

1985-86

CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

SUMMER COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICE BEARERS :

PRESIDENT	Graeme	AINSCOUGH
VICE PRESIDENT	John	STEWART
SECRETARY	Kevin	RUSSELL
TREASURER	Maureen	PHILLIPS
COMMITTEE	Alister	BAKER
	John	FERGUSON
	Laurie	HALL
	Glenys	HARRIS
	Graham	LEWIS
	Pam	McHARRY
	Michael	TREVORAH
	Kevin	WILLIAMS

Hon. AUDITOR    John      McHARRY

BANKERS - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK - CHELTENHAM

ANZ BANKING GROUP LTD    - 155 LONSDALE STREET, DANDENONG

Hon. SOLICITOR Ralph      BAILEY (BAILEY TIMMS &  
NICHOLSON-CLAYTON)

TEAM COACHES/MANAGERS

DIVISION 2	Laurie	HALL (First Nine & Club)
(Reserves)    "    2	Michael	TREVORAH (A. Middleton withdrew prior to first game)
"    3	Graeme	AINSCOUGH
(Reserves)    "    3	John	FERGUSON (after 31/12/1985) Team withdrawn after Round 1 due to insufficient players.
UNDER 17	Kevin	WILLIAMS
UNDER 15	Andrew	CONNOR
UNDER 13	Geoff	DRUCE (Cannonballs)
	Chris	REECE (Rustlers)
	Michael	TREVORAH (All Stars)

T-BALL

Brad	LARK	(Pirates)
Philip	COZENS	(Saints)
Louise	WERT	(Sloggers) (Dodgers)



T-BALL CENTRE MANAGERS

Glenys HARRIS

Alister BAKER

Colin UPFILL

TEAM REPORTS

FIRST NINE

Played 26 Games

Won 8

Lost 18

Runs For 124

Against 283

Position on ladder 8th

After a good deal of pre season planning and player assessment it was extremely disappointing and disastrous from a Club viewpoint to find that for a variety of reasons 38 of last season's players were unavailable.

Consequently we had to rely heavily on our junior players with some 7 teenagers playing in the first nine in the early part of the season.

The pressure of playing under 17's and senior games on the same day took its toll and with injuries and illness together with general inexperience it was difficult to win games.

There were occasional flashes of brilliance (e.g. Port Melbourne at Cheltenham when Mark Dinnie pitched well and was backed up by tight fielding and excellent base running to record a good win) and against Williamstown at Footscray where the batting was exceptional with Laurie Hall, Kevin Williams and Al Baker achieving 14 hits between them supported by Curtis Sinfield with (3) hits to achieve a desperate win.

After Christmas the return of several experienced players bolstered the line up with a most timely and satisfying result achieved against Upwey-Ferntree Gully (eventual runners up).

A most impressive result was the last game of the season when seemingly having the game won early we surrendered the lead to Footscray in the 9th innings and came again to win with Laurie Hall fittingly hitting in the winning run to show that we have the necessary ability to feature in next seasons finals.

Boles, Players returning such as Ian Brown, Paul Ferguson, Wayne Bailey, Ron Alan Tanner and John Ferguson made a big difference by adding the necessary experience to assist in building the confidence in our younger players.

As it transpired we avoided relegation by two games.

The Coaching Staff of Laurie Hall, Kevin Williams (batting), Michael Trevorah (reserves) and Bert Calvert (fitness) worked extremely hard practising the routine plays and instilling in our juniors the need to be able to perform various set plays and routines and work together as a close knit group - generally our fielding was at an acceptable level.

Batting however was a major problem with our inability to score sufficient runs a major weakness with only one or two players batting over .300 whereas the leading clubs have five or six players achieving such results and this area of activity requires substantial improvement.

Attendance at practice during the season varied from poor to good with pre season work at Monash University outstanding after a slow start and this aspect of team effort needs to be lifted considerably.

