

EAST TORRENS BASEBALL CLUB



2019/2020
ANNUAL REPORT



YEAR	LIFE MEMBER	PLAYER LIFE MEMBER
1962	G. DRAPER†	
1964	MRS A. ROBERTS†	
1965	G. FENWICK†	
1966	P. ROBERTS†	
1967	R. EDMEADES	
1968	D. ROBERTS	
1968/69	D. ROACH	
1969/70	K. PITT	
1970/71	J. TOWILL†	
1972/73	B. HAYLEY†	
1973/74	B. ADDISON	
1975/76	D. DATE†	
1976/77	R. KENEALLY	
1977/78	J. DAVIS	
1979/80	A. SMITH†	
1980/81	B. MARKS†	
1981/82	MRS L. MADDISON†	
1981/82	P. PIKE†	
1983/84		G. MCKINLAY
1984/85		G. MADDISON
1985/86		D. TOWILL
1986/87		G. WILDEN
1987/88	J. KING	
1988/89	T. BENNETT†, T. MADDISON†	
1989/90	B. ABBEY†	
1990/91	R. RUSH	W. BROOKS, C. WHITTLESEA
1991/92	R. CHANDLER	S. PIKE
1992-93	P. KEEN	G. ANDREW, B. BAHNERT
1993/94	R. ROBINSON	P. HAYNES, J. LAMB,
1994/95		J. KEVAN
1995/96	D. RICE†	M. BARMBY, B. SANDERSON, P. WHITE
1996/97		I. LOVEGROVE
1999/00		M. ADAMS, G. MORROW, P. CHANDLER
2000/01	B. DAY	M. RUSH
2001/02	S. PIKE	
2002/03	J. WILTON†	P. O'RILEY, D. ROBINSON, L. THOMPSON
2003/04	MRS H. BROOKS	K. HRIBAR, G. MCCALL, P. KEEN
2004/05	B. NORSWORTHY	R. SMITH, W. TOWILL, S. VINCE
2005/06	B. SANDERSON	K. ASHWORTH, G. SIMMONS
2006/07		D. SYMONS, R. TRENGROVE
2007/08	MRS V. ADDISON	A. COUZNER, J. KING
2008/09	P. CHANDLER	B. ARMSTRONG, A. MATTHEWS
2009/10	R. SMITH	D. KING, C. ARMSTRONG
2010/11	MRS R. INGERSON†	L. RHODES, R. D'ONISE
2011/12	J. LAMB	A. DIENELT, P. LOUNDER, T. UNDERHILL
2012/13	MRS C. SMITH	
2015/16	MRS L. SANDERSON	
2016/17	D. TOWILL	B. THOMAS†, T. HARRINGTON
2017/18	D. KING	T. SYMONS, B. COPPING
2018/19	D. SYMONS	J. SMITH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	Damien Norsworthy
VICE PRESIDENT:	Blake Armstrong
SECRETARY:	Angela Probert
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Katherine Ashworth
TREASURER:	Armando Plata Ramirez
ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Kylie Powell
OPERATIONS MANAGER:	Craig Powell

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SENIOR COACH:	Tony Probert
BAR MANAGER:	VACANT
CANTEEN MANAGER:	Caitlyn Saywell
SPONSORSHIP MANAGER:	Blake Armstrong
SCORERS DELEGATE:	Karryn Przbilla
UMPIRES DELEGATE:	Payne Sowter
JUNIOR COACHING COORDINATOR:	Paul Ashworth
T-BALL COORDINATOR:	Anthony Dienelt
HOUSE AND GROUNDS:	Richard Smith, Paul Sowter, Craig Powell
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	VACANT
UNIFORMS AND REGALIA:	VACANT
SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE COORDINATOR:	Steve Yeatman



East Torrens Baseball Club

Annual General Meeting Minutes

12th June 2019, 7pm, Maylands Hotel

1. Welcome

2. Present (Voting Rights) Damien Norsworthy, Blake Armstrong, Paul Chandler, Angela Probert, Darien King, Tony Probert, Kylie & Craig Powell, Travis Underhill, Paul & Katherine Ashworth, Anthony Dienelt, John Lamb, Kane Galloway, Armondo Ramirez, Paul Sowter,

3. Apologies; Richard & Carolyn Smith, Ron & Jill Chandler, Warwick Marks, Annette Thompson

4. Accept the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting 2018 - Moved by DN, seconded by JL, Accepted by majority

5. Reports;

- Secretary's - Moved by PC, seconded by JK Accepted by majority
- Treasurers - Moved by JL, seconded by BA , Accepted by majority - Thank you to KP for streamlining money handling document

6. Nominations;

- Life Members - Nil
- Player Life Member - Nil

7. Elections of Officers (Executive Committee);

- President - Motion by BA to nominate DN, seconded by PC - accepted by majority
- Vice President - Motion by PC to nominate BA, seconded by KP - accepted by majority
- Secretary - Motion by KP to nominate AP, seconded by PC - accepted by majority
- Treasurer - Motion by to nominate KP, seconded by BA - accepted by majority
- Operations Manager - Motion by PC to nominate BA , seconded by - accepted by majority
- Assistant Secretary - Motion by AP to nominate AT, seconded by AD - accepted by majority
- Assistant Treasurer - Motion by KP to nominate KP, seconded by BA - accepted by majority. Thank you to PC for his years if service.

8. Elections of Officers (Management Committee); (Nominations received from the floor or prior to the AGM. These positions will be confirmed at the first Executive Meeting)

- **Senior Coach – Tony Probert appointed for 2019/2020 season**
- Social & Fundraising Manager - Motion by AP to nominate KA, seconded by CP - accepted by majority - Thank you to Sharon Chandler
- Facilities Manager (House & Grounds) - vacant
- Bar Manager - **to confirm with DJ**
- Canteen Manager - **to confirm with Caitlyn**
- Social Media & Online Coordinator - **to confirm with Steve**
- Sponsorship Coordinator - Vacant
- T-ball Co-ordinator - Motion by DN to nominate AD, seconded by TP - accepted by majority
- Uniform & Regalia Manager - vacant

- Junior Co-ordinator - Motion by CP to nominate PA, seconded by JL - accepted by majority
- Umpire Delegate - Motion by KG to nominate Payne Sowter - discussion with PS
- Equipment Manager - vacant . Thank you to Steve Klemm
- Scorer's Delegate - discussion with Carolyn to be had - consider Karyn Prizabella

9. General Business

- KP, highlighted the need for bank accounts and signatories being required to be changed; Paul Chandler to be removed from all 3 Beyond Bank accounts and the new treasury position holder Mr Jose Armando Ramires Plata added as the Treasury of East Torrens Baseball Club - KP to action with Beyond Bank
- DN, highlighted the requirement for positional emails to be amended to reflect the new positional changes; Treasury and Operations Manager - he will action this with Dave Coleman (Website/IT contact)
- AP raised the Working with Childrens checks that have changed from the 1st July 2019.
- Question from the floor on Bar relocation - DN discussed the Bar contingency with mobile Bar will be completed
- Ongoing lease of grounds discussed - Council is supporting draft of document

