# Cheltenham Rustlers Season in Review



## **President's Report**

#### **Seniors & Juniors**

With this being my second year in the top job it has come and gone in a hurry. This season as a club we have been very successful on field with 6 out of the 7 junior teams making the finals with our under 13s playing off against each other in the big dance. We also had 3 out of the 6 senior teams finishing in the top 2 and making the grand finals. As I'm writing this before the grand finals hopefully we can bring home some senior flags. (Editor's note – Premiers A1, B2, U13 white)

But with such a huge on field year we have been struggling to get people to attend the very few social function we do put on. We need attendance at these kinds of nights to help keep our fees down but also make a great vibe around the club.

Big thanks to everyone who sold there 1000 draw tickets and thanks to Stenny and helpers for a huge night.

Sponsorship was down a bit this year but a big thanks to all our sponsors who have either come on board this year or have stuck by us for many years, please support our sponsors and if anyone would like to come on board next year please get in contact with a committee member.

Big thanks to my committee members it is a thankless job but without you guys the club wouldn't run. We are looking for some fresh new faces with new ideas for next year so if you can spare a bit of time and are able to join the committee please come forth.

Lastly big thanks to Katrina Johnson, Linda Barrett and all the wonderful helpers in the canteen this is a lifeblood to our club and to be able to have it running with 5 star food every week is a credit to these people.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe and look forward to seeing all your smiling faces in a huge and successful 2015 winter season.

Go the Rustlers

Pat O'Neill - President 2014

## Cheltenham Baseball Club

#### **LIFE MEMBERS**

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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

#### 1972 - PRAHRAN & CHELTENHAM MERGED TO BECOME

#### CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB

1981	K.H. Roberts	1982	P.C. (Frank) Babidge Jnr *
1983	J.R. Ferguson	1984	S.J. Hogben *
1984	A.M. Tanner	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.Ě. Phillips	1994	K.K. Williams *
1996	C.J. Anderson	2000	C.T. Upfill
2001	S.J. Babidge	2002	B.A. Fitzgerald
2006	A.J. Bailey	2006	Mrs V.E. Bailey
2006	J.P. Carlile	2006	T.W. Clemens
2006	B.R. Lark	2006	D.A. Stenhouse
2009	L.R. Blackley	2009	P.A.Burdett
2009	C.S.Reece	2010	Mrs. R. Hogben
2010	M. Gourlay	2011	Mrs. C. M. Upfill
2013	A.L.Gribben	2013	K.A.Johnson

**TOTAL: 68** 

## Cheltenham Baseball Club

#### PAST & PRESENT: WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB was formed on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1953 at the home of Mr Eric Knorr.

In attendance at our first meeting were the following -: Mr N. Hewitt, Mr E.Knorr, Mr L. Giles, Mr H. Steele, Mr K.Cowell, Mr T. Crutchfield, Mr C Loosemoore, Mr N. Hocking, Mrs E. Hewitt, Mrs M.Knorr.

#### **Chairman elect was Mr Norm Hewitt**

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<u>YEAR</u>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>	VICE PRESIDENTIS	<b>SECRETARY/ASSIST</b>	TREASURER/ASSIST	<b>CLUB COACH</b>
1953	Norm Hewitt		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Kevin Cowell	J.(Ray) Trevorah
1954	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Kevin Cowell	J.(Ray) Trevorah
1955	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Jim Upfill	Jim Upfill
1956	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Laurie Myers	Jim Upfill
1957	J.(Ray) Trevorah	Y	Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Ron Corney	Jim Upfill
1958	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Ron Corney	Jim Upfill
1959	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Kel Roberts	Jim Upfill
1960	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Kel Roberts	Jim Upfill
1961	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Frank Babidge Snr	Jim Upfill
1962	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Frank Babidge Snr	Jim Upfill
1963	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Ron Corney	Jim Upfill
1964	Frank Babidge Snr		Allan Burdett	John Longden	Jim Upfill
1965	Frank Babidge Snr		Kevin Knorr	Allan Burdett	Jim Upfill
1966	Frank Babidge Snr		Kevin Knorr	Allan Burdett	Allan Burdett
1967	Lance Purton	S. Hogben, J.Bridger,	Kevin Knorr / K. Hewitt	Allan Burdett	Allan Burdett
		L. Anderson, F. Coombes, Dr Hudson, J. Riddle Snr			
1968	Allan Burdett	S. Hogben, J.Bridger,	Kevin Knorr / D. Upfill	Frank O'Shea	Allan Burdett
		L. Anderson, F. Coombes,			
1969	Allan Burdett	Dr Hudson, J. Riddle Snr S. Hogben, M. Johanson Snr,	John Longden / D. Upfill	Terry Anderson	Allan Burdett
1707	/ mail bardett	G. Ingram, F. Coombes,	Soriii Edrigueti / B. Opinii	Terry Artiderson	Alian Baracti
1070	Laa Andaraan	J. Riddle Snr, R. Corney	Allen Dywlett / I. Lennden	Tarry Anderson	Allon Durdott
1970	Leo Anderson	S. Hogben, M. Johanson Snr, G. Ingram, K. Roberts,	Allan Burdett / J. Longdon	Terry Anderson	Allan Burdett
		J. Riddle Snr, R. Corney			
1971	Leo Anderson	S. Hogben, M. Johanson Snr,	Colin Anderson / A. Burdett	Terry Anderson	G.(Charlie) Siddle
		G. Ingram, K. Roberts, J. Riddle Snr, R. Harding			
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		Amalgamation with	Prahran Baseball Cl	<u>ub 1972</u>	
1972	Max Johanson Snr	S. Hogben, L. Anderson,	C. Anderson / M. Johanson Jnr	Colin Upfill	Allan Burdett
		L. Purton, R. Dunne &	4-17-0	'	
1973	Leo Anderson	K. Roberts J. Upfill, L. Purton, G. Ingram,	A. Burdett / G. Ainscough	Gordon Dossor	Don Smythe
1973	Leo Anderson	M. Johanson Snr, M. Trevorah,		GOLGOLI DOSSOL	Don Smyme
		C. Anderson			
1974	Leo Anderson		A. Burdett / G. Ainscough	John Ferguson / G. Dossor	Fred Capper
1975	G. Ainscough		Allan Burdett	R.Bailey	
1976	Allan Burdett	G. Ainscough	J. Ferguson / C. Anderson	Sam Jamieson / John Landry	Kevin Knorr
1977	Harry Kalinski	G. Ainscough	J. Landry	Sam Jamieson	??????
1978	Kel Roberts	G. Ainscough	J. Landry	Chris Peacock	Steve Bott
1979	Kel Roberts	G. Ainscough	Steve Bott	Chris Peacock	Steve Bott
1980	Paul Stanford	G. Ainscough	Trevor Hogben	Sam Jamieson	Steve Bott

#### PAST & PRESENT: WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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<u>YEAR</u>	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT/s	SECRETARY/ASSIST	TREASURER/ASSIST	CLUB COACH
1981	Paul Stanford	G. Ainscough	Darryl Roulston	Sam Jamieson	Steve Bott
1982	Paul Stanford	G. Ainscough	Ross Ginns	Dirk Beven	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 Beven	Simon Edgeworth	Jenny Babidge	Dave Kettle
1986	Sam Jamieson	Dirk Beven	Sam Jamieson	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben
1987	Sam Jamieson	Gina Peterson	Jenny Babidge	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben
1988	Dirk Beven	Greg Wheeler	Jenny Babidge	Mark Johnson	Garry Hicks
1989	Dirk Beven	Peter Burnett	J. Babidge / B. Holman	Russell Ingram	David Clarkson
1990	Dirk Beven	Olivia Reid	Barbara Holman	Russell Ingram	Dan McConnon
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	TAL	Terri 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
2002	David Stenhouse	Simon Hill	Trevor Clemens	Russell Oborne	Myles Barnden
2003	Colin Upfill	Colin Basham	Trevor Clemens	Russell Oborne	David Clarkson
2004	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Steven Kavanagh	David Clarkson
2005	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Pauline Stenhouse	David Clarkson
2006	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Janette Holland	David Clarkson
2007	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Janette Holland	David Clarkson
2008	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Janette Holland	David Clarkson
2009	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Russell Ferguson	David Clarkson
2010	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Katrina Johnson	David Clarkson
2011	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Katrina Johnson	David Clarkson
2012	David Stenhouse	Patrick O'Neill Stuart Holding	Trevor Clemens	Katrina Johnson	David Clarkson
2013	Patrick O'Neill	Mika Tossavainen David Stenhouse Stuart Holding	Trevor Clemens	Katrina Johnson	David Clarkson

2014 Patrick O'Neill David Stenhouse Trevor Clemens Katrina Johnson David Clarkson Stuart Holding

#### Congratulations to -

Trevor Clemens on 19 years as Secretary Katrina Johnson on 5 years as Treasurer Stuart Holding on 2 years as Vice President David Clarkson 13 years as Club Coach Patrick O'Neill on 2 years as President

## Club Coach's Report

Editor's note - congratulations Dave on completion of 13 years as Club Coach

I feel the Cheltenham Baseball Club has taken huge step in cementing a strong period of winning over the next 5-10 years.