SECOND NINE

Played 18

Won 5

Lost 13

Runs for 120

Runs against 132

Finished 8th on the ladder

After a reasonably good start to the season the Second Nine lost a string of games primarily due to a lack of pitching strength and



Second Nine Report continued

..... inability to field a regular line up.

Another disappointing feature of the season for the Team Coach, Michael Trevorah, was the fact that so many players failed to turn up to games after being selected and failed to notify anybody in the Club, let alone their team coach, that they were unavailable; this lack of discipline has been discussed by the Committee and in future players will be separately dealt with by the Committee.

Again many junior players received a good grounding by playing under the experienced coaching of Michael Trevorah and such players as Steve Thorburn (ex Preston), Curtis Sinfield, Steve Lawrence, Marko Tossavainen, Tony Dinnie, Robert Ainscough, David Johnson and Matthew Stewart will be better players in 1986/87 as a result.

THIRD NINE

DIVISION 3

The standard in this Division was extremely high and it must be realised that our third nine is playing against (5) five Clubs First Nines and with the lack of experienced players we found the going very tough.

Played 18      Won 1      Lost 17      Runs for 69      Against 292

In contrast to the previous season when the team comprised a number of experienced players 1985/86 saw the team comprised of basically junior players with one or two players who have had some experience and in general we were consistently outclassed by much stronger opposition.

To the credit of the young players they tried extremely hard and will have gained much needed experience in general and made aware of the higher standard and dedication that is needed to achieve victory.

Graeme Ainscough managed the team for the initial part of the Season with John Ferguson assuming control after Christmas following his return from overseas and it can only be said that in the early part of the season the lack of numbers made it extremely difficult to field an adequate and competitive line up against what was generally formidable opposition.

FOURTH NINE

DIVISION 3 RESERVES

With Division 3 having a bye in the first round due to the late withdrawal of Keilor, Michael Trevorah managed the team against Port Melbourne going down narrowly in a marathon game 13-15.

However it became obvious that we had insufficient players to field firsts and reserves in Division 3 and so this team was withdrawn after the draw had been finalised and tended to disrupt the competition.

UNDER 17

Manager- Kevin WILLIAMS

As stated earlier a large majority of the Under 17's also were required to play in the seniors and consequently the Under 17's rarely fielded their strongest team.

The pitching was shared between Dean Connor, David Johnson, Robert Ainscough and Curtis Sinfield and to the teams credit that



Under 17's continued.....

they finished the season on top of the ladder.

However, prior to the finals the attitude of the players left a lot to be desired as attendance at practice was poor and players failed to notify the manager of their unavailability to the extent that the team was requested to arrange between themselves as a matter of discipline their attendance at practice and games and this generally resulted in a considerable improvement.

The illness to Dean Connor mid to late season was a blow to both juniors and seniors and to his credit and fighting qualities he trained hard to regain fitness for the finals and was largely responsible for containing Waverley in the Semi Finals and did an excellent job in the Grand Final against Sandringham but the effort told and he had to be relieved late in that game.

The Grand Final was an extraordinary game in which we appeared to be well beaten trailing 12 runs to 2 but fought back magnificently to go down narrowly 12 runs to 10; another indication that the game is never over until the last pitch. In fact we had the winning runners on base at the time.

If we had had all players available all season then undoubtedly we would have been playing off for the state championship which Sandringham narrowly lost to Essendon 6 runs to 5.

The situation only highlights the fact that this Club has a wealth of talent amongst its junior players and if we can keep them moving through the senior ranks we are assured of gaining elevation to Division 1 in the not too distant future.

Team Members - Dean CONNOR, David JOHNSON  
Robert AINSCOUGH Mark CAMPAGNA  
Curtis SINFIELD Marko TOSSAVAINEN  
Jodie HERMON Andrew KALINSKI  
Brad McCORMACK Mark PHILLIPS  
Steve LAWRENCE Tony HINDSON  
Tony DINNIE (U15) Manuel HANTZINIKOLAS (U15)  
Jason BARNETT (U15) Jason ROONEY (up until  
Mark FLEMING Christmas)

As mentioned earlier illness and injury to the following players severely affected the teams balance. Dean Connor, Mark Phillips, Steve Lawrenec, David Johnson, Curtis Sinfield.