10. Meeting closed at 7.51pm



East Torrens Baseball Club

Special General Meeting

Minutes

12th June 2019, 6pm, Maylands Hotel

1. **Welcome**
 2. **Present (Voting Rights);** Damien Norsworthy, Blake Armstrong, Paul Chandler, Angela Probert, Darien King, Tony Probert, Kylie & Craig Powell, Travis Underhill, Paul & Katherine Ashworth, Anthony Dienelt, John Lamb, Kane Galloway,
 3. **Absent;** Richard & Carolyn Smith, Ron & Jill Chandler,
 4. **President;**
 - Intention of the Special General Meeting is to discuss and ratify the 2019 version of the East Torrens Baseball Club Constitution and Bylaws.
 - A review was conducted in 2018 identifying several out of date or irrelevant sections of the 2004 Constitution and Bylaws.
 - A draft version of the 2019 documents were drafted and consulted with a select group of Life Members/Ex Executive Committee members.
 - The Executive then launched a full open consultation process for 3 months.
 - At the conclusion of the 3-month consultancy process the current documents were developed.
 - The Executive Committee have endorsed these documents for presentation tonight at this Special General Meeting.
 5. **Discussion - Nil**
 6. **Present a motion to accept the 2019 East Torrens Baseball Club Constitution -** Moved to be accepted, Damien Norsworthy, Seconded by Paul Chandler. accepted by all.
 7. **Present a motion to accept the 2019 East Torrens Baseball Club Bylaws-** Moved to be accepted, Damien Norsworthy, Seconded by Darien King. - accepted by all.
 8. **Public Officer Role; Present a motion to nominate Paul Chandler as East Torrens Public Officer for Consumer and Business Services purposes -** Moved to be accepted, Damien Norsworthy, Seconded by Angela Probert - accepted by all.
- Meeting Closed at 6.23pm.**



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PRESIDENT REPORT

31st December 2019, the first reports of a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan was recorded. 13th January 2020 the first case was reported outside of China. 30th January 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency, then on the 11th March 2020 it was characterised as a Pandemic. Baseball thankfully was able to continue without a lot of concern throughout this period and it thankfully allowed us to almost complete a full season.

We did eventually lose the last week, the ultimate week, and as such lost out on our teams being able to participate in Grand Finals (something many wish to participate in at some point and even more so win). There is no question the right decision was made as public health was the priority, but there is without doubt disappointment for all the 'athletes', coaches, support staff and supporters who had tirelessly navigated their way since October to miss out by one week. On top of this there is also the significant financial implications.

All that aside it was an absolutely wonderful season for all our teams on the diamond both in the juniors and seniors, with East Torrens being awarded the Junior Club of the Year. A massive congratulations to Paul Ashworth, all coaches, support staff, players and supporters for this achievement.

COVID-19 without question has had a significant impact on our club and the sport in general. We had 3 Senior Grand Finals to be played at Patterson Reserve, The Celebrations or Commiserations, Junior Presentation and of course our Senior Presentation Night. The restrictions put in place have cost us thousands of dollars in turnover, as well as associated costs in preparation for these events which we are unlikely to recoup. Whilst thankfully, Kellen was able to leave the country and return home, this too came at a significant cost, one that may or may not be recoverable due to the airline industries situation. I will leave it for the Treasurer to explain what the final wash up was for season 19/20, but whilst it is not great, it could have been a lot worse and thankfully everyone has remained healthy throughout this period.

I look forward to the ET Family once again coming together and rebuilding in season 2020/21 and I am sure the support will be #etstrong as ever.

With everything going on we as a club have still been able to push forward with a number of projects. I have included a section in this Annual Report covering where we are at with the Strategic Intent (2018 -2021), which will provide detail as to what we have been able to achieve as a club, what steps are still required to fulfill all actions and what barriers we see exists in completing some items.

I would like to acknowledge the Executive Committee for all their hard work for what is ultimately 12 months of the year, preparing for the season, managing the season and reflecting and working towards resolving issues of outcomes from the season, thank you to you all and the people that support you and allow you to do the work you do.

The ET family is something everyone should be proud of and I am continually blown away by the generosity of members and their families in support of this club. A big thank you to the Barker Family for their contribution to the batting cages and the donation of not only the resources but time to fix them up. Kym Ashworth for continuing to consider ET and our possible needs, which included a wonderful portable bar (hopefully fully in action in 2020/21). Whilst the list is long, thank you to everyone who continues to contribute in so many ways.

To all the coaches for their efforts throughout the year, but also during COVID to respond to the call for a video presentation, thank you, it allowed us to continue to connect during a challenging time.

PRESIDENT REPORT

To those on the management committee, challenging as always but done without hesitation. Steve Yeatman for keeping everyone informed through our Social Media platforms, there are always positive comments from far and wide about how informative and responsive our social media is, so thank you Steve for your ongoing efforts. Payne Sowter for making sure all games were played by ensuring umpires were available (absolutely some hiccups and a challenging job, but one that is vitally important). I note that junior football at certain ages are requiring clubs to provide umpires, so even the frontline sports are struggling to manage this task. Can I please urge all members that it is important we spread this load and as a club we will support anyone in completing some training if they are willing to help umpiring from time to time. Thank you to those who we continually see sharing this load.

Paul Sowter, Craig Powell and Richard Smith who continue to support the hallowed turf we get to play on. Paul Ashworth as Junior Coordinator (again congratulations on the Junior Club Award) and Anthony "Bubba" Dienelt for not only taking the T-Ballers on a Friday night, but launching our first Under 9's team, a wonderful and much needed stepping stone for many budding baseballers into Under 11's.

Sponsorships is vitally important, we at East Torrens have a wonderful group of sponsors, and I urge all members where possible to support these amazing companies (even more so in this COVID-19 environment). Blake Armstrong works tirelessly to not only get sponsors on board but to support them to benefit as we do from their support. Moving forward we are expecting things to get tougher to secure sponsorship and ask any members who are aware of an opportunity, be it cash or contra, please let the Executive know as we are happy to follow up. Any level of contribution will assist us to rebuild in 2020/21.

To all our representative players, at charter level, state level, and national level, congratulations. We continue to see many juniors represent our club at these levels and this is a credit to not only the individuals but the coaches and the structure in place.

Over the past 3 years the Executive Committee have worked hard to put in place several processes and strategies to create a consistent and sustainable future for the club. Whilst COVID has impacted us this year there are a number of challenges that continue to exist and the support of the members is paramount. It has been many years of getting by off the field and while we thrive on the field (although it has been a couple decades since a Division One Premiership), the daily time consumption of life in general only continues to grow, so I thank everyone for buying that extra hot dog, stopping in on a Tuesday night for a Twilight game and grabbing a drink, bringing the family out to watch some baseball and enjoy a hot bag of chips. It all counts and helps us continue to do what we do on the field. There is no question we need to find alternative revenue sources and one that has helped us immensely is the Bunnings BBQ's. A massive thank you to John King and the Crew for their valued support. These BBQ's have brought in thousands of dollars over the past few years. We hope to have more BBQ's booked in soon.

In closing I want to acknowledge the passing of Life Members John Towill and Bob Abbey, long standing members of this club, thank you for everything you did for this club and may you rest in peace.

