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Presidents Report

This season can be looked back on as being a successful one both on the field and financially. To maintain the eight senior sides along with nine junior sides is the main reason for this success. At a junior level the club again performed extremely well with eight out of the nine sides reaching finals, four out of the eight reaching grand finals and three out of that four winning premierships. These kind of results are reflective of the efforts put in by the coaches at junior level. At our junior presentation night six players also received awards for making representative sides at various levels. Jarryd Hansford also made the All Star side that will be travelling to Mount Gambier next month.

When you look at the talent that has evolved through the years through the junior ranks the club is in a healthy position to continue to produce successful senior sides. Possibly the most pleasing factor is that around 70% of our under 16/18 players are already competing in senior baseball.

The club again prospered with our senior sides. Seven out of the eight played in finals with a premiership already being picked up from the Womens competition and the 'C' Grade playing off for a premiership this weekend. All other sides had great years but unfortunately couldn't get the necessary results through the finals series to earn the right to play off for premierships. The work of all coaches must be recognised as I think you will agree that this has been one of the coldest and wettest winters in a while. The players must also be commended for their perseverance.

Socially the club again performed well, the seventies night was huge, Dave Butler again brought in the crowds, the cricketers came through for us again with the \$1000 draw, but unfortunately the Hero night was a fizzer. Three out of four wasn't bad. On top of this we again hosted the Australia Post Day which raised valuable revenue for the club. The introduction of Polish Spirit (VERY STRONG), to the bar this season seemed to scare a few away however there were still some long Saturday nights.

Despite not applying for the Grand Finals this season the club seems to have been able to generate enough revenue to operate successfully. The building of the scorers box placed added strain on finances but I think you will agree that it is something that the club has needed for years. After being knocked around a bit in the past due to some unexplained losses the club has recovered this year to not only pay its' way but we have also paid off the loan. This relieves the club of a huge burden and we can only hope that the future brings us financial security.

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President's report (cont'd)

The changes at council have placed added pressure on clubs to be viable so it is vital that club members become involved with the club at a political level. The policing of licences, grounds and the pavilion cannot be handled by a committee of six. I would strongly recommend to the in coming committee a position of club liaison officer would be an appropriate addition to the structure with the changes afoot in the current political climate.

Thankyou to Greg Brown for another dedicated year and also to Michael 'Milk Crate' Trevorah for the work he has put into the club this year with both coaching and the scorers box. Robyn Hogben took on the canteen this season and did a magnificent job and Gadget ran his bar Gadget style, thankyou to you both for your commitment to the club.

In closing I would like to wish the in coming committee all the success for next season and hope as a club that we can continue to build and prosper.

Also, thankyou to this years committee for all their efforts and hardwork throughout the season.

Thankyou

Brad Lark
PRESIDENT

Club Coaches Report

Another strong finish for the C.B.C. in a miserable winter for weather. Last season's 18- 20 degree days were just a distant memory this year. We did manage to splash our way to 4 men's sides in the finals with 'A' Reserve and 'D' Grade finishing a close 5th each. "Stenhouse's Stallions" in 'C' Grade were the only ones to reach the big one, so well done to those players. Also an excellent season by the women, with both sides playing off in the Grand Final. Congratulations to all those women and to Brad and Beau for their efforts.

I would like to thank all players, scorers and supporters who represented the club this season - without exception we were represented with CLASS - something that is lacking in many D.B.A. Clubs and which sets the Cheltenham Baseball Club apart from the rest.

Well done to all !!!

Greg Brown
Club Coach 1996

Team Coaches & Scorers 1996

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Scorer</u>
<u>'A' GRADE</u>	Greg Brown	Tracey Jacob Joy Lewis
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	Brad Lark	Margret Ballantyne
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	Michael Roberts	Joy Roberts Jenny Babidge
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	David Stenhouse	Pauline Stenhouse Dana Thomas
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	Steve Earle	Nerida Fry
<u>'E' GRADE</u>	Lance Blackley	Bev Blackley
<u>'W1' GRADE</u>	Nicholas Beau-May	Dana Thomas
<u>'W2' GRADE</u>	Brad Lark	Margret Ballantyne
<u>UNDER 18's</u>	Brad Lark	Margret Ballantyne
<u>UNDER 16's</u>	Lance Blackley	Bev Blackley
<u>UNDER 14's</u>	1 Nicholas Beau-May 2 Les Beattie	Mrs Kavanagh Mr Finch Mary Beattie
<u>UNDER 12's</u>	1 Kevin Russell 2 Joe Ferruccio 3 Judy Simpson	Denise Kasperczyk Jenny Morrison Debbie Gilder
<u>T-BALL</u>		
Redskins	Geoff Iles	Marcella Lapa
Marlins	Dale Cook	Peter Dack

Social Club Report

The Committee wishes to thank all members and supporters whose patronage ensured successful social functions.

The functions for the year were Crown Casino Night, 70's Revisited, Sportsman's Night, Hero's Party and the \$1000 Draw.