The amount of talent coming from within the junior ranks is ridiculous, no wonder a lot of clubs are jealous of this great baseball club. If I go back to the last A Grade game against Frankston, our player's average age for that day was 19.2. Frankston must have been over 30 year with not a kid in sight. Boys battled hard but unfortunately lost in the 14<sup>th</sup> innings

Overall the A Grade had a successful season finishing on top at the end of the home and away season. There were not too many times when we had our full strength team out on the field at one time, but still managed to win enough games to have us in finals contention.

The A2's were a young team and held themselves remarkably well to also finish on top at the end of the season. It was great to see Russell Ferguson take control of these kids and he did a great job in nurturing and teaching along the way.

B1 were also a very young team and this showed in their position on the ladder. These guys were often up against other clubs firsts teams and handled themselves well. A big thankyou goes to Brad Heenan for his help in looking after this team over the year.

B2 consisted of the old crew who never seem to want to be separated. Again these guys seem to win a lot of games but also had a lot of fun along the way. Finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> spot after the home and away season shows what a terrific year they had and let's hope there is a win against Dandenong in the Grand Final this year. Daniel Ward-Bourton looked after the B2's and did the job that only Dan could do. Cheers Mate.

C1 had a different feel to it with the influx of David Stenhouse. The boys seem to win more games this year than last year. This means they are improving and are looking forward to next season already so Stenny tells me. A big thank you to Stenny and Ben Cooen for looking after this team.

C2 obviously improved this year because they won some games. It is great to see parents of junior players trying the game and learning as they go. To Russ Ashen, a big thankyou for looking after this team and judging by some of the reports I read they didn't miss you when you were unavailable!!!!!! Seriously, you did a great job guiding some of the novice players.

To my Chairman of selectors, David Stenhouse, a big thank you for your help in selecting teams and getting them out on to the web site etc. so our players knew where they were playing.

Thanks also to President Patrick O'Neill, he just lets me roll on with no interference at all, except for that bloody back net that I have to put up before we start hitting!!!!! Thanks again Pat for your help over the season.

To Katrina and her band of helpers who have cooked dinners on Thursday nights at training, a big hug goes out to you for doing what you do.

I can't leave off the barman, Paul Barrett, cheers mate for always having a cold VB waiting for me as soon as I arrive at the bar.

Let's hope we have a great finals campaign and bring home some flags.

Regards,

## **WINTER COMMITTEE**

PRESIDENT

Patrick O'Neill

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

**David Stenhouse** 

**VICE PRESIDENT** 

Stuart Holding

**SECRETARY** 

Trevor Clemens

TREASURER

Katrina Johnson

COMMITTEE

**Ordinary Members** 

Paul Barrett Antony Harrowell Leigh Heinrich Stuart Holland David Johnson Brad Lark

Mika Tossavainen Dan Wardbourton

**BAR MANAGER** 

Paul Barrett

CANTEEN

Staffed by Katrina Johnson and

Volunteers

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS

**David Stenhouse** 

**CLUB COACH** 

David Clarkson

**EQUIPMENT MANAGER** 

Mika Tossavainen

**GROUNDS MANAGERS** 

All team members

JUNIOR COORDINATOR

Nicole Croker

**SPONSORSHIP** 

**David Stenhouse** 

WEBSITE

Steve Campitelli

# TEAM COACH'S & SCORER'S

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SCORER'S

Robyne Hogben

<u>'A1' Grade</u> Dave Clarkson

Trevor Clemens (1st Base)

<u>'A2' Grade</u> Russell Ferguson Steve Campitelli

Kable Hogben – Assistant Coach

<u>'B1' Grade</u> Brad Heenan Peter Leslie

<u>'B2' Grade</u> Dan Ward-Bourton Katrina Johnson

<u>'C1' Grade</u> Dave Stenhouse Team effort

<u>'C2" Grade</u> Russell Ashen Team effort

Antony Harrowell

<u>U17 White</u> Matthew Carlile – Coach Dave Holland

John Carlile – Assistant coach

<u>U17 Blue</u> David Stenhouse – Coach Peter Leslie

Brad Heenan - Assistant Coach

<u>U15 White</u> Antony Harrowell – Coach Michelle Ogilive

Barb Ashen Sara Cullen

<u>U15 Blue</u> Dan Ward-Bourton – Coach Lisa Clarke

Adam Leech – Assistant Coach

<u>U13 White</u> Russell Ashen – Coach Michael Phillips

John Fairweather - Umpire

<u>U13 Blue</u> Mitch Holding - Coach Parents

**U11 Rookie Ball** Gordon Tribe – Coach Jon Doran

Brent Dunkley - Umpire

## WINTER PREMIERSHIPS

#### **SENIOR'S**

Comp Start / Finish

2008/ **'A1'** 2008, 09, 10, 11, 12, 14

1932/2007 <u>'A' GRADE</u> 1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 71, 73, 87, 89, 2001, 02, 04, 05, 06

2008/ 'A2' 2009

1983/1987 1996/2007 'A' RESERVE 1987, 2000, 01, 02, 05, 07

2008/2012 'A3' 2008, 10, 12

1950/2007 'B' GRADE 1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89, 93, 05, 06

2008/2012 'A4' 2009

1959/1979 1988/2007 <u>C' GRADE</u> 1975, 76, 90, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2001

1980/1984 / <u>'C' NORTH</u> 80, 82

1980/1984 1985/1987 'C' SOUTH 'C' 1 87

1985/1987 (C' 2

2008/ <u>'B1'</u>

1988/2007 'D' GRADE 1989, 99, 2000, 01, 03, 05

2008/ **B2**' 2014

1992/2004 <u>'E' GRADE</u> 1995, 99, 2000, 01, 02

2009/2012 'B3" 2010

1995/2006 <u>WOMEN'S</u> 1996, 98

**JUNIOR'S** 

1989/1998 <u>U 18'S</u> 1990, 95, 97

1969/1969, 1972/1988, **U 17'S** 1969, 73, 76, 12, **2013** MWBL

2012/

1989/2011 U 16'S 1995, 96, 98, 2000, 01, 03, 04, 05, 09, 11

1962/1988, 2012/ **U 15'S** 1966

1989/2011 <u>U 14'S</u> Centre: 1992, 93, 94, 95, 99

Association: 1992, 99, 04, 07, 09,11

1971/1988, 2012/ **U 13'S** 1982, 88, 2014

1989/2011 <u>U 12'S</u> Centre: 1992, 93, 94, 95, 99

Association: 1992, 94, 01, 05, 08, 09

1990/1995, 1997/2004 <u>T-BALL</u> 1990, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2000, 04

## 'A1' Report

The A grade team had a great year this year winning 16 games losing 4 with a washout hence finishing 2 games clear on top of the ladder.

When the season finally started, I didn't know what to expect as this year's team looked to be very young compared with teams that I have had in the past.

I had evergreens in Matthew Blackmore, Paul Rutgers. Middle aged guys Russell Ferguson, Blake Cunningham, Brett Curnow and Kane Davidson along with the nappy brigade in Sam Trend-Beacom, Koji Campitelli, Max Barrett, Brandon Stenhouse, Mitch Holding, Yuta Sekino and Sam Michael

It was a great mixture and we managed to win some games along the way, not by a lot, but we won. The hardest thing was trying to get everyone playing at the same time. There weren't, too many times when we had our strongest team on the field at once.

Our pitching staff consisted of Max Barrett, Brandon Stenhouse, Blake Cunningham and Jack Enciondo. They all did a great job when you consider they gave up the least amount of runs for the season.