I look forward to season 2020/21 and achieving all our goals on and off the field. Thank you for all in some way contributing to what makes this club great. #ETStrong

Damien Norsworthy

STRATEGIC INTENT

East Torrens Baseball Club STRATEGIC INTENT 2018 - 2021		COMMUNITY		EQUALITY		SUSTAINABILITY	
Seek to secure the future of the East Torrens Baseball Club as a community club; one that is successful on and off the field, ensuring baseball is an attractive and accessible sport for all.		APPROACH		STATUS			
AMBITION	FOCUS	APPROACH		STATUS			
MEMBERS 	Memberships	Increase membership access and member numbers across all levels		75%			
	Recognition	Continually recognise all volunteering members for their support		50%			
	Experience	Improve the experience for all visitors to the club through improved facilities and services offered		50%			
	Past Players / Members	Stay connected with current and past members to remain associated to the club		50%			
	Community Engagement	Look at engaging with the local community to build awareness of opportunities within East Torrens and baseball		25%			
PARTNERSHIPS 	Baseball SA	Continue to work with our State Association to improve the brand of baseball and improve access to the sport		50%			
	Schools / T-Ball	Engage early with schools and local community groups to enhance our recruitment to the T-Ball program		25%			
	Council	Continue to engage with all levels of council to secure a long-term lease, increase funding to improve external safety and security as well as maintain a top-class playing surface		50%			
	Government	In conjunction with the local council continually review opportunities to support our overall objectives		25%			
	Sponsors	Ensure we regularly promote all sponsors with an aim to improve their brand and support the growth of their business. Build on this value to increase opportunities for greater sponsorship		75%			
COMPETITION 	Women's Baseball	Promote and recruit to field women's teams in both seniors and juniors		75%			
	Junior Development	Continue to develop consistency in delivery and support all youth players and coaches with resources and expert coaching support. Ensure constant review of the Junior Policy		75%			
	Selection	Set up a clear process for player movement within grades including juniors in seniors		75%			
	Successful Culture	Create an expectation of success in all areas through belief, respect and responsibility		75%			
	Staff Development	Support all coaches and support staff to improve opportunities for growth and development including coaching and scoring accreditation		50%			
GOVERNANCE 	Financial Management	Ensure budgets are set and adhered to, with a focus on developing good cash management strategies to reduce any avoidable losses		75%			
	Policies & Procedures	Review and write where required policies and procedures that create consistent and transparent management		75%			
	Constitution & By-Laws	Form a subcommittee to review and recommend changes to the Constitution and By-Laws		100%			
	Grants	Continually apply for grants to allow for improved facilities and reduce spending		75%			
	Suppliers	Continually review opportunities for savings with our suppliers		50%			
FACILITIES 	Player Facilities	Review and develop plans to apply for funding to improve change rooms including female facilities		25%			
	Energy	Review opportunities to improve efficiency within the club focusing on electricity and gas usage		25%			
	Inclusion	Review and develop a plan for support to disability access and egress within and around the clubrooms		25%			
	Bar & Canteen	Relocate bar to southern end to enhance supporter experiences and improve electrical concerns in canteen		50%			
	On Field	Source funding for new batting cage nets, synthetic turf for cages and field screens for all diamonds		75%			

STRATEGIC INTENT

In 2018 the executive committee endorsed the clubs Strategic Intent, creating a clear vision of the key areas we feel needed to be addressed to ensure a sustainable and successful club. Over the past two years we have been working hard to achieve all outcomes in the strategic intent and with a year remaining it is a good time to reflect on the first two years of what we have been able to achieve and how we envisage achieving the remaining aspects.

COMPLETED 100%

Constitution and By-Laws

The 2019 version of the Constitution and By Laws was endorsed at the 2018/2019 Special AGM and brings about a number of key changes. Both documents can be found on our website. A big thank you to Paul Chandler as our Public Officer for spending time with Consumer & Business Services and getting these officially signed off.

ON TRACK 75%

Memberships

As a club we have seen a marginal increase in memberships and have reinvigorated the Non Playing Membership. In 2019/2020 we trialled membership cards to give members benefits for their use, something we are looking to expand on in 2020/21. To complete this item as well as increases in the non-playing membership base, we need to continue to push for more registrations in the women's classification and T-ball/U9 ages.

Women's Baseball

In 2018/2019 East Torrens saw its first Women's baseball team compete in the Baseball SA Division 2 competition. Again in 2019/2020 we saw strong numbers and hope to continue this trend in 2020/2021 and field 2 women's teams. This achievement would solidify this intent. A big thank you to Tony Probert for making this happen and this year Steve Yeatman for coaching the women's team.

Junior Development

Through sound consultation we have been able to update the Junior Policy to make all aspect of the Junior Program management clear. This has allowed for consistency in our delivery of the Junior Program. To finalise this action, we need to consolidate our resources and ensure all coaches have all the support they require.

Selection

As part of the Junior Policy update, we ensured a clear process for player movement within grades including juniors into seniors was developed and communicated. To finalise this action, we need to review the policy for any required changes to ensure its optimal delivery.

Successful Culture

Over the past two years we continue to see the junior program thrive and in season 2019/2020 were successful in being awarded the Baseball SA Junior Club of the year. In roads have been made thanks to the hard work of the Senior Coaching staff led by Tony Probert and we are beginning to see a shift in culture in the Senior Team. For this to be successful we now need to ensure at the Division 1, 2, & 3 levels consistent participation in the finals as well as continue to see success in the lower senior grades (to which we have consistently been).

STRATEGIC INTENT

Financial Management

In 2018, budgets were defined and processes put in place to ensure better cash management. This included moving our reporting system to a cloud based system, reducing reimbursements by moving to a new bank and using a club debit cards (less cash handling) and continuing to grow the reporting model to keep on top of expenditure. Over the past 2 seasons we have seen significant improvements in our financial management (although COVID-19 has impacted us financially) we have seen significant reductions in lost revenue and increased scrutiny over expenditure placing us in a sound position to consistently manage the clubs finances. The continuing risk is in the income sphere where we see moderate changes annually in registration numbers, decreases in cash sponsorship and then increases in expenditure such as facility hire (10% increase this past season).

Policies & Procedures

The Executive Committee have updated and introduced policies to support the function of the club. To finalise this item, all policies require review and a gap analysis conducted to ensure no outstanding policies are required. All new and updated policies can be found on the clubs website at etbc.com.au

Grants

The Committee have continually applied for grants not only within the Government Grants arena but more broadly. Thank you to Conor Wilson (Division 7) for his assistance in Grant Applications and research. Connor attended a Grants presentation to help support our cause. In addition thank you to Kylie Paton who was successful in receiving a grant from Telstra for the Club to continue to support the Junior Program. Success in receiving grants and therefore a reduction in facilities and equipment has not been achieved yet, however we will continue to apply in the hope we can secure funding for projects to support the development of player and spectator facilities.

On Field

The club has thanks to Australian Fire Services been able to upgrade all field and L -Frame Screens for the safety of participants. This include # L-Frames and # Field Screens. Furthermore, we have upgrade 2 of the 3 batting tunnel nets and laid turf (Thank you to Andrew Couzner) in 2 tunnels. To finalise this item, the remaining large batting tunnel needs to be completed.