Special thanks to Steve Earle and the 'D' Graders for another sterling effort in organising the \$1000 Draw Day.

Congratulations to the Women Members for their support of the club by always being well represented at all functions.

Bruce Fitzgerald
Vice President

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'A' Grade Report

Improving on last seasons effort of reaching the Grand Final was always going to be tough this year. With the loss of Matt Stewart and Terry Reid, we needed to find some hitting to remain a contender for the flag. Rohan Brasher stepped up in his first 'A' Grade season and along with Darren Smith provided some big hitting early on. Steve Lewis also came back and hit consistently for power, finishing with 4 home runs. Ben Wenki also stepped up to 'A' Grade and did a great job in sharing the pitching duties with the coach. Unfortunately Ben missed both finals due to an ankle operation, but he should be up and around soon to continue on some very good form.

Alex Porecca once again did a strong job behind the plate, but posted the second highest E.R.A. of all time. Chris Reece was the man with the highest E.R.A. (162.0 at one stage), but had a good season with the bat after shaking off some early season rust. Tony Dinnie and Anthony Smith played the right side of the diamond and occasionally showed their fearsome warning - track power. Lorne Dennis rounded out the 'A' Grade regulars and though he struggled to match last year's form with the bat, he played centrefield all season with no errors.

Adam McFarlane played some infield for us at times and was one of our best against Berwick when we beat them early in the season. Mika Tossavainen also played much of the year in 'A' Grade and deserves special mention for his versatility. Mika has played every position in the past two season and has always played well under pressure.

The season went pretty much as expected with 11 wins and 5 draws (including 4 rainouts) leaving us second on the ladder. A loss to Frankston in the first final was due to poor pitching and not enough hitting (Darren Smith did manage 3 hits). The loss to Dingley goes under the "anything can happen on the day" heading. We had runners on base in 8 innings and every batter had at least one hit, but we managed only one run for the day.

I would like to thank the committee for their support and special thanks to Brad Lark whose assistance and commitment to the club are second to none, also thanks to Mick Trevorah who has been there for us on Game Day for the past 2 years. Mick's presence can't be measured, but was necessary and was appreciated more than the guys showed. Mick's will to win is contagious and was important when the motivation was low at times. Thanks also to Tracy for scoring this year. She was a real trooper in the wettest winter since Noah built his boat. Thanks also to Joy Lewis and Bev Blackley for some fillings as scorer.

'A' Grade (cont'd)

Finally thanks to my wife Kelly whose patience and understanding allowed me to spend the many late Thursdays and long Saturdays required.

Greg Brown
A Grade Coach 1996

BATTING AWARD

ROWAN BRASHER .539

COACHES AWARD

MIKA TOSSAVAINEN

'A' Grade M.V.P. *J. R. Trevorah Memorial Trophy*

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Greg Brown	231122211	15
Tony Dinnie	22133	11
Alex Porecca	23312	11
Anthony Smith	1	1
Darren Smith	133323	15
Chris Reece	111	3
Lorne Dennis	32	5
Adam McFarlane	1	1
Steve Lewis	3	3
Ben Wenke	221132	11
Mika Tossavainen	2	2
Rowan Brasher	312323	14
Matthew Roberts	3	3
Chris Smith	1	1

Also members of the A Grade side unfortunate not to receive votes were as follows -:

Brad Lark
Michael Trevorah
Simon Edgeworth

Mark Lewis
David Johnston
Andrew Molony

Ian Nolan
Steve Cramp

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1996

DARREN SMITH 15 votes

GREG BROWN 15 votes

'A' Reserve Grade Report

This season saw the reintroduction of the 'A' Reserve system into the Association. What it meant was getting to grounds at 11:30 for a 12:30 start. Our team was not very good in this area and often went into games under prepared. Fortunately the talent that was available carried us to easy victories against the lesser side, we did however struggle against the other teams making up the top four. The side was unpredictable on a week to week bases yet the players were fantastic in their support and belief that we may be able to hang on for a finals berth. History shows that this wasn't to be.

The season can still be viewed in a positive manner, several juniors were tried throughout the season with varying success and the side on the whole performed well. Several players from our side also had opportunities with a 'A' Grade throughout the year and did well. We were regularly helped with pitchers from the 'A' Grade however anyone thinking of coaching in the future, be warned, Darren Smith cannot, I repeat CANNOT pitch!!!! Anthony Smith carried most of our work load with Mika and myself and in the latter stages Col doing the rest.

All players improved through the year, most notably Ian Nolan and Gadget, whose hitting got us through a lot of games. Mark Lewis and Jhonno had steady seasons with Ballantyne doing a good job behind the plate.

Thankyou to the sides various scorers and to the players for a good season.

