



CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC

Summer Season 2018 – 2019

Junior Presentation Booklet



Conor Myles

Junior Club Champion





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President's Report



The Club has had a very successful year both on and off the field.

On field Performance

On field performances this season have been very impressive, The Summer Club won the Division 2 Premiership and will return to play Division 1 in the 2019-20 season.

The Club also won the Division 2 Club Championship with strong performances across the board from all senior teams. This is only the fourth time the Club has won this award



The performance of Jessie Remington to win the BV League MVP Award was an outstanding achievement. To the best of our knowledge this is only the seventh time in over 100 years of competition that a member of our Club has won the League MVP Award.

Our Women's played finals and were amongst the best offensive teams in their competition. The State Under 18 team played off I the Grand Final losing to Waverly.

Congratulations also to all our players who made representative teams.





Committee

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank your Summer Committee for their efforts and commitment in making this Summer Season a success.

Brad Lark (Vice President), Denise Healy (Secretary), Judy Williams (Treasurer) –Michelle Ogilvie, Al Gribbin, John Ferguson, Kath Daniels, Joe Caruso, Russell Ferguson, Michael Rizzi, Andrea Cormick, Damon Pettit, Matt Turley.

Most Inclusive Club Award

The Club was also awarded the prestigious BV Award for the Most Inclusive Club for our efforts to promote and develop baseball in the State.

Main Field Lighting

Stage 1 of the lighting project was completed and the Club has the diamond lit up to competition standards for Social Baseball and Little league games. The formal opening with a “Lights On” ceremony was a huge success and the culmination of many years of effort by the Club. The Lights were financed by a grant from the State Government through the Kingston Council. The Club contributed \$29,000.



Sponsorship

Our sponsors continue to support all areas of the Club. Without this ongoing and very substantial support of our sponsors we would not be able to continue with the development of our infrastructure projects and our development programs. Thank you.

- Bentleigh RSL
- Platinum Post Tensioning and our other sponsors
- Terry White Chemmart
- Inner Melbourne Landscapes
- A1 Building Group





- Urban Gardeners
- Bunnings Mentone

Administration

The Club has successfully moved to a financial year ending the 31 March 2019 and the Club is in a sound financial position. The timeliness of reporting has been improved and ongoing visibility of the overall financial position across the whole of the Club is much improved. The introduction of the Square point of sale system is substantially reducing the amount of cash handled. The financial processes and systems have been improved to further strengthen visibility and reporting and importantly to reduce the workload of the Treasurer.

Summer and Winter Committees are working closely together with the BOM which has assumed responsibility for the financial reporting of the operation of the Canteen and the Bar.

Concluding Comments

The Club is well positioned and structured to capitalise on the opportunities that will be presented with the lights.

A big thank you to Bryan Kloppe our Club Coach, his coaching staff and to all of our other coaches at all the levels. Congratulations on a job very well done. Consolidating our position in Division 1 and Increasing participation must be the major priorities for the coming year.

Also, a big thankyou to all members of the Club our players and their families who have assisted and supported me so well over the past 12 months.

John Fairweather
Summer President





U18 STATE

Very successful season but no report provided finished Runners Up to Waverley.

U16 STATE



Team

Front. (Left -Right): Flynn Healy, Blake Holding, Blake Dunkley, Cooper Hiddlestone, Darcy Messenger

Back: (L to R): James Radford, Sean Dunne, Josh Ashen, Kellan Hill, Joshua Tribe, Rhys Fairweather Jesse Remington (Coach). **Absent :** Thomas Hughes



Jesse Remington
League MVP and Club Champion
Coach





U14 STATE

Squad:

Thomas Carlin, Hayden Finney, Ben Hallowell, Jett Handicott, Mason Haimona, Jeremy Hess, Dylan Hind, Ryan Langworthy, Max Oldham, Edward Steere, Lachie Stevens, Kyle Yong and Nathan Yong.



Coaches : Val Langworthy and Gareth Finney

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FRIDAY NIGHT INTERMEDIATE

Squad:

Matt Bell, Harvey Coombs, Zach Dunkley, Elliot Ferriggi, Tane Graham, Ben Hallowell, Josh Healy, Jeremy Hess, Edward Steere, Emma Stevens, Josh Stevens, and Matt Temby.

We started the season with 6 players with practically no baseball experience so our initial focus was to quickly develop the basics and see where we got to after the first 2 months.

A big thank you again goes to my assistant coach Hermann, he has a real passion for the game and this was an important factor in the team's improvement. We were fortunate enough to run training sessions with just the newbies and this allowed us to focus on the development of the new players.