Sponsors

Thanks to social media we have been able to continue to support our valued sponsors. In 2018 we increased our visual support by adding another tier of sponsorship which allowed current and new sponsors to get signage facing Payneham Road. Whilst our sponsorship base has been steady, with a few new sponsors across this period, we need to continue to improve our brand, the opportunities that exists for sponsors and increase their brand in support.

REQUIRES WORK 50%

Recognition

Whilst we acknowledge at every opportunity our volunteers and those who contribute, it has been identified we need to do more throughout the season to acknowledge our volunteers. Discussion have taken place to introduce a Volunteer of the Month/Week program which would include distribution of vouchers or similar. This program will need implementation in season 2020/21 to finalise this item.

STRATEGIC INTENT

Experience

Minor changes have been made over the course of the past 2 seasons, including updating pictures on the wall, venue hygiene and lighting. Whilst these minor changes ensure a well presented club, the facility requires a significant upgrade. It is expected this intent will not be completed as hoped due to a lack of grant money, no long term lease and a pending 'Master Plan' being developed for the Payneham Pool and Patterson Reserve area.

Past Players / Members

We continue to run the Past Players Day and provide as many updates as possible through social media to engage with as many past and current members as possible. Whilst these aspects have been a success, we have had limited success in bringing these members back into the club on a regular basis.

Baseball SA

As a committee we have ensured a streamlined approach to communicating with Baseball SA to maximise our communication, we continue to promote and participate in all Baseball SA programs, and publicise actively all Baseball SA Social Media posts through our social platforms.

Council

We have in the past 6 months got in writing support for a long-term lease, which we hope to secure by the start of Season 2020/2021. Due to COVID several aspects of this have been delayed but to complete this action a signed lease by the end of the season is required. As part of this commitment we had principal support for a maintenance program to be put in place for the Clubrooms, however to date we have not seen this schedule and are waiting on the possible 'Master Plan' development for Payneham Pool and Patterson Reserve.

Staff Development

All coaches and scorers are offered opportunities to accredit through Baseball SA and we will continue to offer such support. The key element to completing this action is to explore alternative opportunities for development such as mentoring or other development opportunities identified that can ultimately provide education to a broader group and improve coaching and scoring throughout the club.

Suppliers

We have consolidated some of our suppliers to minimise wastage and improve efficiency in sourcing and maintaining stock. This includes the use of Fullhammer to reduce the need for Regalia stock and the losses associated with handling stock. This action requires review to ensure pricing is optimal and no further opportunities exist to further improve our position with suppliers.

Bar & Canteen

The Canteen in 2018/2019 had its electrical upgraded which saw a new sub switch board installed. This has resulted in no ongoing electrical issues and a permanent boiling hot water system in place. The bar relocation is the barrier currently to finalising this item with principal support for the concept by lacrosse in place, however progression is being delayed by the possible 'Master Plan' development of Payneham Pool and Patterson Reserve.

STRATEGIC INTENT

HIGH RISK 25%

Community Engagement

In 2019 both Lacrosse and Baseball in conjunction with Council welcomed the Canine Behavioural School to Patterson Reserve. They will become a regular at Patterson Reserve during baseball season on Monday nights with well over 100 dog's active each night. Further to this we have continue to maintain our Good Sports accreditation and deliver open access training annually around such things as mental health and cyber safety. Whilst this engagement is valuable, we have not been able to deliver on building awareness in the local community as to the opportunities that exists at the baseball club. With the development of Felixstow such opportunities exists to promote our club, however these actions have not taken place to date and therefore place this action at risk of not being achieved.

Schools / T-Ball

Schools in our local catchment continue to receive information annually about opportunities to play T-Ball and Junior Baseball at East Torrens. This has on most occasions been too late to provide opportunities for the club to engage in local schools and provide clinics or build other relationships (which should include Baseball SA). As a result we are currently failing in achieving this outcome and to date whilst T-Ball numbers have been consistent, they have been low compared to years gone by.

Government

Engagement with Norwood, St Peters & Payneham Council has improved with in writing support for the council regarding the desire to secure a long term lease. Furthermore we have had regular contact with a number of NSP&P Councillors who are all in support of our objectives and needs for the precinct. However there has been a large amount of conversation with very little action hence why this item sits as a high risk. We will continue to try and lock in a long term lease by the end of the 2020/21 season and have a clearer direction (with significant input) regarding the 'Master Plan'.

Player Facilities

Due to a number of factors, including a lack on lease, lack of grant success and an inactive council we have been unable to improve player facilities including those for the women's teams. The executive committee envisage that this action will not be completed and be reliant on the 'Master Plan'.

Energy

We have ensured what opportunities exists in maintaining services such as gas hot water and the evaporative air conditioner have been completed as well as ensuring all lighting being upgraded to LED lighting where possible. However, due to the age of such systems for this action to be completed we need to upgrade the gas hot water systems to more energy efficient models as well as improved more efficient air conditioning units. Due to a lack of grant funding we have been unable to progress further with these actions and there see no more that can be achieved until this has been completed.

Inclusion

In line with previous issues surrounding a lack of funding support, based on a lack of a long term lease and an inactive council we have not been able to improve the facilities for all patrons. This is of great concern to the executive committee, however it is likely this action will not be achieved without council support. This again is likely to be linked to the 'Master Plan'.



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SECRETARY REPORT

The 2019/20 Season began like any other, however ended in us all managing a pandemic, calling for us to be more adaptable and resilient. It felt like we had been called to do the impossible, but on reflection all we were asked to do was wash our hands and stay home...there was no call to arms, no bombs dropping from above, no shortage of food, although toilet paper became a prized possession...despite all this I encourage you to remember years from now, that each of us handled this in our own way, managed our anxiety and fear of the Covid-19 virus according to what vulnerability our children and family needed...there was no right way or wrong way...only what was right for you.

In the words of the great Kobe Bryant;

“Everything negative, - be it pressure or challenge - are all an opportunity for us to rise! . Author: Kobe Bryant.

There continues to be a quiet confidence that drives the Executive and Leadership group that is exciting and invigorating. Members from years gone by have returned and commented on the ‘buzz’ making statements that “the future holds great promise”, encouraging us to soldier on. The most rewarding part of being a part of this journey is the collaborative approach of the Leadership, from the Executive to the Coaches, all having a clear direction and purpose, demonstrating a strong level of trust within the Club that supports the implementation of the ethos and strategic directions.

Successes on the Diamond

East Torrens fielded 13 teams this session; 9 Senior Teams, which included a return of the women’s team and 7 Juniors (U9 - U17), as well as our T-Ball program.

Our Senior Coaching Staff, headed by Tony Probert in his final year of his contract continued to head a strong Leadership Team, cohesiveness and respect for each other growing every day. This was scaffolded with a strong junior cohort, led by our Junior Coordinator Paul Ashworth, that quickly became a valued member of the Leadership Team. Paul’s ongoing development continuing to build from his successors, extended a strong pathway for our exceptional up and coming Junior Players, providing structure for them moving forward.