Thankyou

Brad Lark

A Reserve Grade Coach 1996

BATTING AWARD

IAN NOLAN .523

COACHES AWARD

ANDREW MOLONEY

'A' Reserve Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Lorne Dennis	3	3
Ben Wenke	22	4
Jon Ballantyne		
Ian Nolan	13121132	14
Mika Tossavainen	33122	11
Anthony Smith	223331	14
Peter Burrell		
Mark Lewis	1211221	10
Ben Ward-Burton		
David Johnston	112211	8
Andrew Moloney	233	8
Steven Gourlay	1	1
Chris Smith		
Bruce Fitzgerald	3	3
Darren Brooks	3	3
Simon Edgeworth		
John Jhoomun	3	3
Colin Upfil	123	6
Karl Cameron	2	2
Darren Smith	3	3
Steve Cramp	3	3
Brad Lark		

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS 1995

IAN NOLAN 14 votes

ANTHONY SMITH 14 votes

'B' Grade Report

Well another year gone and Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah, and would also like to thank Joy Roberts and Jenny Babidge for scoring the year and our supporter base, Kel Roberts.

One final note Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah and then we had another beer.

Thanks for the year.

LET'S DRINK !!!

Pickles

B Grade Coach 1996

BATTING AWARD

PETE BURNETT .527

COACHES AWARD

PHIL MANNING

'B' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Michael Roberts		
Andrew Payne	21	3
Peter Burnett	1231323	15
Darren Brooks	112133233	19
Laurie Hall	333211	13
Rod Dowell	2111	5
John Ferguson	3	3
Jeff McKee	3	3
David Wilson	2	2
Phil Manning	121	4
Trevor Hogben	223	7
Steve Babidge	3122	8
Anthony Smith	2	2
Paul Roberts		
Stephen Williams (wiley)		
Bruce Fitzgerald		

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1996

DARREN BROOKS 19 votes

'C' Grade Report

I would like to start off with congratulating all of the players, scorers and those who helped us out during the season to enable us to make it to the Grand Final. Win or Lose this was a great success in itself.

With Ernie and Taka doing the majority of the pitching and Beau catching, this was always a good start on the rest of the sides.

The main infield with a solid effort from Mick Scheller and Peter Jacob gave us a stable infield, with Wilo, T.C. and Crack filling second and third positions.

The rookie of the season - Leachy - who does not miss a fly ball and bats to exception. Also doing well with the bat this season was T.C., who had an eye catching season with Ernie, Taka, Andy Phillips and Mick Scheller.

Special thanks to Russell Ingram, who travelled all the way down from Wangaratta for most of the games to play with his mates.

Garry Cox and Dave Bedford being out for most of the season with injuries, who I though at the start of the season would have pushed for the batting average.

Thanks to Brooksy and Crampy, for coming down and helping us with their great pitching efforts.

A very special thanks Pauline and Dana for a job well done with the scoring.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A FINE YEAR !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oh - by the way....ERNIE GET BACK ON YOUR F.....BASE!!!!

From the Coach, Coaching out...

Dave Stenhouse

C Grade Coach 1996

BATTING AWARD

ADAM LEECH .484

COACHES AWARD

ADAM LEECH

'C' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
David Stenhouse	113	5
Craig Scheller	1	1
Michael Scheller	321	6
Takashi Ueno	32232331332323	35
Nicholas Beau-May	2333223	18
Peter Jacob	13	4
Trevor Clemens	2222	8
David Wilson	11	2
David Bedford		
Peter Innes	111133	10
Andrew Phillips	1	1
Russell Ingram		
Darren Brooks		
David Johnston		
Adam Leech	11222121	12
Gary Cox		
Troy Rainey		
Billy Treller		
Ben Ward-Burton		

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1996

TAKASHI UENO 35 votes

'D' Grade Report

A disappointing year after winning the flag last year. We got off to a slow start to the year, winning only one game and drawing another after 9 rounds.

Thereafter we made a late change towards the finals, eventually missing out by 1/2 a game. This was disappointing as we were washed out in the second last round, the first time in 3 years a washout has occurred.

Thank you to the selection committee allowing us to "go alone" for the first part of the year, even though we only managed 1 win. We then were given the services of the hyphen (Ben-Ward Burton) and Target (Peter Burnell) from the under 18's. With 2 guys who could pitch where you are supposed to, we finished the season with a flourish. Thanks also to Billy Lidd (Treller), Ben Rowlands and Spacey (Johnny J) for playing with us this year as our numbers dwindled from last year, losing : the crash test dummy and his side kick, Super Boy and the maker of Shadows (Paul McDonald, Marty Horton, Chris Reeves and Steve Cramp). Superboy and Crampy (get your thievin' hands of him) should be back next year along with the rest of us to put a 'D' Grade flag next to the 'E'.

p.s. Sorry I almost forgot you Ray - thanks.

Steve Earle
D Grade Coach 1996

BATTING AWARD

ANDREW WALSH .516

COACHES AWARD

JOHNNY J

'D' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Steve Earle	12123	9
Martin Mulcahy	113	5
Chris Reeves	32	5
Chris Murphy	2	2
David Hewitson	31	4
Andrew Walsh	223113	12
Peter Connelly	1312	7
Steve Cramp		
John Jhoomun	32221	10
Ben Rowlands	312	6
Mick O'Shea	21231	9
Joe Reilly	3	3
Billy Treller	1	1
Peter Burrell	332333	17
Ray Costello	3221	8
Ben Ward-Burton	121	4
Andrew Moloney		
Col Upfil		
Brad Lark		

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1996

PETER BURRELL 17 votes

'E' Grade Report

This season has been yet another domination of 'E' Grade by the Cheltenham Baseball Club, that was until the finals anyway.