To make the Grand final was a wonderful achievement from where we started and even though we didn't win the big one, I was really proud of the improvement. Some of the season highlights included Ed's triple play, home runs to Zach (3) and Ben, Emma's semi final match winning catch, Harvey and Josh S hitting their first doubles, Matt T scoring his first run and the team high fives that followed, the loudest roar of the season was when Josh H had his first hit. Tane's 10 pitch at bat finishing with a double in the Grand final, the courage of Jeremy getting back playing after his serious eye injury, Elliott developing confidence to hit to the outfield and Matthew Bell for progressing so far that he had 53 pitches in the Grand final.

I had a number of helpful parents/siblings, in particular Vilma Ferriggi for scoring most of the season with some help from hubby Jason and Brent Dunkley. A big shout out Pia Dunkley for all her help and assistance during the season answering all my queries and concerns, nothing was too much trouble for her! We were fortunate to have the best umpire in the league, Blake Dunkley did a fantastic job behind the plate.

What an enjoyable season, with a great group of players with supportive families

Thank you

Cameron Hallowell
Coach





LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS



The season started on a cool Sunday morning at Sandringham. We won 13 to 10, so our season was off and running. We won our first five games. Zach Dunkley and Lucas Tucker got off to a flyer with their batting having multiple multi-hit games. Newcomers Sam Walsh, Tane' Graham, and Rory Boag made contributions with the bat and pitching. Tane' hit the teams first home run of the season. We hit a mini-slump in loosing out next two games.

We won our next two games with Landon Holland, Tane', Zach, and Rory having multi-hit games. Patrick Lynch pitched his first game getting a strike out in one inning. Rory, Tane, and Sam pitched shut out baseball and Landon struck out the side in his one inning.

We lost our next game in a close one at Bonbeach that was a walk fest, 15 walks to 7 walks. We out hit the opposition 8 hit to 4 and lost 13 runs to 12. Zach and Tane had 3 hits apiece and Zach hit the teams second home run. This was our last loss of the regular season.

We got on a hot streak in December that lasted to the Grand Final, winning our last 7 regular season games. Over this period Sam, Zach, Tane', Rory, and Mitch Langworthy pitched shutout innings. Sam, Zach, Mitch, Lucas, Tane', and Miller Leech had multiple hit games. Sam had a blinder against Berwick where he went 5 for 5 which included 3 doubles and 4 RBIs. Miller drove in the winning run in a close game against Sandringham. Archie Oldham had hits in multiple games and pitched a scoreless inning with two strike outs. Zach hit the teams third home run against Moorabbin which was a grand slam. Mitch hit two home runs in consecutive games, the second being a mammoth shot over the trees and into the car park at Cheltenham.

We finished the regular season two games clear on top with a 13 and 3 record. We won our first final against Moorabbin. The grand final was a good game of baseball against Bonbeach. Pitching ruled the day with some good plays in the field. The outcome was 4 hits to 3 and 3 runs to 2 in favour of Bonbeach.





So, the season finished on a downer. But the players should be proud of the season they had, everyone one of them. They did everything we asked of them and more. I hope they enjoyed it and learned more about playing baseball. We now look forward to next season.

See you at the ballpark.

Joey Tucker
Coach

LITTLE LEAGUE (U12) Sunday Minors



With only one pre-season training session as a team, the season got off to a shaky start for the under 12 Sunday Minor team. We kicked off with a home game loss to St Kilda, despite playing an awesome defensive game, complete with a double play from Kai. But to win a game, you actually need to score some runs. Elijah managed our only safe hit for the game, and with a total of 11 strike outs, it was obvious what we needed to work on at training... batting.

The second game was a tough one against a strong Mulgrave side. We walked away with a 10-5 loss, which was a flattering result since, yet again, we only got one safe hit for the game – well done again Elijah!

Batting practice started to pay off with a win in the third week to Pakenham. Six of our players were able to get bat-on-ball and every player made it safely to first base - multiple times! Special mention to Ethan for hitting two doubles and one single!





From there on our batting improved and we finished the season in 5th place with a respectable five wins out of 12 games played. As a coach it was a joy to see all ten players master the basics and learn some of the intricacies of baseball. The whole team improved considerably in their individual skills, knowledge of the game, awareness of the play, and in their ability to work together as a team.

My favourite game of the season was our last against Sandringham Royals. There were some great fielding moments with 2 fly balls caught (Lachie and Noah), and a perfect put out play by Marcus to Jack at home plate preventing a run. But the best part was our batting. We collected 12 hits from seven different players and everyone made it safely on base. Lachie hit two singles, Noah a single and a double, and our star batter Hugh made an incredible two doubles and two singles! We were the underdogs, but when you play that good, you can beat any team. And we did, 14:12. It was an awesome way to end to the season.

