



CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC

Summer Season 2013 – 2014



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2014 TEAL GAME



The 2014 Teal Game A great tribute to a great person \$1172.00 raised for Ovarian cancer research



Well, what a day. What. A. Day. This turned out to be an absolutely marvelous tribute to **Gabby Taranto**; it raised awareness for Ovarian cancer and raised money for research; the boys looked brilliant in Teal, and as a positive side note, they won the game. Perfect.

Everyone who was there will agree it was just a great morning – the rain tried to disrupt it, but Gabby was having none of that, turning off the waterworks for us shortly after it started – well done Gabby!!

It was just great to have the Taranto family all there; from Phil throwing out the first pitch (and nailing the strike!), to the presentation of the game MVP (**Brandon Stenhouse**), the family were involved in the day.



2014 TEAL GAME



2013 – 2014 SUMMER SEASON



2013 - 2014 Summer Committee

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David Holland

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

2013 - 2014



It's been another huge year at Cheltenham Baseball Club and as usual our teams have acquitted themselves extremely well.

On the field

Our First Nine fell a little below our expectations by finishing in 5th spot overall with a 14W-10L Record. The club coaching team of Matt Taylor, Matt Gourlay Stuart Adams and Laurie Hall put in a big effort over a long season and have been extremely enthusiastic and passionate about the Clubs success. Michael Trevorah (Chair of selectors) along with Brad Lark, Pat O'Neil and Paul Cummings make a huge contribution during the year.

Our Second Nine were runners up after finishing in 4th position with an 11W-5L record. The finals series saw them take on and beat Essendon in a game that went to the 8th before we over-powered them however we couldn't quite manage to repeat the performance in the final.

Our Third Nine finished mid field with 9W-7L record however we had several players who acquitted themselves very well and gained valuable experience for next season.

Our Fourth Nine took out the championship for the 4th season in a row after finishing in top place on the ladder with a 15W-2L record. Congratulations – a wonderful effort by all concerned.

The Division 4 South team AKA 5ths finished the season in 5th spot with a 6W-8L record however the Korean KK team in the same division played off with a loss in the Grand Final. Our other Korean teams FB & TK finished the season in 5th and 6th place respectively.

The depth of players in the Club at present sees a wealth of youth capable of playing up the grades with defence however lack the strength to match the quality pitching. Give these guys another 12 months and it gives us all a reason to get more than a little excited about the future.

The Masters team finished on top of the ladder but unfortunately failed to get past the semi-finals with 12W-3L record for the season.

The under 18 State team finished the season by winning the State Championship. A great effort with ever lasting memories of a hard fought 2-1 victory over Waverley. After scoring a single in the first we never really seemed in danger with some quality pitching from Lachlan Madden who took out the MVP for the game.

The under 18 team under coach Pat O'Neil instigated a Memorial Day game for Gabby Taranto which was an outstanding initiative by all involved. A special thank you to all involved and to those who sponsored the Teal Playing top for the game. The second u18 side also made the finals however could not get through the Semi Final but a great effort.

The Under 16 State League team also made the playoffs but came up a little short on the day having with 11W-4L-1D for the season under Coach Russell Ferguson. A great effort in Russel's first year with the team. The Under 16 AA side finished on top of the ladder with a 9W-3L-2D season however didn't quite make it all the way.

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Our U14 Stale League team had a formable season finishing in 5th spot with a 8W-5K-1D record whilst our Metro teams White and Blue finished 3rd and 5th with an impressive 11W-4L and 9W-5L records. The Friday night Cheltenham Red Sox won their final against Sandringham 4-2. Well done!

Our U12 State League team finished in 2nd place on the ladder with a 12W-2L record however bowed out in the Semi-Final with an impressive season with Yoshi Campitelli in his first season coaching. The u12 Metro team finished in 3rd place with an 8W-4L record.

Our Under 12 Friday Night Competition had 6 Teams comprising of 60 players with a Sunday Little League team reaching the first round of the playoffs.

Our Tee Ball competition had 6 teams comprising of 58 players this year. The season culminated with the Gala Day. CBC again stood up and organised the day, 23 teams played on the day and the winner was baseball as the children playing the day just loved it.

Club Representation

Our Junior Club Representative players were again numerous this year and our senior members were a little down from previous years. We had a total of 3 Players in Brad Harman, Ben Leslie and Blake Cunningham all representing our Club in the Aces Squad.

Our Junior State teams were represented by:

U14 - John-Paul Callil, Ryuto Nashiro and Benjamin Fierenzi

U16 - Max Barrett, Sam Michael, Matt Stenhouse, Lucas Anderson (Chelt Winter), Noah Answerth, Jack Daniels, Jack Dunn and, Michael Leslie

U18 George Callil, Koji Campitelli, Jack Enciondo, Mitch Holding, Lachlan Madden, Brandon Stenhouse, Brad Kmet, Josh Lean (Chelt Winter), Yuta Sekino and , Sam Trend-Beacom

Professional Contract Signings

Everybody in the Club was thrilled when we heard the news that Brandon Stenhouse had signed a professional contract with the New York Yankees. There was lots of Media attention as the Yankees always attract a high profile. A week later Lachlan Madden signed his contract with the Houston Astros although his signing didn't get anywhere near the attention it deserved. None the less, both signings are testament to the hard work both the boys have put in over the years and I, more than anybody understand how thrilled the boy's parents and former coaches of the boys would have been. This is a great achievement and takes the professional contract signing tally to 10 from the Cheltenham Baseball Club. This is now easily the most of any of the Clubs so who wants to be number 11?

Sponsors

Some new sponsors came on board with Bridgestone Tyres Moorabbin, Kane Davidson Plumbing and Braeside Cellars joining us. Bendigo Bank, Bentleigh RSL, Middendorp and Hunt Engineering continued to support the Club and we thank each and every sponsor for their generous donations. The Business Plaza initiative we instigated last season continues however we have seen little financial benefit from that potential source thus far. All of the sponsors are highly valued with a significant percentage of the sponsorship going directly to junior coaching programs. The sponsorship dollar enabled us to gain the services of our US import player/coach Ryan Bean and he acquitted himself extremely well in both roles.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Off the Field

The new 1st and 2nd playing tops arrived late however the Blue tops really set off the Club colours. The Masters side also took advantage of the opportunity as well and looked like a team instead of a variety of new and faded bull shirts

On the negative side, late payment of fees still exists throughout many areas in the Club and this will be a key point of discussion and decision making on how flexible the Club should be on the payment of fees going forward. It is anticipated that the Committee will require every player next season to pay fees at registration time prior to taking the field. The Club has limited financial resources and late payment of fees places great strain on this and the committee members in collecting the fees.

During the year the Club as a registered organisation was required to change our constitution in line with the changes in the ASIC requirements. This was carried out during November and the new Constitution was submitted to ASIC for approval. Next season all Club members will be required to register as a new financial member and in doing so will need to sign a document agreeing to abide by the rules of the new Constitution.

Canteen

New Canteen Manager Kathy Daniels did a fantastic job this year as she took on the new role with great enthusiasm. Some new goodies were on the menu with some toasties and brownies that were nowhere to be seen by mid-afternoon.

Life Membership

During the year we had a nomination of Life Membership for Alan Gribben. This was processed by the Board of Management, voted by the members and Alan is now a life member of the Club. A very worthy award for a hard worker over many years of service – well done, Alan! Alan was awarded with his badge on Presentation Day.

The Club fields over 32 teams during the Summer Season and it takes many coaches, managers, scorers, coordinators and supporters to run this machine each week.

Your Committee

Away from the on-field activities, your Summer Committee is a group of very dedicated people who are passionate about delivering the very best program possible. I thank every person who volunteered their time willingly to help out during the season.

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to my wife, Bev who just looks at me every time I walk out the door and return home an hour late and smiles (well nearly every time!) We are very lucky at Cheltenham, we have some fantastic people involved with our Club and that means great kids and great talent.

Back again next year? Why not? It's Baseball.

Lance Blackley
Club President – Summer Committee



Under 12 Coordinators Report

Friday Nights

What a wonderful season of baseball. In the 2014 season we fielded 5 teams and also hosted 2 teams from Sandringham.

This season has produced something of everything. We have had some extremely one sided games, some close games and a number of draws. We have had a number of new players join our Little League ranks and by the time this goes to print, we will have seen a number of our players leave our ranks and join the under 14's

We have seen some terrific outfield catches as well as some excellent infield work including double plays and if I'm right, there may have even been a triple play.

The season cannot be a success without the help of those who have put their hands up and be coaches or assistant coaches. I would like to thank each and every one of you. The coaches and assistants for this season were;

Braves	John Fairweather	
Giants	Mark Campbell	Steve Earle
Orioles	Stu Holding	Angus Octigan
Pirates	Andrew Simmons	
Reds	Rob Zimmerman	

Thanks you to all the parents for brining your children down to training and to games each and every week. Without your support we would not be able to run this competition. To the players who put in every single week, a special thank you. I hope you have enjoyed your season and are raring and ready to go for next season (or maybe even winter ball). Thanks to Kathy in the canteen and those who did the BBQ's on Friday nights. Without your assistance and support, we wouldn't be able to do the things we do.

Sundays

For the first time in a number of years, we were able to field 2 Sunday Little league teams. You could almost say it was successful with the majors unfortunately being knocked out in the Qualifying finals round and the Minors finishing 5th on percentage.

I would like to personally thank those people who have directly contributed to the Sunday teams, being the coaches, assistant coaches, scorer and umpires

Majors	Yoshi Campitelli	John Fairweather
Minors	Mark Campbell	Steve Earle

The scorers in Sarah and Kate and Dean for umpiring the majority of the Minors home games.

For those moving up, good luck and I hope you realise your baseballing dreams.

Until next Summer, enjoy the cold weather.

Yours in Baseball

Mark & Jo Campbell



UNDER 12 MAJOR LEAGUE

As a first time coach, I was quite anxious as to how the season was going to pan out. Luckily, I was given a bunch of kids with great talent and eagerness to play. Their knowledge of the game impressed me and made my life a lot easier.

Our season couldn't have started any better with a 26-0 thrashing of Sandringham. We carried this momentum into Round 2 where we put on a hitting clinic against finalist contenders, Waverly. This game left us on a high as we had knocked off a big team, giving us a lot of confidence going into the season.

Our first challenge of the season came when we faced Geelong. Unfortunately I was unable to coach this game as I was serving a "suspension", and had to hand over the ropes to my assistant coach John Fairweather. The game ended up being our first and only loss for the regular season, but served as a very pivotal game as it gave the team and myself a big reality check. We were no longer the biggest fish in the pond and this gave us something to work towards.

Our season was all positive from here on. We trained hard, working on all aspects of the game. Our hard work and motivation was reflected in our second game against Geelong where we ended up tying with them 3-3 in a very competitive and well-fought out match. I thought this was one of our most impressive performances and really showed improvement in the kids.

The rest of the season went smoothly as we went on to finish second on the ladder. Unfortunately in the last couple of weeks of the season, we copped a big blow as we lost one of our biggest hitters, Mack Turley, who suffered a broken wrist playing basketball!!! However, we went into the finals against Waverly with confidence and optimism.