We started the season with a walkover, followed by several fairly good wins whilst playing some average baseball.

As the season progressed we handed out some absolute shalackings to a few sides which included a score line at the bottom of the 2nd dig against Berwick of 21-0.

The inclusion into this years line up of several new players strengthened the batting and fielding with OBI and Micky G having some good performances at centrefield and 3rd base respectively.

Tommy went under the knife just before mid season but still put in some appearances to say g'day at home games.

The young kids, Jarrod and Robbie also joined the team which allowed us old fellars a bit of time off from catching.

Jarrod caught or pitched throughout most of the season and Robbie's base running was exceptional.

Skippy is still swinging at the high pitches however Norm takes the prize this year as he executed a pull shot from 3 feet above his head and turned it into a 3rd base line drive for a double.

On a few weeks when we struggled for numbers, blank put in several performances whilst Brain Dead continued to flat line.

Johnny C and Bash found themselves doing most of the base coaching and were great with the young kids helping and encouraging them.

With a few weeks to go and my pitching arm suffering from over work, Ben Hyphen joined the team and put on several excellent pitching performances. This was crucial for us as we had a couple of matches against the better sides which were must win games for us to stay in the top two spots on the ladder.

On the last week Wombat took control of first base and batted .750 and now Dad won't hear the end of it.

Finals time and we've discovered that Ben WB won't gualify to join us. This was a shattering blow to us but we had to go with what we had.

Our pitchers really had some good outings but were let down with a few errors by the field at crucial times.

'E' Grade (cont'd)

These of course were physical errors and in the most part our mental side of the game was good and better than the other teams. Troy and Dee also joined us for the final series and both put in great performances behind the plate and we thank both of them for helping out.

It was a disappointment to us all that we finished in 3rd position especially as we thought we were a better team and should have made it to the Grand Final this year.

We also cannot forget to thank our scorer Bev for her efforts in the rain and freezing wind.

On the positive side of our season we had 3 under 16 players and 1 under 18 player that had the opportunity to play senior baseball. All of these players had some outstanding performances throughout the season and should be proud of their efforts.

We have all had some fun playing the game we love and that should be what our season is about.

Lance Blackley
E Grade Coach 1996

BATTING AWARD

RUSSELL OBORNE .567

COACHES AWARD

JARROD HANSFORD

'E' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Steve Williams (skippy)	11111	5
Tom Siphthorpe		
Norm Candler		
Steve Behim	3	3
John Carlile	322	7
Brendon O'Leary	3213	9
Colin Basham	2333232	18
Bev Blackley		
Lance Blackley	223121311	16
Travis Blackley	2	2
Cathy Field	2	2
Mick Griffiths	1	1
Jarrold Hansford	1332	9
Roberto Matera		
Russell Osborne	1222131	12
Ben Ward-Burton	33	6

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1996

COLIN BASHAM 18 votes

W 1's Grade Report

The season began on a high with a great victory over Chelsea and this winning performance set the scene for the rest of the season. We were destined to complete the season without a loss, and that we did. We battled every game to the final pitch and final inning.

During the season each and every player became a key member of a working unit, aimed at winning and also enjoying their sport. The players developed a trust and friendship amongst each other which could do nothing but add to their enthusiasm and progress. This bond led to some brilliant series of plays and helped with encouragement during minor lapses in concentration.

Every player in the team performed with distinction during the season, each deserving a mention. I have chosen a few highlights that stand out in my mind, the first being the triple play by Kristy Smith against Moorabbin. I think that both coaches and the umpire were more excited than she was. Another great performance was by Cathy Field, hitting two home runs in one game against Oakleigh. Delia Valance and Lee Norman were also able to put one over during the season. And finally the report could not go without mentioning the brilliant pitching during this season. All of the ladies pitched aggressively and consistently. Many times it was the pitching staff that won games for us.

We completed the season on top of the ladder and were confident going into the finals. Although the games themselves were not a true reflection of our year, the results were. We finished the season undefeated with the first womens Premiership for Cheltenham Baseball Club.

As a coach, you could not ask for a better group of players or a better season. We would like to extend our thanks to the people who helped out when we needed players and also the club members who umpired for us. A special thanks to the assistant coach Ray Costolloe.