UNDER 15

TEAM MANAGER - ANDREW CONNOR

Won 6 Lost 10 Drawn 2

Although two under 15 teams were entered into the VBA Junior League Competitions we had little alternative but to withdraw one team when only 13 players were attending pre season training with a week to go before the season actually started.

Subsequently additional players made themselves available resulting in some 17/18 players being available and making it very difficult for the coach to give every player a regular game.

Despite a reasonably good start to the season the team lost a number of games to teams of lower standing and failed to win a number of close games towards the end of the season and missed the finals by a narrow margin.

There is some excellent talent in this team as evidenced by the fine efforts of Tony Dinnie, Jason Barnett and Manuel Hantznikolas when they played in under 17 against ORMOND-GLENHUNTLY and were largely responsible for winning that game with some excellent batting and fielding.



UNDER 13 - CANNONBALLS

TEAM MANAGER - GEOFF DRUCE

This is the first season of actual baseball for all the boys as they are graduates from T-BALL from 1984/85.

Nevertheless they have practised hard with the early games being a testing time as they have endeavoured to "find their feet" in competition and with perserverence they managed to make the finals going down narrowly to BONBEACH 6 runs to 4.

A number of promising players have shown their ability and these boys have been promoted to play games in the All Star competition on Sunday Mornings.

UNDER 13 - RUSTLERS

TEAM MANAGER - CHRIS REECE

Initially Michael Trevorah coached the boys in the early part of the season prior to taking over the ALL STAR under 13' on a Sunday with CHRIS REECE eventually taking over the running of the team.

The RUSTLERS had an outstanding year going through the season undefeated and taking out the premiership. Well done boys.

Team Members were - Glen ALLAN                      Marc BALDON                      Nathan BROWN  
                                 Craig FORBES                      Shane FRASER                      Michael McKENNA  
                                 Paul McKENNA                      Jamie MORGAN                      Craig REECE  
                                 Mark RAY                      Steven SCOTLAND                      Darren SMITH  
                                 Simon WARREN-SMITH

Scorers Val BAILEY and Peter SMITH

Also congratulations to Chris Reece in achieving a Pennant in his first season as coach.

T- BALL

CENTRE MANAGERS - Glenys HARRIS, Alister BAKER, Colin UPFILL

Again we extend our thanks and appreciation to our centre managers for conducting another successful T- Ball competition which forms the basis of recruiting for our Pee Wee (Under 13) Teams.

The success of this venture is born out by the large number of parents and players from all T Ball teams regardless of whether or not they were playing in the final game who attended the final day of the season and the barbecue which followed.

Unfortunately for the Pirates they never quite came up to their during the season form and were beaten by Saints in an upset result but took their defeat in sportsmanlike fashion although some tears were shed.

Congratulations to all parents and supporters and coaches and players for a well run and organised competition and I look upon this section of the Club as of most importance for our continued future growth.

## TROPHY WINNERS

Club Champion - Len and Gwen LE PAGE TROPHY - Mark DINNIE

Division 1    BATTING AVERAGE                      - Kevin WILLIAMS

Division 1 Reserves - MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - Colin UPFILL

- BATTING AVERAGE - Michael TREVORAH



Trophy Winners Cont'd....

Division 3 (Third Nine) -MOST VALUABLE PLAYER -Robert AINSCOUGH  
- BATTING AVERAGE -Jeff. McKEE

OTHER AWARDS

-HOME RUNS -Alister BAKER

BEST CLUB PERSON AWARD - SENIORS -Maureen PHILLIPS  
(Committee Award) - JUNIORS -Brad LARK

UNDER 17

- MOST VALUABLE PLAYER-Marko TOSSAVAINEN

- BATTING AVERAGE -Steve LAWRENCE

- MOST IMPROVED -David JOHNSON

McDONALDS -ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD -Andrew KALINSKI