The boys gave it their all and played hard until the final pitch. Ultimately it wasn't our days as we went down 5-2. We had solid pitching performances by Jed Woodger and Dante Caruso who kept the team in the game, but unfortunately our bats weren't quite able to get us over the line. Although we didn't make it all the way, I thought we had a very successful season. I am very proud of the boys and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

I'd like to thank all the parents for getting the kids down to training and to the games. I'd especially like to thank my assistant coach, John Fairweather, for helping me throughout the season. Also thanks to Michael Phillips and Sara Caruso for doing the scoring and statistics,



UNDER 12 MAJOR LEAGUE

Rob Zimmermann and Russell Ashen for umpiring, Al Tanner as the pitching coach and Mia O'Connor as the team photographer.

Overall I am very happy about how the season went and I am very grateful for getting the opportunity to coach a great bunch of boys.

Thanks,
Yoshi Campitelli



Awards:

MVP & Batting Award
Pitching Award
Coach's Award

Dante Caruso (.625)
Jed Woodger
Cooper Williamson

Under 12 Sunday Minors



We were unsure of what to expect this season as it was the first time in a while that we fielded two Sunday Under 12 teams. We had a number of players not only playing their first season of Sunday baseball, but the first season of any baseball.

We finished the season with 8 Wins, 4 Losses and 1 Draw from our 13 games which has left us in 5th spot only narrowly missing out on making the playoffs. This is an excellent result as most of the teams above us only have 1 team. We had the opportunity to make the playoffs but happened to drop a couple of games we should have won, but that is under 12 baseball. Our combined Batting average was .453 compared to our opponents .402. We scored 164 runs for the season only allowing 117 against. All the stats showed us out performing our opponents, however, of the teams above us on the ladder, we only managed one draw.

Throughout the season we had 14 players take the field for us. This again was a fantastic result as we were not sure if we would be able to get a second side up and running.

Special thanks must go to Steve Earle, who did a lot of coaching with the boys. Kate Morgan for volunteering to score for us all season and also to Dean Morgan who ended up being our home game umpire for the majority of the season. I really appreciate the help you have all given me.

Thank you to the parents of each of the players. Without you running the players around, we wouldn't have a team, let alone a baseball program.

I hope that all players enjoyed themselves and have come away from the season learning something new and adding to their game.

For those players that are moving up an age group, I wish you well in your baseball endeavours and for those who are still eligible for under 12's, I hope to see you back next season for a tilt at the majors.



Now for the players that made up our roster for 2013-13;

- **Ethan Alston** – Power hitter with the ability to bring multiple runners in. Also acted as our closing pitcher, when the game situation allowed. Ethan was always willing to listen and take in all the advice given to him. Hit a very nice in the field home run against Mulgrave.

Under 12 Sunday Minors



- **Ben Campbell** – Wanted to do it all and in most cases was able to do what we needed. Had a batting average over 600 and On Base percent over 800 and also had our lowest pitching ERA.
- **Kaleb Dordevich** – A consistent hitter who will also develop into a top line catcher. Always prepared to give things a go and runs the bases like a pro.
- **Sean Dunne** – Another power hitter playing his first season of summer baseball. Very keen to catch.
- **Brad Earle** – The only leftie in the team who would also consistently get hits. Also came on a couple of times to close out some games for us. Shared first base duties.
- **Finley Henderson** – Another first year player who was keen as mustard. Finley has the X factor and can make things happen in the outfield.
- **Kellan Hill** – Started a really strong pitcher who lost a little direction as the season went along. Looking forward to seeing him develop into a quality pitcher over the next couple of seasons
- **Ryan McCall** – Played on a handful of games when we needed him, but from 8 plate appearances, had 5 hits including a triple
- **Ben Morgan** – the youngest member of our squad and a really big improver. Batting improved tremendously as the season went along. Keen to pitch. A player to watch out for in the future.
- **Jack Octigan** – Another one of our pitchers who, with more consistent work with the club pitching coaches will develop into a quality pitcher. Consistently got on base and scored runs. Equal highest run scorer in the team.
- **Shelby Roberts** – A first year player who wasn't sure if he wanted to or could play Sunday baseball. Thankfully we managed to convince him as Shelby was one of 2 players with a batting average over 600. Against the top team, he managed a triple and a double to keep us thereabouts when everybody else struggled to hit the ball. Shelby has the ability to be anything he wants.
- **Luke Vorbach** – played when he could and was only one of 2 players who did not strike out once. Probably the best short stop fielder going around in the game. A real thinker in the field having excellent situational awareness.
- **Luca Harrowell** – The smiley boy who just gets on with doing the job. A real pleasure to have in the team who consistently got on base and once on base, would usually score.
- **Cameron Zimmerman** – Suited up for the minors in one game when schedules conflicted. Always a pleasure having somebody of Cam's calibre in the team.
- **Josh Tribe** – joined us fulltime after Christmas and slotted into the team nicely. Very handy third baseman who I expect to see hitting the ball long distances as the years progress.

Season Highlights;

Home Runs – Ben Campbell, Ethan Alston & Josh Tribe

Triples – Ryan McCall, Shelby Roberts

Doubles – Ben Campbell, Kaleb Dordevich (twice), Sean Dunne, Brad Earle, Jack Octigan (twice), Shelby Roberts (twice), Cam Zimmerman

Batting Averages (over 600) – Ben Campbell, Ryan McCall, Shelby Roberts, Luke Vorbach

ERA's (less than 18) – Ethan Alston, Ben Campbell, Jack Octigan

Award Winners;

Most Valuable Player – Ben Campbell (BA 0.647, ERA 14.15)

Batting Average – Shelby Roberts (BA 0.667)

Coaches Award – Ethan Alston

Mark Campbell

Under 12 Minors Coach



UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE PIRATES



The Cheltenham Under 12 'Pirates' came together for the summer of 2013-14, an amazing group of young men that I was honoured to coach.

For many of the boys it was their first experience in playing competitive baseball, in fact four had never played before, 2 had come up through the tee ball competition, and the balance had limited previous experience. As the coach, my goal for the year was for the boys to enjoy the season and for each player to experience time on the mound, achieve at least one hit and score a run for the team. I am pleased to say, that each of these goals have been achieved, a result of a really dedicated group of boys who supported and encouraged each other throughout the season.

Every player has contributed to the team in some way shape or form, making other players better and the team more competitive.

- **Ethan** has led the team from the front, swinging the bat hard and scoring 6 RBIs for the team.
- **Mason** has played in every position during the year, often making clutch plays in the infield at crucial times.
- **Blake** has worked tirelessly on his batting and throwing making great improvements during the year. This work culminated in a two hit game late in the season.
- Ever the professional, **Travis** is always happy to take on any position and really lead the team from the mound giving up just 6 runs in 10 innings pitched.
- I have never seen a player with a bigger smile on his face than **Luca**, the type of player you love to have on the team as his enthusiasm is contagious. Luca had two pivotal plays during the season that won us matches, one a diving foul fly and the other a shut out in the bottom of the last innings.
- **Jack** was a first year player, and extremely keen to get out on the diamond and into the action. Jack experienced early success with the bat, having multiple hit games during the season.
- Another first year player, **Luke** played in every position with equal enthusiasm, but was happiest behind the plate ably supporting our pitching staff.
- Not missing a game or a training session during the year, **Xavier** was a real team player in his first season of baseball, often swinging hard and knocking in a run at key times during a game.
- **James** was always happy to do whatever the team needed. An unselfish player, James was happy to give anything a go and take on any challenge if it was going to assist the team often putting his body on the line.
- A natural leader, **Mack** really stepped up this season and lead from the front assisting younger and less experienced players at every opportunity. Mack lead the teams batting with 8 RBIs, including 5 homeruns.

I am extremely proud of the boys and the way they played this year, but more importantly, I am proud of how they supported each other both on and off the field and the enthusiasm they displayed.

I hope the boys are all back next season and look forward to seeing them develop further.

Thanks for a great season boys!

Andrew Simmons – Coach - Pirates



UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE GIANTS



All I can say is it has been a pleasure to be involved with this group of boys (and Girl) throughout the season. The improvement that has been made by these players is very pleasing.

We had a squad of 11 players and unlike any of the other teams, we did not have a majors player in our squad. Having said that, most of our player played in the Sunday minors team, so we were able to gel nicely as a team.

We had a number of achievements throughout the season with new players to baseball making their mark and some of our experienced (as much as they can be at 10/11 years old) giving pointers and advice to the newer players.

Congratulations must go to those who hit home runs during the season in Kaleb D, Ryan M (twice) and Shelby R. Shelby, I have you recorded as 1 home run, but Ben insists you hit 2. I will leave that with you to sort out with him.

I am very pleased with our we performed throughout the season. We finished the season with 11 Wins, 2 Losses and 1 Draw from our 14 games which has left us in 2nd spot and taking on the Red in the Gold Medal/Championship game. By the time this goes to print, we would either be champions or not. As much as it would be nice to be Champions, Friday night baseball is about inclusion as much it is about win/loss ratios and it is safe to say everybody has had their go and done something for the team when the team needed it.

Without plagiarising my Sunday Report (as most of my players also played on Sunday) there are certain people that need thanking. Thanks you must go to Steve Earle, who did a lot of coaching with the boys. Kate Morgan for volunteering to score for us all season. I really appreciate the help you have all given me.

Thank you to the parents of each of the players. Without you running the players around, we wouldn't have a team, let alone a baseball program.

I hope that all players enjoyed themselves and have come away from the season learning something new and adding to their game.

For those players that are moving up an age group, I wish you well in your baseball endeavours and for those who are still eligible for under 12's, I hope to see you back next season for a tilt at the majors.

Now for the players that made up our roster for 2013-14;

Ben Campbell – When the game was on the line, he wanted to be the one to pitch. Certainly doesn't lack confidence in his abilities. How far he goes in this game is totally up to him.

Kaleb Dordevich – Can do it all. Hits well, pitches well and will develop into a top line catcher. Always prepared to give things a go and runs the bases like a pro.

Sean Dunne – Another power hitter playing his first season of summer baseball. Very keen to catch.

Brad Earle – The only leftie in the team who would also consistently get hits. Handy left arm deceiving pitcher. Pitching velocity improved nicely as the season went along. Just now need to work on the accuracy.



UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE GIANTS



Michael Hill – Comes out of nowhere. Talks himself down, which he shouldn't. capable of hitting big shots which I would expect to see over the next couple of years. Has a good throwing arm. Someone to keep an eye out for in the future.

Ryan McCall – Wants to hit the big balls.....Also doesn't want to catch, yet does a fair job of it. Hard pitcher of the ball.

Ben Morgan – the youngest member of our squad and a really big improver. Batting improved tremendously as the season went along. Keen to pitch. A player to watch out for in the future.

Shelby Roberts – A first year player who lacked confidence in himself early on. Improved nicely and will step up to under 14's next season.

Andrew Vacouftsis – The quietest member of the team who can hit a pretty ball and also pitches and catches very well indeed. Keep an eye on him.

Luke Vorbach – One of the leaders of this team. Capable of doing anything with one of the best paid of hands in the field. I think the best of all the Vorbach boys.

Chloe Morgan – Played in the last game as a reward for being dragged along to every training session and every game. Got on base with her first at bat.