Many thanks,

Nicholas May

Womens 1 Team Coach 1996

BATTING AWARD

SUE KENDRICK .548

COACHES AWARD

VOULA KOUVRAKIS

'W 1's Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Dana Thomas	331113	12
Cathy Field	2331123	15
Kristy Smith	1232	8
Jayne Thiele		
Delia Valance	2122313	14
Annette Brooks	121	4
Sue Kendrick	33311	11
Nerida Fry	3	3
Toni Costello	2	2
Voula Kouvrakis	211	4
Allison Langley	11	2
Rebecca Dyball	2	2
Shelly Gwynne	1	1
Susan Phillips		
Pam Clark		
Lee Norman	23	5
Rebecca Larman	22	4

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1996

CATHY FIELD 15 votes

'W 2's Grade Report

After a good finish to last season everyone was looking forward to a successful season this winter. When we divided up the teams we found that both sides were extremely competitive and won most of their games easily. With our side it was sometimes a battle but we would eventually come through with the goods. There were some doubts raised after a first round thrashing at the hands of Chelsea, but looking back I think that the 70's night the previous evening may have adversely affected the ladies.

Most of our season was spent organising the team into a competitive combination that we hoped would eventually challenge the other Cheltenham team for the flag. Trainings were well attended and the success that followed is credit to the side for it's hard work.

Once we beat Boneo to see who would play Cheltenham 1 in the Grand Final spirits were high. The Grand Final was a fantastic game with both sides performing splendidly under pressure. It really turned out to be a showcase for how far the club had come in the womens competition since last season. Eventually Cheltenham 1 defeated us by one run which although disappointing if you lose a Grand Final, it's made a bit easier knowing that another Cheltenham team beat you.

A lot of credit must go to Beau for all of the recruiting he did this year to make the season so successful.

Congratulation to both sides on a fantastic year.

Thankyou

Brad Lark

Womens 2 Team 1996

BATTING AWARD

KAREN SMITH .571

COACHES AWARD

LAUREN RUSSELL

'W 2's Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Karen Witchell	332111	11
Fiona Ballantyne	31	4
Kerry Disierrvi	23332	13
Fanya Baxevanis	2	2
Karen Smith	111212	8
Narelle Gosstray	133331	14
Tanya Perry	2	2
Kirsty Reeves	22	4
Rebbeca Townley	1	1
Karen Cocking	2	2
Bev Blackley	12	3
Julie Trucchio	32	5
Lauren Russell	3	3

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1996

NARELLE GOSSTRAY 14 votes

Annual Junior Report

What a long season it's been, 5 degree mornings, mud, wind and rain, all the things kids and their parents love about winter baseball!! This season can be viewed as being relatively successful with most sides competing in finals, three of which won premierships. The dedication of the coaches this season has been fantastic, when you have good people around you it makes it a lot easier to run the junior side of the club. A total of nine junior sides were entered this season maintaining the level the club set itself last year. Undoubtedly the club sees its juniors as its next batch of senior players, this was emphasised this season with many of our under 18 and 16 players competing at senior level. This is nothing out of the ordinary, other than the fact that the juniors often played leading hands in their senior sides. Ben Wardbourton and Jarrod Hansford pitching for the 'E' Grade is just one example of this.

The three premierships won this season is a credit to the commitment of all people involved with this club at a junior level, success will continue so long as we give every child the opportunity to learn the game of baseball and more importantly enjoy it. So long as the players are enjoying playing they will eventually succeed.

Next season I will be unable to fill the role of Junior Coordinator and I hope we have someone willing to keep the juniors a strong and viable proposition at the Cheltenham Baseball Club during the winter season.

Thankyou

Brad Lark
Junior Co Ordinator 1996

Under 18's Report

This season saw the usual struggle to maintain player numbers at this level of competition. Each week saw many phone calls and even more running around just to get a side on the field. When it all came together we found that our side was very competitive. Unfortunately with football training, girlfriends and studies, not necessarily in that order, taking priority over baseball trainings, it was difficult to organise, the result being we hardly ever trained. None the less come Saturday mornings the team usually delivered the goods. Everyone had a pitch or a catch the result being a lot of fun on game days.

At the end of the home and away season we had finished second behind Bonbeach. We lost to them in the first semi final and faced Dandenong to see who would play off in the Grand Final. We were looking down the barrel in the last innings with 2 out, loaded bases, 2 runs down. Their pitcher was throwing well and when Jon Ballantyne was on a full count I must admit in feeling a little doubtful about having to front up next week. As the runners left on the wind up Jon hit a stand up double to the right centre fence scoring the three runs required for victory. This was to be the highlight of our year.

Facing Bonbeach in the Grand Final was always going to be tough but after batting in two runs early in the game an upset was not totally out of the question. Unfortunately there was not an upset, Bonbeach went onto a convincing victory. Our players did well and played out the game with pride and must be complemented for their terrific attitude. runners up, although disappointing, was a just result that the team can be proud of.

Thanks must go to Mick Manning for his work with the players for the first half of the season and also Margaret Ballantyne for scoring for us.

Thankyou

Brad Lark
Under 18's Coach 1996

BATTING AWARD

JON BALLANTYNE .607

COACHES AWARD

ANTON VANDENBLINK

Under 18's M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Peter Burrell	333231213	21
Antone Vanden-blink	223123	13
Ben Ward-Burton	133	7
Jon Ballantyne	1313	8
Phil Manning	212	5
Rachael Treller	122	5
Billy Treller	21	3
Michael Hoad	21	3
Karl Cameron	311	5
Jamie Roe	2	2
Troy Rainey		
Mark Burrell		

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1996

PETER BURRELL 21 votes

Under 16's Report

This years under 16 team was made up of 9 enthusiastic players. We started the season with some huge wins over sides like Carrum Downes, Tyabb and Berwick.

