



## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**



### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014 LANCE BLACKLEY**

It's been another huge year at Cheltenham Baseball Club and as usual our teams have acquitted themselves extremely well right across the Club. The Club fielded 32 teams during the Summer Season and a further 13 Teams over the Winter 2013 Season.

It takes many coaches, managers, scorers, coordinators and supporters to run this machine each week over both Summer and Winter seasons and your efforts are very much appreciated

The depth of players in the Club at present sees a wealth of youth capable of playing up the grades with defence skills however they lack the strength to match the quality pitching. Give these guys another 12 months and it gives us all a reason to get more than a little excited about the future.





## SUMMER



Our First Nine finished in 5<sup>th</sup> spot overall with a 14W-10L Record. The club coaching team of Matt Taylor, Matt Gourlay Stuart Adams and Laurie Hall put in a big effort over a long season and have been extremely enthusiastic and passionate about the Clubs success. Michael Trevorah (Chair of selectors) along with Brad Lark, Pat O'Neil and Paul Cummings made a huge contribution during the year.

Our Second Nine were runners up after finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> position with an 11W-5L record. The finals series saw them take on and beat Essendon in a game that went to the 8<sup>th</sup> before we over- powered them however we couldn't quite manage to repeat the performance in the final.

Our Third Nine finished mid field with 9W-7L record however we had several players who acquitted themselves very well and gained valuable experience for next season.

Our Fourth Nine managed by Pat O'Neill, took out the championship for the 4<sup>th</sup> season in a row after finishing in top place on the ladder with a 15W-2L record. A wonderful effort by all concerned.

The Division 4 South team (5ths) finished the season in 5<sup>th</sup> spot with a 6W-8L record however the Korean KK team in the same division played off with a loss in the Grand Final. Our other Korean teams FB & TK finished the season in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

The Masters team finished on top of the ladder but failed to get past the semi-finals with 12W-3L record for the season.

The performances and depth of our Junior sides over the Summer season were exceptional. The Club's focus is on participation and providing opportunities for young players to enjoy their games and develop at the level and pace that best suits them was clearly achieved. The following detail is included in this report to record the outstanding achievements by all involved.





The under 18 State team coached by Pat O'Neill, finished the season by winning the State Championship in a hard fought 2-1 victory over Waverley featuring some quality pitching from Lachlan Madden who took out the MVP for the game.

The second u18 side also made the finals however could not get through the Semi Final but a great effort.

The Under 16 State League team also made the playoffs but came up a little short on the day having with 11W-4L-1D for the season under first year Coach Russell Ferguson. The Under 16 AA side finished on top of the ladder with a 9W-3L-2D season however didn't quite make it all the way.

Our U14 State League team had a formable season finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> spot with a 8W-5K-1D record whilst our Metro teams White and Blue finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with an impressive 11W-4L and 9W-5L records. The Friday night Cheltenham Red Sox won their final against Sandringham 4-2. Well done!

Our U12 State League team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder with a 12W-2L record however bowed out in the Semi-Final with an impressive season with Yoshi Campitelli in his first season coaching. The u12 Metro team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with an 8W-4L record.

Our Under 12 Friday Night Competition had 6 Teams comprising of 60 players with a Sunday Little League team reaching the first round of the playoffs.

Our Tee Ball competition had 6 teams comprising of 58 players this year. The season culminated with the Gala Day. CBC again stood up and organised the day, 23 teams played on the day and the winner was baseball as the children playing the day just loved it.





## **WINTER 2013**

The Winter Section under President Pat O'Neill also had a great season. Although no senior premierships this year, the club has been up for the next 10 years, so there should be more success around the corner. The club has blooded a lot of young players through A1 this year and there just seems to be endless pit of players doing their time through the lower grade teams as well.

Coach David Clarkson commented that it was a pleasure to come to a training session and work with these kids with their high spirits and wanting to learn.

A big thank you goes out to Trevor Clemens as Chairman of Selectors and all the coaches who volunteered their time, from our littlest players, our U11s, through to our club coach David Clarkson who continued to do a superb job in his thirteenth season with the Club.

### **DBA Awards**

- **A Grade Batting: Russell Ferguson .500**
- **Pitching: Yoshi Campitelli (6 Wins)**
- **Home Runs: Brett Curnow**
- **U15 Best Player; Jack Daniels**

### **Perfect Season (16W -0L)**

The Cheltenham Winter U17 team coached by David Stenhouse and Stell Michael played the BV Winter Baseball League and recorded an undefeated season bringing home the only flag to our Club. A perfect season is a rare occurrence. Congratulations to everyone involved.