The infield consisted of Catchers, Mitch Holding and Kane Davidson. First Base Russell Ferguson and sometimes Blake, Second Base was Sam Trend-Beacom, Third base was Brett Curnow until he had his jaw operation then Ferg took over with some help from Paul Rutgers. Shortstop was well held down by Koji Campitelli all season, except for when he went on his Japanese sojourn.

Our Outfield saw the old boys play there with Paul Rutgers at Left Field, Matthew Blackmore at Centre Field with Yuta Sekino and Sam Michael sharing Right field duties. All ran down fly balls with ease, the only complaints I got was from the old boys saying it was too far to run to play in the outfield!!!!!

Overall, it was a great season. The Club has set itself up for another tilt at an A1 Grand Final but has also set itself up for the next 5 to 10 years if these young guys and also the younger guys in the A2 and B1 continue to play.

I must not forget to thank my lovely scorer Robyn Hogben, always with a smile and know fuss at all. I must say it makes my job easier when you go to make a change and you don't have to explain who you are changing, as she already knows. Again Robyn, thank you very much for the year.

Lastly, a big thanks to TC, who loves to sit and help coach first base with A grade. I hope you don't get sick of me telling my old stories. Cheers mate.

To all the players that have played A1 this year, I thank you for your effort and hope you have learnt over the journey and also enjoyed as much as I have in watching you mature as baseball players.

'A1' Coach/Manager

**David Clarkson** 

#### **'A1' MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 2014** R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12 R13 R14 R15 R16 R17 R18 R19 R20 R21 Round Berw Morn Ding Boneo Dand Fran Paken Berw Morn Ding Boneo Dand Fran Paken Berw Morn Ding Boneo Dand Fran Paken verses **Player** Α Н Н Н Н Н Н Total 2 3 Max Barrett 3 3 1 12 Adam Blackley W 1 6 Matt Blackmore 2 Α Koji Campitelli 2 S 6 1 2 Yoshi Campitelli 3 Н 2 8 3 Matt Carlile 3 0 3 Blake Cunningham 3 U 3 3 11 **Brett Curnow** 2 2 Т 4 Kane Davidson 2 3 1 6 Connor Doody 1 1 Jack Enciondo W 1 Russell Ferguson 2 2 3 3 14 3 1 Α Kable Hogben S Mitch Holding 3 Н 9 5 Sam Michael 0 2 3 Paul Rutgers 3 U 3 2 14 Yuta Sekino Т 3 3 2 Brandon Stenhouse 1 1 4 Sam Trend-Beacom **AWARD RECIPIENTS** M.V.P Russell Ferguson & Paul Rutgers 14 Votes **BATTING AVERAGE** Paul Rutgger .375 ave COACHE'S AWARD Sam Trend-Beacom **GRAND SLAMS** Nil SHUT OUTS Nil

## 'A1' Batting Averages 2014

<u>Players</u>	Games	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Max Barrett	12	27	8	0.296
Matthew Blackmore	19	60	22	0.367
Koji Campitelli	16	56	15	0.268
Blake Cunningham	13	56	15	0.268
Brett Curnow	9	34	9	0.265
Kane Davidson	10	30	8	0.267
Russell Ferguson	19	71	26	0.366
Mitch Holding	14	47	12	0.255
Sam Michael	8	23	12	0.522
Paul Rutgers	18	72	27	0.375
Yuta Sekino	13	54	18	0.333
Sam Trend- Beacom	16	66	17	0.258
Adam Blackley	3	10	4	0.400
Matt Cameron	1	2	1	0.500
Yoshi Campitelli	6	11	2	0.182
Matt Carlile	3	12	6	0.500
Declan Chittenden	3	5	2	0.400
Dave Clarkson	1	1	0	0.000
Jack Daniels	10	13	1	0.077
Connor Doody	2	5	1	0.200
Jack Enciondo	4	5	1	0.200
Geoff Holland	3	11	2	0.182
Kable Hogben	4	10	4	0.400
Brandon Stenhouse	5	10	3	0.300
Matthew Stenhouse	4	10	1	0.100
Michael Rizzi	1	4	0	0.000

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

## 'A2' Report Grand Finalists

As we head into the finals, in pole position, I look back at the revolving door which was the 2014 A2s. Due to combination of representative teams, MLB academy, holidays and work we never had the same team two weeks in a row. The great thing about this was that it gave the club the opportunity to give young guys a taste of playing at that next level, and by the end of the season a total of 25 players represented the club at the A2 level.

Without a doubt, with our full squad in, we were the best team in the league. A pitching staff boasting Jack Enciondo, Yoshi Campitelli and Brandon Stenhouose will usually prove an overpowering handful for even the best opposition hitters. Most clubs would be happy to have one of these guys available to pitch in their firsts, I had the luxury of them in the seconds.

Defensively, I took the opportunity to move guys around and develop different dimensions to their games. Versatility is something that only comes with the opportunity to play in different positions and fortunately due to the dominance of this side, it was relatively easy to provide these situations.

Offensively the team was led by Michael Rizzi. Who took the early season move down the order personally, and proceeded to prove why he deserves a game at this level. In saying that though, he was ably supported by Yoshi Campitelli, Jack Daniels, Geoff Holland, Kable Hogben, Connor Doody and Declan Chittenden, who all turned in excellent years with the bat.

Some highlights for the season for me were as follows:

- 1. Michael Rizzi hitting into a triple play at Boneo
- 2. Jack Enciondo Throwing a no Hit Shutout through five innings against Pakenham (Sorry for taking you out Bud!)
- 3. Yuta Sekino Hitting the top of the Fence Twice against Berwick in the first game of the season

A big thankyou to Steve Campitelli and Stell Michael for handling the majority of the scoring for the year. And to Kable Hogben for being assistant coach. A massive round of applause for Pat O'Neill and the rest of the committee for running the club, we all appreciate how much you guys put in. A big hug for Clarko for letting me coach this year and not warm up for the late game.

Congratulations to the boys who are representing the club in finals, and here's hoping that we bring home as many flags as possible.

#### Russell Ferguson

Coach 'A2' 2014

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verses	Berw	Morn	Ding	Boneo	Fran	Paken	Berw	Morn	Ding	Boneo	Dand	Paken	Berw	Morn	Ding	Boneo	Fran	Paken	
Player	Α	Н	Н	Α	Α	Н	Н	Α	Α	Н	Α	Α	Α	Н	Н	Α	Α	Н	Total
Anderson, Lucas										2	3	W							5
Barrett, Max												Α							0
Bevan, Henry												S							0
Cameron, Matt												Н							0
Campitelli, Yoshi	2											0	3		2	1			8
Carlile, Matt												U		1		2	1		4
Chitterden, Declan			1		2			3				Т			1			1	8
Daniels, Jack										1	1			2					4
Davidson, Kane												W							0
Doody, Connor				3			1					Α		3					7
Enciondo, Jack		3			3				1			S			3		3	3	16
Ferguson, Russell	1											Н							1
Flynn, Ashley												0							0
Hogben, Kable		1			1	1			2			U							5
Holland, Geoff												Т							0
Holland, Stuart				1															1
Leslie, Michael								1				W							1
Liu, Naoki				2								Α							2
Michael, Sam		2	3						3			S							8
Octigan, Angus												Н							0
Preston, Ricky											2	0							2
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## 'A2'Batting Averages 2014

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Russell Ferguson	1	4	3	0.750
Yuta Sekino	2	9	6	0.667
Angus Octigan	2	2	1	0.500
Brandon Stenhouse	7	16	8	0.500
Matt Cameron	2	2	1	0.500
Kane Davidson	4	13	6	0.462
Michael Rizzi	15	46	20	0.435
Michael Leslie	3	7	3	0.429
Ricky Preston	3	7	3	0.429
Yoshi Campitelli	11	28	10	0.357
Jack Daniels	12	34	12	0.353
Stuart Holland	5	17	6	0.353
Matt Carlisle	7	23	8	0.348
Geoff Holland	11	32	11	0.344
Kable Hogben	10	32	11	0.344
Asley Flynn	2	3	1	0.333
Naoki Liu	6	18	6	0.333
Lucas Anderson	6	19	6	0.316
Connor Doody	17	52	16	0.308
Declan Chitterden	17	53	16	0.302
Jack Enciondo	11	21	6	0.286
Matt Stenhouse	9	20	5	0.250
Max Barrett	3	4	1	0.250
Sam Michael	6	20	5	0.250
Henry Bevan	3	7	0	0.000

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

## 'B1' Report

The team finished the season 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams, with 5 wins and 11 losses, with 2 wins each against Berwick and Frankston below us, and one good win against 5<sup>th</sup>-ranked Dandenong. We had 81 runs for (8th) and 133 runs against (7<sup>th</sup> by 1 run), probably a fair indication of our batting and pitching performance.