Season Highlights;

Home Runs – Kaleb Dordevic, Ryan McCall (Twice), Shelby Roberts

Doubles – Ben Campbell (6), Kaleb Dordevic (2), Sean Dunne, Brad Earle (3), Michael Hill (3), Ryan McCall (2), Ben Morgan, Shelby Roberts 93), Andrew Vacfoutsis (3) and Luke Vorbach (4)

Batting Averages (over 600) – Ben Campbell (.724), Luke Vorbach (.630), Shelby Roberts (.625) and Michael Hill (.600)

Award Winners;

MVP – Kaleb Dordevic

Most improved – Ben Morgan

Coaches Award – Sean Dunne

*Mark Campbell
Coach - Giants*





UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE BRAVES



The Braves were a great team this season due mostly to the fact that it consisted of a great group of kids who were keen to listen, learn and improve in all aspects of the game of baseball. A large help to our team was the input of Chris, Jed and Rhys, who also played for the Sunday Major League team. These three made my life a lot easier by assuming the role of joint assistant coach and running warm ups and assisting the more inexperienced players when I had my hands full.

On the field we were competitive finishing third overall but we did so whilst making sure every player had a go in every position, particularly pitching and catching. The Braves had a good mix of strengths, a good dose of spirit and a lot of support for each other and I'm sure this made it nice for the spectators to watch.

In terms of the players specifically:

Chris was the voice of our team and, despite an ankle injury in the middle of the season, was a great player throughout in virtually every position. The king of the chant he always took it upon himself to fire the players up.

Dylan whilst being new to the pitched ball game showed real improvement throughout the season. It was really noticeable that he became better in both his batting and throwing and he often surprised us by taking catches no one expected him to get.

Jed was a great hitter for us and scored a lot of runs for us, including quite a few home runs, often with the threat of a cuddle from mum. Continuing on from his Sunday work, he threw the ball hard and was responsible for a lot of outs as well.

Josh progressed as a pitcher becoming a player of great value to the team who would throw a lot pitches that batters had to swing at, resulting in a lot of outs. He was also a contact hitter who smacked pitches through the cones on a fairly regular basis.

Pat was another player who came to us with little baseball experience. Starting out barely able to put bat to ball he turned that around and was getting regular hits by the end of the season. Despite being a bit shaky up on the mound when he had his pitch, we also saw definite improvement in his throwing and fielding.

Rhys was our tall lefty who, as you do being a tall lefty, would have happily pitched every inning if we let him. Solid in the infield or outfield whilst also being handy with the bat, Rhys had a fun season, despite being the Coach's son.

Ryan was awesome this season. As one of our youngest players, Ryan was always good for a question but his passion for the game was always obvious. As an aspiring pitcher he improved massively and got to a point where it was rare for the coach pitch to be necessary. A great achievement for an eight year old. I expect big things from him in the future.



UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE BRAVES



Seb strikes me as a player with a great attitude. I loved having him in the team because I could play him anywhere. He can throw, catch and hit well and was a pleasure to Coach.

Woodley is another player with an awesome attitude who I loved to coach. He was one of our best infielders, outfielders and batters during the season and could be thrown anywhere without any concern.

I really hope that all our players will continue with baseball in the future because they can all go on to bigger and better things. Each player put in and extended themselves throughout the season and they all did it with a smile on their face. I thank them for that. I'd also like to thanks the parents, who were all prepared to help with set up and even scoring. Special thanks to Cambo and Jo for their organisation. Without their efforts Fridays would be a disaster.

John Fairweather
Braves





UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE REDS



We entered the season with 4 experienced players, and 5 kids who were still learning the game but loved playing the game. We were blessed to have some great pitching on this team and very solid defense from everyone involved from our Major League players down to our 1st year players which carried us to winning every game but one this season.

The games at times were not easy and saw the boys show great determination in never giving up. It was a very enjoyable year from a coaching perspective and I hope the boys enjoyed the close games as much as I did.

I would like to thank the parents for doing their best to get everyone to the games on time and appreciate the commitment as I know it can be very challenging with work schedules and such. A special thank you to Nat, Jason, Russell, Luke who either helped me with coaching, scoring, umpiring for a big majority of the year and without you guys helping every single week I would have been in big trouble. I truly appreciate the time and effort to make this season work.

Awards

Encouragement Awards Kieran Moran, Thomas Hughes, Bailey McKinnon

Rob Zimmerman

Coach - Reds





UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE ORIOLES



The 2013/2014 Season was a mixed bag of results and emotions. Although the Orioles didn't rack-up as many wins as they would have liked to, there were many small achievements along the way.

After many weeks of training our entry level players were able to contribute with the bat as well as in the field. Our two Sunday Major League Players lead the way – tallying up 23 singles, 12 doubles and 3 home runs between them.

This year we had 3 girls in the team who combined for a total of 23 singles, 5 doubles and one home run as well as pitching a total of 20 innings – OUTSTANDING!!

A really great effort from all players in the mighty "O-SHOW" this year has made coaching a joy and I look forward to seeing all of the player's progress in the future.

STU!!

Team Spirit Award – Jack Octigan

Coaches Award – Kellan Hill

Rising Star Award – Genevieve Beacom & Hanami Campitelli



Final Day – Tee Ball – 2013-2014

UNDER 14 COORDINATORS REPORT

2013 – 2014



Summer Season 2013/14 seemed like it only just began and now it's all over.

This year we fielded three Friday night teams in Baseball Victoria's South Centre competition and three Sunday teams.

The Friday night competition was held at Cheltenham and we competed against two Sandringham teams. It was a very successful season with two Cheltenham teams finishing in the four. Due to a change in the finals format this year 1st place played off against 4th and 2nd played against 3rd. It was a do or die final. Gary's Cheltenham Dodgers finished second and played Sandringham A. After a very closely fought game, they were beaten by one run and missed out on playing in the Grand Final. Adam's Cheltenham Red Sox finished 1st and played Sandringham B in the first final. The Red Sox came out victors and returned the following week to play Sandringham A in the Grand Final. It was a fantastic game of baseball with the Red Sox winning the Grand Final 4 – 2. Congratulations to Adam and his team. Our third Friday night team were Craig's Rangers. They went into the final round of the season with a bye and Sandringham Vs Sandringham deciding the final ladder. Unfortunately, that game was a draw, which pushed the Dodgers to fifth and therefore missing out on finals.

I would like to thank our Friday night coaches, Adam Leech (Red Sox), Gary Hall (Dodgers) and Craig Sexton (Rangers) for their efforts all season in coaching these teams.

This year we had one Major League Sunday team and two Metro League teams. We had a very successful season with the all three teams having a great season.

The Major League team finished fourth and therefore had to play 1st placed Sandringham in the first week of finals. They lost this game and didn't reach the Grand Final but congratulations to the coaches and players on a great season. Thank you to John Carlile, Adam Leech and Gary Hall for coaching on Sundays.

Cheltenham Blue played in the Metro league as did Cheltenham White. The Blue team finished fifth and missed out on a top four finish by one game. Anthony Bowley coached this team and did a great job.

Cheltenham White finished 3rd and played Melbourne at Melbourne for the first week of finals. After a very tight first couple of innings, the team hit away coming out winners with a score of 14 – 3. The White team then went into the Grand Final against Waverley at Waverley. The day didn't go our way but a great effort by all the team. Cheltenham lost 10 – 0. Antony Harrowell and I coached Cheltenham White this season.

I would like to thank John Carlile for co-ordinating and running the training sessions on Thursday nights for all the Under 14 teams. Al Tanner for his words of wisdom on everything pitching.

Thank you to David Holland for umpiring on Friday nights and Gavin Daniels for umpiring the grand final with Dave.

Darren Stafford, great job organising and running the bbq on Fridays.

We also, had several senior players come down on a Sunday morning to umpire for us which was very much appreciated by all our coaches. So thank you guys and to Russell Ferguson for organising this.

UNDER 14 COORDINATORS REPORT

2013 – 2014



A big thank you again to all our coaches, John Carlile, Adam Leech, Gary Hall, Craig Sexton, Anthony Bowley and Antony Harrowell for a successful season.

Lastly, I would like thank everyone who contributed in any way, big or small to the successful summer season. Without our coaches guiding our players, parents for bringing them to the ground, scorers, etc the season would not have been as enjoyable as it was.

Hope to see you all next summer!

Michelle Ogilvie
Under 14 Co-Ordinator



Under 14 Cheltenham State Reps.....Ryuto Nashiro, Ben Fierenzi, John Paul Callil

UNDER 14 MAJOR LEAGUE



At the start of the 2013/14 season John Carlisle once again assembled the Rustlers team to compete in the state competition. We had 10 in the squad and all of them were keen and focused for the start of the season. On paper they looked a very balanced team with pitching depth and generally good hitters. They still had a lot to learn however and especially needed to develop a strong defence.

The season started slow with a draw and 2 losses in the first 3 games and then the Rustlers got going and finished the rest of 2013 with all wins except one loss in cold and wet conditions down at Geelong, which was a very close game. We started that game strongly with 7 runs in the first innings but then came up against the best pitcher in the competition who pitched a full 70 pitches and we weren't quite able to defend our early lead. We also beat Newport in another great game 15-12.

So we ended 2013 sitting 4th on the ladder with exciting prospects and some tough games to end the season in 2014. Our team was consistently batting well and we had established our positions with Connor a late and valuable inclusion to our outfield rotating with Will, Archer, Luke, and Ryan. Our infield looked strong with Ben, JP, Ryuto, Cruze, Jacob and Arch and we had Shelby and Luke behind the plate. JP, Ryuto, Ben and Cruze were all pitching well and JP, Ryuto and Ben made the state teams.

John had tirelessly trained the whole U14 squad but because of his consistent holiday schedule had decided to hand over the coaching to Gary Hall and Adam Leech and attempt to share his vast coaching knowledge. Gary continued warming up and cooling down the boys with his strange array of exercises and continued his 3rd base duties (frustrating John no end) and Adam did a great job of managing the team on matchday.

Come 2014 and the business end of the season we had high expectations and the boys did not disappoint. We ventured down to Berwick who were 3rd on the ladder and had the match of the year with our defense impenetrable turning 3 doubles for the match and then coming back in the bottom of the last with JP's grand slam home run to win 11-8.

We just did the job against Blackburn the following week then played the two top teams, Sandy and Waverley, in the final 2 matches before the finals. At Sandy we went to a 7-1 lead in the first innings with JP doing a great job on the mound before the match was "heated" off and we lost 5-3 against Waverley with an unfortunate incident costing us 2 runs when 2 dogs ran on the field (the jokes continue), and some unfortunate coaching at 3rd (we won't name who) costing us at least another run. So we definitely showed we had what it took to match it with any team in the competition and were looking forward to playing Sandy (who finished 1st and us 4th) in the first final.

Unfortunately it didn't go our way on the day. We had 2 of our players injured, made some judgement calls on positions and it didn't go the way we had hoped. We started strong but some errors in the field let Sandy get their confidence up and they started to hit. If we had kept the pressure on them in the field I have no doubt we would've won.