Our T-ball programme continued to be commandeered by club legend, Anthony “Bubba” Dienelt with approx. 30 little baseballers taking the field with pride each Friday evening. Bubba provided an exceptional program, withstanding the challenges that the sport continues to experience with recruiting and retaining numbers within the T-Ball program, competing against other codes.

Once again our East Torrens Family has an exceptional number of players and coaches represented at State and Charter level in all age groups. This proves as a testament to the leadership and coaching that our players are receiving, including the dedication of the individuals and parents who represented, making the Club proud.

Success off of the Diamond

East Torrens Executive continues to embrace change, in particular during the Covid-19 period, having to adapt presentation nights to online forums. The Club’s Strategic Direction continues to provide transparency to the members, including a document of accountability and focus for the Executive.

SECRETARY REPORT

I am most proud of the way in which, as an Executive we have lived into our values in ensuring safety, consistency and cohesiveness, including transparency which we have endeavoured to ensure guides all of the decision-making and communications that we deliver to our East Torrens Baseball Family. This ethos, which we have purposefully applied, will continue to be the driving force of what we hope creates for success in the future.

The biggest resource that continues to make East Torrens great is our wonderful volunteers! This is never more evident than when we had testimonials of how East Torrens Community banded together during the difficult period of the Thomas Family tragedy. Our members shared how during this time the Club became a place of refuge, solace and comfort, supporting their mental health and grief during a difficult period. This recognition, during the 2019/20 Season awarded us the Runner Up for the South Australia's GoodSports Club of the Year Award, Minister for Youth and Sport Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck referred to East Torrens as "Club Champions" stating that we are the "beating heart" of the community.

The Management positions steering the most important factors of our club have been exceptional, allowing our sports men and women to be able to play this great game we love! Thank you to each of them, you all go above and beyond what is required of you, and without you, our season would not be possible. A special mention to our Social/Functions Coordinator, Madelaine Hardman, who did an amazing job stepping into the role for her first year, holding successful functions. To all the coaches, scorers and team managers, thank you! To Steve Yeatman, who has provided outstanding information to our members, and ensuring our Club is kept up-to-date with all announcements and events, a HUGE thank you! To Caitlin for continuing to run a successful Canteen and for proving to be adaptable and accommodating for all the changes, we are grateful! To all the parents/partners/families; our 'non-playing members' who not only support the players but lead by example in making our Club great! Thank you!

To our Executive Committee; to Damien Norsworthy, Blake Armstrong, Kylie and Craig Powell, Katherine Ashworth, Armando and Yolando Plata, we have been a cohesive team that has been inspirational in managing one of the most challenging periods for a club, uplifted and supported each other and embracing change. We have demonstrated clarity with our decision-making and ensuring direction for those currently in club roles, managing safety and risk, ensuring succession plans for the future. I am proud of working with each and every one of you and value your dedication and the talents you bring to your roles.

I look forward to the exciting times ahead for the East Torrens Baseball Club and thank you all for the privilege of being able to serve as your Secretary.

Angela Probert

TREASURER REPORT

East Torrens Baseball Club's financial year runs from 1st July to 30th June each year alongside with the Australian Taxation Office's financial year.

This 2019/2020 Season was a tough year for the East Torrens Baseball Club. Our club has been affected by several unfortunate events which have been out of the club's control such as being broken into a couple of times, where thieves stole baseball equipment and other valued club's assets, the COVID-19 and the losing of sponsorship income.

This financial year, East Torrens Baseball Club has suffered a Net Loss of \$5,546.77 Mainly due to the following factors.

COVID-19 - Loss of Income

As every club not only in Australia but around the world, our club has also been affected by the COVID-19, being the government restrictions, the principal factor for this year's loss, missing three home grand final games and the club's presentation nights which represents some of our major sources of income.

COVID-19 - Unexpected Expenses

The unexpected expenses due to the COVID-19 including the payment of \$2,150.00 on the extra flight ticket for our import player to be able to return home.

Loss of Sponsorship Income

The losing of sponsorship income, as this year we could only get \$4,500.00 from sponsors compared with the \$12,500.00 in last season.

Even though the above factors made the club not being able to have a good ending season and, the budgeted amounts were not reached, it is worth noting that the amazing work and effort of the Executive Committee and volunteers who have put their hands up when needed, the overall results were not as bad as they could be during this very challenging season.

We would like to thank Kylie Powell her great support and patience for all our questions in all the finance process and procedures throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

Armando Ramirez

Profit and Loss

East Torrens Baseball Club



01 Jul 2019 - 30 Jun 2020

ABN: 53060019437

Actual as at 30th June 2020

	ACTUAL 2019 - 2020	BUDGET 2019 - 2020	ACTUAL 2018 - 2019
Income			
Bar Sales	38,090.95	50,000.00	48,160.75
Bar Expenses	(16,209.46)	(25,000.00)	(24,313.51)
Total Bar	21,881.49	25,000.00	23,847.24
Canteen Sales	36,129.15	33,000.00	31,188.01
Canteen Expenses	(29,395.75)	(23,100.00)	(21,946.05)
Total Canteen	6,733.40	9,900.00	9,241.96
Club Membership - Junior	16,146.64	16,364.00	14,095.26
Club Membership - Non Player	225.64	456.00	278.00
Club Membership - Senior	11,291.75	11,137.00	10,930.25
Club Membership - Tee Ball	2,830.00	2,500.00	3,171.30
Total Memberships	30,494.03	30,457.00	28,474.81
Don Rice Foundation Income	700.00	1,007.00	1,006.15
Regalia & Uniforms Sales	8,279.90	8,000.00	6,879.50
Less Cost of Goods Sold Regalia & Uniforms	(5,214.04)	(5,000.00)	(5,985.22)
Total Regalia	3,065.86	3,000.00	894.28
Social & Fundraising	19,350.30	28,000.00	29,137.48
Social & Fundraising Expenses	(8,811.84)	(18,200.00)	(18,420.25)
Total Social/Fundraising	10,538.46	9,800.00	10,717.23
Sponsorship - Club	4,500.00	10,000.00	12,500.00
Sponsorship - Player	69.00	-	64.65
Total Sponsorship	4,569.00	10,000.00	12,564.65
Other Income	5,050.15	-	-
Total Other Income	5,050.15	0.00	0.00
Total Income	83,032.39	89,164.00	86,746.32
Gross Profit	83,032.39	89,164.00	86,746.32