#### **Season Results**

- 1) Loss 1-7 v Ormond Glenhuntly
- 2) Win 21-5 v Berwick
- 3) Loss 4-11 v Moorabbin
- 4) Loss 4-10 v Chelsea
- 5) Win 15-5 v Frankston
- 6) Win 8-7 v Dandenong
- 7) Loss 1-3 v Bonbeach
- 8) Loss 0-3 v Dingley
- 9) Bye

- 10) Forfeit Loss v Ormond Glenhuntly
- 11) B1.5s Win 8-2 v Berwick
- 12) Forfeit/Washout 0-0 v Moorabbin
- 13) Loss 5-10 v Chelsea
- 14) Win 10-6 v Frankston
- 15) Loss 0-15 v Dandenong
- 16) Loss 21-1 v Bonbeach
- 17) Loss 10-3 v Dingley
- 18) Bye

Out of the cast of thousands (actually it was only 29 players) who played for the B1s this season, we had a core group of 10 players who played between 7-12 matches (with remaining matches largely played for A2s).

Our pitching 'rotation' comprised Lucas Anderson (6/9 matches), Henry Bevan (8/10 matches), Rick Preston (5/12), Matt Cameron (2/12), Naoki Liu (2/9), Angus Octigan (2/9), Matt Stenhouse (3/7), with special appearances on the mound by Michael Leslie, Brandon Stenhouse, Geoff Holland, Stu Holland, Brad Heenan and Matt McKenna.

Ashley Flynn was our main catcher, with stints also by Jack Daniels, Angus Octigan, Naoki Liu and Brad Heenan.

Batting stats: Naoki Liu (.360), Lucas Anderson (.313), Angus Octigan (.293), Michael Moore (.273), Michael Woods (.273), Matt Cameron (.237), Ashley Flynn (.235), Rick Preston (.172), Henry Bevan (.171). Jake Pocock went great guns for his 4 match appearances for us, batting .714, and Matt Stenhouse batted 0.500 over 7 matches.

#### **Honourable Mentions:**

Mitchenator 'Taking it for the Team' non-trophied (atrophy) Award: Michael Woods - 5 HPB in 10 matches. Mitchenator Runner Up: Rick Preston - 3 HPB in 12 matches.

Thank you to all who played in the Threes – every contribution was important.

B1s cast of 29: Lucas Anderson, Matt Cameron, Jack Daniels, Ashley Flynn, Stu Holland, Naoki Liu, Rick Preston, Matt Stenhouse, Michael Woods, Angus Octigan, Michael Moore, Henry Bevan, Michael Leslie, Matt McKenna, Brad Heenan, Adam Leech, Leigh Heinrichs, Max Barrett, Geoff Holland, Brandon Stenhouse, David Johnson, Jake Pocock, Peter Burdett, Paul Cummings, Zak Palmer, Mika Tossavainen, Jak Cummings, Dan Ward-Bourton™, Pat O'Neill.

Thank you to team manager Brad Heenan, who coached B1s each week after playing in the preceding B2 match.

#### **Awards**

Batting Average: **Naoki Liu.** Batted .360, slugging .560, on-base .433, batting in 9/16 matches.

MVP: Lucas Anderson Batted .313 over 9 matches, pitched in 6 matches with an ERA of 0.4.

Rising Star Award: **Jake Pocock** In 4 matches, scored 6 singles, 3 runs, 5 RBI, batted .714 (5/7).

Tony Preston on behalf of B1 Coach/Manager

Brad Heenan

## **'B1' Batting Averages 2014**

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Lucus Anderson		32	10	0.313
Henry Bevan		35	6	0.171
Matt Cameron		38	9	0.237
Ashley Flynn		34	8	0.235
Naoki Liu		25	9	0.360
Michael Moore		33	9	0.273
Angus Octigan		41	12	0.293
Ricky Preston		29	5	0.172
Michael Woods		33	9	0.273
Max Barrett		4	2	0.500
Jak Cummings		2	0	0.000
Jack Daniels		17	7	0.412
Leigh Heinrichs		4	1	0.250
Geoff Holland		3	3	1.000
Stuart Holland		5	4	0.800
David Johnson		2	1	0.500
Adam Leech		7	3	0.429
Michael Leslie		11	1	0.091
Matt McKenna		3	1	0.333
Jake Pocock		11	6	0.545
Brandon Stenhouse		2	0	0.000
Matthew Stenhouse		12	6	0.500

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

## 'B2' Report

#### **Premiers**

Superhero team ups are everywhere at the minute. The Avengers have assembled in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, the Guardians of the Galaxy have formed, two X-Men timelines have conjoined and even a Justice League movie is just over the horizon. Everywhere you look, super powered humans and non-humans alike are forming up and going Voltron to combine their strengths and become not just 5 separate fingers, but a clenched fist of heroic punches. But in order for it to mean anything there must be a grave and truly threatening presence that necessitates it. I mean, if its just the Joker breaking out of Arkham for the 90<sup>th</sup> time, Batman can handle that *[bleep]* on his own. No need to call Superman. Likewise if Hydra has grown two heads where one was cut off, Cap isn't going to bother to hit up Thor on his Asguardian twitter account. Only for the menacing "Big-Bad" do Superhero teams form. As in comics or their cinematic adaptations, so to is it true in the DBA. That is why Chelt B2's assembled this year, to defend the universe against the cosmic threat that is Dandenong's 4<sup>ths</sup>.

Combining their collective powers for the greater good of humanity, were the following members.

David "DJ" Johnson: super powers consist of Lead-off and 1<sup>st</sup> base excellence as well as being a perpetual motion machine with Wolverine type healing powers for instant next day recovery should he, lets say, tear the hamstring completely off the bone on his wooden leg.

Paul "Cummo" Cummings clubs the ball consistently and like He-Man will scream "by the power of Greyskull, I have the Pink stuff" and then make his offspring feel instantly inadequate.

Pete "Bookworm" Burdette and his vibranium chrome dome can effortlessly deflect any and all blame for his failure to perform and direct it violently towards whoever wrote the lineup.

Zak "Turkey" Palmer takes outfield catches with one hand, the other hand in his back pocket, texting his boyz. He also acquired the ability to grow a parasitic moustache that, once matured, leapt to the upper lips of all organisms in the proximity until eventually all of humanity conformed to his turd-lipped trends.

Adam "O' Leechy" Leech was able to conjure up thunder-bats at will, ensuring the team never went into battle without effective supernatural weaponry.

Mika "Tossa" Tossavainen managed to destroy Leechy's weaponry with a flippy-flop of the wrist, but on top of that he also emits pheromones out into the air which infect everyone in the vicinity with the desire to dance along to horrible early 90's one hit wonders.

Brad "Poe" Heenan transformed himself into a 5 foot 2 fur covered punching bag capable of absorbing continuous, relentless verbal and physical abuse from multiple sources simultaneously.

Pat "El Prezidente" O'Neill's powers are an inversion of The Flash, as he is able to stay completely stationary while the world around him moves at ever increasing speeds.

Leigh "Mindbricks" Heinrichs would track fly balls to their destination with pin point accuracy and then use some sort of teleportation device to instantly appear 90 feet in front of that spot. He would use the same device in the batters box to more positive results while leaving everyone else disoriented and confused.

And lastly, Dan "My Favourite Player" Ward-Bourton discovered he possesses a not unlike Ant-Man type power, only rather than his entire body growing or shrinking on command, its just his head that swells to enormous size.

These disparate yet valuable sets of skills were implemented throughout the year in search of our official MacGuffin of choice, CC&Dry. Side by Side, we went into battle after battle and emerged victorious in all but 2 of them. The only exceptions being our encounters with the Thanos like nemesis that is Dandenong, who have collected the last 3 'Infinity Gems' (or premierships) from seasons past and during the year, escaped our clutches by a solitary run each time. These however were merely skirmishes on the road to the final fight. The definitive war that will decide the fate of the universe at the time of this writing has not yet been fought, so you'll have to check back next issue for the climax I suppose. Here's hoping we don't run into any of those pesky Third Act Problems.