-GRAND SLAM HOME RUN -Dean CONNOR

UNDER 15

-MOST VALUABLE PLAYER -Tony DINNIE

-BATTING AVERAGE -Manuel HANTZINIKOLAS

-MOST IMPROVED -Brad LARK

McDONALDS -ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD -Dean SMITH

100 CLUB GAME AWARDS  
PENNANTS

The following junior players have passed  
the 100 games record this season

Marko TOSSAVAINEN  
Steve LAWRENCE  
Andrew STEWART

UNDER 13 -RUSTLERS

-MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - Darren SMITH

-BATTING AVERAGE -Glen ALLEN

-MOST IMPROVED - Craig REECE

McDONALDS -ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD = Michael McKENNA

UNDER 13-CANNONBALLS

-MOST VALUABLE PLAYER -PAUL COLERIDGEA

-BATTING AVERAGE -Brad HODGE

-MOST IMPROVED -Paul DRUCE

McDONALDS -ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - Alexander SHIELDS

LIFE MEMBER

The Club at its Annual Wind Up at Highett West Hall  
saw fit to bestow on MICHAEL TREVORAH the position of a LIFE MEMBER  
of the Club and presented Michael with his badge at this function

UNIFORM CONTROL Judy and Kevin SMITH

The Club is most appreciative of the fact that Judy and  
Kevin allow us to store our uniforms at their home and maintain  
records and supply Club Members with uniforms on request. This has  
relieved the Committee of this onerous task.



# INTERSTATE REPRESENTATIVES

We congratulate Mark DINNIE and Curtis SINFIELD on their selection in the VICTORIAN UNDER 18 TEAM which played in the Series conducted at Waverley Baseball Ground.

Unfortunately Curtis suffered an accident to his foot just prior to the start of the series and was unable to take part and we add our commiserations on this disappointment.

## THANKS

The Club could not operate successfully without the support and efforts of many individuals who give of their time and effort on behalf of the Club for No Reward other than to see the Club progress towards one day becoming the TOP CLUB IN THIS STATE.

John STEWART - Liaison with Moorabbin Council

Grace STEWART - Control and operation of the Canteen

Maureen PHILLIPS - In charge of BINGO OPERATIONS

Other regular helpers include Michael Trevorah, Lyn Robertson, Graeme Ainscough, June Ainscough, Wendy Johnson, Raelene Tanner, Grace Stewart, Jane Coleridge, Therese Connor, Judy Williams

Graeme AINSCOUGH - Diamond Marking for Senior and Junior Games.

Pam McHARRY - Editor of our Club Newsletter

Ralph BAILEY - Club Incorporation

Sam JAMIESON & Graeme AINSCOUGH - Preparation and drafting of Statement of Purposes and Rules for Club Incorporation

Frank DINNIE - Home Run Marshall and repair of Club Equipment

Harry KALINSKI ) Umpiring of Junior and Senior games

Mark PHILLIPS ) through out the season and finals \*

Ralph BAILEY )

Wayne BAILEY )

Graeme AINSCOUGH )

Terry ANDERSON )

COLIN UPFILL )

Andrew CONNOR \* )

Elizabeth LANDRY - Division 2 (First Nine ) Scorer

Glenys HARRIS - (Second Nine) "

Judy WILLIAMS (Under 17) "

Therese CONNOR (Under 17 and seniors) "

Ann Ferguson (Seniors) "

Val BAILEY (Under 13) "

Lyn ROBERTSON \* (Under 13) also assistance with social

Peter SMITH (Under 13) " activities \*

John McHARRY (Under 15) "

Graham LEWIS )

Arthur STEWART ) Assistance with Under 15's -Transport/Equipment etc.

Eddie CAMPAGNA )

John McHARRY )

Geoff TUCKER )

Maureen and Leo PHILLIPS (meetings)

Pam & John McHARRY (social function)

Jan and Eddie CAMPAGNA (social function)

Glennis and Arthur STEWART (social function)

Raelene and Alan TANNER (meetings)

June and Graeme AINSCOUGH (meetings)

Ann and Laurie HALL (social function)

Joan and RALPH BAILEY (meeting)

Jenny and Kevin RUSSELL (meetings)

Grace and John STEWART (meetings)

We acknowledge the support of these Club Members who have made their homes available during the season for meetings and/or Club functions.



