



## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020

The past 12 months have seen major on field success at the senior levels for both the Summer and Winter sections. Both sections are facing challenges in rebuilding their junior programs to better align with Little League restructuring by the Associations and the Game is facing strong competition from other codes.

The Covid -19 Crisis is seriously disrupting the Club's operations and the impact is likely to be felt for 1-2 years. Plans to improve infrastructure may need to be delayed.

### Winter On Field Performance

Winter Season 2019 saw success across the Club. All Junior sides and 3 of our 4 senior sides played off in the finals. In his inaugural season Chris Anderton brought a much needed calming influence and inclusive attitude at the top which paid dividends both on and off the field. Chris was assisted along the way by his on field leaders Brandon Stenhouse, Jack Encidondo, Max Barrett & Koji Campitelli who adopted leadership roles within the team. They are to be congratulated on a job well done.

President Dan Ward Bourton stated categorically this was a tremendous season by all our players and coaches as they managed to generate a general vibe of positivity in the trenches that has been absent these last few years. To sit back and watch a young, talented and almost completely home grown A-Grade side play at this level of competitiveness coupled with the air of enjoyment while doing was without doubt the singular highlight of the season club wide.





The mood at training has no doubt been aided by the flashy new lights, yet even with them switched off it is easy to see that things are much brighter around the place on Thursday nights. This attitude has filtered right throughout the Club

### **Summer On Field Performance**

The Summer Club with first time President Russell Ferguson in charge, returned to play Division 1 in the 2019-20 season and impressively made the Finals. This was an outstanding achievement by all the Players and the Coaching staff led by Club Coach and First Nine Manager Bryan

Kloppe. There were strong performances across the board from all senior teams including a Flag to our Fifths.

Our Women's team had an outstanding season led by Manager Michelle Ogilvie. They were amongst the best offensive teams in their competition and played off in their Grand Final only to lose a thrilling and hard-fought game in the last innings.

The Summer Juniors are in a rebuilding phase based after decades of success and this area of the Club needs more focus moving forward.

### **Facilities**

#### **Main Field Lighting**

Our Winter Club made good use of the much improved lighting facilities for Thursday training. The benefits of quality practice sessions were reflected in strong on field performances and increased enthusiasm around the Club.

#### **Batting Tunnel Refurbishment**

The old Tunnel was in a very bad state of repair and unsafe.

With the help of a \$5000 grant from the Kingston City Council, the hard wire on the Tunnel was replaced and new high quality weather resistant soft netting was installed. The cost to replace the wire and soft netting was \$21,000 with Winter contributing \$15,000 towards the project.

In kind contributions by Stu Holding, Ian Curnow and Alan Gribbin to remove and dispose of the old wire and nets and paint the steel frame saved the Club and estimated \$2,500 and their efforts are very much appreciated.





Work to install new Tunnel lighting will be undertaken by Jarrod and Lawrie Hall during June/July 2020 at an estimated cost of \$1,300 for the materials.



## **Sponsorship**

Without the ongoing and very substantial support of our sponsors we would not have been able to continue with the development of our infrastructure projects. On behalf of the Club I sincerely thank all our sponsors for their support.

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## Administration

The Square point of sale system is continuing to reduce the amount of cash handled. Ongoing visibility of the overall financial position across the whole of the Club continues to improve and overall the Club was in a sound financial position prior to the advent of Covid-19 Virus. Much of the credit for this outcome goes to our Treasurer Judy Williams for her tireless work in ensuring all sections of the Club understand and work within their budgets and meet their financial obligations.

The relationship with the Mordialloc Ducks has worked to the benefit of both clubs and continues to strengthen.

The KCC is undertaking a comprehensive Needs Analysis of the Baseball and Hockey Clubs current and future requirements at the Kingston Heath Reserve.

Baseball's future needs include full Lighting of our Main Field, artificial turf on the infield, extended fencing on Senior Field No 2 as well as, Dugouts and a Scorers box on Senior Field No 3.

Pavilion needs for both Clubs include, additional change rooms for Females and Umpires, extra storage, canteen extensions and dedicated committee rooms.

## Vale Michael Trevorah

It was with much sadness the we recorded the passing of one of our most committed and involved Life Members – Michael Trevorah







## Vale Terasa Connor

Terasa Connor passed away on the 21 March 2020, aged 72.

During the 1980's and 1990's Terasa served on our committees and would have scored more than 300 games for the Club including 5 seasons as the Club's Senior Scorer from 1988 to 1994. Her service was formally recognised with a special Service Award at our Centenary Celebrations in 2014.



## Concluding Comments

Managing our way through Covid-19 Crisis will be challenging. Competition structures are likely to be different and assistance will need to be extended to our members who have been adversely impacted.

Consolidating our position at the top levels of our competitions will remain a high priority

Increasing player numbers and inclusive participation must be a major priority for the coming year. The option to use the Lights for midweek centre based, short season competitions for Juniors and Social games will be an important focus. My thanks to all members of the Club and in particular those on the various committees, working groups and the Board who have contributed to ongoing running of the club as a whole.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Connie Uphill for her outstanding efforts and calming influence in many areas of the Club over the years and respect her decision to take a break from the Board to focus on her family at this stage.

**John Carlile**  
**President**  
**Cheltenham Baseball Club Inc**