Long story short we hit a ton, drank a ton, spent a ton, weigh a ton and had tons of fun with our flies undone. In conclusion, thank you to...I don't know, everyone that feels like they deserve to be thanked or to anyone that would appreciate the gesture.

Coach/Manager 'B2' 2014

#### **'B2' MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 2014** R 7 R1 R 2 R 3 R 4 R 5 R 6 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12 R13 R14 R15 R16 R17 R18 Round BYE Or/Glen Berw Morn Chels Fran Dand Bon Or/Glen Berw Morn Chels Fran Dand Bon Ding verses Ding BYE **Total Player** Α Н Α Н Н Α BYE Α Н Α Н Α Α Н BYE BURDETT, Peter BYE 3 BYE 3 BYE BYE **CUMMINGS**, Jak 1 2 3 7 **CUMMINGS**, Paul 3 2 1 BYE 1 2 BYE 9 -3 -3 -3 BYE BYE **HEENAN**, Brad -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 -38 HEINRICHS, Leigh 3 BYE 2 BYE 1 3 1 10 JOHNSON, David 2 BYE 2 3 BYE 9 LEECH, Adam 3 3 BYE BYE 1 2 1 10 O'NEILL, Pat 1 3 BYE 3 3 BYE 10 PALMER, Zak 2 BYE BYE 1 3 6 BYE POCOCK, Jake BYE 2 2 2 2 BYE 2 BYE TOSSAVAINEN, Mika 2 1 10 1 WARD-BOURTON, Daniel BYE BYE 0 BEAVEN, Henry 2 BYE BYE 2 BYE DOODY, Connor 3 BYE 3 3 BYE 3 WOODS, Michael BYE BYE BYE **AWARD RECIPIENTS** M.V.P BRAD HEENAN (MOST FINES PAID) **BATTING AVERAGE** LEIGH HEINRICHS - .634 ave **COACHE'S AWARD** PAUL CUMMINGS SHUT OUT PAT O'NEILL Rnd 7 31/05/2014 v BONBEACH 19-0

DANIEL WARD-BOURTON Rnd 10 v Or/Glen 15-0

SHUT OUT

## 'B2' Batting Averages 2014

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Leigh Heinrichs	12	41	26	0.634
Adam Leech	13	42	25	0.595
Mika Tossavainen	14	50	25	0.500
Daniel Ward-Bourton	14	43	21	0.488
Zak Palmer	13	42	20	0.476
Paul Cumming	13	39	17	0.436
David Johnson	14	53	19	0.358
Patrick O'Neill	13	36	12	0.333
Brad Heenan	10	20	6	0.300
Peter Burdett	10	31	8	0.258
Jak Cumming	12	35	9	0.257
Jake Pocock	5	15	4	0.267
Michael Woods	3	10	7	0.700
Connor Doody	1	2	1	0.500
Ash Flynn	1	5	2	0.400
Henry Bevan	1	5	4	0.800
TOTALS	14	469	206	0.439

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

## 'C1' Report

**Awards** 

**MVP** 

Ben Cooen

**Batting Award** 

Michael Olsen

**Most Improved** 

James Hannan

Coach/Manager C1 2014

Dave Stenhouse



## 'C2' Report

This year I was asked to do the C2s.

We began slowly, to say the least, with losses to Chelsea, Dandy Gold and Mornington before our breakout draw v Dingley Gold in round 4. 3 more losses followed and we were well and truly cellar dwellers in the C2 comp.

Enter the messiah...the saviour! Darren Hiddlestone joined the side and immediately repaired our pitching woes which had struggled in the opening part of the season. From here until season end Daz would start (and usually finish) on the mound for us. This added some stability to our line-up and we improved in every area on the back of not only Dazzas pitching but his batting and game sense overall.

Young Matt Holland, who had endured a tough time behind the plate in the first few games, formed a significant and professional partnership with Daz for the rest of the season and the 2 combined to lead from the front as an excellent pitcher/catcher combination.

From here the only way was up and we slowly but surely did just that, ending the season with our 3<sup>rd</sup> draw and a respectable 7<sup>th</sup> place on the ladder with 5 wins.

Some of the notable highlights (and lowlights) for our season included:

- Home Runs to Daz Hiddlestone and John Fairweather
- Cambo's dugout "McEnroe-like" tantrums
- Jumpin Joe Caruso's catches at short and CF and lightning running of the bases
- Dan Roberts running like a "cork in the ocean" between bases.....on foul balls, and last but certainly not least....
- Our favourite 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman "E5" Harrowell. Thanks for the entertainment mate!

I'm from a footy back ground so everyone in the team had to have a nickname.

Mark (soup) Campbell
Carl (Dr Carl) Cravino
Antony(race horse? E5)Harrowell
Julie (Jules) Cameron
Matt (DJ) Holland
Daniel (on the spot) Roberts
Darren (Shaz) Hiddlestone
Brett (rubber) Clarke
Jake (Rooster) Pocock
Kyle (junior) Clarke

Russell (Rusty/Mater) Ashen
John (Capt Feather sword) Fairweather
Damon (omen) Pettit,
Gianni (G) Caruso
Mike (Hampster) Phillips
Joe (whiteline) Caruso
Dave (Steve Austin/twinkle toes) Holland
Matt (bluey) Mckenna
Stu (three fingers) Holding
Shelby (Shel) Mckeown

Thanks to everyone for all your support.

Special mention to Mike Phillips for filling in as manager when I was away. I can't, forget our number 1 scorer/umpire & match reporter David Holland...you did a bloody great job. Thankyou.

I thank Jake Harrowell, Barb Dooley and Sara Caruso who also filled in as scorers on occasions.

MVP - Darren Hiddlestone Batting ave - Darren Hiddlestone Coaches award - Matt Holland

Coach/Manager 'C2' 2014

## Club Person

#### FRANK BABIDGE JNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

#### Nominations are -:

#### Johnson Family:

- Committee Members
- Katrina Treasurer/ Canteen specialist
- > Johnno General Gopher and all rounder
- ➤ Jade All round helper

The Johnson Family, well what can you say, 'what would we do without them?' Again, for another season, the club runs reasonably smoothly with all the work done by these 3 people. Jobs done are too numerous to mention; only they know how much work it takes to run a club the size of Cheltenham. So, to the 3 of you, the committee appreciates your passion and dedication for all the jobs you do around the club, and hopes to see you back again in season 2015.

#### **Paul and Linda Barrett**

Linda Barrett for her work in the canteen, always a smiling face and very reliable not on the committee.

Paul Barrett for his work as bar manager lots of running around and always last to leave, well most times

#### Steve Campitelli

Steve does a great job on the web site and not on the committee.

#### **Dave Holland**

He just filled in for Steve when he was away and always puts his hand up when asked to help out.

This award is voted on by the Winter committee

The 2014 Club person/s

Johnson Family David, Katrina & Jade

#### J.R. TREVORAH MEMORIAL TROPHY

#### 'A1' Grade M.V.P

1986	Steve Babidge	1987	Terry Reid	1988	Terry Reid
1989	Terry Reid	1989	Steve Babidge	1990	Terry Reid
1991	Mika Tossavainen	1992	Steve Babidge	1993	Terry Reid
1994	Chris Reece	1995	Darren Smith	1996	Greg Brown
1996	Darren Smith	1997	Mika Tossavainen	1998	Anthony Smith
1999	Luke Parsons	2000	Darren Smith	2001	Darren Smith
2002	Darren Smith	2003	Anthony Reinke	2004	Dave Clarkson
2005	Ricky Wheeler	2006	Daryn Cassidy & Ricky Wheeler	2007	Blake Cunningham
2008	Daryn Cassidy	2009	Andrew Russell	2010	Blake Cunningham
2011	Matthew Blackmore & Blake Cunnii	ngham		2012	Yoshi Campitelli
2013	Russell Ferguson	-			

## 2014 - Russell Ferguson & Paul Rutgers

#### FRANK BABIDGE SNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

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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	2001	Craig Ballantyne	2002	Adam Blackley
2003	Colin Upfill	2004	Steve Gourlay		