CLUB SECRETARY - KEVIN RUSSELL

The Club is indeed indebted to Kevin for his work as Club Secretary over the past season and also over the past three years. It is appreciated that in this time he has been married and moved house and started a family at the same time having to cope with increasing workload in his employment.

Kevin has quietly and effectively gone about his task as Secretary and has proved to be most efficient and innovative in computerising Club Members names and addresses and maintaining and producing Club Minutes as and when required and under Club Rules is stepping down from the post; however, it is pleasing to know that Kevin will be continuing to look after Club and Player Registrations which will ease the burden on his replacement.

SPONSORS

This is an area that the Club is endeavouring to develop and one that will have increasing importance in future years.

It is an area that requires a lot of expertise and time in trying to obtain and develop a regular group of Sponsors to augment Club Funds and operations.

Our existing sponsors are as follows;

MCDONALDS FAMILY RESTAURANT - NEPEAN HIGHWAY CHELTENHAM

Sponsors of our junior encouragement awards.

POLY AUSTRO

- 11 BRAESIDE DRIVE, BRAESIDE AND 14 and 15 URBAN STREET, BRAESIDE

Manufacturers and suppliers of Plastic Carry Bags and suppliers of specialised Club Bags

BAY CITY NOMINEES PTY. LTD. - MOORABBIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE  
(Arnold Luby)

Assistance with development of our Bingo Sessions.

Mr LARK

Sponsoring the PIRATES T-BALL TEAM

Q - TONNE MPRESS  
JOHN STEWART

- Use of WORD PROCESSOR FOR RUSTLERS NEWSLETTER

CITY OF MOORABBIN

The Club is most appreciative of the efforts of the Council in maintaining our grounds and facilities and grass cutting so that our playing surfaces are in the best condition for play each week as without Council support we would find it most difficult to provide comparable service.

Also we are mindful of negotiations with Council on the proposed pavilion development and appreciate the co-operation received in regard to various negotiations.



## FINANCE

For full details see attached reports prepared by our Treasurer Maureen Phillips.

Suffice to say that our finances are in good shape after what appeared to be a shaky start pre-season.

The Uniform Day and Registration Day proved to be a resounding success and put us in a sound position to start 1985/86 season and we will continue with this venture.

BINGO Our Bingo Sessions started in November 1985 at Moorabbin Entertainment Centre Nepean Highway Moorabbin (near Station) and are conducted each Thursday between 12 noon and 3 p.m. and have developed steadily and are proving a sound source of income which is required to service a building fund loan towards the new pavilion. This Committee's Contribution is \$12,500.

BUILDING FUND Donations, Pledges, Loans exceed \$2000 and I would like to place on record my own appreciation and those of the Committee for those persons who have already contributed towards this fund; it is something new for us all but already has proven to be a most worthwhile effort and will reduce the need for us to borrow the full contribution towards the building development.

## CLUB ACTED AS LIAISON FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY UNDER 18 TEAM

Many members will be unaware that Cheltenham Club officially acted as liaison Club for this team while they were in Melbourne.

As I reside close to Waverley's ground and also close to Monash University where the team were resident I took the opportunity to become involved. Frank Dinnie and Ray Sinfield were co-opted to assist if and when required and in general we satisfactorily handled all requirements.

A barbecue was conducted at our ground one cold and windy Wednesday Night (the only time suitable during the series) and all efforts to make the team welcome were provided.

## MAJOR CLUB ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT DURING 1985/86 included:-

\*The Club was Incorporated under The Associations Incorporation Act on 6/1/1986

\*New BACKNETS costing in excess of \$8,000 were erected in time for the season to start.

\*BINGO SESSIONS WERE commenced in November, 1985 on a regular Thursday afternoon basis.

