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**Football**

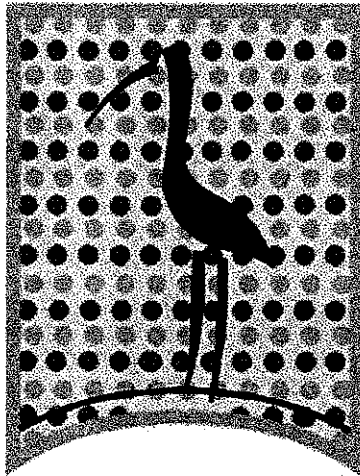
**2001**

**Presentation**

**Night**

**The Stories, Stats and the Season it was.**

**28-09-2001**



**BUNURONG MEMORIAL PARK**

*Where Nature's Beauty Gives Peace of Mind*



# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## LIFE MEMBERS

### PRAHRAN

1934 L.E. Cheong\*  
1936 T. Greenwood\*  
1937 C. Boulton\*  
1939 J. Lowe\*  
1940 M. Simpson\*  
1940 H. Raphael\*  
1946 J. Middleton\*  
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 Snr\*  
1968 J.E. Upfill  
1971 A.H. Burdett  
  
1981 K.H. Roberts  
1982 P.C. (Frank) Babidge Jnr\*  
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. Jamison  
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  
2000 C. Upfill  
2001 S. Babidge

\* DECEASED

TOTAL: 53

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

First of all, Special Thanks goes out to John Wadsworth who brought to this club a real sense of confidence with him and professionalism and how this has shown with all the DBA Grades from A to T-Ball, finishing home and away games 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. My personal thanks to John, who the club has found to become a Good Friend.

Behind the scenes Barry Cochrane who has taken the grounds by the horns and has done a fantastic job, when you get a chance give Baz a pat on the back. To a lot of people this is an expected job that has to be done and does go unappreciated – Well Done Baz!

Another solid performance from Ray and Fay who you can always count on each weekend to be there, not one weekend has been missed and how reliable they both are – Fantastic Ray and Fay and Thank you.

Juniors – WOW what a Year! Our thanks must go out to Katrina O'Neil, Robert, Geoff Patrick and young Timothy who not only help out in Juniors but in any matter, they all lend a hand, no questions asked. How great it is to see parents down at the grounds watching and showing interest in their kid's performances. This year to see so many parents was great. A special mention goes to the coaches of the Juniors. It takes a special person to do this job especially when our own kids are not even playing - so to Mark Lewis, Craig Ballantyne, Fiona Wells, Julie & Joe Turruchio (first timers at the club), Colin Upfil, Brad Lark and Rick Atkins along with Trevor Hodgson and Peter Burdett. The club especially thanks to all of you for your efforts. Not forgetting our Grand finalist – Under 16's and the Under 12's. Just a quick mention to the 16's side this year was one of the best sides I have coached with I have been coaching Juniors since I was 18 years old (now over 35), so I hope that says something special to you all and of those that are going up ... thanks and good luck in the future.

To a few people that have done a great job this season in all areas: Our Dave (Johnno) Johnson, any little or big job needs doing he is the man!! Brad Lark and Rem for the full stock and supply for the canteen every week and Brad for the most patient treasure and a fantastic job well done. Simon Hill who took on the Equipment Job, he has done a great job and we hope he can continue this next year. Noel Hook, Christian Lewis, Stephen Gourlay, Robert Kroll and Geoff Landers who all help around the club. To Tony Dinnie, Matt Gourlay, Colin Upfil and Patrick O'Neil for the clinics and all seniors and parents who umpire the juniors throughout the season.

Another Big Thanks goes to our scorers who are a huge asset to our club. Well done on a fantastic job and keep those Chelt scores up!

On Field performances this year are our most successful ever, well done to the whole club and I would be glad to see you all back next year. Unfortunately our off field performances were not one of our greatest. You need to support your club at the functions and after game nights, if not our subs will sky rocket. This year I will put it down to a turn in cycles, but let us try to get numbers up next year, also for those of you who did come down on Thursday night, thank you and to Rick and Ian for your yummy food. I hope to see it flow over into next year.

Last of all thanks to my family, Pauline, Brandon and Matthew, it takes a lot of time and effort but with patience from my family this has allowed me to carry on doing this job, so a special thanks.

In ending – the strength and growth of this club will only get bigger so be a part of it or expect to be beaten Rustler Style.

Thanks for a great year..  
Yours in Baseball,  
Dave Stenhouse - President

# *Cheltenham Baseball Club*

## **Club Coach Report – 2001 Winter Season**

David Stenhouse called me one fateful day in March and his opening line was "I don't know you John, but I've heard you can help us win a Premiership." He then proceeded (at length) to inform me – of just how good his Club was with a Clubroom full of pennants but sadly lacking success with his firsts (twelve years between drinks is certainly too long for our Stenhouse).

What he obviously needed was some leadership from an "old" baseball head to go about winning a premiership. So what did I know about Cheltenham Baseball Club I asked myself? Well I'd played against them for many years in numerous summer seasons, had a lot of friends and many adversaries within the Club and obviously Cheltenham was a club that should have had more success than its track record indicated.

With many years of coaching behind me I decided to take up the challenge that this job offered. The warm welcome I received (including that bawdy committee shirt that Stenhouse designed) at the first training session on 7 April 2001 would set the precedence for what was to become a great season.

I can honestly say that I would never have predicted the pleasure I would derive from the coaching of Cheltenham throughout this season. Culminating in the success of winning the A grade pennant along with the pride of having so many teams competing in their respective finals. Who would have imagined that five out of our six senior teams would be victorious?

One thing I did learn about the difference between summer and winter ball was that training numbers are definitely affected by the weather conditions (it seems the older you get the more it affects), it must become tougher to push yourself to get out there on those cold wet nights. What I found was that it - certainly sorted the men from the boys. Which in fact I had to do, our first series of training sessions impressed me by the huge number of players who turned up, but as the weather grew colder so did the interests of some of our more senior players!

It was disappointing that many of the other grades did not have players attend regularly weekly training sessions. I understand that people have other commitments but nevertheless training is a necessity and an important process for team and club dynamics (I didn't think I was that hard a task master). But for every negative there is a positive and in this case the positive was the efforts of the A grade Squad. It would be remiss of me not to mention their perseverance and dedication. The squad were all committed to the task ahead of them; they wanted the pennant as much as Stenhouse did. It was Evident by their continued attendance at training sessions come rain hail or shine, where the hard yards were put in by all. These players must be commended upon setting the standards and of being great role models. These boys lead by example!

I must commend the under 16 players for their commitment to training, they turned up in great force all season – there were so many of them that eventually I had to reschedule their training sessions to prior to the seniors just so that I could fit them all in. Many of these players represented Cheltenham in both Junior and Senior games, their capacity to learn was impressive and much appreciated, and these players now have the knowledge and work ethos to step up and become the future of Cheltenham.

My sincere thanks must go to Matty Gourlay for his assistance and his pitching prowess with the under 16 players. Matty was invaluable as an assistant coach and on a number of occasions it was left to Matty to hold the fort he did a great job. A special mention to players Tony Dinnie and Darren Smith for providing much required leadership qualities both on the training track and during our games.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the hard working committee of Cheltenham Baseball Club for the organising of a number of events to raise funds and stage entertainment for the members, families and friends.

To all team captains, scorers, and those who assisted with umpiring duties a big thank you. To the dynamic duo Fay and Ray Costello – great effort folks – love those hotdogs! Uncle Barry who maintained the grounds with expertise and obvious pride – thank you (could you take a look at the third base area please it seems there is a rough patch – so I'm told).

It has been a pleasure to coach Cheltenham over this past season and I feel very indebted to you for inviting me to do so. I have formed some wonderful friendships with you people at Cheltenham that will remain with me forever.

I wish you all the best for the future.

Yours in Baseball

Waddy

John "Waddy" Wadsworth  
21 September 2001

# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## WINTER COMMITTEE 2001

**PRESIDENT**

David Stenhouse

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Jenny Babidge

**SECRETARY**

David Stenhouse

**TREASURER**

Brad Lark

**COMMITTEE**

Junior Coordinator

Katrina O'Neill

Sponsorship

David Stenhouse

Equipment Manager

Simon Hill

Ground Manager

Barry Cochrane

Uniform Manager

Jane Olsen

Bar Manager

Steve & Su Earle

T-Ball Coordinator

Rick Atkins

Newsletter

Geoff O'Neill

Ordinary Members

Trevor Hogben  
Peter Innes  
Mark Lewis  
John Carlile  
Mika Tossavainen  
Karen Smith  
David Johnson  
Trevor Clemens  
Robert Haskings  
Bruce Fitzgerald