Profit and Loss

East Torrens Baseball Club



01 Jul 2019 - 30 Jun 2020

ABN: 53060019437

Actual as at 30th June 2020

	ACTUAL 2019 - 2020	BUDGET 2019 - 2020	ACTUAL 2018 - 2019
Less Expense			
Administration	1,757.00	1,000.00	699.32
Advertising & Promotion	30.00	250.00	291.50
BUASA	6,171.27	5,000.00	4,996.90
Bank Charges	-	-	168.91
Baseball SA	-	200.00	125.00
Cleaning	3,895.38	4,000.00	3,949.18
Club Car	1,064.09	1,200.00	1,185.40
Club Insurance	1,935.13	1,900.00	1,832.18
Coaches & Managers	12,970.00	13,000.00	13,193.60
Redsox - Coaches & Managers	4,961.19	5,000.00	3,512.10
Redsox - Umpires & Other	1,913.46	2,500.00	2,350.00
Don Rice Foundation	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Electricity	3,759.73	4,500.00	6,578.36
Equipment	8,193.69	8,000.00	7,952.04
Equipment Other	167.92	-	-
Ground Hire	10,165.96	9,000.00	17,889.05
Import Players	13,371.48	9,000.00	6,813.35
Life Members	470.00	-	-
Pre Season Training Exp	103.85	300.00	136.95
Printing & Stationary	39.99	500.00	487.17
R & M - Club House	2,198.40	4,000.00	3,463.88
R & M - Grounds	6,903.94	6,000.00	3,374.57
Rubbish Removal	721.60	900.00	782.50
SA Scorers Association	170.00	500.00	380.00
Security	722.15	-	-
Square Charges	820.35	1,000.00	960.39
Subscriptions/Licences	576.00	696.00	799.60
Tee Ball	2,085.80	3,200.00	4,081.88
Telephone/Internet	-	750.00	239.94
Trophies	1,763.64	3,000.00	2,731.14
Website	660.00	680.00	674.95
Total Expense	89,592.02	87,076.00	90,649.86
Operating Profit	(6,559.63)	2,088.00	(3,903.54)
Plus Other Income			
Interest Income	12.86	30.00	22.18
Total Other Income	12.86	30.00	22.18
Net Profit / (Loss)	(6,546.77)	2,118.00	(3,881.36)



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East Torrens ran the 2019-20 season with a full compliment of senior and junior teams, including multiple sides in division 7 plus 2 each in u15's & 13's, 18 in total with our 2nd season ladysox side.

Division 1 had some positive improvement just falling short of a finals berth. Div 2 & 3 were in the thick end of the year and looked to have positive results when the competition was ended prematurely. Division 5 & 6 sides were awarded premierships having completing the regular season in 1st place of their respective leagues.

Thank you to all the coaching staff throughout the club for another outstanding effort, in particularly Paul Ashworth for the terrific job coordinating the juniors. Also thank you for the high standard of behaviour from our players and supporters, result in very few complaints from Baseball SA.

Craig Powell



JUNIOR COORDINATOR

This season we incorporated our Junior Academy program, which was held at Seaton High School, into our junior preseason training. I believe there were benefits in doing this and will likely do the same again the coming season. We had a total of 30 junior players from U/11 to U/15 attend this program which was held on a Saturday afternoons over a four week period. It was overseen by club coach Warwick Marks. Once again, thank you to the club for supporting this program which allowed us to keep costs at a minimum.

We entered 7 junior teams in the Baseball SA junior competition - for the first time an U/9 team along with U/11, 13-1, 13-2, 15-1, 15-2 and 17 teams.

Thank you to all the junior coaches and assistants who volunteered their time and committed to coaching a junior team for the 2019/20 season.

U/9 – Anthony Dienelt, Bel Dienelt

U/11 – Andrew Hollands, Jordan Ashworth

U/13-1 – Andrew Couzner, Travis Underhill, Amanda Miller

U/13-2 – Michelle Hallam, Jack Leask

U/15-1 – Jeff Kevan, Stuart Miller, Darian King

U/15-2 – John Braithwaite, Steven Nottage, Kym Ashworth

U/17 – Paul Chandler, Darren Unger

We had three of our junior teams – U/11, U/13-1, U15-1 make finals with U15-1 making it to the grand final before unfortunately games were cancelled. We were awarded the Junior Club of the Year and after asking around I am unaware when or if we have won this award before.

Congratulations to our top 10 league vote getters and Gregorio Bravo who won the U15-1 medal.

Top 10 Votes

U-11 – Xavier Bischoff 4th with 16 votes, Harlan King 10th with 12 votes

U/13-1 – Owen Couzner 5th 17 votes, Theo McWhinnie-Wong equal 7th 13 Votes

U/15-2 – Mia Rogers equal 8th 13 votes

U/15-1 – Gregorio Bravo 1st 29 votes

Congratulations to the 6 East Torrens players who represented South Australia at the Under Age National Championships in January 2020.

U/18 – Carter Powell, Aiden Prokopec, Jack Higgenbotham

U/16 – Boyd Worden, Riley Yeatman, Jude Barker.

Along with Mia Rogers, Tanika Lucas who will represent SA at the Junior girls event in the near future when games recommence after the current COVID19 situation.

Our up and coming Charter Representatives are:

Little League – Marlins – Andrew Couzner (Coach), Owen Couzner, Tyler Dunn, Josh Paton, Owen Couzner, Junheon Kim, Theoh McWhinnie-Wong

Junior League – Marlins – Darian King (Coach), Warwick Marks (Assistant Coach), Noah Bischoff, Flynn McKee, Kason King, Connor Yeatman, Gregorio Bravo, Ryan Stradling (Train on)

Senior League – Titans – Sebastian Heintze-Unger, Sebastian Pezotta

Little League Development team– Marlins,– Kym Ashworth (Coach), Joel Collise, Harlan King.

Thanks to the executive committee for their support along with the continuous help from our Operational Manager Craig Powell.

See you all again later in the year for another ET baseball season

Paul Ashworth



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Graham Fisher Memorial

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Andrew Hollands

George Hayman Shield

Division 6

Redsox Trophy U21

Jordan Ashworth

Volunteer of the Year (Patrons Trophy)

Kym Ashwrth

Paul Ashworth

Max Trengrove Junior Batting Award

Gregorio Bravo

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DIVISION 1

Season 2019/20 was another successful year for the Red Sox senior squad. Home grown youth and development continued to be our priority as we continue the climb back up the SABL ladder.

As always, it was an honour to serve as the Head Coach of the East Torrens Red Sox Baseball Club. Over the last few years; the direction of this club, the pride, history and passion of its members and foresight of our board has created an exceptional sporting family environment that my family and I are proud to call home. Thank you to the board for their continued faith, the players for their commitment and dedication, our members for their support and my staff for their work in building the future of East Torrens.

While extremely proud of our continued improvement and rise in the SABL, it was a bitter sweet season. Following a 30 game battle, with many ups and downs, we fell agonisingly short at the last hurdle. With a 17-13-0 record we ended season 19/20 half of a game out of the playoffs. This improvement on last year's 12 win season was even more impressive considering the loss of 4 established Division 1 starters from the year before. These losses were capably covered by some exceptionally talented junior players and the establishment of some of the more 'senior' young players.

The success of the season included fantastic wins against three top 6 sides. The 17 wins included victories against West Torrens, Goodwood and Port Adelaide. Again, our nemesis proved to be the one run loss. Six of our 13 losses were decided by one run. This included match ups against Port (6th), Goodwood (5th), Henley and Grange (4th) and TWO run one losses to eventual champion, Kensington. Pleasingly, this wasn't due to self-belief, defence or pitching. Within these games, the culprit was entirely offensive production in the clutch.