\*A regular Club Newsletter was commenced by Pam McHarry.

\*T-BALL expanded to 6 teams.

\*Club Rooms are near to being a reality but the Club must contribute \$25,000 (Summer and Winter Committees combined)

\*A Building Development Fund was introduced for the first time.

\*Christmas Barbecue at the Hall's was poorly attended.

\*Games Night at the McHarry's was reasonably well attended but could have been a lot better.

\*Dutch Auction at the Stewart's (Dingley) was a great night for those who bothered to attend.



## THE FUTURE

The future of the Club appears bright with our finances in good shape and the new pavilion possibly being a reality by the start of 1986/87 season.

However, from the playing side of the Club there is much to be done to enable us to regain Division 4.

We must retain all of our existing junior players and develop them to the best of our ability and recruit suitable key players who can lift us in the areas of pitching and catching and add a few strong batters to our line up.

Club Coach - As you are aware Laurie Hall is stepping down from the coaching position of the Club and we are in the process of trying to recruit a suitable replacement, which is not an easy task.

Club Secretary - We also are required to find a new Club Secretary following completion of Kevin Russell's term of Office and this is a key appointment to ensure that the Club functions along sound lines.

## SPONSORSHIP

This is a key area of development which we have already made plans to develop and matters are in hand for contact with some local businesses with a view to gaining some financial assistance towards meeting possible costs involved with our coaching appointment.

## CLUB MEMBER ASSISTANCE

If you as a member or parent have a particular expertise that can assist in any area of activity of the Club please do not hesitate to contact us. There are many varied activities other than baseball that can assist the Committee and the Club in general.

## RESUME

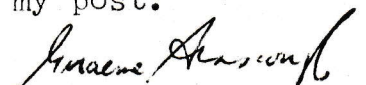
I trust that I have not overlooked any particular person or persons who have helped the Club in any way throughout the season and look forward to your continued support during 1986/87.

From my own point of view 1985/86 was an extremely busy year with so many aspects of Club operations requiring to be co-ordinated particularly as the Committee and sub committees met regularly during "the off season" to ensure that we got off to a sound start in 1985/86; we will again be operating in a similar manner during the winter of 1986.

## APPRECIATION

I would be remiss if I did not express my personal appreciation for the dedicated work of all committee members during the past twelve months; with so much to achieve I have been grateful for the outstanding contributions by so many individuals and I could not have carried out my functions as President without their loyal support.

Also I must thank my wife and family for their support and understanding during the past twelve months as so much of my time is taken up with Baseball at both Club level and Association level and without this support I could not continue in my post.



Graeme AINSCOUGH  
(President)





DIVISION STANDINGS.

AS AT. 24-2-1986

DIVISION 1. FIRSTS

DIVISION 2. FIRSTS

TEAM	WON	LOST	DRAW	FOR	AGNST	PTS	%	TEAM	WON	LOST	DRAW	FOR	AGNST	PTS	%
COBURG 26	20	6	-	191	139	40		BLACKBURN 26	5	21		188	239	10	
ESSENDON 26	18	8		156	96	36		CHELTHENHAM 26	8	18		124	283	16	
GEELONG 26	4	20	2	103	228	10		DONCASTER 26	11	15		207	222	22	
MALVERN 26	7	17	2	132	149	16		FITZROY 26	19	6	1	236	139	39	
MELBOURNE 26	12	11	3	145	135	27		FOOTSCRAY 26	9	17		164	190	18	
MOORABBIN 25	7	17	1	142	192	15		NEWPORT 26	23	3		273	96	46	
PRESTON 25	14	10	1	151	133	29		SPRINGVALE 26	20	6		244	129	40	
SANDRINGHAM 25	9	15	1	135	148	19		UPWEY F/G 26	18	7	1	207	110	37	
SUNSHINE 25	11	13	1	147	145	23		PT. MELBOURNE 26	10	16		164	256	20	
WAVERLEY 26	20	5	1	225	96	41		WILLIAMSTOWN	6	20		137	271	12	