**CLUB COACH**

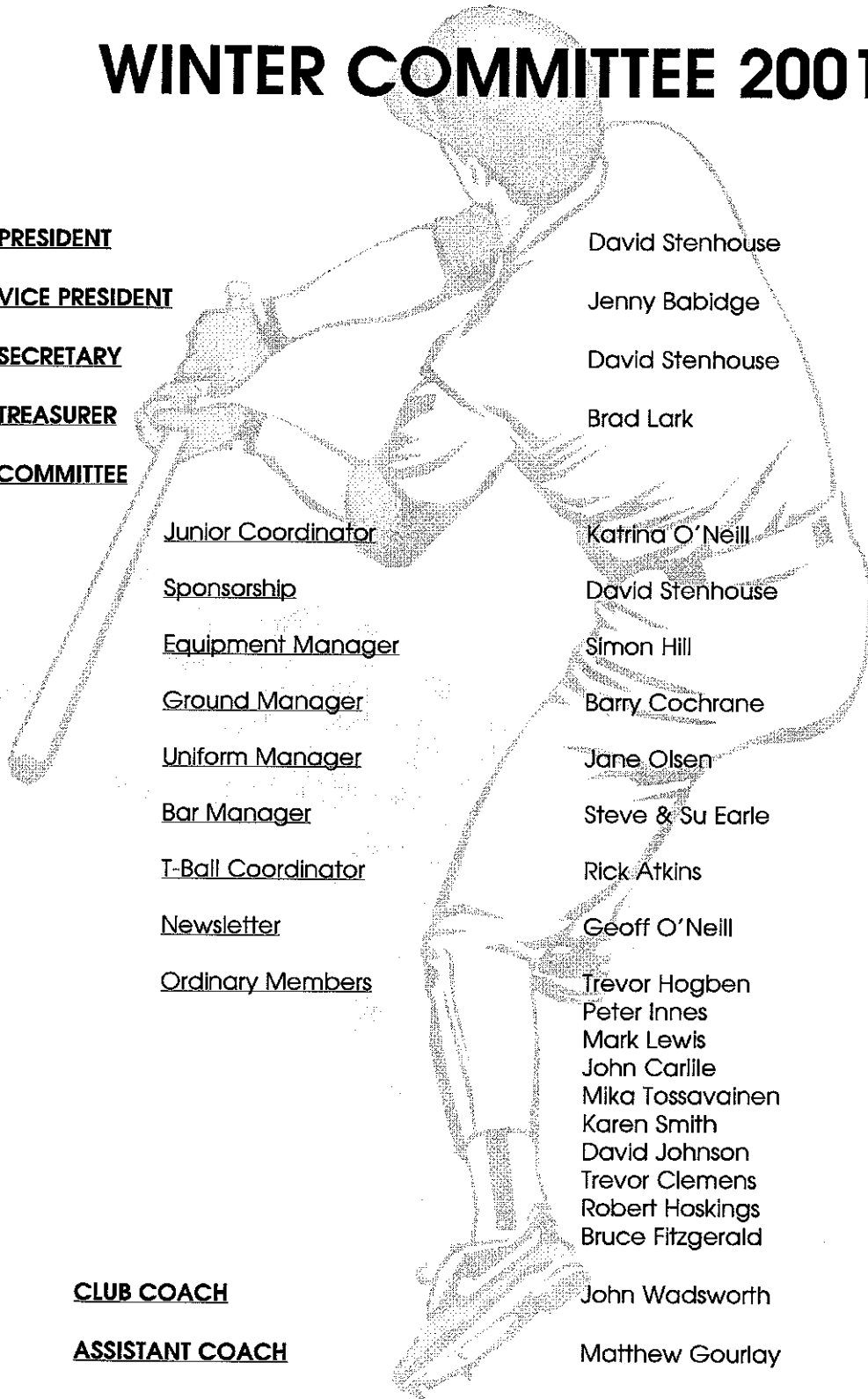
John Wadsworth

**ASSISTANT COACH**

Matthew Gourlay

**CANTEEN MANAGERS**

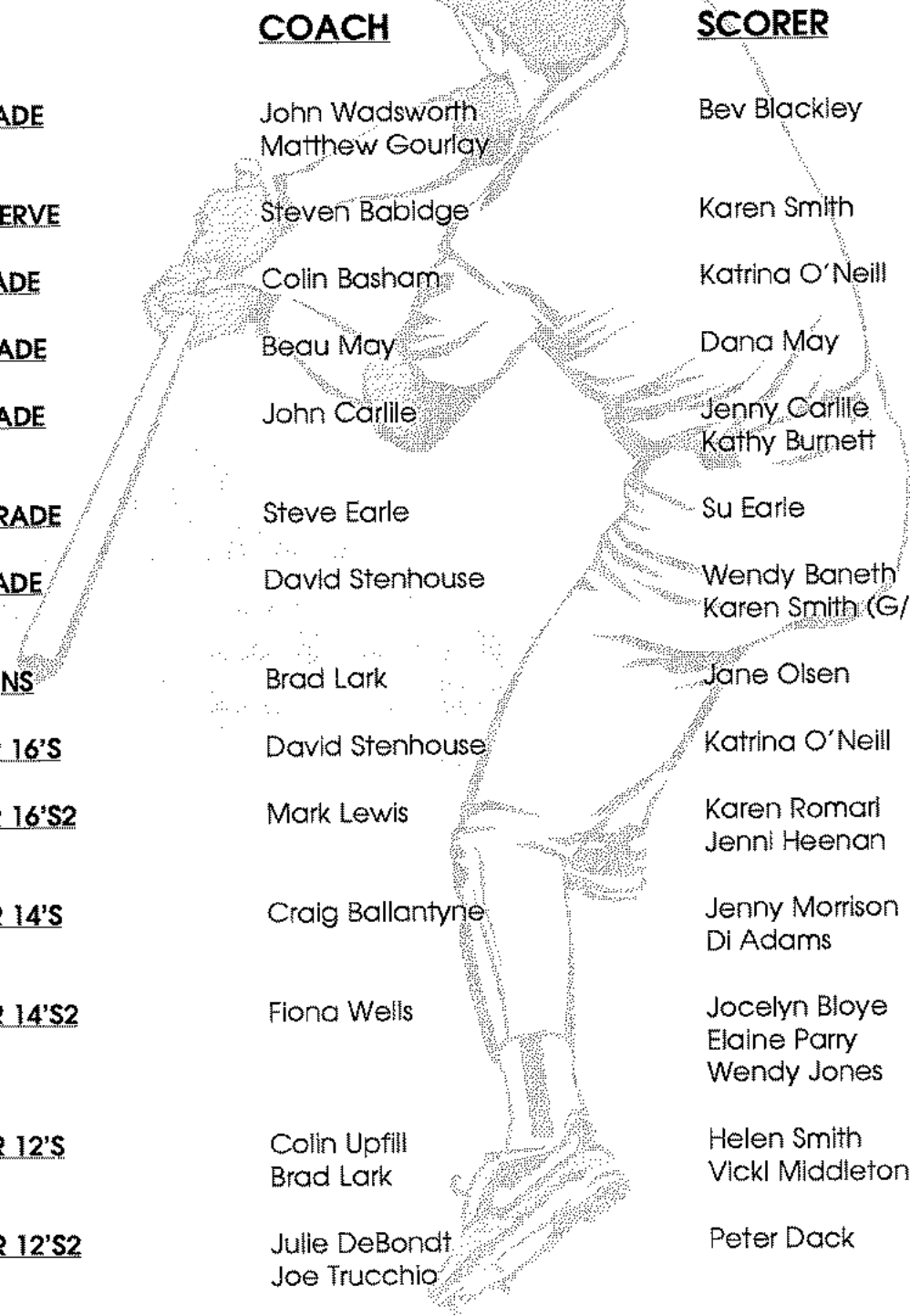
Ray & Faye Costelloe





# TEAM COACHES & SCORERS

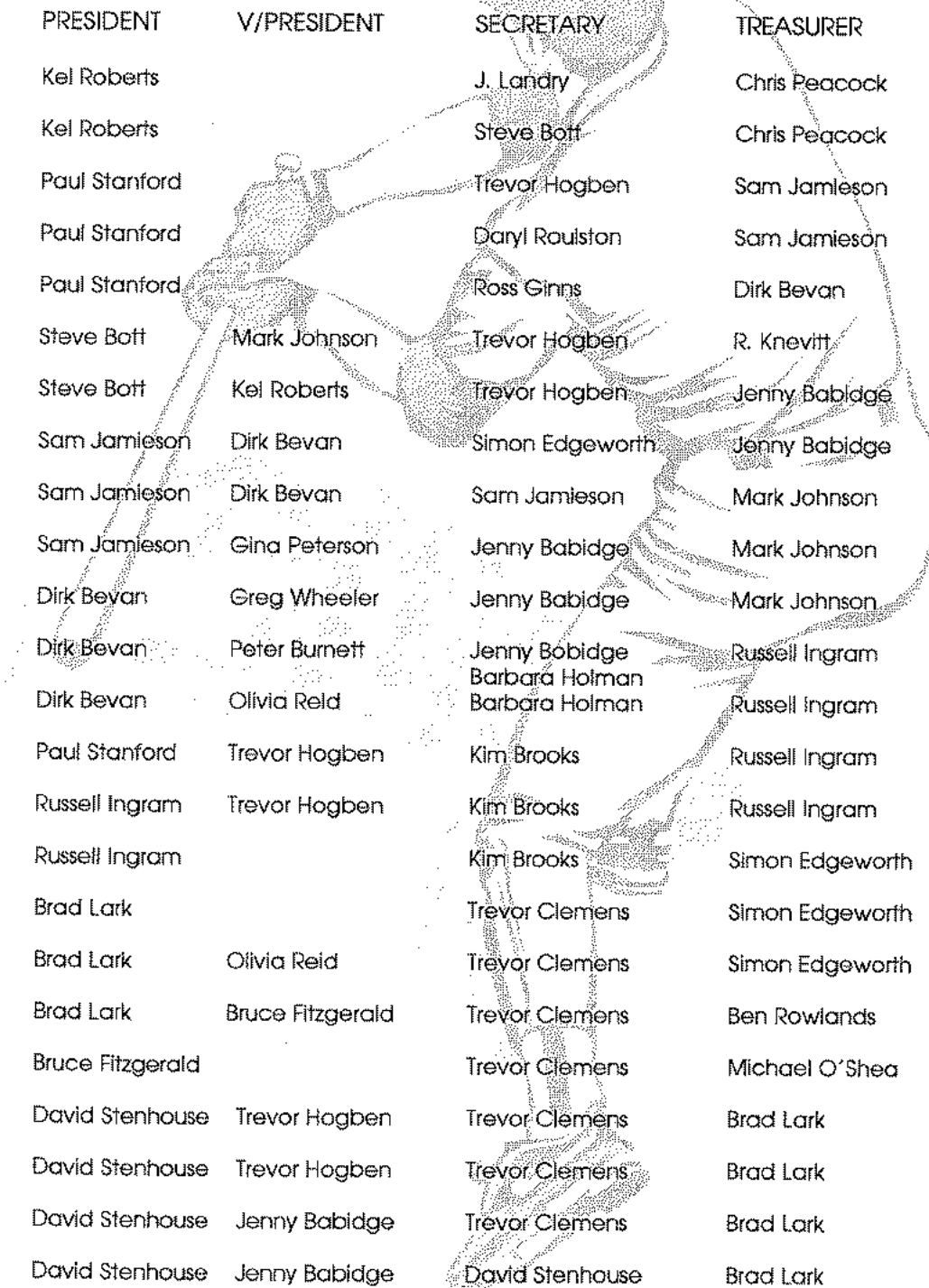
## WINTER 2001



<u>COACH</u>	<u>SCORER</u>
<u>'A' GRADE</u> John Wadsworth Matthew Gourlay	Bev Blackley
<u>'A' RESERVE</u> Steven Babidge	Karen Smith
<u>'B' GRADE</u> Colin Basham	Katrina O'Neill
<u>'C' GRADE</u> Beau May	Dana May
<u>'D' GRADE</u> John Carlile	Jenny Carlile Kathy Burnett
<u>'D2' GRADE</u> Steve Earle	Su Earle
<u>'E' GRADE</u> David Stenhouse	Wendy Baneth Karen Smith (G/F)
<u>WOMENS</u> Brad Lark	Jane Olsen
<u>UNDER 16'S</u> David Stenhouse	Katrina O'Neill
<u>UNDER 16'S2</u> Mark Lewis	Karen Romari Jenni Heenan
<u>UNDER 14'S</u> Craig Ballantyne	Jenny Morrison Di Adams
<u>UNDER 14'S2</u> Fiona Wells	Jocelyn Bloye Elaine Parry Wendy Jones
<u>UNDER 12'S</u> Colin Upfill Brad Lark	Helen Smith Vicki Middleton
<u>UNDER 12'S2</u> Julie DeBondt Joe Trucchio	Peter Dack
<u>T-BALL</u> Rick Atkins Trevor Dodgson (assistant)	Pauline Stenhouse