UNDER 14 MAJOR LEAGUE



Congratulations to the boys for a great season. You were a sensational group and, thanks to John, learnt a lot in the year and gained a lot of confidence. A big thanks to the parents as well for helping set up and pack up the home diamonds and share the scoring duties.

Gary Hall

Under 14 Major League Roster:

Luke Ashen
John-Paul Callil
Ryan Crook
Benjamin Fierenzi
Archer Hall
Cruiz Leech
Shelby McKeown
Ryuto Nashiro
Will Tucker
Jacob Watts



Awards:

MVP John Paul Callil

Batting Ryuto Nashiro

Golden Glove Ben Fierenzi

Grand Slam John Paul Callil *vs Berwick*

Rustlers

UNDER 14 MINOR BLUE



This year to me was a nice change as well as a challenge. There were a couple of familiar faces and a lot of new ones.

We started the year with a win in our first game against Moorabbin and then felt what it was like to lose after going down to Upwey by 4 runs the following week.

Our second loss was again to Upwey. With a man on first and two out, a two run homerun put Upwey ahead by two runs. They then shut out our boys for the game.

The following week we had a 28-3 win against Berwick but then lost to Melbourne 13-8 the week after.

We only lost one more game for the year, finishing 5th only on percentage.

I hope to see all of the boys back next year to go one step further and make the finals, which I know they are more than capable of.

The boys were a fantastic group to coach; they are a credit to their parents.

A big thank you to Rob Coe for coaching first base all year, Nicole for scoring and sending emails when required. Thank you to Gavin and Nerida for scoring when needed.

I would also like to thank Lance, Adam & Ryan for coaching while I was away.

Thank you to all of the parents, for helping to set up and pack up after the game.

Finally I would like to thank John Carlile for his help and the setting up of training on a Thursday night.

Hope to see you all next year
Regards

Anthony Bowley

Awards:

MVP	Darcy Trewarn
Batting	Declan Croker (.730)
Encouragement	Jack Rice



UNDER 14 MINOR WHITE

From Michelle

Cheltenham White had a fantastic season with an experienced coach (Antony Harrowell) and a rookie coach by his side asking 'what do you reckon, Ants'. The boys were a fantastic group of kids who enjoyed playing and whilst not always focussed, put in 110%. It was great to see most players at training each week and looking to develop their skills further, with everyone improving as the season progressed.

We finished third on the ladder which meant we played Melbourne in our first final. We headed to Melbourne and after a close couple of innings, the boys started to hit away and extended their lead. The final score was 14-3. Into the Grand Final we go.

This was against Waverley at Waverley, always a challenge playing a team at their home ground. The first innings took a total of 7 minutes, with Dylan only pitching 4 pitches and side away. We had trained well with all players well prepared for this match. One thing we did not consider was having an injured catcher.

Jake was hit in his hand by the batter and we needed to take him out of that role and he went into centre field. Up until that point, he was doing a great job. All credit to Ben, thrown unexpectedly into the catcher's role, he did a solid job behind the plate. Great pitching by Dylan and Kaito. A flyball in left field to Fletcher, a couple of great pickups from Kyle at 3rd throwing to 1st getting a couple of outs. Double plays, solid defence by Bailey, a few unassisted outs on 1st by Thomas and great fielding by Deakin at 2nd.

With all of this great work in the field, we were unable to take out the win. Congratulations to all of the players on a very successful season.

Thank you to Lisa for scoring each week, Jason for his famous quotes on our emails and to Craig for umpiring whenever we needed help.

From a whole lot of people..... (Yeah OK you got us, it's from Lisa mainly)

Jake Harrowell: Jake has been outstanding catching for the season, not letting many passed balls go behind. His passion and enthusiasm talking the team up from behind the plate and in the dugout has proved to pay off, he is a great all round team player. His ability to steal bases so quickly is amazing to watch. Jake keep up the great play and you will go a long way in the sport.

Kaito Aono : A quiet and focussed player, Kaito has put a lot of effort into his pitching and this showed with many consistent times on the mound this season. Not just a good pitcher his batting has been consistent and he has also had a great time fielding throughout the year. Well done Kaito.

Kyle Clarke: A player that loves the game and as Ant would say smile Kyle on several occasions. Kyle smiles, he is just totally focussed and does not like to let the team down. Kyle's pitching has improved tremendously with the encouragement of his coach and fellow team players. He has had a great batting average in the season and has progressed from right field, left field to 3rd base. Also, he has had some terrific pickoffs. Well done Kyle, keep enjoying the game.

Thomas Ogilvie: Had a fantastic season on 1st Base combining very well with the pitchers to pick off several players in each game. Calling the plays, talking up the pitcher and the field and having fun. He has had some fantastic hits, so all up a top season. Great work Thomas.

Fletcher Fuller: Has fielded left field for most of the season seeing some great fielding, has been consistent with his game play getting the ball in. Fletcher has had some great hits this season and fantastic catches in the field. Keep it up, Fletch.

Deakin Fuller: Has been an all-rounder playing right field, second base, third base and left field. He had a time in the season when the ball hit him more times than I can recall, now we see a player that hits the ball, steals bases and has really come along this year. Good on you Deakin well done.



UNDER 14 MINOR WHITE

Dylan Buhrmann: The team's main pitcher, Dylan has done an outstanding job this year out on the mound. Even with his cheekiness, he is very determined player and can also hit a ball, watch out for this player. Well done Dylan, always great to watch you in action.

Ben Sexton: Ben has been an all-rounder as well this year, backing up with catching for Jake when required. He has caught some great fly balls in the outfield and has also played well on second base. He has had a solid year with the Bat and once on Base his stealing is fantastic, before you know it he has stolen another base. Great play Ben.

Bailey Cotsis: Now Bailey I am sure has played every fielding position, even pitched a game. Every successful team needs solid utility players and Bailey fits this role very well, actually you could call a one man game... Bailey pitches, to Bailey Catching, the Batter hits the ball to Bailey on 3rd Base who throws to Bailey on 1st for the out. So what can you say, a solid season, for a great team player.

Brodie Hopkins: The quiet achiever Brodie is the type of player that you can count on to consistently achieve. He has played most of the season on second base, where he has done a great job. He has done a good job with the bat and once on base he is always keen to put the fielders under pressure. What more to say other than great season Brodie and we hope to see you back next season.

Finally from the other guy.....

Thank you to all the Family and Friends who came along to support the team each week and made sure that the team turned up ready and rearing to go.

Thank you to John Carlisle, Anthony Bowley, Adam Leech, Gary Hall and Craig Sexton the other U14 coaches for their input to the players development at training and in the Friday Night Games and again to Craig Sexton for stepping in as the umpire in a number our home matches.

To Jason Cotsis for his work and humour as the Team Manager, maybe not such a bad role actually getting to tell us all Where to go each Week!

To Lisa Clarke for her fine work as the team scorer, actually come to think about it I think she encroached on Jason's role, because I'm sure I remember a few times where she was also telling us where to go. But hey I'm used to it, there always seems to be someone willing to give me directions!

A very special thank you to Michelle Ogilvie, who without, this team would have struggled to get past the start of the season, but with her unwavering dedication to the Team, the Club and the greater Game, we not only made it through but were delivered to the Grand Final at the other end.

Finally to the Players, well done this season you should all be extremely proud of your achievements and the way you conducted yourselves throughout the season. Enjoy your Winter and whatever Activities / Sports you are involved in and I hope to see you all back ready to go next Summer.

Yours in Baseball,



U14 RED SOX PREMIERS!



U/14 Friday Night competition doesn't get any better than the season the Cheltenham Red Sox have just come off.

Finishing on top of the ladder for the home and away season with a record of 9 Wins – 3 Losses.

Cruising to the GF with a dominant 7–2 Semi-Final victory vs Sandy B.

Then to put everything we had learnt and trained for all season on the line vs Sandy A in an amazing skilful dual of great baseball to win 4-2 and complete the season as PREMIERS!!!!



I would like to thank the whole team for their dedication throughout the season to both Thursday training and Friday night game time.

As coach I moved players around the field to give them a chance at playing in three or four different positions each game. The pitching was outstanding all year with the emphasis on giving everyone an innings on the mound where possible. The batting was very

strong and aggressive with the Red Sox scoring the most runs for the home and away season.

Thanks to Joe Caruso for coaching 1st Base all season and to Antony Harrowell for looking after the team when I was away or running late.

A big thank you to Michelle Ogilvie and Nicole Croker for all the scoring and admin duties on gameday. This makes life as a coach so seamless and easy when you have such great help.



U14 RED SOX PREMIERS!



To Grant Tucker self proclaimed grounds man, curator, line marker and number one ticket holder. This guy does it all and your help setting up and packing up on Friday's was invaluable.

Umpiring is always a tough gig and credit must go to Dave Holland, Antony Harrowell and Gavin Daniels for giving up their time to come down and do a great job for the boys.

Finally the smiles on the boys faces when I presented the Premiership medallions to each of them signalled to me the reason why I and other coaches do this job.



I hoped you all enjoyed the season and Congratulations on winning the PREMIERSHIP.

GO CHELT RED SOX

Coach

Adam Leech



PREMIERSHIP SMILES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



UNDER 14 DODGERS



The Dodgers had a great season, unfortunately losing to Sandy A by one run (7-6) in the semi final, a match we could've easily won. We dominated the season and were on top of the ladder for most of it but unluckily fell at the last hurdle. We had 11 players and everyone had a good go most of the time, everyone definitely had their opportunity to shine, and some had very memorable games. Our team leaders, Archer, Ryuto, Kyle and Ollie lead by example and were great encouragement for the others. As coach I really enjoyed the season. I had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. Thanks Dodgers.



Special thanks to:

- Michael Moore for assisting coaching. He warmed the team up each week, was great support for me and was able to give some good advice to the players.
- Lisa Clarke for scoring and managing while I constantly confused her and her husband Brett for setting up the diamond in between beers!
- Stu Fuller for umpiring many of our games.

Now for the players:

- **Archer**- was starting pitcher for us each week and started us off nicely, often shutting the opposition out. Also batted consistently well and was a great presence in the infield.
- **Brodie**- had a consistently good season regularly getting on base and doing a great job at second base and as our second catcher.
- **Fletch**- great team man, who loves playing and usually rotated with Brodie at second base and as third catcher.
- **Fraser**- great catcher who did the job for us each week, overall very reliable player.
- **Jake**- a classic baseballer, when he fires up he does great things and was very entertaining. Came in as pitcher in clutch situations, and played nearly every position making some great plays. He was able to hit well when he focused too and batted in the winning run in one game.
- **Kyle**- had a great season consistently hitting well and had some good games pitching too. Absolutely dominated in one of the games of the season.
- **Nicholas**- rotated between outfield and second base making some great plays at second and also had some great hits.
- **Ollie**- had a great season getting better and better, pitched well and was a real leader in the infield. Great team man.
- **Ruby**- made some great plays at 3rd base and got one ripper hit to rightfield. Well done Rubie.
- **Ryuto**- a great advantage to our team, an amazing player and state representative. Dad to see him return to Japan.
- **Tyson**- handy left hander who played well in a number of positions especially first base.