Special thanks to my unofficial **assistant coach Matt Sullivan** for all your help in training plus all your behind the scenes work, **Alex Koulaouzos for scoring** all season, Jane Leitch for reminding me (and everyone else) where the games were each weekend, and to Sophie Sullivan and Nicole Daff for sharing the very important role of base coaching on game days.

Also thank you to all the parents for your help in setting up and packing up the diamond for our home games. It really takes a team of willing and wonderful people to get a game of baseball happening, and I would not have made it through the season without your support.

The Team:

Declan - One of our rookie players and also one of the youngest on the team, Declan's batting, throwing and catching skills improved so much throughout the season that I just had to award him Most Improved Player. Congratulations Declan! I love that Declan's favourite position is right field because every team needs a right fielder. Declan played that position very well, getting the ball in quickly when it was hit in his direction. Keep up the great effort Declan!

Elijah - Elijah was a valuable team player in both defence and offense, racking up the most ground outs (9), single hits (8) and stolen bases (22). He also had a good batting average of 0.4 and a solid OBP of 0.625. As a lefty, Elijah is a great choice for first base, and there he contributed to plenty of outs – the ball was always in safe hands. A consistent batter and a strong thrower, Elijah has exciting baseball potential.

Ethan - The man with the golden glove, Ethan took some screamers this season! Contributing to an impressive 20 put outs, Ethan is a solid player and an important part of the team. If the ball was hit in Ethan's direction, he knew what to do and always executed the play well. Ethan can play in any position on the field, but with an arm like that I would like to see Ethan have a try at pitching. Batting 2 doubles for the season, Ethan showed that when he gets on to the ball he can send it flying!

Hugh - Our most enthusiastic player in his first year of baseball, Hughey brought excitement and energy to the team. He topped the charts in batting this season, bringing in the most RBI's (15) and hitting 7 doubles and 6 singles! With a whopping batting average of 0.684 and a very reliable OBP of 0.786, Hughey is a worthy winner of the batting award and a huge asset to the team. With stats like these from a rookie player, I can't wait to see what Hugh will achieve in future in baseball!

Jack - As our main catcher Jack was a highly valuable member of the team. He listened to instruction from his mum (an ex-catcher herself), refining his technique to become rock solid behind the plate. But it's not only behind the plate that Jack shines - he's a great all round baseball player, hitting 2 doubles and topping the charts in putouts





with a total of 33 for the season! Displaying a genuine love for the game through his enthusiasm to arrive early for training and games, I hope to watch you play for many years to come Jack.

Kai - A talented player, Kai showed he has a brilliant baseball mind in the very first game executing a double play. He always knows the play, has great skills and a super cool head. All this combines to make Kai an exceptional player and extremely valuable team member. What impressed me most about Kai, however, was his self-motivation. Kai practiced pitching at home throughout the season and the improvement he made was striking (haha- get it?). The effort he put in and clear improvement he displayed make Kai my choice for Coaches Award. Keep up the awesome work Kai!

Lachie - A rock solid player, Lachie is so versatile he can play well in any position on the diamond. Lachie pitched almost every game for us, facing 128 batters throughout the season. One of our most consistent and reliable players, Lachie contributed well in batting and fielding, and was an extremely valuable member of team. Well done on a really good season Lachie - we couldn't have done it without you!

Marcus - a great young player willing to play any position, Marcus was extremely valuable to our team. Marcus played catcher in most games throughout the season and really showed improvement over that time. He contributed to 22 put outs in the field, and was strong at bat too. He hit 2 doubles, had 11 RBI's, a reliable on base percentage of 0.633, and stole 15 bases. Marcus has excellent baseball potential and I really look forward to seeing what he can do in future!

Noah - Either learn to catch or get out of the way! - Our strongest player, Noah throws the ball like a bullet and bats like a cannon. Batting 4 doubles and one triple this season, he even managed to crack the ball into the umpire twice in one game! Noah is also our fastest runner, stealing bases like a ninja. When he's on his game, Noah's pitching is lethal. Noah has incredible potential and is definitely ready for the pace of U14s.

Sam - If there was an award for most polite or happiest player, Sam would be the winner. A rookie player, Sam was always willing to help and to try new things. He showed us all how super tough he is bravely taking the base after being hit by a hard pitch early in the season. His skills noticeably improved throughout the season, and now he bats like a baseball player. Sam was an absolute delight to coach and watch develop. I look forward to seeing big hits from Sam next year!