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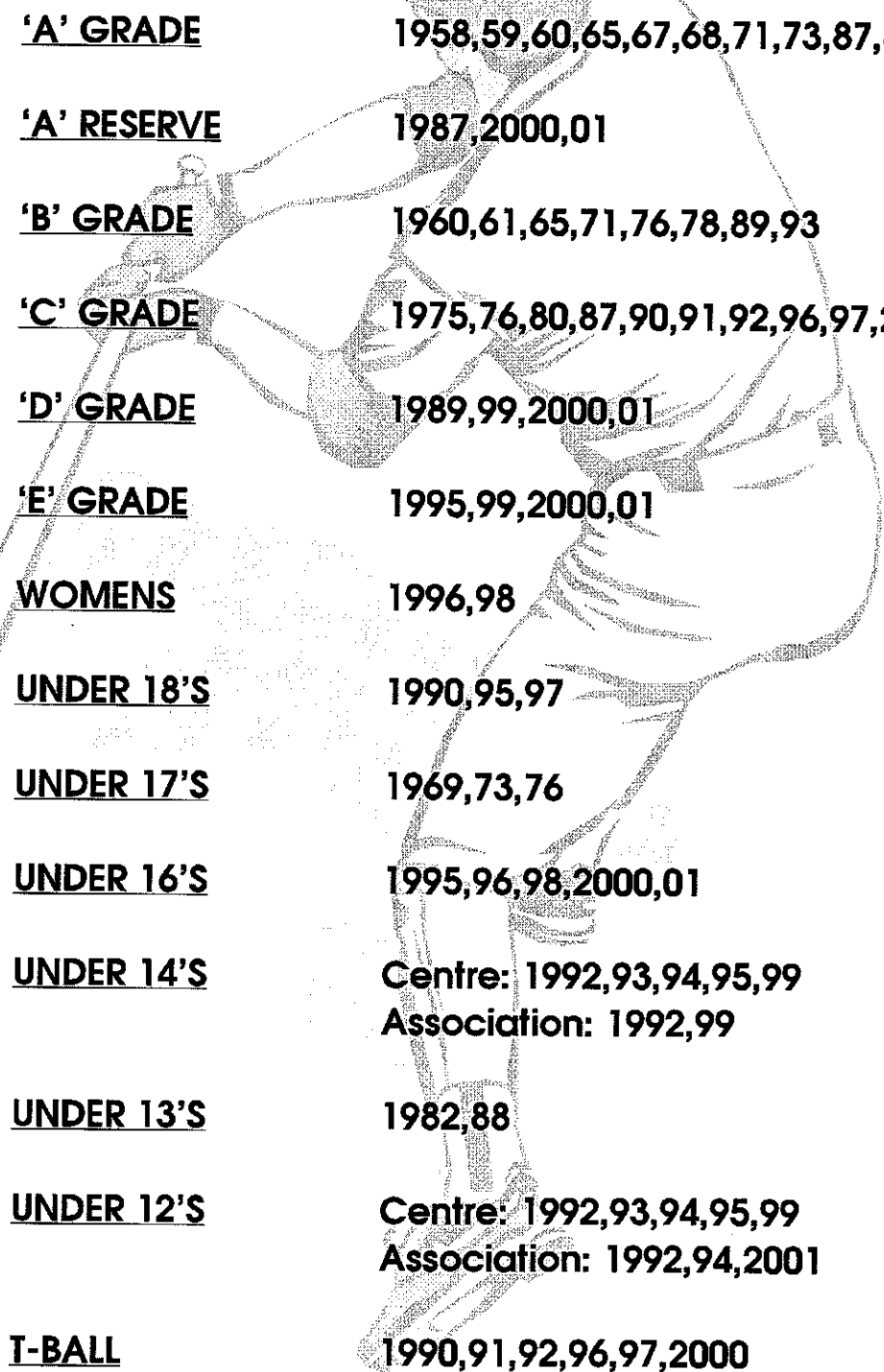
## PAST & PRESENT: WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



DATE	PRESIDENT	V/PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	COACH
1978	Kel Roberts		J. Landry	Chris Peacock	Steve Bott
1979	Kel Roberts		Steve Bott	Chris Peacock	Steve Bott
1980	Paul Stanford		Trevor Hogben	Sam Jamieson	Steve Bott
1981	Paul Stanford		Daryl Roulston	Sam Jamieson	Steve Bott
1982	Paul Stanford		Ross Ginns	Dirk Bevan	Steve Bott
1983	Steve Bott	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben	R. Knevitt	Trevor Hogben
1984	Steve Bott	Kel Roberts	Trevor Hogben	Jenny Babidge	Dave Kettle
1985	Sam Jamieson	Dirk Bevan	Simon Edgeworth	Jenny Babidge	Dave Kettle
1986	Sam Jamieson	Dirk Bevan	Sam Jamieson	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben
1987	Sam Jamieson	Gina Peterson	Jenny Babidge	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben
1988	Dirk Bevan	Greg Wheeler	Jenny Babidge	Mark Johnson	Garry Hicks
1989	Dirk Bevan	Peter Burnett	Jenny Babidge Barbara Holman Barbara Holman	Russell Ingram	David Clarkson
1990	Dirk Bevan	Olivia Reid	Barbara Holman Barbara Holman	Russell Ingram	Don McCannon
1991	Paul Stanford	Trevor Hogben	Kim Brooks	Russell Ingram	David Clarkson
1992	Russell Ingram	Trevor Hogben	Kim Brooks	Russell Ingram	
1993	Russell Ingram		Kim Brooks	Simon Edgeworth	Terry Reid
1994	Brad Lark		Trevor Clemens	Simon Edgeworth	Terry Reid
1995	Brad Lark	Olivia Reid	Trevor Clemens	Simon Edgeworth	Greg Brown
1996	Brad Lark	Bruce Fitzgerald	Trevor Clemens	Ben Rowlands	Greg Brown
1997	Bruce Fitzgerald		Trevor Clemens	Michael O'Shea	Tony Dinnie
1998	David Stenhouse	Trevor Hogben	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
1999	David Stenhouse	Trevor Hogben	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
2000	David Stenhouse	Jenny Babidge	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
2001	David Stenhouse	Jenny Babidge	David Stenhouse	Brad Lark	John Wadsworth

# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## WINTER PREMIERSHIPS



<u>'A' GRADE</u>	1958,59,60,65,67,68,71,73,87,89,2001
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	1987,2000,01
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	1960,61,65,71,76,78,89,93
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	1975,76,80,87,90,91,92,96,97,2001
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	1989,99,2000,01
<u>'E' GRADE</u>	1995,99,2000,01
<u>WOMENS</u>	1996,98
<u>UNDER 18'S</u>	1990,95,97
<u>UNDER 17'S</u>	1969,73,76
<u>UNDER 16'S</u>	1995,96,98,2000,01
<u>UNDER 14'S</u>	Centre: 1992,93,94,95,99 Association: 1992,99
<u>UNDER 13'S</u>	1982,88
<u>UNDER 12'S</u>	Centre: 1992,93,94,95,99 Association: 1992,94,2001
<u>T-BALL</u>	1990,91,92,96,97,2000
<u>JUNIORS</u>	1966

# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## 'A' GRADE PREMIERS 2001 (Winter)

