour per week to a class of up to 30 students, with a focus on functional movement and skills, to promote fun, inclusion, teamwork, communication, and fitness.

In some cases, the program includes students without a disability, to educate and encourage the support of their classmates.

Sporties' funding will allow HWA to run their school sport's programs for approximately 100 students in the Liverpool LGA.



Club Grants

Georges River Life Care

\$25,000 FUNDING GRANTED

GRLC is a not-for-profit community organisation that has been in operation since 2007. It specialises in family violence support and emergency relief, and offers a positive creative arts program aimed at vulnerable and disadvantaged children, families, and adults with disabilities.

Life Care utilises a network of trusted community partners to meet the needs of the vulnerable people who seek their help and create pathways and opportunities to support improved lifestyle choices.

THE PROJECT - Community Connect

Since 2020, GRLC has been developing support services in the Liverpool LGA with particular focus on supporting families and households experiencing hardship. They have been supplying food hampers, Christmas hampers, and school backpacks to some of the most vulnerable families in the area.

In 2022, GRLC began hosting fortnightly lunches at local schools on Sundays where families can come together in a safe and positive environment and pick up a quality pantry hamper that will help to keep food on the table.

The organisation assists 50-60 households every month and they receive new referrals from local schools on a regular basis.

Sporties' funding will allow GRLC to purchase items for these lunches and their hampers to keep our community fed.

Club Grants

Miracle Babies

\$25,175
FUNDING
GRANTED

Miracle Babies Foundation is Australia's leading organisation supporting premature and sick newborns, their families and the hospitals that care for them.

Every year in Australia around 48,000 newborn babies require the help of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) or Special Care Nursery (SCN). 27,000 of these babies are born premature and up to 1,000 babies lose their fight for life.

For families, the experience of having a baby come into the world not as expected or planned is life changing. Without support, this overwhelming and traumatic experience can have lifelong effects on the emotional wellbeing of these miracle families. It affects the entire family unit.

Since 2005, Miracle Babies Foundation has been passionate in developing and providing vital programs and resources to support and enhance a family's experience from a threatened pregnancy, hospital journey with a premature or sick newborn, the transition to home and beyond.

Australia is home to 23 state of the art intensive care units designed to meet the unique and critical needs of our earliest and sickest babies. Working with health professionals on the joint agenda of better outcomes for families, Miracle Babies provides informative education and insight on a family's experience and funding for equipment, resources and research.

THE PROJECT - Nurture Time at Liverpool Hospital for families of babies in the NICU

NurtureTime in-hospital support is facilitated by caring parents who themselves have experienced the birth of premature or sick newborn.

Our qualified NurtureTime volunteers visit the hospital to offer support, guidance and hope. Parents, family and friends can ask questions, share their thoughts and feelings knowing the volunteer has a shared experience.

Club Grants

SWSLHD Mental Health

\$2,000 FUNDING GRANTED

South Western Sydney Local Health District is one of the largest districts in the state and aims to provide a healthcare service that is patient focused, equitable, and responsive to the changing and developing needs of the communities in south western Sydney.

The SWSLHD Mental Health Service provides assessment and treatment services to residents across south western Sydney, with a focus on early intervention and promoting positive outcomes for our community.

THE PROJECT - Sensory Tools for Mental Health

Sensory items are specially designed items to engage the senses; sight, touch, sound, taste, and smell. These items stimulate different pathways in the brain and can act as stress relievers, providing calming and soothing effects, reducing anxiety, and promoting emotional regulation and wellbeing.

Every month, an average of 100 people are admitted to the mental health unit at Liverpool Hospital.

The funding provided by Sporties will provide sensory items for each of those patients for their use during their stay, and after discharge.

Club Grants

Learning Links

\$34,780 FUNDING GRANTED

Learning Links is a not-for-profit organisation which supports children with learning difficulties and disabilities to realise their full potential in the classroom.

