



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019

OPENING COMMENTS.

The Club has had a very successful year both on and off the field. On field performance is well documented in the end of season reports of the Summer and Winter sections so I will start by focussing attention on two outstanding off field achievements:

Most Inclusive Club Award

The Club was also awarded the prestigious BV Award for the Most Inclusive Club for our efforts to promote and develop baseball in the State in recent years

Main Field Lighting

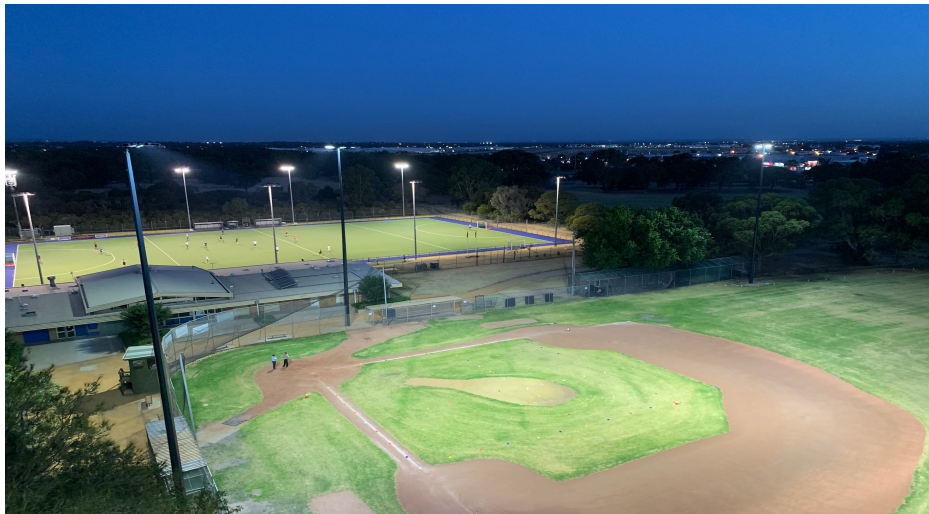
Stage 1 of the lighting project was completed and the Club has the diamond lit up to competition standards for Social Baseball and Little league games. The formal opening with a "Lights On" ceremony was a huge success and the culmination of many years of effort by the Club. The Lights were financed by a grant from the State Government through the Kingston Council. The Club contributed \$29,000. This first stage includes the cabling infrastructure for two further lighting towers that will provide the additional lighting to host senior games.





The lights will vastly improve the training options for existing teams and importantly, open up opportunities to bring new people into the game through short season, centre based competitions staged under lights.

Our thanks to Lance Blackley, John Ferguson and Josie Hill who led the project.



ADMNISTRATION

The Club has successfully moved to a financial year ending 31 March and the Club is in a sound financial position. The timeliness of reporting has been improved providing ongoing visibility of the overall financial position across the whole of the Club.

The introduction of the Square point of sale system is substantially reducing the amount of cash handled. The financial processes and systems have been improved to further strengthen visibility and reporting and importantly to reduce the workload of the Treasurer. Antony Harrowell and Judy Williams were responsible for this very important improvement to our processes.

Summer and Winter Committees are working closely together with the BOM which has assumed responsibility for the financial reporting of the operation of the Canteen and the Bar across the whole of the Club





COMMITTEES

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank your Committees for their efforts and commitment in making this year a success.

Summer

Brad Lark (Vice President), Denise Healy (Secretary), Judy Williams (Treasurer) –Michelle Ogilvie, Al Gribbin, John Ferguson, Kath Daniels, Joe Caruso, Russell Ferguson, Michael Rizzi, Andrea Cormick, Damon Pettit, Matt Turley.

Winter

Antony Harrowell (President (resigned mid-season) Dan Ward-Bourton (Vice President stepped up to take on the role of President, Sally Hiddlestone Judy Williams Trevor Clemens Brad Heenan Leigh Heinrichs Katrina Johnson David Johnson Matt McKenna Damon Pettit, Dan Roberts.