M.V.P. -

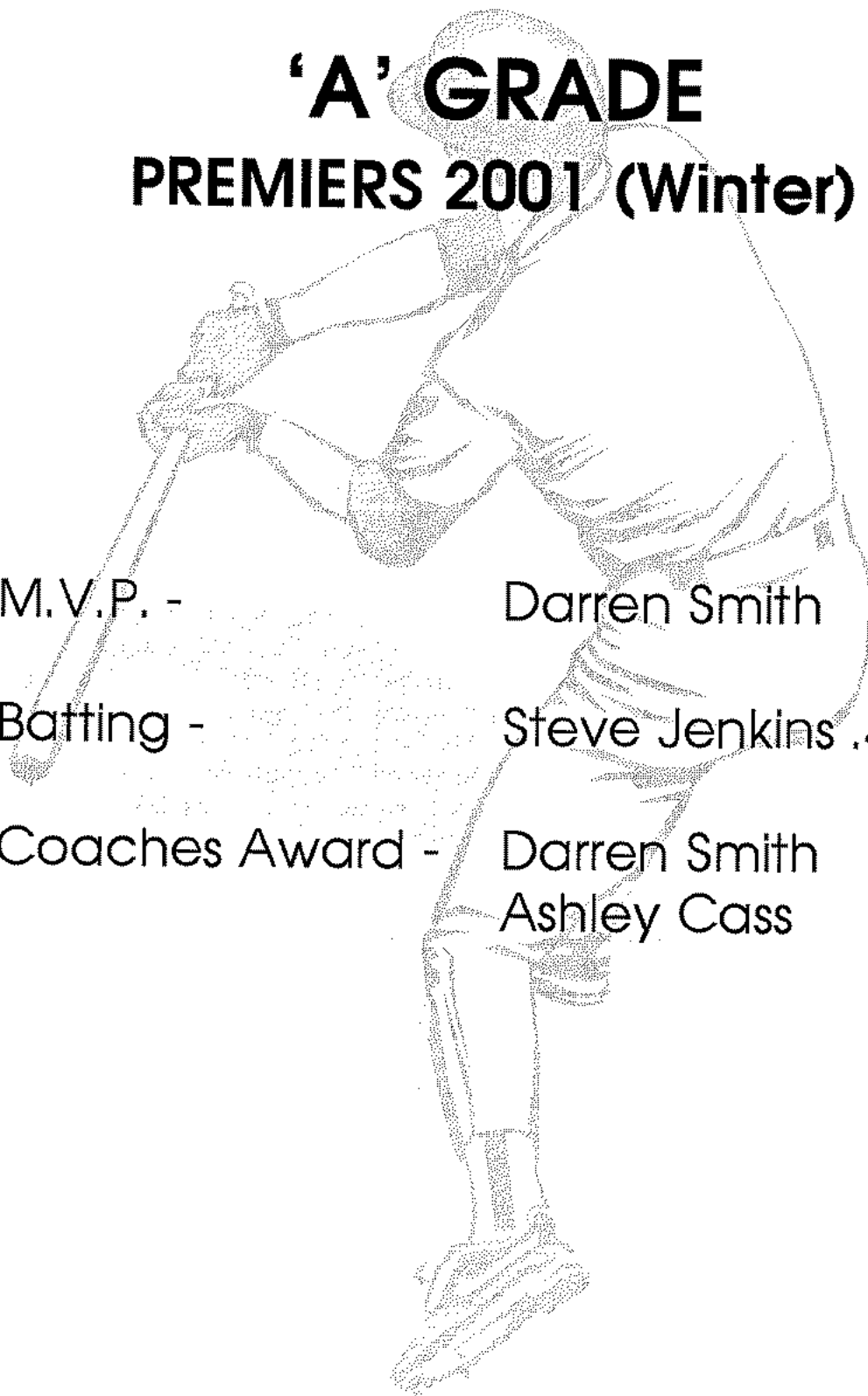
Darren Smith

Batting -

Steve Jenkins .452

Coaches Award -

Darren Smith  
Ashley Cass



## 'A' GRADE REPORT

### A GRADE PREMIERS

That is correct. After twelve years in the baseball wilderness our boys have finally achieved the ultimate goal. We deserved to win this pennant, because we worked the hardest and we had the best-prepared team. Stacked with ability, we also possessed great team balance, with solid back up and players who could adapt to various positions and game situations.

Achieving our goal took a series of methodical steps to get us to and through the finals. We had to win enough games early in the season to give ourself a safe start – which we did. We knew we were to lose our talented young guns to the MLB National Academy and that their absence would mean that the all of other squad players would have to step up and take up the challenge.

We had to call upon a number of players from our A reserve team, these players need to be acknowledged and thanked for their contributions because without them we would not have been able to field a team of such a high competitive quality. The players who so competently assisted were: Mika Tossavainen, Ian Nolan, Matty Stewart, and Rick Atkins.

The success of the A grade ball club was brought about by a great mix of new players to the club together coupled with many who had been around for a number of years. The new players to the Cheltenham Club were:

**Ashley Cass** - Ashley held down the key position of shortstop. Ashley's performance in the grand final where he was the difference between winning and losing indicated his value to the team throughout the year.

**Anthony Reinke** - provided the necessary defensive and offensive performances at third base for much of the season; unfortunately a broken wrist in the World Youth Championships in August ended his season earlier than anyone would have wanted.

**Joe Trucchio** - Joe was another most valuable new player to the Club; he was instrumental in providing the necessary pitching backup in relief. Joe shut down the opposition on many important occasions none of which were more important than the two final games against Frankston.

**Steve Jenkins** - a baseball stalwart of considerable talent and versatility also joined us and proved to be a vital acquisition to our defence whereby he controlled our young pitching staff as well as demonstrating his great catching skills. His ability to hit consistently and drive in runs was confirmed with him having the highest team batting average this season.

The remainder of players listed below are players who have represented this great club on previous occasions, they were:

**Adam "Pugs" Blackley** - an outstanding left-handed pitcher who dominated the opposition on a number of occasions. Adam was considered our number one starter and displayed a very good command of all of his pitches. Adam displayed the ability to be able to throw a strike with any pitch at anytime in the count. In most cases the good start given to us by Adam allowed us to walk away victorious.

**Matty Gourlay** - our regular brilliant centre fielder who ran everything down in the outfield whilst also providing power in the batting box. His return to the mound was a timely bonus for us as a team, when we had lost our two main pitchers to the MLB National Academy. Matty demonstrated his ability to pitch; it was evident to all that he still had the skills and was able to shut down a number of teams on important games.

**Marko Tossavainen** - was our spare parts man who performed many roles for the sake of the team. Pitching, outfield or in the DH spot, Marko would always do whatever was required for the benefit of the team, and to his credit he finished off the season in style with his timely homerun in the grand final.

**Darren Smith** - a coach's dream Darren is a no frills proven performer who will, more times than not, win the game for you off his own bat. Ten towering home runs this year and great leadership qualities showing how it should be done sums up Darren's year. Well done.

**Tony Dinnie** - played great second base and combined with Ashley Cass in turning some very important double plays. His hitting in the number two spot was well handled and assisted greatly in putting runners into scoring positions when needed.

**Ben Wenke** - had a solid season and demonstrated fine outfield defence when he attacked the ball and made a number of fine throws to base. Ben hit well all year and had a great outing against Frankston in the first semi final.

**Chris Wiltshire** - when batting Chris showed glimpses of his last year's summer league form. Chris demonstrated fine outfield skills, which complemented the team's excellent defence.

**Daniel Williams-** played a number of brilliant games in both defence and whilst batting. Daniel's speed on the base paths was a plus for the team as was his versatility. His willingness to come in and play third base so competently throughout the finals after Reinke was injured was appreciated by the whole team.

**Rohan Brasher-** returned from overseas and helped out the "old " team when we needed a player of Rohan's talent. Brash can do it all and he is such a compact exciting player who contributed much to our push into the finals.

Our support staff did a fantastic job throughout the year, a big thank-you to you all for jobs well done. Not wishing to forget anyone in this regard, I would like to highlight the following people who typify the great contributors to this club:

**Barry Cochrane-** provided the club with first class diamonds to play on. The fantastic presentation of Cheltenham's grounds is a testament to Barry's hard work and pride in the club.

**Bev Blackley** – scored most competently for the team and provided me with valuable statistics and comfort knowing that this important part of the team's requirements was so methodically being handled. Sincere thanks Bev for a job well done.

**Karen Smith** - substituted in scoring a number of games when Bev was overseas. Thanks Karen you did a great job.

In conclusion allow me to personally thank the A grade squad players. This group of dedicated men who carried such a huge responsibility in representing Cheltenham Baseball Club at the top level of our great game. These players have worked hard all season and have been formed into a team of great ability.

The ultimate prize has been won, and all Cheltenham committee members, supporters, and players should rightly be proud.

You should never just think of the glory of winning this prestigious honour without remembering the fine group of players who dedicated themselves to the cause and made it happen. Guys we are all very proud of you; none more so than I – thanks for the honour of coaching you it has been great

Hoping to see you all around baseball diamonds in the future.

Waddy

## 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Batting Averages – 'A' Grade

NAME	GAMES PLAYED	A.B	H.	BATTING AVERAGES
Ashley Cass	13	46	14	.304
Darren Smith	14	57	25	.439
Steve Jenkins	11	42	19	.452
Matthew Gourlay	13	46	14	.304
Anthony Reinke	8	23	9	.391
Tony Dinnie	11	40	12	.300
Ben Wenke	12	42	13	.310
Rohan Brasher	4	19	7	.368
Daniel Williams	5	21	7	.333
Marko Tossavainen	13	45	11	.244
Chris Wiltshire	12	42	9	.214
Adam Blackley	8	6	2	.333
Joe Trucchio	7	5	0	.000



Votes

<b>VOTES</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>R4</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>R6</b>	<b>R7</b>	<b>R8</b>	<b>R9</b>	<b>R10R</b>	<b>R11R</b>	<b>R12R</b>	<b>R13R</b>	<b>R14R</b>	<b>R15R</b>	<b>R16R</b>	<b>R17R</b>	<b>R18</b>	<b>Total</b>
Micka Tossavainen											1								1
Adam Blackley	3	3		2		2													10
Chris Wiltshire	2										3								5
Ben Wenke	1							2			2								7
Daniel Williams		2																	2
Tony Dinnie		1		1															2
Matthew Gourlay				3		1		1				3	2	3					13
Marko Tossavainen					3					3									6
Darren Smith							2	2	1			3	3	1				2	14
Joe Trucchio					2				3								3		8
Anthony Renke					1		1												2
Steve Jenkins						3		3						3	2				11
Ashley Cass										1		1	1					1	4
Rohan Brasher							3												3

## 'A' RESERVES REPORT

By Steven Babidge

### **Back to Back!!!!**

It was with a certain level of inner anxiety that I began season 2001. I'm sure the team felt a certain amount of pressure and expectation; winning in 2000 was something we hoped to repeat this year.

**And Yes "Winners are Grinners"**. We took the field with basically the same team as the year before, and it was clear from the beginning the boys were hungry for another flag. A couple of our Seasoned players, Ian Nolan and Mark Lewis, took on Leadership roles and were the consistent performers in the team. Noles showed some skill as a pitcher this year, Lewi once again gritted his teeth and survived the season behind the plate and finished the season with his lowest injury count to date.

Stephen Gourlay played an all round solid season with an exceptional pitching performance in the Grand Final.

The infield - What can I say - I had a "Colonel" with "Tips", "Boosies" and a little "Dick"!!! (No offence meant Rick; I had to find something that went with the other three) Anyway, these guys were solid infielders all year remaining firm under pressure.

Noles, Matty and Kroly had a great season in the outfield and solid hitting performances. Michael Krol showed that he could step up from the Junior level to play some good ball at Senior level.

Milka was a reliable and dependable utility player who played in just about every position throughout the season. His hitting was outstanding and his fielding solid. He basically filled the role of assistant coach and his baseball knowledge was invaluable throughout the season.

Thanks to Brownie for his contribution to the team, and Ants for his team performance, especially in the finals series.

Without the reliable support of our wonderful scorer Karen, I would not be able to give the votes. Thanks for scoring this year for us!

Thanks also to all the other guys who played with the Reserves throughout the season. Your contribution was appreciated.

Lastly, thanks to Waddy for his baseball knowledge input and his outstanding contribution to Chelt for the best season performance the Club has ever known!