2005 Trophy name changed (see below)

#### FRANK BABIDGE SNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

#### Club Coaches Most Improved

2005	Tom Ellis	2006	Blake Cunningham	2007	Dale Ravesi
2008	Kyle Brookes	2009	Brett Curnow	2010	Brett Curnow
2011	Jak Jowett	2012	Mitch Holding	2013	Brandon Stenhouse

## 2014 Koji Campitelli

#### BOB BOYLE'S CLUB COACHES AWARD

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		Most I	mprov	ved	

1989	Darren Smith	1990	Peter Burnett	1994	Matthew Gourlay
1995	Lorne Dennis	1996	Ben Wardburton	1997	lan Nolan
1998	Travis Blackley	1999	Matthew Keen	2000	Brett Kavanagh
2001	Glenn Sanders	2002	Richie Lander	2003	Chris Hook
2004	Never awarded				

2005 Trophy now obsolete (see above)

#### FRANK BABIDGE JNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

#### Club Person/s

1988	Olivia Reid	1989	Chris Re	eece	1990	Wendy .	Iohnson
1991	Russell Ingram		1992	Trevor Hogben		1993	Brad Lark
1994	Brad Lark		1995	Simon Edgeworth		1996	Trevor Clemens
1997	Bev Blackley		1998	T.Clemens & B.Fitzgerald		1999	David Stenhouse
2000	S.Earle & S.Flanagan	2001	David St	enhouse	2002	Terri Laı	ndt
2003	David & Pauline Stenhouse		2004	David Stenhouse		2005	John Olsen
2006	Colin, Connie & James Upfill		2007	Janette Holland		2008	Brett Dickson
2009	Ian Curnow		2010	Tina Cooen		2011	Peter Leslie
2012	Katrina Johnson		2013	Ian Palmer			

# DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

#### Senior DBA Rep side

Congratulations to the following Cheltenham players who represented the DBA at the Queens B'Day VPBL Carnival for the 2014 Winter season held at Geelong 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June.

Kane Davidson Russell Ferguson Blake Cunningham Geoff Holland

The 2014 Winter Committee would like to congratulate the above players for representing Cheltenham Baseball Club at what we consider a very high level of competition. Well Done.

#### **DBA Award Winners**

DBA O'Brien Medal A2 MVP

Yoshi Campitelli

DBA O'Brien Medal B2 MVP

**Dan Ward-Bourton** 

The 2014 Winter Committee would like to congratulate all the above CBC players who won a DBA award for their high achievements in the 2014 DBA season. Well Done

Good luck to everyone playing their chosen sport this Summer (hopefully baseball with Cheltenham!) and we look forward to seeing you again in Winter 2015.

**Winter Committee 2014** 

# D.B.A. Most Valuable Players

'A1' (new grade 2008)

Daryn Cassidy						
G. Siddel David Clarkson Darren Smith	1980 1990 2005	Lawrie Hall Terry Reid Ricky Wheeler	1981 1991	Lawrie Hall Steve Babidge	1986 1994	Terry Reid Terry Reid
– Tom Ellis		2011 – Yoshi Ca	ampitelli	pitelli		
	1983			Andrew Adams		
Pat O'Neill	2009 –			Dan Wardburton		
Steve Babidge Ricky Wheeler	1997	'B' G Darren Brooks	1999	Steve Babidge	2003 Rick	ky Wheeler
	2009 –					
Frank Babidge Jnr. Brad Lark	1981 2001		1987 2003	Peter Innes Mika Tossavainen	1996	Ueno Takashi
	2011 –		w grade 2008)			
Colin Upfill	1993	'D' G David Stenhouse	<u>GRADE</u>			
		<u>'B2'</u> (ne	w grade 2008)			
		2014 – Dan	Wardbu	ırton		
Stephen Williams		<u>'E' G</u>	RADE			
		<u>'B3'</u> (20	08 - 2012)			
Narelle Gosstray	2001	Sue Kendrick	MEN'S			
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## **Club Champions**

1977, 1983, <u>1988, 1989, 1990, 1991</u>, <u>1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010</u>

## JUNIOR CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Another wonderful winter season of baseball has come to an end. Thanks to all the fantastic coaches for all their effort in training and coaching our kids, braving those chilly winter mornings to face whatever the opposition had to throw at them. They give up so much of their time and do a fantastic job.

As do the winter committee, devoting their time to make sure we have a winter club to come to and play our much loved game of baseball. It is just a small group that does a huge job.

Thanks to the parents that support our club week after week, without their support we are not a club.

Finally to our wonderful players that represented our club so well this season. You have done us proud yet again and we hope to see you all next season to do it all again.

Nicole Croker Junior Coordinator 2014



## **D.B.A Junior Rep Players**

Cheltenham Junior Players who were selected to represent the DBA in their VPBL Sate Championships during Winter 2014

#### **U18 @ Geelong 11-12 July**

Lucas Anderson Jack Daniels Naoki Lui Matt Stenhouse

#### U16@ Mildura 4-5 July

Angus Octigan Jake Pocock

#### U14 @ Wangaratta 26-27 July

Oliver Bowley
Dante Caruso
Declan Croker
Ben Fierenzi
Thomas Ogilvie
Fraser Parsons
Will Tucker
Mack Turley

#### U12 @ Bendigo 2-3 August

Josh Ashen
Genevieve Beacom
Ben Campbell
Sean Dunne
Rhys Fairweather
Blake Holding
Josh Tribe

The 2014 Winter Committee would like to congratulate the above players for representing Cheltenham Baseball Club at what we consider a very high level of competition. Well Done.

## **D.B.A Junior Awards**

DBA Best Player - U14 - Ben Fierenzi

DBA Best Player - U12 - Josh Ashen

Good luck to everyone playing their chosen sport this Summer (hopefully baseball with Cheltenham!) and we look forward to seeing you again in Winter 2015.

From your Winter Committee 2014

## 'U17' White Report

Going into my 4<sup>th</sup> year of coaching the Under 17's I was really excited with the mix of players coming through from the Under 15's and the older players who had been there for all 4 years of my coaching career. The boys started the season strongly as we looked to lock in firstly a top 6 spot to play in Division 1 and then a top 4 to play off in the finals. Although we got knocked out in the first week of the finals against Ringwood I feel that our best would certainly have seen us holding up the flag at the end of the season, however it wasn't to be and Ringwood got the better of us on the day with their pitcher having a day out and keeping our dangerous lineup very unusually quiet. I say unusually because as a team for the season we batted .363, led by Jack Daniels with an impressive .571 average that included 8 doubles and 10 RBI's, both team leading.

Defensively we were just as strong with Matt Cameron and Naoki Liu sharing much of the pitching duties for the season, always keeping us in the game. In the field we had a lot of versatile players, which gave me as a coach a lot of flexibility, which was needed when you have a team of 13 players in a 1 hour 45 minute game. Sam Trend-Beacom had a fantastic year at shortstop whilst also taking on some of the catching and pitching duties. Angus Octigan also had a stellar season claiming 3<sup>rd</sup> base as his own and making some very important plays in our last two games of the season against Ringwood.

Youngsters Matt Holland, Jake Pocock, Gianni Caruso, Angus Octigan and Ryan Tarranto made the huge jump from under 15's last season to under 17's seamlessly. All the boys by the end of the season looked more than comfortable against players 3 years older than them and have huge potential to be great baseballers for the mighty rustlers in years to come. I look forward to having you all in my team again next winter were hopefully we will be able to go a couple steps further.

For the older boys they keep continuing to improve and push each other to be better baseballers, from the team I think we had 6 or 7 players make an appearance for the A1's with 3 being every week regulars, which is a huge effort. The club is in a very strong position going forward thanks to all its hard work with the juniors and developing such a talented group of players.

I would like to thank all the parents that helped during the season getting grounds ready on cold miserable mornings. A special thanks to David Holland for scoring and introducing me to baseball stats I didn't even know existed and to Gavin Daniels for umpiring all of our home games. Having parents helping makes my job

a lot easier and your efforts and contributions are greatly appreciated. Lastly to my Dad, thanks for helping me with training and games whilst I was in Adelaide, without your help and support I wouldn't have been able to take on the team this year.