Gary Hall – Coach Dodgers



UNDER 14 RANGERS



Coach:
Craig Sexton
Assistant Coach:
Nick Mindum

Aaron Perry
Aden Williams
Bailey Cotsis
Ben Sexton
Billy Peake
Charlie Montgomery
Darcy Trewarn
Jacob Watts
Lachlan Robertson
Shelby McKeown
Van Reith



This years Cheltenham Rangers bought together a mixture of ages and experience including a couple of state players, a bunch of 'Moorabbin Boys', some newbies up from the comfort of the U12's and even a novice baseballer.

We were lucky to have the services of Nick Mindum as Assistant Coach as he was unable to rejoin his 2012/13 premiership winning U16 team due to injury so instead provided us with the technical know-how.

In our first round we managed to draw the bye so round 2 became our 'meet n greet' game and even though we didn't come away with a win the boys gelled well and enjoyed themselves.

Billy and Aden had previously pitched and caught together down in the U12's and were apparently nervous when they got the call up in their first U14 game. Billy shrugged off and nerves though, closing out the innings and game with no hits, no runs (I think they call that a shut out).

Aden went on to regularly catch including against the unpredictable fast ball from Jacob which has gotta be scary.

The Rangers had a tough start to the season losing their first 4 games but the philosophy was to stick to the basics, try new positions and to concentrate on getting bat to ball.

Shelby led the way with the batting for the season reliably churning out singles and the odd double.. As he was the Cheltenham U14 State team's catcher we decided Shelby might like to pitch instead and I think he enjoyed the change of scenery from up on the hill. A tally up of the batting stats confirmed our suspicion and with an impressive batting average of 0.58 Shelby clinched the Rangers MVP for 2013/14.



UNDER 14 RANGERS



Also in the hunt for batting honours was Ben who consistently hit safe (0.40) which earned him a spot near the top of the order and with daring stealing and having the luxury of Jacob and Shelby behind him he ended up running in 20% of the team runs for the season. In return Jacob and Shelby picked themselves up a nice bunch of RBI's

Van joined the team in round 3 and with out any baseball experience but a lot of enthusiasm he became a valuable fielder. He worked hard on his batting in the cage which will no doubt soon produce results at the plate. Van's hard work and progress made him the easy choice of the 'Most Improved' award this year.

The Rangers didn't record their first win until our 5th game when our safe hits jumped from 2 or 3 per game to 7. Onto game 6 and we hit 9 safe hits to record another win, this time 8 zip against grand finalists Sandy A.

All the team managed safe hits for the season which is not always easy coming up from the mild U12 competition to face the heat of the likes of Red Sox opener JP. Included in those hits was a double to first year U14 player Aaron. Aaron often was given the pressure role of lead off batsman and did a bit of pitching also with good results.

One of the 'team plans' was to build up a good pool of pitchers this year and as a result all but 3 of the boys pitched regularly. Those that didn't simply needed a bit time off field. Again we had big Jacob in the side who this year was restricted in his pitching after securing a regular gig with the U14 Chelt State team. He was called upon on several occasions to throw a quick 20 balls to attempt to shut down a rising opposition (that was the theory anyway)

The backbone of the pitching roster though were Lachlan and Darcy who both achieved very low ERA's and competed for the pitching award. In the end the award had to go to Darcy who didn't give up a hit for the entire season. He was another player that was restricted after being discovered by his Sunday team.

Bailey was the player who would probably take the title of all-rounder as he could pitch, catch and confidently field any position.

Charlie was another who got a couple of hits for the season and safely held down infield positions.

After our 3rd straight win the team were feeling pretty good but throw in Christmas and 4 weeks of lazy holiday and we struggled to get the 'basics' back. Along with another bye (3 in total) the Rangers season was over earlier than expected.

As per usual the season seemed too short to achieve all the things we wanted to do but I think individually the boys should be pleased with their own performances.

Of course as always the team can't take the field without the work of those who set up the ground and score and so a big thank you to Gavin and Chris and extra big thanks to Gina.

Craig Sexton - Coach

UNDER 18/16 COORDINATOR



What a wonderful season we have just completed at Junior level for the Cheltenham Baseball Club.

From an overall junior perspective.....

Under 12

Congratulations and our sincere thanks go to Mark Campbell who has done a brilliant job in not only coordinating our youngsters at Under 12 level but also coaching a Friday night team AND the Sunday minor league team. A mighty effort! The Under 12 Friday night competition was again a huge success with 5 Cheltenham teams and 2 Sandringham teams combining for a fun season. Our 2 Sunday teams also enjoyed success and our thanks also goes to Yoshi Campitelli who, in his first year as a coach, was by all reports a natural at the caper – well respected by his charges and their parents and highly knowledgeable in ensuring improvement in all his players. Well done Yosh!

Under 14

The Under 14 Friday night competition, whilst limited to just 5 competing teams (3 x Cheltenham and 2 x Sandringham) was also successful in providing the players with opportunities they may not have had in the Sunday competition. The Grand Final was a beauty and our congratulations go to Leechy and the Red Sox for their premiership win. We entered 3 teams in the Sunday competition and we thank John Carlile for overseeing the running of these teams with Michelle Ogilvie who has done a great job coordinating this age group as well as co-coaching the white team on Sundays.

Under 16

Our 2 Under 16 teams not only qualified for finals but finished top 2 in their grades, 2nd and 1st respectively. A great effort! Unfortunately we were not able to secure a flag but all should be proud of their efforts throughout the season. On that note, a huge thank you and congratulations must go to Russell Ferguson for running the U16 group as a whole at training along with the assistance of Paul Cummings and our Minor Team coach Brad Heenan. Well done to all. The Club was thrilled to have the services of Russell Ferguson as our State team coach this summer. Russell's no-fuss and professional attitude throughout has been outstanding and I know all the boys have benefited from his experience and knowledge of the game. To defeat Waverley in the Grand Final would have been an outstanding achievement nevertheless the side had a great season and credit to the boys and Russ and Paul for the success they achieved. My congratulations go to Sam Michael and Max Barrett, two outstanding baseballers, who took out the team awards and also to Noah Answerth, Michael Leslie, Jack Dunn and Jack Daniels who, along with Max and Sam, were selected in the State Rep Under 16 team.

Brad Heenan put his hand up to look after our Minor League side and has done a great job in assisting Ferg and managing the team on Sundays. The team had much success and finished the regular season on top of the table. Unfortunately the current unsatisfactory final set up does not reward the best team throughout the regular season and we went down to the rampaging Sunshine in the semi final. (PS: They won the flag!). Without a deserved second chance the season was over in the blink of an eye. Congratulations to Max, Matt and Luke on taking out the awards for the AA team and also to Matt Holland and Jake Pocock for winning the Junior Clubman Perpetual Award this season. Well done all!

UNDER 18/16 COORDINATOR



So overall a successful season for our Under 16 charges (yes, I know Ferg..."we play to win Premierships"), and one that will stand the higher age boys in good stead for next season in Under 18's and certainly be solid grounding for the lower age boys who return for U16 baseball.

To the Under 18's and, well what can I say Patty? Just a brilliant job running the group's training sessions and coaching the Major League side to a premiership. Pat is a wonderful Clubman who lives for Cheltenham Baseball Club and his efforts and energy come out in his boys. My thanks and congratulations also to Rick Porter who agreed to take on the AAA side and again, with much success throughout a disjointed season. Many Thanks Rick on behalf of the Club.

Congratulations to George Callil, Koji Campitelli, Jack Enciondo, Mitch Holding, Lachlan Madden, Brandon Stenhouse, Brad Kmet, Yuta Sekino and Sam Trend-Beacom on making the State Rep side. Cheltenham clearly well represented there!

Aside from our coaches, several key people need to be thanked for their contributions to Under 16 and U18 baseball this Summer:

Gavin Daniels and David Johnson for umpiring of virtually every home game for Ferg and Pat's teams. On top of that Gavin regularly umpired U14's (as my understudy!) on Friday nights and worked the bar when required. Also to Graeme Chittenden who regularly umpired Rick's games.

Thank you to the Senior players who umpired many of our AAA & AA home games – Matt Gourlay, Ryan Bean, Michael Rizzi, Hayden Dingle, Kane Davidson and James Upfill along with Steve Pocock and Andy Holten.

Thank you to our scorers Steve Campitelli, Tony Preston, Nikki Marshall, Peter Leslie and Ros McKenna – a very professional job as always.

To Stewart Dunn and all the fathers who helped with our working bee recently –thanks gents for a great job in getting our diamonds up to scratch for finals.

Thank you Matt Tayler and Matt Gourlay for their great support of our juniors over the season. Also to Lance, Stell and the committee for their support of me once again as a junior coordinator.

And last but not least (!) to my old sparring partner Steve "Scoop" Campitelli. Another sensational job with our website mate. You've done a heap of work on the site this season and its still the number one baseball site going around. Brilliant job "soup".

Thanks to all the boys and their parents and families for the support over the Summer. Cant wait for next season.

David Holland

Under 18 / 16 Coordinator

UNDER 16 MAJOR



At the beginning of the season I set myself a few goals:

1. Make the finals
2. Focus training on player development
3. Have fun

I like to think we achieved all of the above with the entire U16 age group. Trainings were well attended and the development of the entire playing group was tremendous by the end of the season. Both teams earned themselves finals births, and as for having fun, you'll probably have to ask the players.

In regards to my team of young men, yes we were blessed with a large amount of talent. However, as is usually so much more important, it was our work ethic and determination that really was the driving force behind our success. The difference between good teams and bad teams is usually not evident in the first 6 hitters in the line-up or the first pitcher to take the mound in the game. Generally it's in the last three hitters and the relief pitchers that the difference resides. With that in mind, the effort and drive of our bottom order was superb, and the improvement, both offensively and defensively was plain to see by year's end.

I felt we had the best pitching in the league, with the majority of the innings shared between Max Barrett, Sam Michael and Noah Answeth our opposition found it hard to put up big scores against us. In addition we had useful cameos by Michael Leslie, Jack Dunn, Jak Cummings and, after an entire season of begging me to put him on the mound, Jack Daniels.

Predominately our infield consisted of Max Barrett, Sam Michael, Noah Answeth, Michael Leslie, and Angus Octigan, who all had at least one highlight reel play by the end of the season. A particular special mention to Angus, who I don't think believed he would be playing second base week in week out, but took in everything he was told and looked like he owned the joint by the end of the season. Our outfield led by Jack Dunn and Sam Hayes in centre, and with Michael Moore, Ashley Flynn and Jak Cummings holding down the corners, played nearly flawless defence.

Offensively we had contributors all the way down the line-up. With a team batting average of .341 and an on base percentage of .450 we were always going to keep the score board ticking over. Some offensive highlights for the season were as follows:

- Sam Michael's massive go-ahead home run against Berwick
- Jack Dunn's game winning triple off the centre field wall at Geelong
- Michael Moore's crushed double over the heads of the Springvale outfielders

I would like to thank all the parents for bringing the boys to the games and training every week, and for helping with the diamond set-up on game day. Seriously the best grounds crew I have ever had. A massive thankyou to Gavin Daniels for umpiring all of our home games and to Paul Barrett and Stell Michael for the away fixtures. A big thankyou to Paul Cummings for his work as my assistant coach (even when his son was out injured) it was an absolute pleasure to have you along and I hope you learned as much as I did. Last but not least I should mention the tireless efforts of Peter Leslie.