See ya next year!

Babs - Coach

## 1,2,3 Votes for A-Reserve Season '01

Atkins, Rick	3	3
Babidge, Steve	1 2 2	5
Ballentyne, Craig	1 3	4
Brown, Greg	3 2	5
Gourlay, Stephen	2 1 2 1	6
Hudson, Michael		
Kavanagh, Steve	1 3 1 2	7
Krol, Michael	2	2
Lewis, Christian	3 3	6
Lewis, Mark	1 2	3
Nolan, Ian	1 3 3 3 1	11
Sanders, Glenn	3 2 1 3 2 1 1 3 2 1	19
Smith, Anthony		
Stewart, Matthew	2 2 1 2	7
Tossavainen, Mika	2 2 3 3 3 3	16
Wenke, Ben		
Williams, Daniel		
Wiltshire, Chris	2 1	3
Johnson, David		
Kavanagh, Brett	1	1

**VOTES:**

MVP:-

GLENN SANDERS

BATTING: -

GLENN SANDERS - .567

COACHES AWARD: -

RICK ATKINS

## 'B' GRADE REPORT

Firstly let me on behalf of the B Grade team congratulate all the other teams on their premierships wins and to Dave Stenhouse and the committee for the hard work that they have put in to allow this to be possible.

Well where do I start? Well we finished the home and away 13 – 5 in second place on the ladder with the best percentage. We had a team batting average of .366 with 7 over .400. Unfortunately our bats started to die away toward the end of the year and allot was being left to too few.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi we played Frankston for the 4<sup>th</sup> time for the year at their ground. Bottom 8 leading 9 – 6 only to have a grand slam put them back in front. We scored 2 in the 9<sup>th</sup> but unfortunately so did they. Final score 12 – 11 down. Stand out performances from Craig Ballantyne 3 home runs, Ernie and Daniel for their pitching.

We travelled to Dingley for the preliminary final to paly against Dingley B. coming off a 10 run defeat last time we meet. The highlights being Ernie going 7 1/3 on the mound with Daniel Ward Burton closing them out for a 9 – 5 win.

Now for the big one. Well it was not to be our day. We trailed from the start and only get further behind. For most of the year it had been our defence that held us together not so today. We made 6 errors. Allowed 11 walks and were out hit 14 to 7. In the end we were outplayed in every facet of the game by a team that we had not beaten for the year 22 – 8. (No we did not all go and wipe ourselves off the night before as has been suggested by some)

In closing I would like to thank Katrina O'Neill for scoring for the year and all the players that played in B Grade for the effort and support that they put in through out the year. From Ernie, Daniel and Craig heading up the pitching, Pat behind the plate, around to Peter, Yogi and Dicko in the infield and out to Robbie, Leechy and Obie controlling the outfield. We became a fairly close group sharing many highlights throughout the year. Such things as Red Boots Robbie and Jelly's Grand Slams. Dicko hitting Ernie on the chest when he asked for it (I mean Literally). Drinking the slab at the weighbridge after the Pakenham game. Subs Willo finally paying up. 4 trips to Frankston and 2 to Monash.

Anyway thanks again and we will go one better next year.

Colin Basham – Coach

NAME	BATT GAMES AVG. PLAYED														SB	LOB	
	P.A.	A.B.	R	H	1	2	3	H.R.	R.B.I	S.A.B	S.A.F	BB	HPB	K			
Colin Basham	.455	16	77	66	27	30	23	4	2	1	24	4	3		2	13	5
Craig Ballantyne	.551	10	55	49	21	27	16	8		3	32		3		1	6	9
Peter Burdett	.447	10	46	38	17	17	9	6	2		8		4	1	4	9	7
Brett Dickson	.437	10	40	32	14	14	12	1		1	12	1	6		3	3	7
Peter Innes	.277	16	73	54	17	15	13	2			5		11	2	12	3	9
Robert Hoskings	.451	14	66	51	26	23	16	4	2	1	19	1	8	2	2	12	6
Adam Leech	.409	15	70	66	22	27	18	4	2	3	30		3		4	10	9
David Olsen	.372	12	52	43	17	16	11	2		3	13		9			3	9
Russell Osborne	.404	14	56	47	18	19	14	4	4	1	10	1	4	2	3	2	9
Patrick O'Neill	.300	14	66	50	15	15	13	1		1	17	3	5	4	5	9	7
Daniel Wardburton	.146	11	51	48	12	7	4	3			7		1	1	13	2	3
David Wilson	.150	6	24	20	7	3		3			4		3		1	4	6

<u>Players:</u>	<u>Games:</u>	<u>Batting Averages:</u>
Calin Basham	16	.455
Russell Osborne	14	.404
Craig Ballantyne	10	.551
Peter Burdett	10	.447
Brett Dickson	10	.437
Peter Innes	16	.277
Robert Hoskings	14	.451
Adam Leech	15	.409
Patrick O'Neill	14	.300
David Olsen	12	.372
Daniel Wardburton	11	.146
David Wilson	6	.150
David Johnston	2	
Craig Scheller	3	
Matthew Stewart	1	
Trevar Hagben	2	
Tony Dinnie	1	
Glen Sanders	1	
Michael Krol	1	
Christopher Hook	1	
Christian Lewis	1	

CRAIG BALLANTYNE – GRAND SLAM V'S DINGLEY A – 19. 5. 2001

ROBERT HOSKING – GRAND SLAM V'S PAKENHAM – 25. 8. 2001

### Votes:

MVP: - CRAIG BALLANTYNE  
 BATTING: - CRAIG BALLANTYNE - .551  
 COACHES AWARD: - ADAM LEECH - .409

Votes

<b>VOIES</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>R4</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>R6</b>	<b>R7</b>	<b>R8</b>	<b>R9</b>	<b>R10</b>	<b>R11</b>	<b>R12</b>	<b>R13</b>	<b>R14</b>	<b>R15</b>	<b>R16</b>	<b>R17</b>	<b>R18</b>	<b>Total</b>
Pefer Innes		3	3		2		3			1		1		2			1		15
Matthew Stewart		2																	2
Patrick O'Neill		1	1		1							1	1					1	6
Christian Lewis			2																2
Dave Olsen				3					2										5
Adam Leech				2		1				3	2	2			1			2	13
Craig Ballantyne					3			3					3			3	2	3	18
Daniel Wardburton						3			2	3		3							11
Russell O'Boerne						2				2					2				6
Colin Basham							2	1			1	3				3			12
Peter Burdett							1	2											2
Brett Dickson				1					3										4
Robert Hoskings									1										1

## 'C' GRADE REPORT

This was the first year that I've coached a senior men's team at Cheltenham and it was also a season that saw the introduction of five players to baseball from a softball background. Many of these players had filled in prior to this season but this year the responsibility of key positions were placed in their hands. As a result a team of highly skilled and very enthusiastic players emerged. Add to this the experience and talent of long term players and dedicated club members and you have a near unbeatable unit.

Each and every player in this team performed at such a high level and showed so much consistent skill that selecting a player for votes each week was quite a task. This job was left up to our three fantastic and ever reliable scorers and stats personnel, Dana, Leanne and Jen. The Best and Fairest award goes to Ricky Wheeler, who in his first ever baseball season, pitched in every game of the year and pitched a winning Grand Final. The ever consistent and reliable Brad Lark wins the Batting Award with an average of .482. The Coaches Award goes to Daniel Mullet who was unstoppable at short.

Finally I would like to thank every member of the Cheltenham Baseball Club who went out of their way to welcome a team of new players. Every one of the softball players has commented on how welcome they were made to feel. How friendly and open the club is and every player intends to return next season.

Thank you

Beau May - Coach

### Players:

Ricky Wheeler  
Matthew Punteri  
Beau May  
Mark Scammell  
Aaran Kagtevs  
Brad Lark  
David Jahnsan  
Daniel Mullet  
Mathew Capins  
Michael Hudson  
Richard Lander

### Votes:

MVP: - RICKY WHEELER  
BATTING: - BRAD LARK .482  
COACHES AWARD: - DANIEL MULLET



## 'D' GRADE REPORT

D Grade old fellos had another great year winning our 3<sup>rd</sup> straight flag & losing only 2 games through the year. There were many highlights, the add law one & some strange ones. In all 27 players were required to get this team to a Grand Final – thanks to you all.

The recruiting by Carlile of one young life member in Trevor Hagben. His power hitting & 506 average proved him a worthy winner of our botting trophy. To add to this Trev had not played in a premiership since the 80's.

Peter Burnett's at times unhittable pitching held us together when we were not playing well. (More often than most would think). A deserved winner of our MVP.

John Ferg's 3<sup>rd</sup> base play. His game against Oakleigh fixed them up & a stellar performance in the GF will be treasured memories.

Lowlight would have to be TC breaking his arm that prevented Trev from playing the finals. (Didn't stop him from putting on a uniform & helping the team though).

Cuppy pitches to catcher Pete Burnett right where he wants it to strike out the hitter. Pete throws the ball down, runs to the dug out for side away & looking for appropriate high fives. Only problem na one fallowed. Even with the much-lauded strike out there was still only one down!

We'd heard of batting out of order but this one had us puzzled. When trying to work out what had gone wrong, it come to light that TC had not batted at all! The pitching must have been pretty good that day.

I ran 3 bases to Holls 2 on one of his hits. I always knew I was quicker.

This has been a wonderful team to be in charge of & it has been an honour. Thanks JC I appreciate the opportunity. In relative terms, a better team I have never played in.

Thanks to our scorers in Jenny, Mandy & Cothy.

Congratulations to Dave & the committee on the clubs achievements particularly the A grade premiership. When our firsts wan it proved the club is the best of the best.

Key Williams - Manager.

