



### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION ANDREW GRIBBIN**

Andrew Gribbin is proposed for Life Membership of the Cheltenham Baseball Club in recognition of his outstanding services and commitment to the Club both as a player and involved club member for 24 years.

Andrew has played over 750 games for the Club including about 600 games in our First Grade teams. across both the Summer and Winter competitions, Andrew became interested in baseball when he was playing hockey for Southern United Hockey Club at Kingston Heath and he commenced playing as a Tee Baller at 8 years old.

As a junior, Andrew was an outstanding junior player, both as a pitcher and hitter. He was selected in the Victorian State teams throughout his junior career and a major contributor to the state's success at Junior National Championships. Andrew was Cheltenham's Junior Club Champion in 2003-04

Andrew's performances led to his signing a professional contract with San Diego Padres as a pitcher in 2006.

A promising professional career was unfortunately cut short by a serious arm injury and he returned to domestic baseball to become key member of the Firsts for over 15 seasons.

As a senior player for Cheltenham, he played predominately as an outfielder in our senior side with reputation as an aggressive hitter with power who also hit for average. Andrew batted in the middle order and is the Club's all time leader for 2 base hits in a season with 12 doubles in 2018-19. Andrew was the Club Champion in 2005-6 and again in 2018-9.





A fierce competitor who never took a backward step, his durability, ability to play when and where needed by his team together with his commitment to the team was second to none. As dual Club Champion and his 750 plus games place him in a very select group.

Throughout his career Andrew has played a key role outside his role as a player. He has served as an assistant senior coach and as a junior coach for Tee Ball Little League teams through to the U16 level as well as an umpire on numerous occasions. He has been a role model and mentor for many players, particularly as they moved from the junior to senior ranks.

Away from the field Andrew has been a sponsor and he has made numerous major contributions to the building of our infrastructure including a major role in construction of the LL Field and the Dugouts on Main and No2. During his time as younger player he assisted with ground marking and set up of our Friday night centre for games. In recent years he has contributed his professional skills to major field maintenance tasks levelling edges and cut outs and the installation of benches for our Junior Fields. He has served on Committee and made significant contributions on the social side.

Andrew Gribbin has been an outstanding player and contributor for over 25 years and all members are urged to strongly support this proposal.

**Proposed:**

**Matthew Gourlay**

**Life Member**

**Seconded**

**John Carlile**

**Life Member**

The Rustlers logo, featuring the word 'Rustlers' in a stylized, blue, cursive script with a white outline and a blue shadow.



## Baseball Awards

2002-03 Thirds Batting Champion

2003-4 Junior Club Champion Cheltenham

2004 U16 Victorian State Team

2005-06 U18 State League Premiership with Rustlers

2005-06 Club Champion Rustlers/MVP Firsts

2005 U18 Victorian Team

2005 VIS Academy Program

2005 U19 Australian Team

2006-07 U18 State League Premiership with Rustlers

2006 Professional contract with the Padres as Pitcher

2010-11 Batting Champion Firsts

2018-19 Club Champion/MVP Firsts

2018-19 Batting Champion BA .480