UNDER 16 MAJOR



I'm probably the only coach in the league who got regular up to date stats including batting average with runners in scoring position, and first pitch strike percentages. I absolutely loved it.

This team was an absolute gem to coach, and I enjoyed every single minute of it. Win, lose or whatever happens in the finals this team proved that it deserved a shot at the title and the rest is largely going to be luck. Congratulations to the boys on the way they performed and carried themselves this season, an absolute credit to the club.

Thanks for a great season gentleman.

Russell Ferguson- Coach

Team Members

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| - Noah Answeth | - Max Barrett |
| - Jak Cummings | - Jack Daniels |
| - Jack Dunn | - Ashley Flynn |
| - Sam Hayes | - Michael Leslie |
| - Sam Michael | - Michael Moore |
| - Angus Octigan | |

Season Awards

Batting Average = Max Barrett (.528)

Pitching Award = Sam Michael (ERA 3.00)

MVP

=

**Sam Michael
(18 votes)**



UNDER 16 MINOR



I would just like to start off by saying the group of parents I had this year was amazing; not once did I have to worry about setting diamonds up, home run fences, flags, umpires etcAWESOME!!!

The team was represented by the following players:

Nils Bellarts
Gianni Caruso
Matt Holland
Fred Holten
Matt McKenna
Jacob Morris
Jake Pocock
Luke Sexton
Ryan Taranto
Max Thompson
Angus Brookes



The under 16AA's are a great team and it was a shame we could not go further, but the season went just about to plan.

It started with a huge win out at a very cold Melbourne, with back-to-back 7 run innings. Needless to say that it was a very impressive game for me to see as I had not seen them all play before.

I had the pleasure of coaching a very tight-knit bunch of boys, with many of them being good friends for years, a fact that was reflected on the field, with all of the boys very vocal and very supportive of each other.

We made it to the Christmas Break with a good season unfolding being 7-3 with two draws.

During the Christmas break I was thinking that a few of my "smaller blokes" may have had a growth spurt over the break, but this was not the case.

After Chrissie we had found our mojo and were playing a very good class of baseball.

We went on to win every game after Christmas and finish the regular season ON TOP, With a final standing of 9 wins, 3 losses and 2 draws.

You would think by finishing on top we would have had some sort of advantage for such a great season, but we found ourselves playing the first final against Sunshine at Sunshine.

There weren't too many things to take out of that game except that you cannot defend walks, and also their pitcher had found his rhythm, throwing very well for 4-5 innings and keeping the Cheltenham bats

UNDER 16 MINOR



very quiet.

The final score was 15-1 and our season was at the end.

I am extremely happy that I agreed to take this coaching job at the middle of last year, the best group of kids I have had the pleasure of coaching.

I would also like to thank Russell Ferg for allowing my boys to train with the state side every week, and giving them some of his expert thoughts. Thanks to Ros McKenna for being our reliable scorer each week and also to my team manager/ assistant coach, I wish to thank him VERY MUCH! He made sure I was at every away game and most of the time there was a coffee for me.

Thanks for a great year boys.

Brad Heenan

Coach – U16 AA Team

Awards

MVP: Max Thompson

Batting: Matt McKenna

Most Improved: Luke Sexton





U18 MAJOR LEAGUE PREMIERS!



Season 2013-14 was a new era for the Rustlers as it was the first year we have had to field two under 18 teams. This meant we had to run try outs. After 2 weeks of tryouts we split the teams into a state league team and a metro league team, although we trained as one squad.

I was lucky this year as I had a very talented bunch of young men who knew exactly how to play the game right. So this season I didn't have to be their coach but more a manager. Don't get me wrong I got up the boys when needed but mostly had a laugh and made them enjoy their baseball.

And enjoy we did as we went the regular season with 13 wins 1 loss and 1 draw. We were the hunted team by all and the boys enjoyed being the top seeds of the division. We blasted our way into the grand final but for some reason seemed to leave the bats behind on the day winning 2-1 of the back of a strong pitching performance from Lachlan Madden.



This year saw the under 18 boys take on a great cause when we played Geelong in the last home game in the first of many more to come teal games in honour of Gabby Taranto for ovarian cancer awareness. We as a collective group thank each and every person who helped donated money towards the unreal teal rustlers tops, donated raffle prizes or just helped out on the day. If you were there you would agree it turned out to be a very memorable day and a great celebration to our great friend.





U18 MAJOR LEAGUE PREMIERS!



A big congratulations to Lachy, Brando, Yuta, Brad, Koji, Sam, Mitch, Jack and George for making the state teams and representing us with pride.



Also congratulations to Brando for signing with the Yankees and Lach for signing with the Astros Its been an honour watching you guys pitch for me when I was allowed to use you. Still waiting for a hat or T shirt!

Big thanks to Steve "Scoop" Campitelli for being our scorer. It makes my job a lot easier knowing you were in the box every week. Thanks Johnno for being our plate umpire at every home game even though Lachy believes you called some tough strikes on him and Maddog for being our line umpire at away games.

Only losing four boys out of 10 let's go back to back next year!

Go The
Rustlers!

Pat O'Neill

Coach



UNDER 18 AAA



Coach: Rick Porter

Scorers: Tony Preston

Nikki Marshall



Picked for the AAAs were: Henry Bevan, Darcy Bowley, Matt Cameron, Declan Chittenden, Josh Goschnick, Naoki Liu, Alex Marshall, Michael Natoli, Luke Porter, Rick Preston and James Van De Beek.

The team finished the home and away games in second place, behind Upwey FTG, on 8 wins and 2 losses, so that's a decent result since we are the only club with 2 teams, but ay there's the rub. We played a whole season and only completed 10 games. We started the season with a bye and had two more byes, with only 12 matches scheduled in a 15-match season. Then we finished home and away matches with a heatout and washout in the last two weeks after our bye in the 13th week. If Baseball Victoria had moved a team from the U18 Major league after the first few weeks, we all could have played more baseball. Also, we only played the top team once in 15 (12) weeks of competition.

In our semi-final match against Fitzroy, we outit Fitzroy 7-3 but some errors and walks contributed to our 4-6 loss. C'est la vie. That's baseball.

Season Results

- 1) BYE
- 2) Win 20-3 v Newport
- 3) Win 8-5 v Malvern/Melbourne

UNDER 18 AAA



- 4) Win 7-3 v Werribee
- 5) Win 16-3 v Sunshine
- 6) BYE
- 7) Win 16-2 v Newport
- 8) Win 7-6 v Fitzroy
- 9) Win 7-5 v Malvern/Melbourne
- 10) Loss 2-9 v Upwey FTG (3 players away)
- 11) Loss 6-14 v Werribee (22.12.13, 3 players away, played with 8)
- 12) Win 23-5 v Sunshine
- 13) BYE
- 14) Heatout v Newport
- 15) Washout v Fitzroy

Thank you to Adam Love and Josh Goschnick for filling in against Upwey, and to Stefan Taranto for filling in against Werribee just before Christmas.

Our pitching 'rotation' comprised Henry Bevan, Matthew Cameron, Naoki Liu, Michael Natoli, Luke Porter and Rick Preston.

Catchers were Declan Chittenden, Naoki Liu and Alex Marshall.

Congratulations to the team for a good result over a fragmented season.

Awards

Batting Average: Declan Chittenden, batted 0.688, based on 5/10 matches (excluding heatout and washout).

MVP: James Van De Beek, batted 0.417, scored 12 runs and had 17 RBI.

Pitching Award: Luke Porter: Pitched in 7/10 matches, 21/62 innings, ERA 7.58

Many thanks to Coach Rick Porter, to relief scorer Nikki Marshall, to umpires Graeme Chittenden and Gavin Daniels, and to all the players' chauffeurs.

Tony Preston (U18 AAA scorer and website reporter)

FIRSTS / CLUB COACH



A mixed result from my point of view regarding our on field performance.

The club has been striving for the elusive Division 1 Firsts Premiership and again we have not been able to achieve our ultimate goal. The firsts finished 3rd in our conference and 5th over all finishing just 1/2 game out of the finals. We struggled all year with being able to field our best team due injury, Aces commitments or unavailability. We had 22 different lineups written up for 24 games.

Our best is excellent. Our record of 1 win and 1 loss against the 2 grand finals teams show we are not only capable of completing at the highest level but beating the best teams in the league. BUT unless we are able to consistently play to a high level we will continue to lose games we shouldn't. We have a horror stretch the week leading into the Christmas break losing 3 games in a row whilst leading and being in control of the game. This put us back into the pack of teams and left no margin for error on the run home. Unfortunately we dropped a couple of must win games and only had ourselves to blame in not achieving the goal of playing finals baseball.

We scored the second most runs in the league, had fantastic service from our pitching but too many times we did not produce when it counted. Our defence was poor at best and our ability to score more than 3 runs against quality pitching continues to be the reason why we are not playing in grand finals. It means that we all as a collective group need to work harder at training, commit to the process, play better fundamental baseball and most of all report to pre season training next year with the single determination to do whatever it takes to win the flag.



Now to the positives. There is no better indication on the strength of the club than the 2's, under 18's and under 16's. These guys are the future of the club. And all 3 teams playing in Grand Finals, with the Under 18's winning the championship. Congrats to Matty G, Pat, Russ and the players.

A special mention to Pat and the 4th's on winning yet another premiership. A fantastic effort yet again by a great bunch of Cheltenham Baseball Guys. You guys deserve the accolades you receive, each year dominating the league and bring home trophy after trophy.

This season we implement a senior squad pitching program that would train separate to the main group every Tuesday & Thursday night under the guidance of Pitching Coach Matthew Gourlay. The way Matty took on the role and ran the program was outstanding. Our depth of pitching, the way our guys went about the training and the results in games meant we were the envy of every club.



FIRSTS / CLUB COACH



Whilst I would like to thank every single player for their season, I need to especially thank the senior guys

who know they are for sticking around for another season. To Brendan Wilson for coming across, in his first Division 1 game in 5 years he beat the now 3 time Division Champion Bombers holding them to 2 hits and 0 runs through six innings. To Brad Harman whose value on the field is easy to see but what he brings to a club like ours is immeasurable. His willingness to help out the junior and senior guys both at training in games is

a major asset to this club.

Lastly and just as importantly I would like to thank the off field people. Thanks to Lance and John Ferg for giving me the opportunity to coach the club this season. The entire committee does a great job and without their tireless work things would not run as smooth as the do, Thank you. To Dave Holland for streaming live score cast of each game and providing valuable stats, Scoop for his reports on the Web. A massive thanks to Robyn for scoring again this season. To Mick Trevorah for another year of tireless service as chairman of selectors. And most importantly to the assistant coaches, Stuart, Laurie and Matty, awesome job.

Matt Tayler
Club Coach



SECONDS



I took on 2 roles for the 2013.14 season.

1st was the senior pitching coach and 2nd was the manager of the 2nds.

The old saying about getting something out of what you put in was exactly what happened.

I loved my role at the club this year.

We had a mixture of fringe 1sts players and talented junior that blended well.

Its often tough for the boys that get told during the week that they have been dropped from the 1sts to rock up to the 2nds and perform with 100% focus, but I can honestly say that I can't think of a time when any of the boys didn't drop down to the 2nds and give their all.