### VOTES:

MVP: -	PETER BURNETT
BATTING: -	TREVOR HOGBEN - .625
COACHES AWARD: -	DANIEL McLEAN

Votes

VOIES	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	Total
Bruce Fitzgerald													1	1		3	2	7	
Trevor Clemens								1										1	
Lance Blackley			1															1	
Peter Burnett	3				2	2	3	3					3	3		2		21	
John Carlile								2										2	
Trevor Hogben				1			3		2			2					3	11	
Marty Lyons			3						3	3								9	
Peter Burdett						1												1	
Trevor Dodgson																		0	
Shane Valenti	1							2										3	
Laurie Hall						3					2							5	
Simon McLean					1						1			2				4	
Kevin Williams	1		3						1			3						8	
Colin Uphill	2	3		2	3				1				2		2	1	1	17	
Daniel McLean								1										1	
Richard Lander							2											2	
John Ferguson			2												3			6	
Steve Williams											3							5	
Mark Baneth			2															0	
Greg Blasket							1								1			2	
Peter Innes																		0	
Arron Ferruccio																		0	
Chris Reece																		0	
Matthew Coppins										2								2	
Chris Hook																		0	
Craig Scheller																		0	
Kath Douglas																		0	
Check	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

## Batting Average

	<u>Games</u>	<u>Plate</u> <u>Apperances</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Votes</u>
<b>Bruce Fitzgerald</b>						
Home & Away	13	61	60	26	0.433	
Finals	2	10	10	7	0.700	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0.471</b>	
<b>Trevor Clemens</b>						
Home & Away	9	45	31	7	0.226	
Finals	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.226</b>	
<b>Lance Blackley</b>						
Home & Away	3	5	4	1	0.250	
Finals	2	1	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.250</b>	
<b>Peter Burnett</b>						
Home & Away	15	77	64	29	0.453	
Finals	2	11	10	4	0.400	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0.446</b>	
<b>John Carfile</b>						
Home & Away	15	78	59	24	0.407	
Finals	2	11	9	4	0.444	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.412</b>	
<b>Trevor Hogben</b>						
Home & Away	16	87	69	34	0.493	
Finals	2	11	8	5	0.625	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0.506</b>	
<b>Marty Lyons</b>						
Home & Away	3	12	10	8	0.800	
Finals	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.800</b>	
<b>Peter Burdett</b>						
Home & Away	3	16	14	6	0.429	
Finals	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.429</b>	
<b>Trevor Dodgson</b>						
Home & Away	1	1	0	0	#DIV/0!	
Finals	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	
<b>Shane Valenti</b>						
Home & Away	7	22	21	3	0.143	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.143</b>	
<b>Laurie Hall</b>						
Home & Away	10	53	44	16	0.364	
Finals	2	11	10	4	0.400	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.370</b>	
<b>Simon McLean</b>						
Home & Away	13	56	48	12	0.250	
Finals	2	9	9	2	0.222	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.246</b>	
<b>Kevin Williams</b>						
Home & Away	15	67	51	24	0.471	
Finals	2	11	10	6	0.600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.492</b>	

**Batting Average**

	<u>Games</u>	<u>Plate</u> <u>Apperances</u>	<u>At Bats</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Votes</u>
<b>Colin Uphill</b>						
Home & Away	15	74	64	23	0.359	
Finals	2	11	11	3	0.273	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0.347</b>	
<b>Daniel McLean</b>						
Home & Away	11	29	25	6	0.240	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.240</b>	
<b>Richard Lander</b>						
Home & Away	5	17	15	5	0.333	
Finals	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.333</b>	
<b>John Ferguson</b>						
Home & Away	14	62	51	22	0.431	
Finals	2	10	7	3	0.429	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0.431</b>	
<b>Steve Williams</b>						
Home & Away	6	22	21	11	0.524	
Finals	2	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.524</b>	
<b>Mark Baneth</b>						
Home & Away	2	7	6	1	0.167	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.167</b>	
<b>Greg Blasket</b>						
Home & Away	6	24	19	7	0.368	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.368</b>	
<b>Peter Innes</b>						
Home & Away	1	1	0	0	#DIV/0!	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	
<b>Arron Ferruccio</b>						
Home & Away	1	1	1	0	0.000	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.000</b>	
<b>Chris Reece</b>						
Home & Away	1	2	2	1	0.500	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.500</b>	
<b>Matthew Coppins</b>						
Home & Away	1	5	3	2	0.667	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.667</b>	
<b>Chris Hook</b>						
Home & Away	1	3	3	1	0.333	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.333</b>	
<b>Craig Scheller</b>						
Home & Away	1	3	3	2	0.667	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.667</b>	
<b>Kath Douglas</b>						
Home & Away	1	4	3	0	0.000	
Finals	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.000</b>	

## 'D' 2 GRADE REPORT (Cricketers)

Well, where do I start? Should I begin with an apology to the rest of the club for not making the finals or by accepting a change of name from the cricketers to the Black Sheep? I may just start and finish by summarising our season. The beginning was not an auspicious one and the end was just plain ugly. Is there any need for more?

The year 2001 season saw us playing out of our weight division not that you would have known looking at the lies of Barney, Nicho, Joey & Co. The decision to play in D Grade was made due to the fact we had won the previous 2 years E grade Flags and the thought that Crampy's arm & heart would hold our. (Guess I'm not paid to think).

After just the one win from our 1<sup>st</sup> 5 or 6 games we were always facing an up hill battle to reach the finals let alone win the flag yet somehow with 3 games to go we found ourselves in 4<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder. Even though we failed to capitalise on our mid season form and missed out on the finals, everyone should take a little pride out of our mid season form and show of heart. During this period we managed to beat Oakleigh (2<sup>nd</sup>), beat Dandenong (4<sup>th</sup>) and draw with Mornington (3<sup>rd</sup>). Maybe next year with a pitcher of 2 a better result might not be out of reach. Any pitchers or for that matter Melbourne Bitter drinkers our there interested just remember I'll be out there willing to poach or make vain promises.

I am not going to mention all the names from this year but would like to make special mention of a couple. The 1<sup>st</sup> is Damian Horler (Dimma). It was dimmas 1<sup>st</sup> full season this year and even though it seemed that he had the WHY K2 bug on his mind, he showed enough that we may have a new catcher in the making and with his early batting form 500 after 4 games another slogger in the team.

Secondly on behalf of the whole team, I would like to thank Derryn Beattie for his efforts the whole year. He had an exceptional year in right field and managed to show most up with the bat at some stage or another. If numbers allow next year we would be more than happy to have you back.

There will be talk of what grade we should be in next year, with the boys probably winning out and us going back to E grade for our last hurrah but guys.. Wouldn't it be nice to find a pitcher or 2 and give them old fellas a run for their money? By the way - congrats to the D 1's on their flag and to all the other sides on the successful seasons they had.

Finally on behalf of the whole team I'd like to thank Su for her efforts with the scorebook again. You're our No. 1.

Steve Earle - Coach

### VOTES:

MVP: - ANDREW NICHOLLS

BATTING: - DAVID HEWITSON - .569

COACHES AWARD: - DERRYN BETTIE

Votes

<b>VOIES</b>	<b>Baff. Avg</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>R4</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>R6</b>	<b>R7</b>	<b>R8</b>	<b>R9</b>	<b>R10</b>	<b>R11</b>	<b>R12</b>	<b>R13</b>	<b>R14</b>	<b>R15</b>	<b>R16</b>	<b>R17</b>	<b>R18</b>	<b>Total</b>
David Hewitson	0.569					2				3	1	3	2					3		14
Stephen Cramp	0.231			2	1	1				2	3	2	3				3			20
Chris Murphy	0.500		3		3	3	1	1	1		1				1					14
Andrew Nicholls	0.476	3	1	3			3	2	2			1	1	3	2	1				22
Stephen Earle	0.438											2		1	2					5
Peter Connolly	0.418		2											3			2	2		9
Derryn Beattie	0.415				2				1										3	3
Mick O'Shea	0.412																		3	3
Brendan O'Leary	0.380																1			2
Joseph Reilly	0.372						3							2						5
Martin Mulcahy	0.333			1				2										1	6	6
Damian Horler	0.280					2														2
Marty Lyons								3												3
Check		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	3	6	6	6	6	6	6

## 'E' GRADE REPORT

The dirt wassa swirling, the wind wassa howling, for the Rustler E's were coming to town.

Though we started late, we binded together, we had B's, D's and Under 16's, straight away we were the force, going to the top was our course.

With out Milky Bar Kids others were doomed. If we're behind then never mind, because Rustlers are tough and bloody rough.

With the dusty few, we held our own but the kids were the ones.

We flew to the final top and never looked back. When it was the last final stand only one would be in command.

We were slow but only at the start cause when we fired, we sailed on pass, leaving them in our wake we had our cake: - WE FLEW THE FLAG.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE AND ALL**

Yours in Baseball  
Dave Stenhouse - Coach

#### **Players Name:**

Simon Hill  
Bryce Marshall  
Martin Lyons  
Shane Valenti  
Craig Scheller  
Patrick DiSiervi  
Mark Baneth  
Greg Blasket  
Daniel Gribbin  
David Stenhouse  
Sam Holden  
Chris Hook

#### **Votes:**

MVP: - PATRICK DISIERVI  
BATTING: - CHRIS HOOK  
COACHES AWARD: -SHANE VALENTI  
BRYCE MARSHALL

## 'WOMEN'S' REPORT

This Season saw a much-reduced number of sides participating in the women's competition, resulting in the elimination of preliminary and semi finals. The top two sides at the end of the home and away rounds would play off in the grand final, obviously our objective was to be one of these sides.

Our early season form was promising with early wins against Frankston and Berwick; these wins were followed by a solid draw against Bonbeach. The next two weeks saw us lose only one more game this consolidating our position on top of the ladder. This result was achieved through an even team effort and good work on the training track.

We faced Bonbeach in the grand final and having performed well against them thought the season we were quite confident of bringing home the flag. Unfortunately we had one of those horror grand finals where very little went right for us.

One pleasing factor was the manner in which the girls persevered to play the game with pride.

A special thanks to Jane Olsen for scoring the season. Congratulations on a fine year.

Brad Lark – Coach

<b>M.V.P.:</b> -	<b>SUE KENDRICK</b>
<b>BATTING:</b> -	<b>LAUREN OLSEN - .482</b>
<b>COACHES AWARD:</b> -	<b>SIMONE RIELLY</b>

### A word From Terri Landt:

Just a quick note on behalf of the Women's team. A big thank you to Brad Lark for taking on the coaching of our team. We hope he enjoyed doing so because we all had an enjoyable season. We hope we are not as bad as some people believe. What a man taking on a group of girls.

With only two losses for the season it showed the ability of the side. Unfortunately one being the Grand Final. So close, yet so far away "IF ONLY". A big thanks to Jane Olsen and Mr. Williams for scoring. Also thanks to Steve Earle for his helping hand in scoring and base coaching on Brad's absence.

