



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1996 – OLIVIA REID

The Cheltenham Baseball Club has now completed 10 years of incorporation, and we can look back with pride on many of our achievements including our being the only merged Club still in existence along with a continued strong growth in the number of teams we continue to field.

1995/96 were successful years for the Club with summer experiencing its most successful period for some time. Congratulations to Terry Reid for winning the Division 2 Premiership, as did Laurie Hall (2nds) and Lance Blackley (5ths). Congratulations also to our successful Junior Teams. Winter section again featured strongly in the finals.

The Club was successful in winning the Division 2 Club Championship ... a measure of our overall competitive strength.

Our ladies in their first season also performed credibly in this first year of Women's Baseball and added a new dimension to the Club.

Financially, both sections of the Club continue to "battle" through largely without any major sponsorship which has become increasingly difficult to obtain.

The major disappointing aspect with the Club is our continuing inability to attract volunteers to fulfil the many tasks required throughout the year to satisfactorily complete a variety of projects. The filling of Executive and Committee roles is also becoming increasingly difficult.

Grounds and Pavilion / Facilities

Additional lighting of the infield has been completed and a big thank-you is extended to Laurie Hall and others for their contributions.

To Michael Trevorah, Barry Cochrane and others we express a big thank-you for organising the Scorers Box - a truly professional job.

Kingston Sports Club Inc. is now in existence and holds the Liquor Licence for Baseball/Hockey.

Bingo (Gladstone Park)

From an initial investment of \$50,000 for a half share of the business, the equity is now around \$28,000 and with the dropping of the 3% surcharge (effective 2/7/1996), reduction of debts is expected to further improve dramatically in the next twelve months.