Our team was led by a great group of pitchers who allowed only 19 earned runs all season.

The leader of the pitching staff was Yoshi Campitelli. He threw 34 innings for just 2 earned runs in the regular season. He also knocked off Essendon who lost just 1 game for the season in the elimination final with 7 2/3 innings for just 1 run.

Jack Enciondo was a handy 2nd option with 22 innings for just 6 earned runs. His 4 innings in relief in the grand final for 0 runs was outstanding.

And I think everyone at the club would have been excited to see Kable Hogben back on the mound this year. He really is too good to be pitching at this level.

We also had appearances on the mound from Brandon Stenhouse, Lachlan Madden, Max Barrett, Ryan Bean and Blake Cunningham. It's no wonder with this much talent on our hands; we are excited about the future.

You can't be as successful as we were this season without a good defence.

Kane Davidson was a rock behind the plate for us. It's a tough job that he does well in calling pitches, controlling the running game, adjusting to different pitchers and hitters and still trying to get a hit when it's your turn to bat.

It was great to have Karl Mackay back playing. He owned the outfield. He started as our right fielder and soon enough, he was patrolling centre field with ease.

Russell Ferguson had a slow start to the year but once he got going he proved that he has one of the best gloves in the club. Used at 1st base, short stop and 3rd base, he is a coach's dream. He keeps telling me he can pitch and catch too.

I moved Mitch Holding from catcher to 1st base. A change that he embraced. He also finished the season hitting 0.390 after a very slow start.

Up the middle, we had Koji Campitelli and George Callil. The club is in good hands with these two for years to come.

I was fortunate to have Michael Rizzi in my team. A true competitor. The younger guys learnt a lot about playing hard from him.

You don't often get a 17 year old asking for a sit down with the selection committee to find out how he can improve to move up the grades. But that was exactly what Yuta Sekino did. A couple of week later, he was in the 2nds and showed he belonged at this level.

Matt Carlile unfortunately took holidays at the wrong time and his replacement stepped up and didn't give Matt a chance to get back in. Knowing Matt, he will be back next year hungrier than ever.

SECONDS



It was great to give Sam Michael his 1st taste of 2nds baseball. He is a great young player with a massive future.

Jarrold Hall and Sam Trend Beacom had outstanding seasons. So good that they played too many games in the 1sts and didn't qualify for the 2nds finals.

We even had cameos from Nick Rossell and Paul Rutgers. Both of them showed the younger guys that if you get put back to the 2nds for whatever reason, that you still play baseball hard and the right way.

With only 4 loses for the regular season (2 against Sandringham, 1 against Essendon and 1 against Blackburn when the 1sts and 2nds were suspended), we went into the finals with a lot of confidence.

The elimination final against Essendon was one of the best games of baseball we played all season. Great pitching, tight defence, good base running and did everything right in the batting box. A 7 to 3 win.

Into the grand final against Waverley. Unfortunately, we didn't play to the standard that we had set throughout the season. A 4 to 2 loss but an extremely proud coach.

I am very proud of the success we had as a team this season and look forward to seeing this group progress into the 1sts and beyond.

I would like to thank Matt Tayler for allowing me to work with him this season. He has given his all this year and the results are obvious. I would love to see him back next year to continue his work after laying down some strong foundations this year.

Thank you to Steve Campitelli for being my scorer. Week in, week out, you were there with us. I hope you enjoyed the ride as much as I did.

Someone who bought a lot of professionalism to the club this year was Dave Holland. The play by plays were fantastic. It was awesome seeing him out at La Trobe and Altona for the 8.50pm games. That's dedication! Thank you Dave!

A big thank you to our chairman of selectors, Mick Trevorah. I heard there was a lot less swearing in selections this year. It is a difficult job to try and get the team right as well as try and please players and sometime parents but you did it well.

To everyone who supported the boys during the year thank you.

And to every player who put on the uniform and played their hearts out for me, I was honoured to be called your coach!

Go Rustlers!

Matt Gourlay
Coach



THIRDS



Coach: Brad Lark

Assistant Coach: James Upfill

Scorer: Tony Preston



Finishing the season at 7th out of 12, with 9 wins and 7 losses, it can be characterized as a season mainly comprising strong wins and close losses. We had a win against ladder leader Melbourne and Doncaster in 3rd position, and a narrow win and a close loss against Blackburn in 4th position. We had 161 runs for (2nd) and 87 runs against (equal 4th).

Season Results

- 1) Win 11-5 v Melbourne
- 2) Win 12-0 v Upwey FTG
- 3) Win 10-1 v Sandringham
- 4) Loss 2-4 v Blackburn
- 5) Loss 3-5 v Waverley
- 6) Win 7-0 v Preston
- 7) Loss 7-9 v Geelong
- 8) Win 17-6 v Newport
- 9) Loss 8-15 v Essendon
- 10) Loss 6-8 v Sunshine
- 11) Win 11-4 v Doncaster



THIRDS



- 12) Loss 3-10 v Melbourne
- 13) Loss 5-8 v Sandringham
- 14) **Win 10-8 v Blackburn**
- 15) Heatout v Waverley
- 16) Win 17-3 v Upwey FTG
- 17) Win 28-1 v Newport (3 innings)



The Thirds played this season with a core group of 10 players who played between 7-16 matches, another 8 players who played 6-3 matches, and 14 players who made one guest appearance each, a total cast list of 32 players. Our thanks go to the Chelt and Sandy Firsts who provided the opportunity for some of our members to play in a higher grade for one match, against Blackburn.

Our pitching 'rotation' comprised Stefan Taranto, Rick Preston, Michael Rizzi, Jack Enciondo, Adam Love, Dan Ward-Burton, Russell Ferguson, Nathan McLean, Naoki Liu, Sam Michael, Matt Carlile, Kark Mackay and Brad Lark.

Catchers were James Upfill as our mainstay, with guest appearances by Kane Davidson, Declan Chittenden, Russell Ferguson and Jack Daniels. Anybody who is somebody has played on our team (the training ground for greatness), or should have!

Home runs were scored by Michael Rizzi (2: Melbourne, Sandringham), Declan Chittenden (Blackburn) and Jack Enciondo (Sunshine), and a Grand Slam was scored by Jack Daniels on the last match of the season against Newport.

Awards

Batting Average: Jack Daniels, batted 0.404, batting in 14/16 matches.

Golden Glove: Stefan Taranto, played in all 16 matches

MVP: Adam Love, batted 0.400, pitched in 7 matches

Grand Slam: Jack Daniels (against Newport 16 Feb. 2014, in 28-1 win)

Honourable Mentions: James Upfill – catcher for 11/16 matches.

Declan Chittenden batted 0.429, but participated in 8/16 matches.

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

Thank you to team manager **Brad Lark** and assistant manager **James Upfill**. It was a pleasure scoring for you.

Tony Preston (Thirds scorer and reporter)

FOURTHS PREMIERS!!!



Not much to say really except.....

Back to back to back to back.....or 4-Pete!!!!

This year we went up a level with the bat smashing in a lazy 296 runs (avge 17 runs a game) for the good guys. This was off the back of a team batting avge of 0.468. Pat Di Servi hitting 5 home runs and Leechy collecting a hit in 16 straight games. But our pitching wasn't bad either only giving up 74 runs for the season (4 runs a game).

But who wants to hear all this baseball talk?????

The important stats to this team were 6 first and thirds outs in an innings where this season the fine was a slab of Jack Daniels.

We also collected just under \$1200 in fines!!

Big thanks to Peter Leslie who scored for us and Katrina Johnson who filled in for Pete. It makes my job that little bit easier.

If we didn't already, we now do, have a huge target on our backs from the other teams ready to knock us from the top of our perch and try and beat us. But we enjoy being the big bird beating on the little prey and we still enjoy winning flags because the reason we exist is to win premierships!

Bring on the 5-Pete!!

Pat O'Neill - Coach



FIFTHS



The 5ths this year was basically made up of U16-U18s in their first senior year with a handful of seniors guys playing baseball for the first time with the inclusion of Damon Petite and myself to manage the team.

We were looking like we would have a strong defence with Matty Cameron starting on the hill and Jak Cummings coming in as relief, unfortunately Jak broke down early with a strained Rotator Cuff which then stretched our pitching options for the remainder of the year.

We played the entire year batting through our line-up of 11 or 12 which gave everyone an opportunity to play each week, in the end this probably hampered our chances of making the finals finishing 1 ½ games short of 4th place.

Our newbie's all provided us with many laughs and strange plays throughout the year along with some spectacular catching thanks to Kane "I play cricket" Abbey. Declan Jaspers found himself taking out the HBP averages for the year along with several hits for the year. Aaron Gale blew in with some gusto willing to give everything a go from pitching to starring at SS and stealing everything that shouldn't have been stolen and Robbie Jaspers was our solid player who could be relied on to fill any role.

Damon had the easiest of jobs spending most games behind the dish catching to some great pitching from Matt Cameron, Aaron Gale and, of course, myself.

As next year roles on our juniors should take up a position in the higher grades and the newbies are already talking up playing again next year with some extra mates jumping on board.

Our season ended with 6W, 8L, 1D

Cheers

Cummo



MASTERS



The Cheltenham Masters team experienced another successful and enjoyable year. The Team finished 2nd in the Home and Away season equally on points with top side Sandringham. Unfortunately, the side lost in a close and tough semi-final to the Berwick A side. The majority of the team consisted of past Master players returning for their 2nd season, but, this year include 2 new rookies in Brad Lark and John Fairweather.

We proved to be a strong defensively unit supported by our Starting pitcher in Lance Blackley. Lance proved to be consistent and efficient in his opening role, often restricting the opposition's ability to score runs. He was well supported by our relieving pitchers in Anthony Bowley, John Nosedo and Brad Lark and an accompanying strong infield and outfield outfit.

Offensively we were a team to reckon with. We were blessed with 7 batters averaging over .400 and top 4 batted over .570. We finished with the most runs scored in the competition and consistently scored with 2 outs. The outstanding performance at the plate was Adam Leech with an average of .775. In all my years of baseball I have never seen someone dominate and intimidate like Adam Leech. Totalling 31 hits from 40 abats, including 13 consecutive hits. A truly remarkable performance, the likes you are not going to see or hear of again. He was well supported by John Fairweather and David Johnson with .642 and .600 averages respectively.



I would like to thank Bev Blackley for her support as team scorer, team selector and line up adviser. Katrina Johnson and Andrea Bowley for their support and help with post game meals and refreshments and John Ferguson for his support and faith in the Masters concept.

MASTERS



Next year we see a new face as coach of the Masters, and I'm confident next year we can win that elusive premiership.

Yours in baseball.

Chris Reece

MVP.

Adam Leech 20 Votes.

Batting Award.

Adam Leech. .775

Coach's Award.

Rod Hind.



Congratulations Brando & Lachy!



Brandon Stenhouse has been signed by the New York Yankees



Lachlan Madden has been signed by the Houston Astros

Well done and our very best wishes to our young guns. We are all very proud!



2014 Southern Mariners Selections

Congratulations to the 14 boys who have been selected to represent the Southern Mariners at the Victoria Little League Championships to be held on the 11, 12 & 13 of April.