The women's side would like to congratulate the whole club from the T-Ballers to the 7 men's team on a sensational season. What a performance from the club as a whole. The Juniors getting 2 flags and the men's getting 5 flags out of 6. – Fantastic!

Winter Women's 2001



# J.R. TREVORAH MEMORIAL TROPHY

1986	Steve Babidge	1987	Terry Reid
1988	Terry Reid	1989	Terry Reid
1989	Steve Babidge	1990	Terry Reid
1991	Mika Tassavainen	1992	Steve Babidge
1993	Terry Reid	1994	Chris Reece
1995	Darren Smith	1996	Greg Brawn
1996	Darren Smith	1997	Mika Tassavainen
1998	Anthony Smith	1999	Luke Parsons
2000	Darren Smith		

## FRANK BABIDGE SNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Highest Aggregate M.V.P. Votes

1992	Andrew Phillips	1992	David Stenhouse
1993	Terry Reid	1994	David Stenhouse
1995	Darren Smith	1996	Darren Brooks
1997	Peter Burnett	1998	Peter Burnett
1999	Laurie Hall	2000	Adam Blackley

## BOB BOYLE'S CLUB COACHES AWARD

Most Improved

1989	Darren Smith	1990	Peter Burnett
1994	Matthew Gourlay	1995	Lorne Dennis
1996	Ben Wardburtan	1997	Ian Nalan
1998	Travis Blackley	1999	Matthew Keen
2000	Brett Kavanagh		

# *Cheltenham Baseball Club Winter 2001*

BOB BOYLE'S  
CLUB COACHES AWARD  
Most Improved

**GLENN SANDERS**

J.R. TREVORAH  
MEMORIAL TROPHY  
Club Champions

**DARREN SMITH**

FRANK BABIDGE JNR  
CLUB PERSON  
For The Year 2001

**DAVE STENHOUSE**

FRANK BABIDGE SNR  
MEMORIAL TROPHY  
For The Highest Aggregate

**WINNER: CRAIG BALLANTYNE** - A RESERVES 4 VOTES, B GRADE 18 VOTES

**PETER BURDETT** - B GRADE 3 VOTES, D GRADE 1 VOTE

**CHRISTIAN LEWIS** - A RESERVES 6 VOTES, B GRADE 2 VOTES

**MATTHEW STEWART** - A RESERVES 7 VOTES, B GRADE 2 VOTES

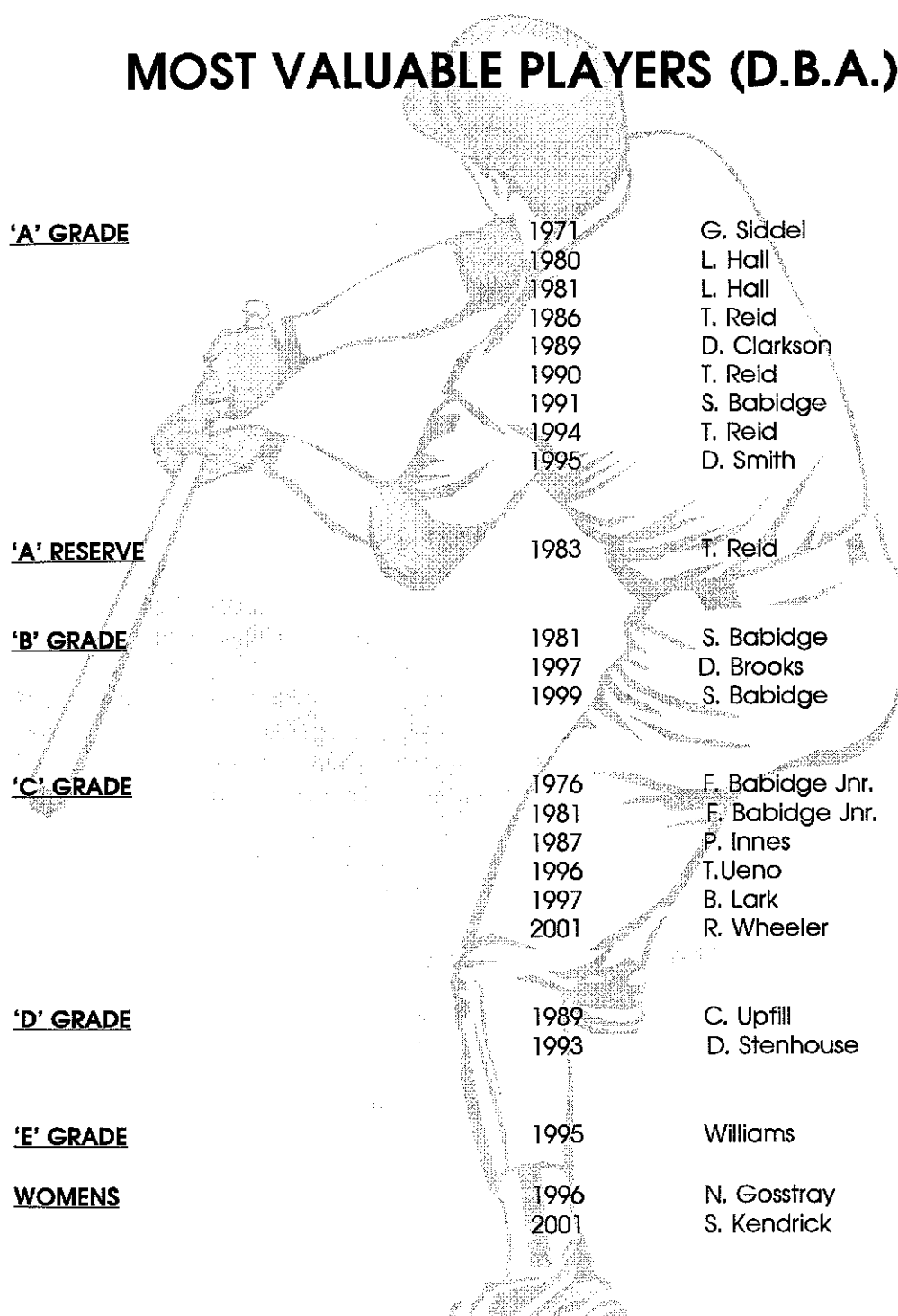
**MIKA TOSSAVAINEN** - A GRADE 1 VOTE, A RESERVES 16 VOTES

**CHRIS WHILTSHIRE** - A GRADE 5 VOTES, A RESERVES 3 VOTES

# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS (D.B.A.)

### 'A' GRADE



1971	G. Stadel
1980	L. Hall
1981	L. Hall
1986	T. Reid
1989	D. Clarkson
1990	T. Reid
1991	S. Babidge
1994	T. Reid
1995	D. Smith

### 'A' RESERVE

1983	T. Reid
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### 'B' GRADE

1981	S. Babidge
1997	D. Brooks
1999	S. Babidge

### 'C' GRADE

1976	F. Babidge Jr.
1981	F. Babidge Jr.
1987	P. Innes
1996	T. Ueno
1997	B. Lark
2001	R. Wheeler

### 'D' GRADE

1989	C. Upfill
1993	D. Stenhouse

### 'E' GRADE

1995	Williams
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### WOMENS

1996	N. Gosstray
2001	S. Kendrick

### CLUB CHAMPIONS

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

1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

## JUNIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT

### KATRINA O'NEILL

Thank you to everybody, players and parents who have been with the Juniors this winter.

It has been a great year, the coaches have been terrific and most of all – the players have done Cheltenham PROUD – 4 teams to a grand final.

Thank you to Rick Atkins and Trevor Dodgson who coached our T-Ballers. You did a wonderful job getting the team to the grand final; unfortunately Dingley was too good on the day – better luck next year.

Thank you to Colin Uphill and Brad Lark for coaching the Under 12 (1) to a flag, what can I say a job well done.

Thank you to Julie DeBondt and Joe Trucchio for coaching the Under 12 (2) and all the other parents who helped during the season while they were away.

Thank you to Craig Ballantyne for coaching the under 14 (1) to the Grand final but unfortunately Boneo were too good on the day.

Thank you to Fiona Wells for coaching the Under 14 (2) – Hope you all had fun and enjoyed playing for Cheltenham.

Thank you to Dave Stenhouse for coaching the under 16 (1) to a flag. It was great game considering they were down by 4 runs.

Thank you to Mark Lewis for coaching under 16(2) to the semi-finals, unfortunately Bonbeach (1) were too good on the day.

Thank you to all the seniors who came down throughout the season and helped the juniors during training and umpiring on Saturday morning. A special thanks to John Wadsworth (and Dad) and Matt Gourlay for helping with the Under 16's on Thursday night.... Thanks for your patience!!!

A Very Special Thanks and Cuddles to our wonderful canteen managers – Ray and Faye I will miss you over the summer.

Thank you to my wonderful family for their patience over the last few months.

I'm very proud of all my junior teams and I wish every player the best of luck in their future baseball.

GOOD LUCK in summer and we hope to see you next winter.

Katrina O'Neill

**UNDER 16 (1)**  
**DBA PREMIERS 2001**

Thank you, to all my players and parents for a terrific season. Your support and Friendship was fantastic this year.

They were a great bunch of players to coach and that showed by winning the flag. It is ashamed to see a lot of our players go up, but great for them.

Thank you to ` Waddy ` & Gourlay for helping me out on Thursday night training.

Thank you to those seniors who helped with umpiring.

A special mention to my wonderful scorer Katrina, you did a great job!! Also thank you to Bruce McLean, Judy Simpson and Julie Marshall for helping out when Katrina was busy being Junior Coordinator.

Good Luck in the Future

See you in 2002

Dave Stenhouse - Coach

**PLAYERS**

Stuart Simpson  
Shane Valenti  
Richard Lander  
Michael Krol  
Daniel Gribbin  
Thomas McCormick

Bryce Marshall  
Patrick O'Neill  
Patrick DiSiervi  
Kyle McLean  
Chris Hook

**SCORER**

Katrina O'Neill

## UNDER 16 (2)

First of all congratulations to all my players for a successful season and on making the finals. For the first season of having a great success having win the first five or six games and sitting high up in the top four.

My target was to finish in the four, which was achieved. Throughout several games during the season we showed great courage and determination, carrying these team strengths into the first final. We faced one of the strongest teams in the competition and although we put up a good fight, unfortunately our finals hopes ended.

Most of all congratulations on a fantastic season, keep up the good work and all the very for next year.

