

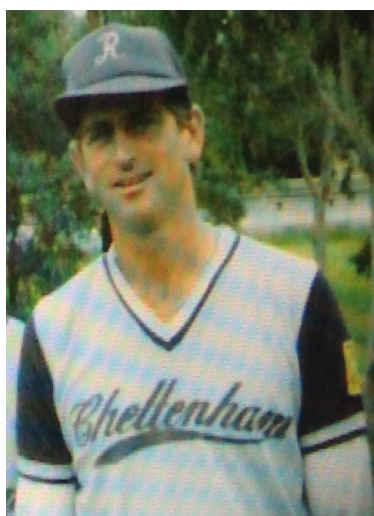


ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMER 1984-85



Graeme Ainscough – President



Laurie Hall – Club Coach





PRESIDENTS REPORT

The season saw solid performances at the senior level and significant successes at junior level with the establishment of Pee Wee and Tee ball centre at Cheltenham. Our Under 15 Team won the State Championship. The efforts of our coaches were outstanding and much appreciated.

Infrastructure improvements to provide a Pavilion and a permanent back net are imminent.

The focus moving forward will be on:

- continuing to develop our junior programs to increase numbers and participation.
- in strengthening the coaching capability along with the depth and experience of the senior playing group.
- improving facilities in line with plans for the new Pavilion and a permanent back net
- raising funding for the capital works needed to provide the specialist infrastructure for baseball. Bull pens, dugouts, batting tunnels.

On behalf of all the Club I wish to record our thanks to our hard working Committee for all you have achieved this past twelve months as well as to all members for your participation and support.

Graeme Ainscough
Summer President

Committee 1984-85

President: Graeme Ainscough

Vice President: John Stewart (Council Liaison)

Secretary: Kevin Russell

Treasurer: Judy Van Kooy

Junior Secretary: Maureen Phillips

Canteen: Grace Stewart:

Junior Delegate VBA: Kevin Williams

Junior Development/Pavilion: John Ferguson

Club Coach: Laurie Hall

Members: Alan Tanner, Alistair Baker, Michael Trevorah
Lee Bailey Wayne Bailey.





Team Captains/Coaches

Division 2

Firsts Laurie Hall
Reserves Michael Trevorah

Division 3

Firsts John Ferguson/Alan Tanner
Reserves John Ferguson/Steve Lieber

Juniors

Under 17 Kevin Williams
Under 15 (1) Andrew Connor
(2) Colin Upfill
Under 13 (1) Clancy Carver
(2). Peter Burdett
U13 All Stars Michael Trevorah

Tee Ball John Ferguson/Al Baker

SENIORS REPORT

Division 2

Firsts: W7 (8th)
Reserves: (4th) Lost Semi Final to Blackburn 11-14

Division 3

Firsts: Runners Up Lost to Port Melbourne 6-9
Reserves: (8th)

Division 2 Firsts

1994-95 was generally a disappointing year – particularly for First Nine. After a very slow start – losing the first 5-6 games – and then putting together a string of wins defeating all the sides in the Four to lift themselves out of the relegation stakes.

The Club Coach Laurie Hall led by example both at practice and in matches, pitching in almost every game and winning the Club's MVP/Club Champion Award from Alister Baker who also performed strongly.

Division 2 Reserves

The team comprised a number of U17 players and Michael's effort in welding them into a winning combination was an excellent performance and his own contribution as a hitter was a major factor in winning games. Jeff McKee was also a major contributor with his pitching and all round performances.





Division 3 Firsts

The nucleus of senior/experienced Club Members with the addition of promising juniors such as Dean Connor, Colin Delanougarede, Kirby Simmering, Steve Lawrence, Mark Campagna and Leon Harris saw the team steadily climb the ladder after a shaky start to the season.

Alan Tanner pitched almost every game and was the mainstay of the regulars supported by John Ferguson with other experienced players such as Tom Shanks and Mark Buckthorpe playing sufficient games to qualify for finals. The return of Paul Ferguson late in the season was a great help and instrumental in our winning the vital replay against Ormond following a successful protest to make the Four.

Despite winning the semi and preliminary finals convincingly Port Melbourne proved too strong overall in the Grand Final.

Division 3 Reserves

Many players from the U15's and U17's gained valuable experience in open competition and by the end of the season were performing consistently winning games and enjoying their baseball.

JUNIOR REPORT

Our juniors were the Club's success story in 1984-85

Under 17



Under Coach Kevin Williams the boys performed extremely well to finish on top

However, the effort against Essendon in the State U17 Merchants Championship was somewhat of a let down with Essendon proving too strong. Never the

of the ladder with most positions having more than one player capable of playing at a very competent level.