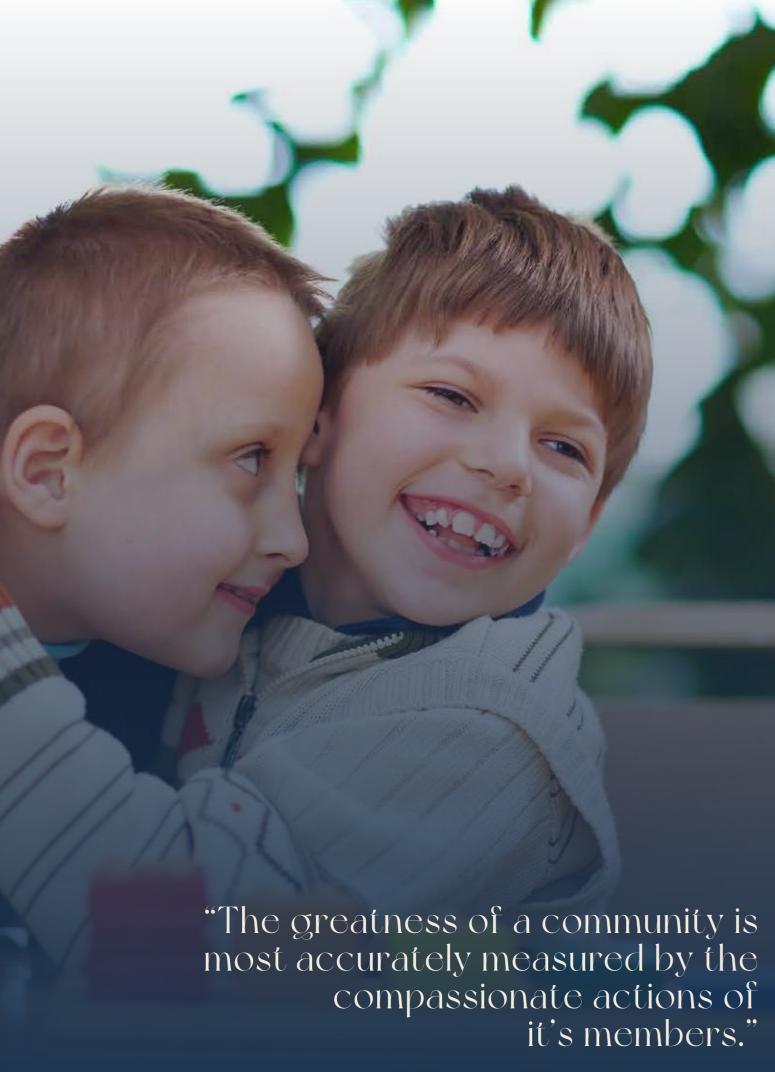
They provide therapy, education, and support services in collaboration with parents, professionals and schools, to ignite a child's passion for learning through their unique talents and strengths.

THE PROJECT -Psychology in Schools (Mental Health & Wellbeing Program)

Learning Links psychologists will work at Hammondville Public School to support local children to achieve sound mental health, and social and emotional wellbeing.

Over the course of 40 weeks, experts will work with the children, their teachers and their parents, to address areas of concern and develop treatment/support programs tailored to individual needs.

Sporties funding wire supportup to 60 vulnerable students using evidence-based programs to address concerns such as anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, anger management, and poor social skills.





Nominate A Neighbour

In December 2023, Sporties celebrated the legendary members of our community who go above and beyond for their neighbours, with the fourth round of our Nominate A Neighbour initiative.

This recognition program encourages people to share stories about the quiet achievers in their neighbourhood, those who make a real difference in the lives of others but rarely get the recognition they deserve.

As a small token of Sporties' appreciation for their contribution to our community, winners receive \$1,000 cash, and our Community Champions get \$200 Sporties Dollars.