Our defensive game continued to be our strength and hold us in many battles. To compliment this, our pitching staff was boosted by the inclusion of State young gun, Jack Higginbotham, fresh off a Golden Arm award at the 2019 National tournament and home grown prodigy, Riley Yeatman. 17 year old Higginbotham quickly established himself as a key part of the senior rotation with economic outings (3.43 ERA) against quality opposition and handy offence (.333 BA). Possessing a sporting aggression that belied his age, 'Higgy' took it to many quality teams. Starts against Kensington (1-2 loss) and Port (0-1 loss) heralded his arrival in the league.

15 year old Yeatman completed the fresh injection into the pen. Serving primarily in middle relief / closing, Yeatman sported a 4.74 era, 9.66 K/9 inn with 2 saves. This included a clutch appearance to slam the door at Port and garner the attention of scouts and opposition clubs.

Our season import pitcher, Kellen Croce made major contributions to the club this season. Holding a sub 1 ERA into the final games of the season, Kellen concluded with 6 wins, 1.80 ERA and 82 K's in his 59 innings. This was enough to earn Kellen deserved MVP honours. Mark Stewart experienced a resurgence as 'Special' continued to be the corner-stone of our offence and a thorn in the opposition's side. 'Spesh' hit .344 with a pair of homeruns in an inspiring year.

Two way player, Charlie Ashcroft was voted the Brad Thomas 'Player's Player' by the squad. Ashcroft led the team in wins (7), on base percentage (.429), Doubles (8), HPB (9) and sac bunts (4) while sporting a 3.47 ERA and .303 BA. His commitment to the squad, attitude to the game and love of the club were appropriate examples of character in reflection of Brad Thomas. Ashcroft finished Capps voting 6th in the league.

Other key contributions and achievements worth noting in season 19/20 included Carter Powell's service on the development roster for the Adelaide Giants (ABL) and Craig Powell's success as Under 18 State Head Coach. Carter Powell, Charlie Ashcroft, Kellen Croce (Import) and Jack Higginbotham were all drafted to SABL Super League teams. Jay Sanderson was awarded the SABL 'Gold Glove' at the Capps presentation after a stellar year in the field (.985 FA), making only 2 errors from his 135 opportunities.

DIVISION 1

Career milestones were achieved as Rhys Louder (Vs Henley), Luke Chandler (Vs Henley) and Zac Heintze – Unger (Vs Adelaide) all hit their first Division One home-runs. Louder (.304) and Jaryd Hardman (.333) hitting their way onto the squad, providing critical offense in key games.

With a focus on the development and promotion of youth in our club, thanks must go to Paul Ashworth, Paul Chandler and Darren Unger. Chandler and Unger worked tirelessly in developing our crop of Under 17 players under the umbrella of the senior squad while Ashworth inherited a talented Division 3 team. Ashworth brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to this team that brought the best out of all players. Formed as a senior development team, comprising mainly under aged players, Paul took this squad into the top 4 and looked to seriously contest a Covid shortened season. Paul's work with these young men will be a significant aspect in the future of our club.

Thank you also to our dedicated staff. Karyn Przibilla (D1), Sharon Chandler (D2) and Katherine Ashworth (D3) for the often thankless job of scoring and Paul Chandler for his continued work as EO / coach. Final thanks to the coaching dream team; Kane Galloway, Craig Powell, Wally Marks and Paul Ashworth for their tireless work in shaping the future of our great club. This is a team that is the envy of the league.

From here, our direction is clear. The continued development of 'hard working, loyal young men' that battle. Our brand of baseball will continue to be a tough, stifling defence, headed by aggressive pitching with selfless, manufactured offense. Together, we must improve our offensive production as our young men establish themselves in Division One, supporting our talented core of pitchers. With experience, as the narrow losses against perennial top 6 teams become wins, I am confident East Torrens will have much to cheer about at Patterson reserve.

Cheer Boys.

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DIVISION 2

To the Board and East Torrens Baseball Club, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this great Club.

To the grounds crew - A number of dedicated helpers this year which made it a pleasure to play on our well prepared field.

Bar and canteen staff plus all the volunteers that make this Club so wonderful.

Tony Probert - pleasure to work with this man. I feed off his vision, passion for the players and dedication for this Club. Tony goes above and beyond his role of Club Coach!!!!

Congratulations to all the teams that made finals and to the Grand Final winners Div5, Div6 and Div7, also the teams that made the finals, U11, U13, U15 (1), U15 (2) Div3 and Div2 well deserved.

We are blessed to have such wonderful coaches in our Junior and senior ranks, giving a great understanding of our game. Well drilled and knew what had to be done.

To all the players, coaches who made the State and Charter Teams - congratulations.

Div 2 thank you's

Sharon Chandler - Scorer, thankless job many hours of work. Much appreciated.

Paul Chandler - EO/asst Coach. I only have one word to describe this man - Legend

Craig Powell - Asst Coach. My right hand man outstanding in every way possible.

Kane Galloway and Paul Ashworth - for all the help and instruction throughout the season.

Karryn Przibilla - entering all our games on game changer.

Season:

First and foremost is that the ultimate goal is to make finals and win the whole thing. But with div 2 there are many other aspects that need to be addressed. Development of our up and coming juniors, getting existing players to jump to the next level, extra playing time for Div1 players if required to build a strong senior squad. So Div2 is a bit of a revolving door with many players getting the opportunity to play division 2 baseball. We had 24 players throughout the year gain division 2 experience.

We did lose players from last year's team but welcomed Jack Higginbotham to the club after transferring from Woodville - outstanding inclusion.

To list the Juniors who all deserved their shot this year:

Brayden Ashworth, Ethan Lucas, Boyd Warden, Sebastian Heintz-Unger, Aidan Prokopec, Sam Paturis, Greg Abrey, Eddlie Elias, Lindsay Barbary, Jake Bonner, Angel Ramirez, Jude Barker.

With young athletes like these coming through it shows the depth we have at ET, with them putting pressure on the ones above for spots makes us a strong and healthy Club.

As in the previous season we had few injuries this year which did restrict their playing time which meant a regular settled line up was not always the case. (again this gave the young Guns an opportunity to step up which they all took in their stride).

DIVISION 2

We as a group peaked at the right time of the year which was 3 games from the end of the season. Securing our spot in the top 6 (5th) and entering into the playoffs.

First week of the finals we were up against 2nd place Sturt at their place.. We were on a roll and came away with a 5-2 win sending us to the preliminary final against Henley and Grange the following weekend.

But then as we all know the season, State, Country and the World was sent into crazy times with the Coronavirus. Our season was cancelled like many other sports, business, events etc. the list goes on. Tough decisions were made for the health and wellbeing of everybody.

A big disappointment for the coaches, players, Club, supporters and families i'm sure. But I believe the right decision was made.

As Troy Chandler said to me, he felt empty as there was no closure for the 19/20 season and I know exactly how he feels. We will never know how it would have played out..

Regular players:

*Hardman, *Ryan Przibilla, *H. Powell, Armondo Ramirez, *Z Heinz-Unger (early then had a div1 promotion), Stroud, *Higginbotham *Lounder, *T. Chandler, *Yeatman.

Note * all players who earned a Div1 time throughout the year.