A special thanks to Karen Romari for scoring during the season and Jenni Heenan when Karen was unavailable.

Mark Lewis - Coach

### PLAYERS

Jesse Romari	Thomas McCormick
Kane Davidson	Aaron Ferruccio
Simon Middleton	James Hamilton
Stuart Jamieson	Matthew Sotirkos
Sam Holden	Brad Heenan

### SCORERS

Karen Romari  
Jenni Heenan

## UNDER 14 (1) DBA RUNNERS UP

To start off, I would like to thank a few people who made the effort of what these boys achieved this year possible. Thanks to the hounding of Dave Stenhouse to appoint me Under 14 coach, Katrina O'Neill in organising myself and the players on where we were playing each week. My two scorers; Jenny Morrison and Di Adams. Hopefully one day I'll learn how to do it myself. Peter Ravesi in lending a hand in training and warming up the players Saturday morning and John Vanderheiden in the great task of setting up the diamond every home game.

Not knowing what my team was capable of, I received a huge reality check when I played Lauren Olsen in right field and batting 9<sup>th</sup> in the first game. At her 1<sup>st</sup> at bat she hit a homerun. After that performance, she became my clean up hitter.

Now knowing what they were capable of, the problem was fitting them all in the field where everyone has a fair run.

To win the game of baseball; you need to hit the ball and we had reliable hitters in Andrew Adams and Timmy each week. The task was to get the rest of the team to start hitting consistently and to the player's credit, the second half of the season was a superb effort with the bat from all players.

Our strongest key in our side was the pitching. All I had to do was hand the ball to one of seven players who could pitch and pitch well. A notable mention to Justin against Frankston, we only had 8 players and Justin went onto the mound to throw a perfect game. The rest of the team piled on 20 runs for an inspiring victory. In ending I would like to thank the players in making my job easy at times but quite stressful the rest of the time.

Congratulations to all trophy winners.

Hope to you see you all back again next season.

Craig Ballantyne – Coach

### PLAYERS

Andrew Adams  
Justin D' Razario  
Sean Gabb  
Paul Morrison  
Lauren Olsen  
Mitchell Smith

James Bambery  
Russell Ferguson  
Andre Gribbin  
Timothy O'Neill  
Dale Ravesi  
Trent Vanderheiden

### SCORERS

Jenny Morrison  
Di Adams

## UNDER 14 (2) ' Oakleigh South '

After playing softball for the summer season and at primary school, some of the kids were introduced to baseball at various secondary schools they attended.. And so came the idea that they would like to form a baseball team together.. Cheltenham 2 joined the ranks.

Our season was a mixed bag of wins, draws & losses – but an excellent outcome for a bunch of "ROOKIES" to the game.

Remembering the first game showed the big difference between softball & baseball, 3 of the kids picked off at first! But as we became aware of the finer points of the game, the kid's skills, confidence and tactical strategy showed through (ending in 3 of our own pickoffs at 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in our second last game).

A lot of the kids tried their hand at pitching during the season, but regulars were Fabian Melican, Jack Robertson and Robert Parry, clocking up quite a few strikeouts and pickoffs between them. Catchers included James Hyde, Casi Melican and regular Aaron O'Mara, all showing a determination to stop any stealing on their arms. Dean Jones, Tim Bollard, Mykel Kaine, Monique Hameed, Liam Webster and Philip Collins made up the rest of the team.

The kids batting & base running showed great improvement – Fabian and Dean being the biggest hitters of the team, clocking up a few homeruns between them & with everyone experiencing success with the bat.

Thanks to Gordon Hyde & Owen Parry for their roles as assistant coaches, and to Jocelyn Bloye, Elaine Parry & Wendy Jones for scoring (well done – it is a complicated role).

Thanks also to all parents who ran around the countryside at ungodly hours of the morning for their kids.

Lastly, thanks to the kids who put in an excellent effort. Well done to you all!

Thank you to Cheltenham for our first season providing us with umpires, grounds, caps and support.

Fiona Wells - Coach

### PLAYERS

Tim Bollard	Phillip Collins
Monique Hameed	James Hyde
Dean Jones	Mykel Kaine
Casimira Melican	Fabian Melican
Aaron O'Mara	Robert Parry
Jake Robertson	Liam Webster

### SCORERS

Jocelyn Bloye  
Elaine Parry  
Wendy Jones



## UNDER 12 (1) DBA PREMIERS 2001

The Under 12 (1) side, with a very even team performance, finished deservedly on top of the ladder.

For the record: played 14, won 11, lost 1, drew 1 and unfortunately 1 game forfeited in the last home and away game of the season. Team batting average was .498, 203 runs for 60 runs against.

We were blessed with a very versatile team especially when Kable Hogben arrived a couple of games into the season; Kable is a fine defensive player and top of the order hitter.

While Shane Middleton had an outstanding season on the mound (recording 46 strike outs in the 18 2/3 innings with 4 wins), the team saw 6 others pitchers contribute including Nick Hyland who pitched 5 Innings across 4 games without conceding a run.

Shane also led every offensive category (including a slugging average of 1.000) except runs batted in.

Congratulations to Jason Chhit in his first season of baseball, he is an excellent athlete and hopefully will follow on the considerable footsteps of his mate Justin D'Rozario. Jason finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in RBI's behind Lindon Smith who had 23 for the season.

Lindon also shared the catching duties with James (Jimbob) Uphill and both fulfilled this difficult and important position with admirable skill and resilience, giving the team the best combination in the league.

Chris Batten, Nick Jeffrey and Steven Goranitis were all asked to platoon across a number of positions, both Chris and Nick had success as pitchers, with 2 saves (7 strike outs) for Chris and 1 win and 1 save for Nick who also had a terrific season with the bat. It gave me great personal pleasure to see Steven Goranitis begin to come into his own as a player, Steven always gives his best and was the most improved team member.

Michael Rizzi was the heart of the team, often playing ill, he still managed to star in the field and finish second in most of the major offensive categories. Many times inspiring the side with his accomplishments.

The coaches would like to congratulate the players on their achievement this season, especially our award winners: this is a team full of winners on and off the field. Our thanks for the continued and good-natured support of the parents.

Our special thanks to Helen Smith and Vicki Middleton, the team scorers for the season.

**This one is for you Jack!**

Colin Uphill and Brad Lark - Coaches

### **PLAYERS**

Nick Hyland	Nick Jeffrey
Lindon Smith	Jason Chhit
Michael Rizzi	Chris Batten
Shane Middleton	Steven Goranitis
James Uphill	Kable Hogben

### **SCORERS**

Helen Smith  
Vicki Middleton

## UNDER 12 (2)

It was a challenging season, with a diverse range of abilities in the team. Ranging from guys and girls who had never played baseball.. To some more experienced players that had a few season under their belts.

Congratulations to the new players for their courage and dedication. Forgetting back into the Batter's box when you've been hit by a pitch. Congratulations to those of you with a bit more experience for your patience, leadership but most of all for our encouragement of your fellow team mates. Congratulations to all of you for trying new things (even when you couldn't do it right at first), and for listening to the coaches.

Some special highlights and memories for the season are:

Charlie Dack – Almost breaking my finger in warm ups!

Michael Olsen – For his killer swing that will be worth watching next year!

Kassie McLean – Most walks for the season = small zone yes, but a good eye!

Bonnie Gabb – Really missed by her teammates and coach every other week.

Trent Davidson – Future Gladiator and 'Get your hands UP!

Luke Ravesi – Softest infield hand on the team and most coachable.

April Exelby – The determined look on her face when in the batter's box!

Patrick Liston – Making the DBA side in his first season of baseball.

John Blaskett – On making the VPBL all-star team for the DBA as a Catcher!

Best of all, no matter what... Win or lose.. We could always look forward to "brownies" at the end of each game – courtesy of the last person to arrive at the previous game!! So, to sum the season up.. We had fun.. and hopefully learned a thing or three about the game of baseball!! Thanks team!

Special Thanks goes to Peter Dack for keeping score and not getting frostbite on several mornings! Thanks to Brad Lark and Yogi who took training and games for us when we were away. A HUGE thank you to all of the parents who got out of bed on those cold mornings and came to support the team and in some cases (you know who you are!) jumped in and helped coach the team in our absence!!

Julie DeBondt and Joe Trucchio - Coaches

### PLAYERS

Charlie Dack

Trent Davidson

April Exelby

Kassie McLean

Bonnie Gabb

Patrick Liston

John Blaskett

Michael Olsen

Luke Ravesi

### SCORER

Peter Dack

**TEEBALL**  
**DBA RUNNERS UP**

From the outset my goal was to give my team the basic skills required to play T Ball.

The start of the season was scratchy as we were a team of new faces attempting something new.

As time went by and the skills improved dramatically we started to outperform my expectations.

I would like to congratulate my team for the professionalism and dedication they showed me.

I would also like to thank the parents for their magnificent help throughout the year, as without this help I wouldn't have coped as well as I did.

Thank you to my assistant coach, Trevor, for his help during the season

Rick Atkins – Coach

**PLAYERS**

Jade Atkins	Sam Ogilvie
Todd Atkins	Rohan Smith
Rhys Buckley	Timothy Dark
Bianco Dodgson	Adam Burdett
James Murray	Jake Forrest
James Ogilvie	Hunter Pool
Brandon Stenhouse	

**ASSISTANT COACH**

Trevor Dodgson

**SCORER**

Pauline Stenhouse

# Cheltenham Baseball Club

## DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham Players who were selected to represent the DBA in their VPBL State Championships during Winter 2001

UNDER 18

Micheal Krol

UNDER 16

Patrick DiSiervi  
Richie Lander  
Bryce Marshall  
Thomas McCormick  
Patrick O'Neill

Congratulations to the Under 16 DBA team who won the VPBL Championships. ALSO  
Congratulations to Richie Lander on receiving DBA's U'16 MVP Award.

UNDER 14

Andrew Adams  
Justin D'Rozario  
Russell Ferguson  
Andrew Gribbin  
Lauren Olsen

Congratulations to Andrew Adams on being selected in the Under 14 VPBL Allstar team as a first  
baseman and also on receiving DBA's U'14 MVP Award.

UNDER 12

John Blaskett  
Patrick Liston  
Shane Middleton

Congratulations to John Blaskett on being selected in the U'14 VPBL Allstar team as a catcher  
and to Shane Middleton on receiving the DBA's U'12 MVP Award.