Belinda Howell was our Nominate A Neighbour winner for her tireless work with the Wattle Grove Scout Group.

Geoff Robinson was named a Community Champion for his dedication to volunteering for Heroes With Ability, despite battling throat and mouth cancer.

Fiona Heath was a recognised as a Community Champion for her leadership and contribution to the Moorebank Sports Royals baseball club.

And Donna McMillan – who has been the lollipop road safety lady at Holsworthy Public School received the final Community Champion award for her positive approach to her role.



TOP PICTURE - Winner Belinda Howell and Sporties Director Frank Griffin

BOTTOM PICTURE - Community Champion Geoff Robinson with Sporties Director Laurie Willoughby





Community Champion Fiona Heath with Sporties CEO Jeff Gibbs



Community Champion Donna McMillan with Sporties CFO Troy Crisp





Around the Community

The 2023-24 financial year has been one of the busiest on record for the Sporties community team! In addition to our ClubGRANTS funding, we provided \$XXXX cash and in-kind support to XX charity organisations to support the vital services they provide in our local area.

Hammondville Public School Turns 90!

In September 2023, Moorebank Sports was the major sponsor for Hammondville Public School's 90th birthday celebrations which included historical displays, market stalls, food trucks, vehicle and defence displays, inflatables and kids' entertainment, and live performances.





Miracle Babies Fundraiser

In October 2023, several Sporties team members grabbed some tongs, donned their aprons, and spent the day at Bunnings Crossroads in Casula, to support the Rotary BBQ raising funds for the Miracle Babies Foundation.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- HELEN KELLER



Heroes with Ability Gala Day

In November 2023, Sporties sponsored the Heroes With Ability Gala Day held at the Michael Clarke Recreation Centre in Carnes Hill, which was attended by 225 students from schools in Sydney's south west. The event was an opportunity for the students to showcase their ability and represent their schools in a competition-style environment. They participated in basketball, kick tennis, jumping over mini-hurdles, target throwing, and agility poles.







ADF Netball

In 2023, Sporties supported the Australian Defence Force Netball team from the Holsworth Army Base, providing their training shirts for competitions including the Combined Services National Championships, held in Darwin.



Georges River Life Care Backpacks

In December 2023, Sporties supported the Georges River Life Care backpack initiative which aims to provide under-privileged primary and high school kids with the classroom essentials they need to start the school year.

Our Club donated 139 backpacks for local kids and our staff took the time to pack each of the bags.

Members of our team also attended the GRLC Christmas Party to help run the event and do some face-painting for the kids.





Christmas Appeal - Liverpool Hospital

In late 2023, Sporties put gift hampers together for patients staying in the Mental Health Unit of Liverpool Hospital over the Christmas period, so they would have something to open on Christmas Day.

Our team purchased the hamper items themselves, including self-care items, craft activities, socks, puzzles, games, and festive treats!



Sandy Point Defibrillator

In May 2024, in partnership with Sutherland Shire Council, Heart of the Nation, the Sandy Point Community Hall Committee, Freedom Fitness, Sporties proudly unveiled a new life-saving defibrillator machine at the Sandy Point Community Centre.







Furniture Donation

Following the major renovations in 2024, Sporties donated its pre-loved furniture from the dining room, main lounge, and Auditorium to two charity partners.

Georges River Life Care accepted dining tables and chairs for their Life Centre, where victims of domestic and family violence, people needing emergency relief, and children and adults living with a disability, gather to meet each week.

And ReLove, an organisation which helps women and children who have fled family and domestic violence situations to set up a new home, also took some items to support their clients.







Sporting Codes

In early 2024, Sporties announced \$145,000 in funding for its five associated sporting clubs, supporting 1,765 junior and senior players for season 2024.

This Category Two ClubGRANTS funding is designed to enhance the growth and development of grassroots sport in our local area.

