



## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1995**



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## CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC.

The Cheltenham Baseball Club has been in existence for some 41 years now and it is 9 years since the club was incorporated. We have become one of the largest Baseball clubs in Australia. It is a club we can be extremely proud of, our policy of developing young local talent is now starting to supply a growing list of senior players.

The signing of Matthew Gourlay by the Toronto BlueJays is a significant step in the club's history and provides a goal for our promising junior players who are at or nearing state and national selection.

1994/95 has been a difficult year for our Summer and Winter committees on and off the field, both working hard to control finances and containing exposure to acceptable levels, not to mention running numerous teams.

Congratulations to Terry Reid and the Summer Committee for maintaining a place in division one, although the loss to Upwey-Furntree Gully for the division two pennant was somewhat of a disappointment. "Well played Upwey."

Cheltenham proved very competitive in all grades including our two newly formed ladies teams. Special thanks must go to Tony & Val Bailey as well as coaches who put a lot of time effort into getting the ladies up and running.

The Winter committee has completed a most successful 1995 albeit disappointing at "the business end of the season." A number of teams featuring in the finals and the club **AGAIN** securing the **Club Championship**.

### Grounds & Pavilion

A major feature in 1995 was the extension of the backnet on No. 1 diamond, this has considerably reduced the risk of injury to spectators and hockey players alike.

New pitching mounds have been installed on both grounds thanks to Ray Baker & Rod Byrne (VBA Altona Centre) and some social club assistance.

### Kingston Heath Sports Club (Hockey & Baseball)

This matter has been long and drawn out in view of the difficulties involving the liquor licence and the sharing of income between hockey and baseball (Summer & Winter), but the matter seems to be nearing a solution.

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