Mark Dinnie and Curtis Sinfield carried the pitching with Curtis Sinfield and Alex Porreca completing the battery.

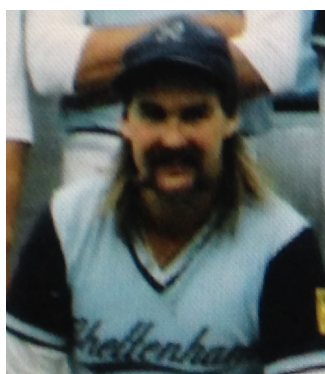
The Grand Final against Moorabbin, following the necessity to compete in a replay as the result of a protest being upheld, was an excellent effort with Cheltenham winning 18-9 after tied scores at 9 all.

less it was a great achievement to finish third in the State at the level.





Under 15 (1) **Merchant State Champions**



Coached by Andrew Connor this group of boys indicated that the Club has a bright future by easily winning the section Premiership and semi finals with Dean Connor dominating on the mound and well backed up by Tony Dinnie.

The Grand Final for the State Championship against Oakleigh was a

magnificent game of baseball and fittingly ended in a 3-3 draw after Cheltenham

appeared to have lost it's winning chance when trailing 1-3 late in the game.

However an excellent rally in which Mark Phillips hit strongly saw the game quickly tied up with extra time failing to split the teams. Dean Connor went the distance in a marathon performance giving up only 3 scattered hits.

The replay proved to be a one horse race with Cheltenham winning

9-0 and a great team performance supporting Dean Connors top pitching. Mark Phillips collected 2 hits including a home run and Adam Guyatt excelled in the field.



Rustlers



Under 15 (2)



Colin Upfill fulfilled a difficult assignment with this group of new players and with Eugene Ryan and new comer Brad McCormack forming the battery failed to win many games although displaying excellent promise. Both players played regularly in the afternoon and gained further experience. To the boys credit they never gave up and battled out the season.

Under 13 (1)

Coaches, Clancy Carver, Peter Burdett and Kevin Williams put in a good deal of time and effort into the Friday Night Centre at Cheltenham and both teams made the finals but were bundled out in the Semi Finals

Under 12 All Stars



Coach Michael Trevorah achieved some excellent results with these boys who were selected from Friday night games to represent the Club in in Sunday Morning Competitions. Michael worked hard with the boys and assisted them to achieve a high degree of efficiency and installed a sense of dedication and will to win for Cheltenham and form a foundation for their future in the game.

TeeBall

This was a most successful operation with 2 seasons being played and establishing a ready flow of boys for our Pee Wee teams

The sound organisation of the competition by Maureen Phillips and support by Grace Stewart at games and Canteen ensured success and with the general assistance of John Ferguson and Alister Baker has provided the Club with a basis for the regular supply of players into the future.





Representative Players

Congratulations to Dean Connor and Adam Guyatt for their selection the Victorian U15 Team and their success as a members of the Australian U15 Champion team.

Thanks and Appreciation

City Of Moorabbin For ground management and facilities and to Councillor Ron Brownlees for his personal assistance and guidance.

John Stewart for his support as Vice President and in Council Liaison

John Ferguson for development of the plans for the pavilion and back net and for work on the Baseball/Hockey management Committee

Maureen Phillips as Junior League Secretary for a whole host of tasks including statistics and trophies.

Grace Stewart who won the Award for Our Best Club Person. Organiser of the canteen roster and Ladies Group.

Ladies Group and Canteen Stockists An outstanding effort in supplying drinks and food for the benefit of players and for providing with a vital fundraising medium. Mr and Mrs Campagna for sweets and Chocolates.

Laurie Hall Senior Coach for his untiring efforts in doing his utmost to develop senior players into a winning combination.

To All Club Coaches (Senior and Junior) with a special mention to Kevin Williams (U17) and Andrew Connor (U15) for their achieving Premierships in their particular sections. Andrew Connor coached the U15's to the Clubs First State Championship.

Judy Van Kooy Treasurer: for handling a most difficult task in a most efficient manner.

Kevin Russell Secretary for a quiet but efficient job.

Scorers at all Levels. A special thankyou for a job well done over the complete competition season

Colin Upfill: Design of the "100 Club Pennant" .





Function and Committee Meeting Hosts: John & Grace Stewart, Arthur and Glennis Stewart, Graeme & June Ainscough, Alan and Raelene Tanner, John and Teresa Connor

Wind up: Organisers Maureen Philips and Grace Stewart for a successful function in Cheltenham Hall

Club Members who Umpired, managed teams, ground controllers
Including home run fence “boundary. Riders” Frank Dinnie , Harry Kalinski

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