

PRE-SEASON  
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# 'WHAT OFF-SEASON'

The St George-Sutherland Women's Cricket Club Newsletter

## THE END OF AN ERA

After serving on the Slayers committee for 17 years, and many more for the Sutherland Women's Cricket Club, Helen Williams has stepped down from office.

Helen, along with Beth Heng, is a founder of the St. George-Sutherland Women's Cricket Club and grew the club exponentially from the very early days to become the multiple Club Championships holders that we are over the later years.

The club cannot thank Helen enough for all her efforts over many decades and acknowledge we would not be in our current high standings without her.



She leaves massive shoes to fill and I know the committee feel much trepidation to be navigating a new

season without her knowledge and expertise.

Fortunately we aren't saying goodbye altogether as Helen has decided to "go around one more time" as a player. With her cricket brain that is second to none we are thankful that she will continue to impart her knowledge to the youngsters around her throughout the season.

THANKS HELEN!

## NIC ROARS SOUTH

Unfortunately sometimes the wheels of progress bring with them change. This season we are sad to farewell our international player, Nicola

Carey, as she relocates to Tasmania to take her place in the Tasmanian Roar domestic side. A number of former NSW players decided to relocate

down south during the off-season and will join Nic in making the old Bellerive Oval home.

Nic first started with the Slayers back in 2005 during just our 4<sup>th</sup> season as a club and has been a pivotal member of our first grade side for over a decade. We wish her all the best with the move.

In other Slayers WBBL news, Tahlia Wilson will be leaving the magenta of the Sydney Sixers behind this season as she moves west to join the lime green brigade of the Sydney Thunder.



## A FINE YOUNG BREW

Congratulations to both Ella Briscoe and Lucy Finn who were selected in the NSW Metro Under 15's squad in May. The squads will train over the winter and a final squad for the National Championships next season will then be selected. It is exciting to see so much young talent in the Slayers ranks and we look forward to watching both Ella and Lucy wield their skills this coming season for the Slayers.

## THE SLAYERS FAMILY EXPANDS

Congratulations to Alana Semmler (nee Gillett) and hubby, Pete, on expanding their family in the off-season. Marcus William was welcomed into the world on May 22, weighing in at 3.8kg.



We are pleased to advise that both Mum and Marcus are well and we look forward to cuddles on the sideline in the

new season whilst Mum once again smashes the ball around the park... Mostly down to cow corner!

## A TRIBE OF ALL NATIONS

This season we are excited to welcome a number of new overseas players to the ranks. Natasha Sole becomes our fourth English player to join forces with the mighty Slayers, while Jolien van Vliet is our very first friend from The Netherlands to join us. Natasha plays for Ansty Cricket Club in Sussex and has played over 80 games in their Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Jolien plays with the Netherlands national women's team and is preparing for their tilt in the Women's World Cup Qualifiers! Be sure to give them your best "G'day!" when you see them about the club.



## REMINDERS

Don't forget to complete your club registration and fee payment as soon as possible.

## BULLETIN BOARD

September 1	Pre-season training starts
September 29	Season launch BBQ
October 12/13	Grade season start
TBC	Brewer/U15 season start
February	Slayers Trivia Night

*Did you know the Slayers have Non-Playing Membership?*

*For just \$15 a season you can be an official member of the club with voting rights and a free feed at our awards presentation night!*

## PJ's Words of Wisdom

*"Success depends on getting up one more time than you fall."*



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## SLAYERS...

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## PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Pre-season training will kick off on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at the new Norm O'Neill Cricket Training Facility before moving on to turf at Glenn McGrath Oval (every Sunday from September 8th to 29th). Pre-season is for ALL Slayers, including our Brewer Shield and Under 15 players. Whilst we are yet to be informed of the official start date on all of our competitions from the Association we would like our club to start on a positive foot as one group. Please make every effort to attend. For our juniors there will be some time before the start of their respective competitions but it affords them a wonderful opportunity to work on their skills, address weaknesses in their game, train with our grade players and strengthen their bonds as a team.

## SLAYERS AGM

The Slayers' AGM in July saw a record number of attendee and was a night where the club discussed and debated its future directions. Congratulations to the new committee voted in unanimously on the night:

- \* President – Leisa Johns
- \* Deputy President – Lucy Armitage
- \* Secretary – Gina Rhodes
- \* Treasurer – Cailyn Fountain
- \* Committee Members – Lauren Miletich and Abby Burrows

All correspondence to the committee can be sent to [clubslayers@yahoo.com.au](mailto:clubslayers@yahoo.com.au) care of the secretary.

## COACHES CORNER

Barry Clapson has been reappointed as Slayers Club coach for a third season while Mick Finn will be taking up the reigns as Brewer Shield coach. We are excited to welcome Mick to the fold and believe he will be a wonderful addition to the club. In an assistive role, we also welcome Nathan Williams who will be available to assist with both our seniors and juniors throughout the season. Our Under 15's coach is currently being formalised and will be announced shortly.

Sadly our former Brewer Shield coach, Les Wilde, has stepped down from an official position with the club this season but will continue to be involved with girl's grass roots cricket in the Sutherland Shire. The club would like to thank Les for his tireless hard work in the past few seasons.

## START YOUR ENGINES

Enjoy your final weekend sleep-ins because they won't be lasting much longer! The season will be here before we know it so set yourself some goals, prepare to work hard, and above all—have fun!



*Ed I. Tor - signing off*