## **REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

Our Junior Club Representative players were again numerous this year. and our senior members were a little down from previous years.

**ACES** : Brad Harman, Ben Leslie and Blake Cunningham

**State U14** - John-Paul Callil, Ryuto Nashiro and Benjamin Fierenzi

**State U16** - Max Barrett, Sam Michael, Matt Stenhouse, Lucas Anderson ( Winter), Noah Answerth, Jack Daniels, Jack Dunn and, Michael Leslie

**State U18** George Callil, Koji Campitelli, Jack Enciondo, Mitch Holding, Lachlan Madden, Brandon Stenhouse, Brad Kmet, Josh Lean (Winter), Yuta Sekino and Sam Trend-Beacom







**DBA Queens Birthday Carnival:** Kane Davidson, Blake Holding

**DBA Junior Rep Teams:** Jack Enciondo (U18), Matt Stenhouse U16), Jak Cummings(U16), Lucas Anderson,(U16) Ashley Flynn(U16), Jack Daniels(U16), Jake Pocock(U16), Blake Holding(U12), Dante Caruso (12), Josh Ashen (U12), Rhys Fairweather (U12), Cruz Leech(U14), Declan Croker(U14), Fraser Parsons(U14), Will Tucker,(U14) Thomas Ogilvie(U14)

## **PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT SIGNINGS**

Everybody in the Club was thrilled when we heard the news that **Brandon Stenhouse** had signed a professional contract with the New York Yankees. There was lots of Media attention as the Yankees always attract a high profile.

A week later **Lachlan Madden** signed his contract with the Houston Astros although his signing didn't get anywhere near the attention it deserved. None the less, both signings are testament to the hard work both the boys have put in over the years and I, more than anybody understand how thrilled the boy's parents and former coaches of the boys would have been.

This is a great achievement and takes the professional contract signing tally to 10 from the Cheltenham Baseball Club. This is now easily the most of any of the Clubs.

## **SPONSORS**

Some new sponsors came on board with Bridgestone Tyres Moorabbin, Kane Davidson Plumbing and Braeside Cellars joining us.

Bendigo Bank, Bentleigh RSL, Middendorp, BTS Touring, A1 Plaques Arrow Bronze, Costanzo Picture Framing and Hunt Engineering continued to support the Club and we thank each and every sponsor for their generous donations.

All of the sponsors are highly valued with a significant percentage of the sponsorship going directly to junior coaching programs.

Please support our sponsors and make yourself known as a member of our Club.

## **UNIFORMS**

The Summer Firsts, Seconds and Masters moved to a Blue Playing top that really set off the Club colours. Replacing variety of new and faded bull shirts





## **RULES OF INCORPORATION**

During the year the Club as a registered organisation was required to change our constitution in line with the changes in the ASIC requirements. This was carried out during November and the new Constitution was submitted to ASIC for approval.

Next season all Club members will be required to register as a new financial member and in doing so will need to sign a document agreeing to the abide by the rules of the new Constitution.

## **GABBY TARANTO MEMORIAL GAME**

The under 18 team under coach Pat O'Neil instigated a Memorial Day game for Gabby Taranto which was an outstanding initiative by all involved. A special thank you to all involved and to those who sponsored the Teal Playing top for the game.

## **CANTEEN**

Both our Canteen Managers, Katrina Johnson (Winter) and newcomer Kathy Daniels (Summer) did marvellous jobs and provided invaluable services. The Club could not function effectively without them. They are an integral part of the culture around the Club and a cornerstone to our success. Thank you on behalf of all members.

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP ALAN GRIBBIN**



During the year Life Membership for Alan Gribbin was awarded Life Membership for his work on Committee, as a junior coach and umpire as well as for his contributions on many infrastructure projects over the years.

## **YOUR COMMITTEES**

Away from the on-field activities, your Summer and Winter Committee are a group of very dedicated people who are passionate about delivering the very best programs possible. I thank every person who volunteered their time willingly to help out during the season. A big thank you for making the seasons run smoothly.





Last, but not least, a huge thank you to my wife, Bev who just looks at me every time I walk out the door and return home an hour late and smiles (well nearly every time!) We are very lucky at Cheltenham, we have some fantastic people involved with our Club and that means great kids and great talent.

Back again next year? Why not? It's Baseball.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lance Blackley.' The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'L' and 'y'.

Lance Blackley  
**CLUB PRESIDENT**

The 'Rustlers' logo, written in a blue, stylized script font with a white outline and a blue shadow effect. The letters are bold and have a classic, slightly slanted appearance.