As the season progressed we struggled to field the full 9 players due to injuries, holidays and illness, but that didn't stop the side recording wins on nearly all occasions. We lost only 2 games for the season when we didn't have our full team in but thanks to the under 14's we had Karlan Dobbin and Daniel Williams fitting in on several occasions as well as Alison Larman.

Because players were away from the side. The opportunity presented itself to giving a few players the key roles of pitching and catching and also as some players were required to pitch in the afternoon. The work was shared around. All who filled their positions did credit to themselves particularly Daniel Wardburton and Travis Blackley who are under 14 players.

As the season entered the finals we found ourselves in 3rd place being the underdogs, just the way we wanted it. Most of our training had been orientated around contact hitting and during the finals the boys batted extremely well which was the key to our success. Our pitching staff of Stephen Gourlay and Jarrod Hansford were excellent on the mound during the finals giving up very few hits and this was also a large part of our success.

The other teams in the finals were all bigger and older than the majority of our side but younger players didn't make mistakes and all got hits. All in all a great team performance to end the season with a premiership.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to Lorne Dennis for helping out during my absence and sticking around for the finals. He was a great help and should look at a junior coaching career next year.

U16 Team

Billy Treller
Mark Burrell
Troy Harper
Robert Matera
Aaron Richards
Lucas Donald

Stephen Gourlay
Travis Grabbit
Jarrod Hansford
Travis Blackley
Daniel Ward-Burton

U16's (cont'd)

Representative Players

DBA U16 to Mildura VPBL Championships
Stephen Gourlay - Jarrod Hansford - Travis Blackley

U14 VPBL State Team to Tamworth National Championships
Travis Blackley

M.V.P. - STEPHEN GOURLAY

Batting Ave: .692

RUNNER UP M.V.P. - JARROD HANSFORD

COACHES AWARD - TRAVIS GRABBIT

Under 14's (1) Report

The attitude of the under 14 team this season was brilliant. Every player came down to the club to enjoy themselves and win a game or two. This they did. From the start our commitment and eager participation set the scene for the rest of the season and many winning performances. We completed the season with thirteen wins and only three losses including finals. We battled every game to the final pitch and final inning.

Every player in the team performed with distinction during the season. The players developed a trust and friendship amongst each other which could do nothing but add to their enthusiasm and progress. This bond led to some brilliant series of plays and helped with encouragement during minor lapses in concentration. During the season each and every player became a key member of a working unit, aimed at winning and also enjoying their sport.

I would like to make a special mention of our two main pitchers who turned up every week and put in one hundred percent every game. The attitude and commitment of these two players is without fault. These players should look forward to a very successful future in pitching and their chosen sports. Well done Adam Blackley and Derek Finch.

We completed the year on top of the ladder losing only one game of the regular season. The finals themselves were not a true reflection of our year. We started and finished the season with the same team. Every player played every game they attended. As a coach, you could not ask for a more committed group of players or a better season.

We would like to extend our thanks to the people who helped out when we needed players and also the club members who umpired for us. A special thanks to the assistant coach Dana Thomas. Thanks to all of those different scorers and parents who were at the games.

Many thanks

Nicholas May

Under 14 (1) Coach 1996

U14's (1) (cont'd)

U14 (1) Team

Michael Lapa
Karlan Dobbin
Brett Kavanagh
Derek Finch
Nina Braun
David Marsh

Melanie Simpson
Adam Blackley
Allison Larman
Joshua Mann
Matthew Keen
Sean Nicholas

Representative Players

DBA U14
Michael Lapa

M.V.P. - ADAM BLACKLEY

BATTING AWARD - DEREK FINCH - .444

COACHES AWARD - ALISON LARMAN

Under 14's (2) Report

The team started the season in good form and was sharing top position with the other Cheltenham team for the early part of the season.

Unfortunately our style of play, whilst winning games, would not allow us to be competitive in the finals. Therefore the game plan was altered to encourage all players to hit the ball and not to rely on being balled-to-base. As an aside "hitting" should receive far more attention and the Club should develop some overall programme for junior players next season not leaving it entirely to individual coaches.

During this adjustment period we dropped 2 1/2 games in 3 weeks but from that point we did not lose another game for the season.

During the middle part of the season we also started to lose players due to sickness, accident, holidays etc. but were fortunate to recruit three experienced Cheltenham players. We went into one game with only four of our original ten players. In addition, had it not been for the new players, we would have had to forfeit the first of the finals having only six of the original ten players available for this game.

Having a list of 13 players all positions in the team were keenly contested. It was also pleasing to be able to provide players for the Club's under 16 team. A number of players promoted recorded safe hits and it proved to be valuable experience.