Thank you.
Coach Tara Lian

FRIDAY NIGHT LITTLE LEAGUE MINORS BLUE

This season for Cheltenham Blue was exactly what Friday Night Minors is about.

For a team with only two players that had played prior to this season, the team did a great job of trying in every game and playing in different positions.

Between having a bye, hot weather, too much rain, more hot weather, more rain and more byes we seemed to be not playing more than we played.

Unfortunately we didn't have a win for the season, but the highlight was the way the team improved through the season and became more competitive in our finals games.





Thanks to Troy for helping out with the coaching on game days, Eric (and his plays from Cheltenham White) for providing fill in players throughout the season, Flynn for umpiring, Ferg for helping out at training and the club for running the training clinics during the season.

Lastly, a special thanks to the parents for getting the kids to training and the games.

David Steere

Coach

FRIDAY NIGHT LITTLE LEAGUE (U12) MINORS WHITE



The Cheltenham White Friday Night Minors team was one that had a mix of talent and backgrounds, from kids that had literally never played baseball (or even seen a game!) to kids that had been playing at the highest available level for years. The team saw a number of highlights throughout the season, both as a team and as individuals. They were the only team to defeat Sandringham over the course of the season, and they had no less than 5 different players produce the winning run, hit, or defensive play to close out games.

At the start of the season we had 10 kids that decided they wanted to try this crazy game of baseball. Some of them were wide-eyed, not knowing what they were getting into or how to take the loud American that was their coach. Others assumed roles as leaders and set the example of how we should work on the field. Over time our team assumed an identity, relying on pitching and gloves to win games. While a timely hit was always appreciated, we won more through smarts and arms, pitching well, running well on the base paths, and taking advantage of opponents' errors when presented the opportunity. By the end of the year we had kids that had developed tremendously, surprising each other with the increase in their level of defensive play and their baseball acumen. They learned more than simply swinging the bat when the ball comes or running in a straight line very fast. They learned nuances, knowing what responsibilities they had on every play, where they should be moving, what base they had to cover, and how to read and backup their teammates.





The team overcame a number of obstacles and youthful disadvantages to claim the second best record over the course of the season and make it to the semi-finals. In that game they showed tremendous heart in overcoming a 4-0 deficit to come all the way back and tie it before losing a true heartbreaker in the bottom of the last inning.

To their credit, they never, ever stopped fighting or believing in their teammates and themselves, and there was no finger pointing after their final game. Several of the kids took it hard, as did their coach. This was a reflection not on the result of an individual game, however, but was instead a tribute to the great work, development, and heart that they had all shown in that and every other game of the season. They just weren't ready for it to be over, and that speaks volumes as to their character and their love for the game.

Congratulations to all of Cheltenham White, and thank you for letting me coach you! I cannot wait to see you all continue to develop.

Eric Holland
Coach

NATIONAL/STATE/ SOUTHERN MARINERS REPRESENTATIVES

Little League State Representatives:

Rory Boag, Zach Dunkley, Tane' Graham, Mitch Langworthy, Lucas Tucker and Sam Walsh.

Intermediate State Representatives:

Matt Bell, Ben Hallowell, Jeremy Hess and Edward Steere. Emma Stevens played for Sunraysia as a friendship player.

Junior League State Representatives:

Mason Haimona, Dylan Hind, Ryan Langworthy and Lachie Stevens.

Senior League State Representatives:

Under 18

Blue: Conor Myles, Ben Fierenzie, Dante Caruso

White: Mackenzie Turley

Under 16

Blue: Blake Holding

White: Josh Ashen, Travis Finney, Rhys Fairweather





CLUB AWARDS

KEVIN WILLIAMS MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPION

MVP UNDER 18 STATE

AND

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

CONOR MYLES



BEST JUNIOR CLUB PERSON:

EMMA STEVENS



Other Nominations who also made outstanding contributions were Landon Holland and Blake Holding.





BEST JUNIOR COACH:

JOEY TUCKER



2018-19 JUNIOR PLAYING AWARDS

Under 18 State

Junior Club Champion / MVP
Conor Myles

Batting Award
Dante Caruso

Coaches Award
Michael Hill

Under 16 State

Most Valuable Player
Josh Ashen

Batting Award
Blake Holding BA 0.545

Rustler Award
Blake Holding

Junior League Major

Most Valuable Player
Kyle Yong

Best Offensive Player
Dylan Hind

Best Defensive Player
Jett Handicott

Intermediate League

Most Valuable Player
Zach Dunkley

Batting Award
Ben Hallowell

Coaches Award
Matthew Bell





Little League - Major

Most Valuable Player

Zach Dunkley

Batting Award

Sam Walsh

Golden Glove Award

Lucas Tucker

Little League – Minor Sunday

Batting Award

Hugh Strom

Coaches Award

Kai Leitch

Most Improved Award

Declan Pitkin

Little League Minor – Friday White

Pitching Award

Miller Leech

Batting Champ

Landon Holland

Coaches Award

Charlie Marshall

Little League Minor – Friday Blue

Most Valuable Player

Asa Rungen

Batting Award

Jack Steere

Coaches Award

Charlie Harper





ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Parents and Family who support our players as active members of the Club. The Club is very conscious that the travel challenges and time constraints must place a heavy load on the life of the family and your assistance, patience and support is very much appreciated.

Coaches, Team Managers, Scorers. To put it simply – without your support as volunteers the Club could not function.

Kingston City Council provides the sporting infrastructure and maintenance of the facilities that we use and continues work very closely with the Club.

Kingston Heath Sports Club is the entity that runs the Ron Brownlees Pavilion. Baseball and Hockey share the responsibility for the joint management of the facilities and dealing with the KCC. The efforts of our Club members involved as members of the KSC are much appreciated.

Club Umpires. Parents , Past Players and particularly those players who make time to umpire our junior games.

Committee. Without an active and engaged committee the Club could not operate successfully. Your time and expertise is very much appreciated.

INDIVIDUALS

Brad Heenan: Brad is probably the first person to say that he's not a "committee guy", he always pitches in when things just need to get done. He doesn't wait to be asked, he just turns up and helps where needed: junior teams, women's team, umpiring, setting up grounds, BBQ, music and bar duties – you name it and he's there.

Connie Upfill: Connie's knowledge, energy and positive attitude is always welcomed. The Club would be considerably poorer without her dedication to sponsorship and fundraisers.

Her assistance with the Canteen and in running the Bunnings BBQ are recent examples of her ongoing contribution to the Club.



Kathy Daniels: for committee and tireless work in stocking and running the canteen. Revenue from the Canteen is our primary source of funds after player subscriptions.

Damon Pettit: When a job needs to be done, Damo is never far away. This season, he coached not just one team, but two: The 3rds and 4ths.





This is on top of his other committee duties such as Equipment Manager and manager for match balls, the website and Team App.

Bryan Kloppe: Restructured and re-energised the Club Coaching Operation. Securing the Club a Grand Final win for the firsts will see us back in Division One – which is a major achievement.

John Ferguson: For his tireless commitment. John represents everything that is good about the Rustlers, he's generous with his time and always generous with his advice and mentorship. He has been instrumental in establishing Kingston Heath as the regional centre for Schools Baseball and Softball.

Michelle Ogilvie: Michelle is an unsung hero of this Club. After 10 years as a junior coordinator, Michelle is retiring from that role. She was instrumental in establishing the women's teams and has been the team co-ordinator for three years. As a committee member, Michelle assists in organising the trivia night and other events, organises trophies – just to name a few.



Josie Hill: Josie is a committee member and has provided invaluable assistance to the Club's most significant project – the installation of the lights. In addition, Josie was the under 16's coordinator and has played a key role in the organisation of our key events.

Dunkley Family – Brent, Pia, Blake and Zac. Coaching scoring, umpiring, social events – the Dunkley's are never far away. Pia was a junior coordinator and played a key role in welcoming new families to the Club and ensuring they were welcomed with her friendly and kind manner.

Kane Davidson: He provided invaluable backup to Bryan and worked closely with Matt Gourlay. He also played a critical function of junior player transition and preparation.

Peter Leslie: Scores Reserves, Women's, helps TBall and grounds.

Al Gribbin: Committee member who assisted with maintaining and setting up grounds, Match Day Music, attending BV meetings.

Joe Caruso: For a "Dad" to take on the role of Chair of Selectors is a big ask. He did a fantastic job in building bridges between the on field and off field expectations. More than useful lefty pitcher in the Masters.

Denise Healy: Took on the demanding role of secretary and brought clarity to the role and managed admin challenges.

Gordon Tribe: BBQ Man and regular attendee at any working bee.

Judy Williams: As Club Treasurer, Judy has a massive job and has substantially improved the Club Financials by strengthening processes and reporting to provide better and more timely visibility in to Clubs operations.

Katrina Johnson: Masters Meals. Not a trivial task and essential to maintaining a high Club profile.

Russell Ferguson: Building on field relationships and direct assistance to senior coaches, playing where required. Financial advice to Executive.

Brad Lark: Bar management. - critical operation and an ongoing vulnerability/exposure.