#### **Team Members**

Jake Pocock Max Barrett Sam Michael Fred Holten Jack Daniels Angus Octigan Sam Trend-Beacom Matt Cameron Gianni Caruso Declan Chittenden Matt Holland Naoki Liu Ryan Tarranto

Matt Carlile- Coach
John Carlile- Assistant Coach

David Holland- Scorer

#### **Awards**

MVP - Sam Trend-Beacom
Batting Average - Jack Daniels .571 ave
Most Improved - Angus Octigan

## 'U17' Blue Report

This year all the DBA under 17 teams joined into the Southern Region of the Melbourne Winter Baseball League. With two teams entered the blue team was made up of Cheltenham, Berwick and Boneo registered players, many of who were taking on their last season of winter juniors.

The season provided a bit of everything and after a somewhat slow start to the season the solid performances outweighing the bad.

One of the highlights for the year would have to be the win against Heathmont with much of the team away at Geelong for the State Winter Championships. The closeness of the MWBL meant that this win pretty much sealed a top 2 finish to the season.

The team entered the finals 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder and with the double chance. The guys played off in the grand final but were unfortunately not successful on the day and finished runners up.

Thanks to Stenny & Poh for their great work coaching the team as well as the winter committee for providing an opportunity for juniors from Berwick and Boneo to join in some junior action with the rustlers.

#### **Team Members**

Lucas Anderson Ash Flynn Matthew McKenna Toby Nelson Henry Bevan Steve Hughes Michael Moore Matthew Stenhouse Andrew DiGiovambattista Michael Leslie Jye Nelson Max Thompson

Dave Stenhouse, Brad Heenan - Coach

Peter Leslie - Scorer

#### **Awards**

MVP & Batting - Steve Hughes Second Runner Up - Matthew Stenhouse Best Team Player - Toby Nelson



## **'U15' White Report**

The Under 15 Cheltenham White Team was made up of a few experienced players, a few less experienced players and a couple of new players. We had an up and down year losing some matches during the season that we probably should have won, but then made up for it at the end of the season with some great wins against top 4 teams, that no one would have expected.

The experienced players took on leadership roles and admirably guided the less experienced and new players throughout the season, which enabled development across the board.

Although our U15's were split into two teams, the boys always trained together, showing great club spirit and a big thank you to Dan Ward-Bourton who ran training each week, imparting his extensive knowledge and experience with the boys, superbly supported by Adam Leech. Each of the boys showed improvement week after week. Their skills at bat, running bases, attack of the ball, and encouraging their teammates, all getting stronger as the season progressed.

A season highlight being the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> last rounds where we were able to beat the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed (at the time) teams. Thank you to Declan Croker, Dylan Buhrmann, Kyle Clarke, Shelby McKeown, Bailey Cotsis, Ben Fierenzi, Will Tucker and Jake Harrowell (apologies if I missed anyone) who all came from the Blue Team and played in games with us throughout the season.

Our enthusiastic supporters of family and friends did an amazing job cheering on the team each week. Thank you all for braving some cold mornings and sitting on the sidelines, the team appreciates it.

Lastly, but certainly by no means least, a special thank you to Michelle Ogilvie, Barb Ashen and Sara Cullen for helping manage the team and scoring, Darren Hiddlestone and Anthony Bowley for setting up the ground, 1<sup>st</sup> base coaching and umpiring and Nicole Croker for her work as the Junior Coordinator. We truly appreciate all the work you've all done.

#### **Team Players**

Kaito Aono – Luke Ashen –	An experienced player and our starting pitcher for most matches, Kaito has had a solid season both with the ball and the bat and has led by example. He is very respectful and is a great role model for the younger and newer players. Kaito is a pleasure to coach and I look forward to seeing him continue and develop. A guy who loves to have fun and keep the team entertained, it is great to have
	him in the team. Luke started the season catching and moved to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Base and even had a pitch as the season progressed. Luke hit some great line drives including 1 off the pitchers head which was caught by short stop and 2 Home Runs during the season.
Oliver Bowley –	A real team player who is always encouraging his team mates. He has had a successful and busy season, I think is best summarised for him as "Everywhere Oliver" as he played at least 6 games in the Blue Team, trained with the U15's and the U17's, played in the DBA U14 Rep side and still managed to be a key part of the White Team, now that's some versatility.
Dante Caruso –	A great young player, who is a good pitcher and pretty handy with the bat too. Dante joined us from U13 in round 2 and fitted in straight away. Rewarded again DBA Rep status, he has had a great season. I have had the pleasure of

coaching Dante for at least a couple of seasons and he is a pleasure to coach and I look forward to seeing his progress as he continues.

Fraser Hiddlestone – A good little player who has had a consistent first season. Keen to play wherever required Fraser is a real character and really took a shine to catching... Not sure he was too happy when we suggested no knee savers though. Keep up (or start) the squats to strengthen those legs and I look forward to seeing you get stronger and stronger as you continue.

Lachlan Howell -

A player in his first year, who is always enthusiastic and smiling. DJ Velocity is happy to play any position and keep the team entertained with some beat boxing in the dugout and in the field. I hope that Lachlan continues with his Baseball and enjoys it because once he starts to get contact when batting I look forward to him beat boxing his way around the bases.

Tausei Niboshi -

A quiet guy who has continued to impress, don't let him on base because once there he is a competitive base runner. Tausei's dedication to the game is second to none, as a natural left hander teaching himself to throw right handed to play in field positions. A very respectful player always willing to listen and learn, he is a pleasure to coach.

Thomas Ogilvie -

One of the senior players of the team Tom has had a good season with the bat and has made 1st Base his own, with great pick offs and solid outs. I have coached Tom for a few seasons now and he is yet to reach his full potential, look out when he gets his arm straight instead of flick pitching, because he can throw rockets.

Zac Peeler -

A player in his second season of Baseball he continues to progress, but has been hampered by missing quite a few games this season. I look forward to seeing Zac complete a full season as I think his development will be great and I can see him gaining enormous confidence.

Jack Rice -

Another quiet guy who has had an injury interrupted season, none of which came from Baseball. Jack's batting continues to progress and he is always a pleasure to coach and watch develop. Stay safe and uninjured and I'm sure we will see big hits in the not too distant the future.

Josh Smith -

A quiet achiever who is keen about his baseball. Josh is happy to play any position but performed really well in the outfield taking some crucial catches throughout the season, especially in our great wins at the end of the season. Always listening and encouraging his team mates he is the type of person who is key to the strong foundation of any team.

Yours in Baseball,



#### <u>Awards</u>

Coaches Award: Tausei Niboshi

Coaches Award: Fraser Hiddlestone

Coaches Award: Oliver Bowley

## **'U15' Blue Report**

As with last year both u15 teams trained together as a squad with the overall goal of producing a legitimate finals contender with the Blue team and to foster as much development and maturation into key roles as possible in the White side.

With the White sides substantial improvements on display during its late season charge that featured competitiveness with and or defeat of 4 of the top 5 sides late in the year and the Blue team locking down 2<sup>nd</sup> position at seasons end, we have all the proof necessary to suggest both of those goals were accomplished with aplomb.

Specifically for the Blue team, we had a simply outstanding season. Finishing the year with 11W-1L-2D record. Anytime you head into the finals having dropped only 1 game for the year, you're going to feel pretty pleased with yourself and that's certainly true here. Especially when you consider that loss was suffered against the top side and on a day where we played with a blank and had numerous key players absent. If you think winning is everything, then you're in the right place. Even if you don't think winning is the only thing, you can't deny that it is pretty cool.

Those wins were built largely on the back of our prodigious offence. We put up more than 170 runs in the 14 games played with a team bat average of 500+. Cruize, Archer and Ben at the top of our order all producing big numbers. Kyle Clark nailing a couple of big home runs early in the season and Shelby "finally" going deep late in the year were particular highlights. You expect the top of your order to get the job done, but it's a real treat when the bottom of the order can be productive too. So with Will, Declan and Jake having quality years with the bat also, it meant we batted right through the order and this was a strength that few teams could match.

On the other side of the ball, our pitching did a fine job by holding our opposition to just 59 runs. With Cruize developing into our Ace and Dylan a flame throwing go to guy, Declan a sturdy 3<sup>rd</sup> string and also having Ben and Archer as quality options thereafter, meant we were gifted tremendous depth at the position. The truth is though, that the number of runs allowed could have been significantly lower. Because throughout the year our pitchers allowed few hits, I mean very few, but unfortunately our guys went through patches of difficulty finding the strike zone. In the end we allowed twice as many base-on-balls as safe hits. This is a crazy number to think about, especially if walking hitters happens to be a pet peeve of yours (and it is one of mine). If we could have challenged hitters more consistently, that number of runs allowed, would have been absolutely miniscule. Though, you really can't complain too much when you're pitchers are nigh unhittable.