Moorebank Soccer Club

THIS YEAR'S FUNDING WENT TOWARDS -

- 875 training and game day uniforms for junior and senior players
- Technical Director for semi-professional teams
- **First Aid**
- New portable goals









Moorebank Rams Rugby League Club

Moorebank Rams performed extremely well across the men's and women's league and league tag competitions this season.

RESULTS

U/11 div2 - Plate Grand Finalists

U/12 div2 - Undefeated Minor Premiers (Runners Up)

U/13 div2 - Premiers

U/14 Silver Girls League Tag - Minor Premiers (Runners Up) U/16 Silver Girls League Tag - Minor Premiers (Runners Up)

Women's Open League Tag - Grand Finalists

Mark Weller Moorebank Rams - President

THIS YEAR'S FUNDING WENT TOWARDS -

- Junior presentation day and senior presentation night
- Participation trophies for 466 players
- Field maintenance at Hammondville Park
- Yearbook



Moorebank Netball Club

THIS YEAR'S FUNDING WENT TOWARDS -

- Representative levies and costs associated with State Age Championships
- Coaching courses and clinics
- **Umpiring courses**
- Additional equipment and player patches for training and game days
- Club polo shirts
- Presentation trophies and awards









Moorebank Cricket Club

THIS YEAR'S FUNDING WENT TOWARDS -

- New game day and training shirts for all
- New signage around the ground at Hammondville Park









Moorebank Baseball Softball Club

The Royals had a fantastic summer season 23/24, with five junior teams and three senior teams performing well throughout the year.

Four teams (two junior/two senior) made finals, with our Senior League (Age 15/16) winning their Grand Final, while our Saturday Seniors were runners up.

We had a number of players representing Macarthur Baseball at Association level, as well as the following high achievers:

- · Draven Fatu & Tahlan Cavill Australian U16 National Team
- Maddison Heath NSW Womens League 1st Grade Hitter of the Year, Women's Emerald's National Team, Coach of the Year (Macarthur Association), Women's NSW Team Coach
- · Mariam Arifaki NSW Women's League 2nd Grade Hitter of the Year, Women's NSW Team
- · Ryleigh Delacour-Batch NSW Women's Team
- · Lachlan Brook U23 National Team

Season 24/25 began in September with five junior teams and three senior teams competing. We are very proud of our little club and the exceptional talent and achievements of our players. We wouldn't operate if it wasn't for our brilliant Committee and Volunteers.

Melanie Charlton

Moorebank Royals - President

THIS YEAR'S FUNDING WENT TOWARDS -

- Rewiring the main diamond at Hammondville Park with heavy gauged wire
- Presentation day for all junior and senior players









Sporting Club Highlights

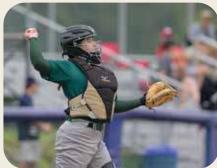
Our sporting codes have recorded some wonderful milestones this year.

Maddie Heath Plays for Australia

In August 2023, Moorebank Royals player Maddie Heath represented Australia in the Women's World Cup in Thunder Bay, playing national teams during an 8-day tournament.

The achievement capped off a remarkable 8-month recovery from major hip surgery, that could have potentially spelled the end of her playing career.







Roger Crawfoot Hangs Up the Whistle

In mid-2023, after 32 years at the Moorebank Royals Baseball Club, umpire Roger Crowfoot hung up his hat to enjoy retirement.

During his career, Roger umpired junior games almost every week and oversaw senior games, when needed. He also took on a mentoring role encouraging players to try their hand at umpiring to extend their skills and build up the club's roster of whistle blowers.



Soccer Gets an Upgrade



In April 2024, members of the Sporties board and executive team were joined by the Liverpool Mayor and other local representatives, along with the Moorebank Sports Soccer Club, to officially unveil the new synthetic playing field at Hammondville Park.

This upgrade was undertaken to combat several maintenance challenges stemming from the natural grass field. It has also put Hammondville Park on the map as one of the best venues to play at in our region.