A special vote of thanks to Trevor Clemens who finally stepped down from the role of secretary this after some decades of service.

The Club also wishes formally acknowledges the hard work by Katrina Johnson & Sally Hiddlestone this year and in previous years for the time and effort they expended for our benefit. From the time Katrina spends in the Canteen in the canteen, to catering Thursday nights and planning functions. Sally took on both the secretary and junior coordinator roles. A big thank you from all members of the Club.

SUMMER ON FIELD

The Summer Club won the Division 2 Premiership and will return to play Division 1 in the 2019-20 season.

Our Women's team played finals and were amongst the best offensive teams in their competition.

The State Under 18 team played off I the Grand Final losing to Waverly.





The Club also won the Division 2 Club Championship with strong performances across the board from all senior teams. This is only the fourth time the Club has won this award.

The performance of Jessie Remington to win the BV League MVP Award was an outstanding achievement. To the best of our knowledge this is only the seventh time in over 100 years of competition that a member of our Club has won the League MVP Award.

WINTER ON FIELD

The Club turned the corner after a tough previous year, fielding competitive teams in every grade, a testament to both the great effort from our playing group and also by all our Coaches Adam Leech, Ron Carothers, Max Barrett, Koji Campitelli, Darren Hiddlestone, Ant Harrowell, Brad Heenan, Dan Ward-Bourton and Club Coach Matt Blackmore.

All our Junior sides and two of our Senior sides made finals. Our C1 Team, managed by Brad Heenan were Premiers. While A Grade just missed out on the postseason.

The talent is there and it's only a matter of time before the pieces fall into place at the top. Clearly the Club is growing for the first time in a while and looks to be building back to the powerhouse of the competition.

SPONSORS

Our sponsors continue to support all areas of the Club. Without this ongoing and very substantial support of our sponsors we would not be able to continue with the development of our infrastructure projects and our development programs. A significant amount of this sponsorship money is used by the Club to leverage some of the many grant opportunities available at Federal, State and Local levels. The Club is usually expected to make a substantial contribution as part of our submission.

On behalf of the Club I sincerely thank all our sponsors for their support.

- Bentleigh RSL
- Platinum Post Tensioning and our other sponsors
- A1 Plaques
- Terry White Chemmart,





- Inner Melbourne Landscapes,
- A1 Building Group,
- Urban Gardeners,
- Bunnings Mentone

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

The Club is well positioned and structured to capitalise on the opportunities that will be presented with the lights.

A big thank you to our Club Coaches, Bryan Kloppe (Summer) and Matt Blackmore (Winter) and to all of our other coaches at all the levels.

Congratulations also to all our players who made representative teams.

Consolidating our position at the top of our competitions and Increasing participation must be the major priorities for the coming year.

Also, a big thankyou to all members of the Club our players and their families who have assisted and supported me so well over the past 12 months.

John Fairweather

PRESIDENT
CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC

VOTE OF THANKS at AGM

The outgoing Club President, John Fairweather did not seek re-election as President due to work commitments.

The following motion was carried unanimously:

That the minutes of the meeting formally recognise and record the Clubs appreciation for John's leadership and business acumen that saw the Club return to Division 1 with the winning of the Division 2 Championship and the Division 2 Club Championship for 2018-19 as well as the award by BV that recognised Cheltenham as the Association's Most Inclusive Club.

The image shows the "Rustlers" logo in a stylized, cursive blue font with a white outline, set against a white background.



Our Women's team played in the finals and our juniors performed strongly across all the levels of their competitions.

Administrative and financial processes have been strengthened and the Club is in a strong financial position.

The level of a person's contribution is best defined by achievements and John's efforts are very much appreciated.

The Rustlers logo, featuring the word "Rustlers" in a stylized, cursive blue font with a white outline and a blue shadow effect.