They will be playing for the chance to represent Victoria at the Australian Little League Championships to be held on the Gold Coast in June.

The winner of the Australian Championships will represent Australia at the World Little League Championships in America in August.

John Carlile

Cheltenham Baseball Club wishes to extend its congratulations to the Cheltenham players who have made the squad and wish them all the best, along with the rest of the players, at the championships.

2014 Mariners – Cheltenham Representatives

Joshua ASHEN
Dante CARUSO
Blake HOLDING
Conor MYLES
Christopher NIELSEN
Will TUCKER
Mack TURLEY
Jed WOODGER
Cameron ZIMMERMAN



GALA DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

The recent Teeball-Rookie Ball Gala Day held recently at Cheltenham was a huge success, with teams from a range of clubs coming along to play with the Chelt teams that we put in for the day. It is great to see literally hundreds of kids out there playing baseball.

The feedback we've had from participants was that it was a magnificent day.

Here are some comments:

"You and the Cheltenham Baseball Club put on a marvellous day! Thank you for all your efforts, and the volunteers who helped out. The Doncaster kids had a fantastic time. All the games were played in good spirit with enjoyment and learning baseball the focus, rather than winners/losers."

Regards,

Craig Hutton

Doncaster BC

"Peter and Cheltenham, it is we who should be thanking you for the wonderful day put in by your volunteers in hosting and running, your canteen staff and the other Clubs playing in a fantastic spirit. Greatly appreciated by Malvern Baseball Club and our families participating."

Regards to all

Jenny Macleod

Junior President Malvern Baseball Club



"Thank you on behalf of Berwick Cougars Baseball Club our team had an awesome time."

Berwick BC



GALA DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Clearly a great day, well organised by Pete Leslie and a huge thanks to all of those who cooked *bbqs*, helped in the canteen, marked lines, umpired, coached and just turned up!



RUSTLERS SCHOOL CHAMPS AGAIN

Take our minds back 12 months and Parkdale Secondary School year 7 Baseball team (involving 7 Cheltenham U14 players) jointly won the State Championship with Camberwell SC. The grand final was completely washed out.

Forward to Monday 9th December 2013 and you won't believe it – same result!

After having to reschedule the tournament from a rain soaked Knox baseball fields last Wednesday we turned up to find conditions much the same on Monday.

The school teams that competed in this are the winners of their regional championships and so despite the weather and constant rain the games, to a point, went ahead despite the rain so we could achieve a result.

Parkdale were once again represented by Cheltenham Under 16 players **Ashley Flynn, Matt Holland, Michael Moore, Angus Octigan, Jacob Morris and Jake Pocock** and all boys competed and performed exceptionally.

After a bye in the first round we matched up against Mullauna (coached by our very own John Edwards (clearly moonlighting as a school teacher!))

Ash Flynn led a shutout 9-0 win against good opposition with a mighty performance on the mound pitching 3 innings with 7K's, 1 hit and 0 BB). **Gus Octigan** closed out the game with 10 pitches and 2 K's.

On the hitting side Chelt boys **Matt Holland** (single, double), **Gus Octigan** (2 singles), **Ash Flynn** (single double), **Michael Moore** (2 singles) and **Jacob Morris** (single) all hit well to seal the win.



We then fronted Viewbank with **Jake** on the mound and saw ourselves 2-1 down after 2 digs, however hits from **Gus, Ash, Michael** and **Jacob** combined with a couple of walks saw us add 4 to take the lead.

Gus then relived **Jake** and did the job to seal our second win.

Winning our division and being the only undefeated team on the day, we were to meet Camberwell in the grand final before the heavens opened up, as they did around the same time exactly 12 months ago) and officials wisely called it off.

So we win, jointly, again. Talk is rife of a one-off full game vs Camberwell next year at Farm rd so the ultimate victor can be crowned!

Well done to all the boys (particularly our own) on a great performance to go through both the regional and State tournaments undefeated.

2013 - 2014 TEAM AWARD WINNERS - JUNIOR

UNDER 12'S

UNDER 12 MAJOR	<i>MVP & Batting Award</i> DANTE CARUSO	<i>Pitching Award</i> JED WOODGER	<i>Coaches Award</i> COOPER WILLIAMSON
UNDER 12 MINOR	<i>MVP Award</i> BEN CAMPBELL	<i>Batting Award</i> SHELBY ROBERTS	<i>Coaches Award</i> ETHAN ALSTON
UNDER 12 BRAVES	<i>Batting Award</i> PATRICK BOUVIER	<i>Pitching Award</i> RYAN LANGWORTHY	<i>Coaches Award</i> DYLAN HIND
UNDER 12 GIANTS	<i>MVP Award</i> KALEB DORDEVIC	<i>Most Improved</i> BEN MORGAN	<i>Coaches Award</i> SEAN DUNNE
UNDER 12 ORIOLES	<i>Team Spirit Award</i> JACK OCTIGAN	<i>Coaches Award</i> KELLAN HILL	<i>Rising Star Award</i> GENEVIEVE BEACOM / HANAMI CAMPITELLI
UNDER 12 PIRATES	<i>Leadership Award</i> MACK TURLEY	<i>Most Improved</i> XAVIER CURRIE	<i>Coaches Award</i> JAMES CAPLE
UNDER 12 REDS	<i>Encouragement Award</i> KIERAN MORAN	<i>Encouragement Award</i> THOMAS HUGHES	<i>Encouragement Award</i> BAILEY McKINNON

UNDER 14'S

UNDER 14 MAJOR	MVP Award JOHN PAUL CALLIL	Batting Award RYUTO NASHIRO	Golden Glove BEN FIERENZI
UNDER 14 MINOR BLUE	MVP Award DARCY TREWARN	Batting Award DECLAN CROKER	Encouragement Award JACK RICE
UNDER 14 MINOR WHITE	MVP Award JAKE HARROWELL	Pitching Award DYLAN BUHRMANN	Batting Award KYLE CLARKE / THOMAS OGILVIE
UNDER 14 RED SOX	MVP Award JOHN PAUL CALLIL	Golden Glove CRUIZ LEECH	Most Improved JOSH SMITH
UNDER 14 DODGERS	MVP Award RYUTO NASHIRO	Batting Award KYLE CLARKE	Pitching Award ARCHER HALL
UNDER 14 RANGERS	MVP Award SHELBY McKEOWN	Pitching Award DARCY TREWARN	Most Improved VAN REITH

UNDER 16'S

UNDER 16 MAJOR	<i>MVP Award</i> SAM MICHAEL	<i>Batting Award</i> MAX BARRETT	<i>Pitching Award</i> SAM MICHAEL
UNDER 16 MINOR	<i>MVP Award</i> MAX THOMPSON	<i>Batting Award</i> MATTHEW McKENNA	<i>Most Improved</i> LUKE SEXTON

GRAND SLAMS

DANTE CARUSO	U12 MAJOR	vs Malvern 3/11/13
JOHN PAUL CALLIL	U14 MAJOR	vs Berwick 26/1/14

2013 - 2014 AWARD WINNERS - UNDER 18 & SENIOR

UNDER 18'S

UNDER 18 MAJOR LEAGUE	<i>Kevin Williams Memorial MVP</i> BRANDON STENHOUSE	<i>Batting Award</i> BRANDON STENHOUSE (.470)	<i>Most Improved</i> KOJI CAMPITELLI
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UNDER 18 MINOR LEAGUE	<i>MVP Award</i> JAMES VAN DE BEEK	<i>Batting Award</i> DECLAN CHITTENDEN (.688)	<i>Pitching Award</i> LUKE PORTER
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SENIORS

DIVISION 2 5TH MASTERS	<i>MVP Award</i> ADAM LEECH	<i>Batting Award</i> ADAM LEECH (.775)	<i>Coaches Award</i> ROD HIND
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DIVISION 4 5TH 5THS	<i>Batting Award</i> ASHLEY FLYNN (.468)	<i>Pitching Award</i> MATT CAMERON (ERA .468)	<i>Coaches Award</i> AARON GALE
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DIVISION 1 4THS	<i>MVP Award</i> DANIEL WARD-BOURTON	<i>Batting Award</i> PAT DISERVI (.636)	<i>Coaches Award</i> MICHAEL LESLIE
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DIVISION 1 3RDS	<i>MVP Award</i> ADAM LOVE	<i>Batting Award</i> JACK DANIELS (.404)	<i>Golden Glove</i> STEFAN TARANTO
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DIVISION 1 RESERVES	<i>MVP Award</i> YOSHI CAMPITELLI	<i>Batting Award</i> MITCHELL HOLDING (.390)	<i>Coaches Award</i> KANE DAVIDSON
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FIRST NINE	<i>Gwen & Len LePage MVP</i> BRETT CURNOW	<i>Batting Award</i> BRETT CURNOW (.405)	<i>Golden Glove</i> BRAD HARMAN
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CLUB AWARDS

JUNIOR CHAMPION	LACHLAN MADDEN
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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	MAX BARRETT
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GOLDEN GLOVE AWARD	NICK ROSSELL
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GOLDEN ARM AWARD	RYAN BEAN
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CLUB BATTING RECORD	ADAM LEECH <i>.656 Avg / 29 consecutive hits / 61 total hits</i>
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BEST SENIOR CLUBMAN	PETER LESLIE
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GRAND SLAM

DIVISION 1 3RDS	<i>vs Newport</i> JACK DANIELS
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DIV 1 4THS	<i>vs Newport</i> PAT DISERVI
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SHUT OUTS

UNDER 18 MAJOR LEAGUE	<i>vs Doncaster</i> JACK ENCIONDO
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UNDER 18 MAJOR LEAGUE	<i>vs Waverley</i> JACK ENCIONDO
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UNDER 18 MAJOR LEAGUE	<i>vs Geelong (no hit)</i> BRANDON STENHOUSE
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DIV 1 4THS	<i>vs Preston</i> CONNOR DDODY
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DIV 1 4THS	<i>vs Upwey</i> PAT O'NEILL
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DIV 1 4THS	<i>vs Sandringham</i> DANIEL WARD-BOURTON
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DIV 1 RESERVES	<i>vs Newport</i> YOSHI CAMPITELLI
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CLUB AWARDS 2013 - 2014

Senior Clubman

Peter Leslie

Nominations

Anthony Bowley	Coaching, Bar, Electrical work
Steve Campitelli	Website & Integration to new site
Gavin Daniels	Umpiring, work around ground and rooms
Russell Ferguson	Coaching, taking in import, budget assistance
Peter Leslie	Tee Ball, grounds, scoring, Gala Day

Life Members Perpetual Cup for Best Junior Club Person

Matthew Holland & Jake Pocock

Nominations

Matthew Holland	Tee Ball Coach & Rookie Ball Coach
Jake Pocock	Tee Ball Coach & Rookie Ball Coach
Oliver Bowley	Assistance in many areas around the Club
Jack Daniels	Assistance in many areas around the Club
Declan Croker	Assistance in many areas around the Club



Best Junior Coach – Adam Leech

Nominations

Adam Leech	Coach U14 Red Sox, Dodgers Tee Ball & U14 Major League
Pat O'Neill	U18 Premiership Coach
Yoshi Campitelli	U12 Major League Coach