Finishing in third position at the end of the regular games we were drawn to play Dingly in the first final - the loser being eliminated. This game proved to be tight with Cheltenham leading 3 to 1 after 3 innings. The compulsory change of pitchers proved critical with Dingley failing to add to their score. Cheltenham added 3 runs (no outs) before time was called at 11:00 Cheltenham winning 6 to 1.

The Preliminary Final was played against the other Cheltenham team and like the first final this game was very tight early with the score 1 to nil in our favour after 2 innings. Our batters cut loose in the third and added 8 runs. No additional runs were scored and we ran out winners - 9 to nil.

The Grand Final was placed against Moorabbin. We opened aggressively scoring 2 runs in the 1st innings and an additional run in the 3rd to lead 3 to nil. Our batters exploded in the 4th adding 8 runs to put the game beyond doubt. Moorabbin failed to score in the bottom of the 4th and the game was won 11 to nil.

U14 (2) (cont'd)

The aggregate scores for the final series were:

For	=	26
Against	=	1

The team can be rightly proud of their performance.

Junior baseball is not all about winning and we endeavoured (wherever possible) to promote the development of the newer players. It is fair to say that not at any time during the season (including the finals) did we field our best combination. As a minimum each player played at least 1 1/2 of the 3 final games and at least 1/2 of the inter centre final. I understand a number of the newer players have registered for the summer season which of course is most encouraging.

Attendance at practice was only fair with a number of the players having other sport, social or schooling commitments. However, this allowed more attention to be given to the new players and certainly there was a noticeable difference in their performance by the end of the season. Deliberately I have not mentioned any individual players as I would prefer not to individualise. As an example of the performance level, 8 players had batting averages of 400 or over.

Whilst parental support was at times disappointing, the Cheltenham turnout for the Grand Final was very satisfying and no doubt contributed to the team's performance.

In all a most satisfactory season.

Les Beattie

Under 14 (2) Coach 1996

U14 (2) Team List

Derryn Beattie	Ben Haverfield
Steven Vosatka	Daniel Williams
Russell Gilder	Brian Clarke
Ryan Fehily	Steven Cross
Ben Grant	James David
Joel Williamson	Wade Unwin
Luke Paturzo	

M.V.P. - STEVEN VOSATKA

BATTING AWARD - RYAN FEHILY - .667

COACHES AWARD - LUKE PATURZO

Under 12's (1) Report

Our team enjoyed a reasonably successful year, winning 7 out of our 14 games. Most of our players have enjoyed a few seasons of T-Ball, so they had a good knowledge of the rules and fundamentals of playing. They all had a turn at various positions on the field with five of the boys discovering that pitching a wet ball in your first season is not as easy as it might look. During the season it was pleasing to see the team develop into a reasonably tight unit - holding our own against most sides. The boys always had a good attitude towards playing and training which made the season enjoyable for all.

Well done boys!

I want to thank our assistant coach Shaun Charleston for his help with practice and on game days (particularly when I was unable to be there), our scorer Denise Kasperczyk for her help and enthusiasm and the parents who supported us throughout the season.

Kevin Russell

Under 12 (1) Coach 1996

Under 12 (1) Team

Dane Kasperczyk
Andrew Russell
Geoff O'Neill
Antony Gargano
Andrew Gribbin

Luke Kasperczyk
David Olsen
Patrick O'Neill
Daniel Gribbin
Daniel Walton

M.V.P. - LUKE KASPERCZYK

BATTING AWARD - DAVID OLSEN - .421

COACHES AWARD - DANIEL WALTON

GRAND SLAM HOME RUN - DAVID OLSEN

Under 12's (2) Report

Winter '96 was an exciting season for both boys and parents. We started the season with 2 boys who had played baseball, 5 from T-Ball and 3 who had never played before. As you can see we had a very mixed ability team.

As the season progressed we all worked together to improve our skills and through the boys hard work we were able to make the finals. The boys and parents are to be congratulated on their efforts and it was an enjoyable season had by all.

Joe Ferruccio

Under 12 (2) Coach 1996

U12 (2) Team

Darren Barbar
Jason Edward
John Morrison
Stephen Ott
Parami Samarakone

Matthew Boyes
Aaron Ferruccio
Corey O'Gorman
Tom Ince
Andrew Sivell

Representative Players

DBA U12
Darren Barbar

M.V.P. - DARREN BARBAR

BATTING AWARD - AARON FERRUCCIO - .39

COACHES AWARD - JOHN MORRISON

Under 12's (3) Report

Jodie and I took the job as coaches to enable the children to get a fair go at playing, not to spend time on the bench. We had 5 children who came from T-Ball never having played baseball before - Paul, Barry, Michael, Liam and Daniel. Amberley and Erin had played in summer last year. Stuart, Anthony and Ricky had played before.

All the players were keen to learn and all regularly came to training. They tried hard all season and finished in fourth place which was a credit to them. We did not have a pitcher and several players filled the roll during the season, thanks must go to them for their efforts, Amberley, Daniel, Anthony and Stuart.