Backing the pitching up was a really strong defense. Particularly on the infield where I can't recall many mistakes getting made. We were rock solid in this department even when we shuffled guys around. Arch and Ben, cool as cucumbers up the middle, Cruiz and Dec dependable at the corners and of course Shelby behind the plate who worked his butt off this year and had a fantastic year as a result.

With success in every facet of the game and contributions from all over the team, Chelt Blue can all be extremely proud of themselves for their efforts throughout the year. Your coach certainly is.

Special mentions go to Archer Hall our MVP who contributed in every imaginable capacity this year, not the least of which was his endless positivity, great work ethic and selflessness. Captain Arch sets a great example of the way this game should be played. And to Cruize Leech who is pretty stiff to not pick up a trophy as he emerged as a star of the team in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to Ant Harrowell for looking after the White side on game days and also to all the kids in that side who trained hard and help us out on occasion.

#### **Team Members**

Dylan Burhmann Declan Croker Jake Harrowell Will Tucker Kyle Clarke Ben Fierenzi Shelby McKeown

Bailey Cotsis Archer Hall Cruiz Leech

Coaches - Dan Ward-Bourton / Adam Leech

Scorer - Lisa Clarke

#### Awards

MVP - Archer Hall

Batting Award - Ben Fierenzi

Coaches Award - Shelby McKeown



## 'U13' White Report

#### **Premiers**

Russell Ashen coached for his second season (so the weather didn't get to him last year)! We saw some up's and downs, wins and losses culminating with the Grand Final win against the Cheltenham Blue team. It was good to see a Cheltenham win and whatever happened the Cheltenham club was assured of the U13 Pennant for 2014.

The season saw most boys taking to the mound with stalwarts Mac Turley and Josh Ashen taking care of the most strike outs for the year. Rhys Fairweather and Cam Zimmerman also performed well. Griff 'Red Foo' Adams pitched out the last innings in the final with two strike outs and fielding the ball to first for the third out.....not bad for a cricketer. Let's hope we see him return next winter.

Our batting has definitely been up and down. There has been some spectacular hits – 4 home runs by Mac Turley with 2 being scored in one game. Each player has defended the plate and sometimes defended too well. As we have all heard 'you can only hit the ball if you swing the bat'. There was plenty of swinging in the Final with Jack Octagon hitting the ball each time he came to the plate (3 times) – getting bat on ball at a crucial time of the game to score runners home. Rhys, Max, Jackson and Shelby all struck out in their first at bats but all hit the ball at their second at bats. Ben and Cam were both hit by the pitchers but later made hits. Every single player has made hits throughout the season and has contributed to the success of the team – so whilst Rocco didn't get bat on ball in the final, he did in other matches during the season.

This bunch of boys are keen baseballs and are always on the lookout for an out in the field. They've made tag outs, fly ball catches, double plays, they've also dropped catches, let balls go between their legs, thrown to the wrong base.....all in all, just normal kids learning the game.

Well done to all the players who have put in their best effort for each game – bringing their best to the 'Final'. Congratulations to Coach Russell Ashen, Mark Campbell and thanks to John Fairweather for umpiring duties and thanks to Michael 'Scorer' Phillips who has had to endure some horrendous cold spells at the desk.

#### U13 'White' Coach/Manager

Russell Ashen

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Josh Ashen Rhys Fairweather
Rocco Angelone Jack Octigan
Shelby Roberts Ben Campbell

Cameron Zimmerman Andrew Vacouftsis Griff Adams Mack Turley
Jackson Heyward
Max Phillips

#### **AWARDS**

MVP & Batting - Mack Turley

Coaches award - Cameron Zimmerman

Coaches award - Jack Octigan

## 'U13'Blue Report

#### **Grand Finalist**

Coming into a season as a coach was something I had never done before, I was very unsure of what to expect from the kids and what they expected of me. However, after the first couple of training sessions when they started to open up, it was made very clear to me that every kid in my team was dedicated to learn and have fun at the same time.

After our first game against Dingley, we realised that there was some work to do, ever since that game, the kids have put in a lot of effort at training and at games to get to a stage where they can not only understand, but compete in each game throughout the season. The aim throughout the season was to develop each kid in a range of positions but at the same time, let them specialise themselves in a position they enjoy. One of the most important factors we worked on this year was hitting, going up to bat with the approach that you are going to hit the ball, and having the confidence to do so made a huge impact for the kids throughout the season, especially when it came to finals time. Each player improved significantly in respect from where they started and they owe that to themselves.

The hitting was led by **Chris**, **Fraser**, **Michael**, **Ben**, **Blake** and **Sean**, who hit very well throughout the season and acted as leaders for the others to follow, this was evident towards finals time as we had the majority of the team hitting well. Huge improvement made by **Patrick** and **Lucas** who both came a long way from where they were at the start of the season to now, in not only hitting but fielding as well.

Our pitching was one of our strong points throughout the season, **Chris** who led the pitching did a great job always keeping the hitters guessing as well as everyone watching. **Genevieve** as one of the youngest players in the competition, took on a major role pitching as well and did a very good job throughout the season. **Satoya** also played a major part in pitching and did very well especially when we needed him.

Our fielding was spectacular this season, all players did extremely well regardless of the position they were playing. **Blake** and **Chris** both very verbal leaders on the field, did an excellent job displaying both leadership and defensive skills which helped the whole team focus. **Hanami, Ben, Kieran, Nick and Sean** also played big spots in the team, they all listened at training and when something went wrong they didn't get distracted, instead they listened and focused and would make the next play almost every time, this was a big asset to the team, having guys and girls that would always play hard no matter what the scoreboard said.

The end result wasn't one that we really wanted, however, it was a good game played by both Cheltenham teams which shows the depth and skill level Cheltenham have. Making it to the final was a reward in its self, every player contributed and played a role throughout the season in getting the team to the finals, and they should all feel proud of themselves for the effort they have put in.

Special thanks to all the parents that helped out, whether it was scoring, umpiring or setting up the field also a big thank you to Stu for helping me out on game day by assisting me with coaching.

U13 'Blue' Coach/Manager 2014

Mitch Holding

MVP- Chris Nilsen

Most improved- Sean Dunne

Fielding award- Fraser Parsons

## 'U11' Report

The 2014 Under 11s were a ragtag group that started the season with a roster of only 8 players and no game-day coach. The season would not have been possible without help from Johnno, who ran Thursday training sessions for the first several weeks of the season; and parents who came together each week to assist with coordinating, training and coaching, preparing grounds, scoring, and umpiring - and most importantly "rustling" together enough players each week to field a team (miraculously, we were able to escape the season with only one forfeit).

Despite the grass-roots organization, the team earned a spot in the semi-finals with a solid 6-7-1 record. Highlights included several strong pitching performances including two consecutive shutouts in rounds 12 and 13 - from our aces Joshua Tribe and Ryan Langworthy, and Jack Doran who emerged as an increasingly effective relief pitcher. Joshua, Ryan and Jack were also strong hitters who, along with contact hitters Sascha Selacki (the team's batting champion) and Blake Dunkley, anchored the batting lineup. The most noteworthy individual offensive performance was Joshua batting in in all 8 team runs in an 8-3 win over Mornington Black in round 7.

But even more than the individual performances, the most impressive aspect of the season was the team's teamwork and never-give-up attitude. There was a noticeable improvement in the team's fielding through the season, and every player on the team stepped up when needed - reflected in the fact that each player received at least one MVP vote during the season.

#### **Team Members**

Joshua Tribe Jack Doran Ethan Imbriano Ryan Langworthy Blake Dunkley Riley Walker Sascha Selacki Daniel Wallace

Gordon Tribe – Coach Jon Doran - Scorer Brent Dunkley - Umpire

#### Awards

Team Man - Blake Dunkley

- At every game, at every practice, played wherever asked with enthusiasm
- Consistently encouraged his teammates with positive on-field chatter
- Was literally willing to take a hit for the team reached base on a hit by pitch 5 times, leading the team

#### Coach's Award - Jack Doran

- An all-rounder who played every position
- Has taken instruction well and developed into an increasingly strong batter and pitcher
- Played in every game

#### Most Improved - Daniel Wallace

- Throughout the season became an increasingly important contributor to the team – both defensively as our go-to catcher, and offensively with some big hits in our final few games

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