Our thanks also goes to Steve Williams for coming each week and doing the job as an umpire which is not an easy job to do, especially when his son was playing U14's. Thanks also to parents who gave their support to the children.

Judy Simpson

Under 12 (3) Coach 1996

U12 (3) Team

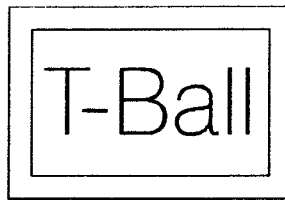
Daniel Gilder
Amberley Williams
Erin Finch
Liam Callery
Paul Houston

Barry Stormont
Ricky Meredith
Michael La Grecca
Anthony La Grecca
Stuart Simpson

Representative Players

DBA U12
Stuart Simpson

M.V.P. - STUART SIMPSON
BATTING AWARD - ANTHONY La GRECCA
COACHES AWARD - BARRY STORMONT



**Cheltenham Redskins
T-Ball Side**

Rebekha Sibenaler
Josh Lawson
Chris Lapa
Chris Rankin
Timothy O'Neill
Matthew Reid

David Iles
Lauren Olsen
Shehan Khan
Jake Sibenaler
James Connolly

Most Valuable Player

Shehan Khan

Batting Award

Lauren Olsen

Coaches Award

Timothy O'Neill

**Cheltenham Marlins
T-Ball Side**

Joel Gregory
Charlie Ince
Russell Ferguson
Daniel Cook
Johnathon Lee
Trent Vanderheiden

Boden Westover
Greg Dack
Lauren Barber
Cameron Dennis
Nick Le Creca
Timothy Sanders

Most Valuable Player

Russell Ferguson

Batting Award

Daniel Cook

Coaches Award

Nick Le Creca

J.R. Trevorah *Memorial Trophy*

1986 Steve Babidge
1988 Terry Reid
1990 Terry Reid
1992 Steve Babidge
1994 Chris Reece
1996 Greg Brown & Darren Smith

1987 Terry Reid
1989 Terry Reid & Steve Babidge
1991 Mika Tossavainen
1993 Terry Reid
1995 Darren Smith

Frank Babidge Snr Memorial Trophy *-Highest Aggregate M.V.P. Votes-*

1992 Andrew Phillips & David Stenhouse
1993 Terry Reid
1995 Darren Smith

1994 David Stenhouse
1996 Darren Brooks

Bob Boyle's Club Coach's Award *-Most Improved-*

1989 Darren Smith
1994 Matthew Gourlay
1996 Ben Ward-Burton

1990 Peter Burnett
1995 Lorne Dennis

Club Champions
1977, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995

Premierships

<u>'A' GRADE</u>	1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 73, 87, 89.
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	1987
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89, 93.
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	1975, 76, 80, 87, 90, 91, 92, 96
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	1989
<u>'E' GRADE</u>	1995
<u>UNDER 18's</u>	1969, 73, 76, 90, 95.

Most Valuable Players (D.B.A.)

'A' GRADE

1971	G. Siddel
1980	L. Hall
1981	L. Hall
1986	T. Reid
1989	D. Clarkson
1990	T. Reid
1994	T. Reid

'A' RESERVE

1983	T. Reid
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'B' GRADE

1981	S. Babidge
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'C' GRADE

1976	F. Babidge Jnr.
1981	F. Babidge Jnr.
1987	P. Innes

'D' GRADE

1989	C. Upfil
1993	D. Stenhouse

Cheltenham Baseball Club Inc.

Life Members

Prahran

1934	L.E. Cheong *
1936	T. Greenwood *
1937	C. Boulton *
1939	J. Lowe *
1940	M. Simpson *
1940	H. Raphael *
1946	J. Middelton *
1947	J.W. Ferguson *
1948	R. Chapman
1949	J. Phillips *
1950	G. Tamblyn
1951	L. Collins
1951	C. Chapman
1951	R. Grime
1951	J. Coulson *
1954	M. Adams *
1954	L. Snare
1955	J. Scott
1957	W. Anderson
1957	J. Wadsworth
1961	B. Bedwell
1961	C. Hyland
1961	W.C. Wale
1961	J.E. Beitzell
1963	G. Lockhart
1966	P. Boulton
1967	H. Fowler *
1968	R. Skinner
1970	G.B. Ainscough
1971	P.R. Finney

Cheltenham

1962	E.E. Knorr *
1963	J.R. Trevorah *
1964	Mrs.M. Knorr
1966	T.G.(Frank) Babidge (S)*
1968	J.E. Upfill
1971	A.H. Burdett
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1981	K.H. Roberts
1982	P.C.(Frank) Babidge (J)*
1983	J.R. Ferguson
1984	A.M. Tanner
1984	S.J. Hogben
1985	M.J.P. Trevorah
1986	P.A. Ferguson
1987	Mrs.B.(Joy) Roberts
1990	S. Jamieson
1992	P.A. Stanford
1992	S.T. Hogben
1992	L.J.P. Hall
1993	Mrs.M.E. Phillips
1994	K.K. Williams
1996	C.J. Anderson

Total : 51

*Deceased