Season had its ups and downs where we played some outstanding games which I was very proud of them all. Then there were some not so good ones but we all learnt from these games and became better players.

Some team stats:

Batting Avg. .305

Hits 190

Runs scored 147

Stolen Bases 83

We had 6 players hit over .300 for the year

Also 6 hit over .400

Pitching:

T Chandler throwing 46.1 Inn, followed by R. Yeatman with 38.2 , Hardman 25, Higginbotham 23.2, Ashworth 8.2, Worden 5.

Very proud of this group of young men, the way they worked on and off the field. Their work ethic, never giving up and fighting till the last out was made. I'm sure they all learnt plenty about the game we love and what is required to succeed. Remember a promotion is earned not given.!!

Award winners:

Batting Award

Jaryd Hardman - 18 Games , 66 plate app, 49 at bats, AVG .469, 23 hits including 10 doubles, 1 triple and 1 HR, 18 RBI.

Great year Jaryd, congratulations.

DIVISION 2

Impact Player:

Jack Higginbotham - 16 Games, 64 plate app, 53 at bats, AVG .340, 18 hits including 7 doubles, 2 triples, 16 RBI. 23.2 inn pitched, 19 SO

When Jack was not pitching he patrolled the outfield taking great catches and throwing people out on the bases. Hard worker and an absolute gamer..

MVP

Riley Yeatman - 38.2 inn pitched, ERA of 3.49, and an amazing 59 Strike outs.

Batting AVG .382, 21 hits including 5 doubles

Fielding AVG .900, 37 assists, 25 putouts, involved in 5 double plays.

One outstanding year Riley in all aspects.

All of the above award winners also had numerous starts and appearances in Div 1 throughout the year a credit to their hard work, making themselves better and taking their opportunities. All three played a vital role in Div 1.

In closing I would like to thank all the players for their hard work and dedication. I feel very privileged to lead this fine group of men.

Bring on next year!!!!

Warwick Marks



DIVISION 3

I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to coach East Torren's Division 3 team for the 2019/20 season. It was a great honour and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to the Senior Coaching group of Tony Probert, Kane Galloway, Warwick Marks, Craig Powell and U/17 coaches Paul Chandler and Darren Unger for their help along the way.

I would also like to thank the Executive Committee, all those who worked on the grounds or put in time behind the scenes. It takes a lot of work to operate a club for 6 months. There are too many people to thank individually. The Division 3 team was a very young team. For most of the year it consisted of one player being 19 years and the rest of the team aged between 15-17 years. We were by far the youngest team in the competition. At the start of the season we won a few games on enthusiasm but were a bit erratic at times which also costs us a game. About round five a bit of complacency started to appear in our game resulting in a couple of honest talks on where we are at and where we want to be by at the end.

One thing I made clear at the start of the season was that positions and decisions would be based on what best suited the team. Baseball is a team game with players having individual roles and responsibilities. Just prior to Christmas I saw a change in our approach to games. Everyone was committed to their role and it was the team result at the end of the game that was important. Players did not let errors, strikeouts or bad games affect them and moved on quickly. A very important thing to learn early and this made a massive difference to our team morale.

From here we played some very good solid baseball and soon had people taking notice of our games. We continued to grow and made some massive improvements in a short amount of time and I would regularly have people making comments on how well the team was playing.

Our minor round season consisted of 12 wins, 2 draws and 5 losses to finish in 3rd position and gain a home final. The first final was a tough contests against an older Adelaide team. They threw everything possible at us trying to put our young players off their game. It was with great pride to see how they handled it maturely and responded with a solid 8-4 win with the whole team being involved some way to contribute to the win.

We were in a good position with another home final against Golden Grove and I believe we were mostly likely the ones who would have been moving through to the grand final. We were playing our best baseball at the right time. It is unfortunate how the world changed so quickly with COVID19. There were no other options but to call all games off.

I would like to thank all players who played in the Division 3 team throughout the year for their dedication and commitment.

Award Winners

Most Valuable Player – Braeden Ashworth

(Top 3 votes – Braeden Ashworth 30, Lindsay Barbary 19, Boyd Worden 16)

Batting Award – Aidan Prokopec .484

(Top 3 averages – Aiden Prokopec .484, Lindsay Barbary .395, Braeden Ashworth .377)

Coach's Award – Lindsay Barbary

Thank you to Paul Chandler and Kym Ashworth who coached for me when I was unavailable due to work. Katherine for scoring and organising anything that I would forget and Karryn Przibilla who filled in when she was unavailable.

Hopefully we do get to have a season later in the year. Please stay healthy, look after your families and lets be bigger, stronger and better for it.

Paul Ashworth



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DIVISION 4

No Report Submitted

DIVISION 5

No Report Submitted

**JOHN LAMB
CARPENTRY**

DIVISION 6

Coach- Dylan Rollins

Assistant Coach- David Chapman

Scorer- Victoria McKinlay

Players

Angus McKinlay	Dylan Rollins
Steve Cope	Darren Robinson
Adam Brooks	Paul Mitchell
Anton Couch	Jarrad Laws
Andy Eime	David Chapman
Ralph D'Onise	Tony Rogers

Win/Loss- 16 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss with a 91% winning average.

With most of last season's team returning, Div. 6 also saw the return of Anton Couch and welcomed the addition of Darren Robinson to the team. Both of whom bolstered our pitching depth and batting line up.

Having a strong line up on paper it was no surprise that we finished the season with 16 wins. The team had the luxury of 4 quality div.6 pitchers which helped incredibly. We had an even spread in the infield and pace in the outfield. This, along with a team batting AVG of .470, put us in good stead to push for a flag.

Finishing the minor rounds outright top we headed into finals, we first played Sturt Saints with a 6-1 win and a brilliant display on the mound by Robbo in week one. Week 2 we played Woodville with a tight contest until late in the game when we scored a 7-run innings to break the game open and move on to the Grand Final.

With the baseball season coming to a sudden halt due to Covid-19, we were unable to play our Grand Final against Henley & Grange. Subsequently we were awarded the 2019/2020 premiership as we were the highest ranked team.

A big thank you to Victoria McKinlay for being our scorer again this season, while also filling in for other divisions when needed. Much appreciated.

Congratulations to both Ralph and Robbo for finishing in the top ten in the division 6 medal count.

Thank you to David Chapman for taking the reins on gameday throughout the season when needed.

Thanks to Aaron Rollins for coming out and helping on game day.

Many thanks to all the players that filled in for us over the season.

Well done to all the players in the division 6 team, it was a great season and a well-deserved premiership.

Club Awards:

MVP- Ralph D'Onise

Batting Award- Angus McKinlay

Coaches Award- Adam Brooks

Dylan Rollins



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DIVISION 7

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DIVISION 7 - Beer League

I want to thank the club for there support.....and getting us in the Div 7 competition. Apparently we were close to not being able to play. So thanks to the Exec for making it happen.

Div 7 beer leagues roster was a mix of old experienced players (2 of them were playing when Gough Whitlam was our PM)

And a few blokes from the old band, the old Div 6 days. When I called Johnny Damon (Mark Inness) he answered my call "G'day Stroudy" I then said "I'm on a mission from god" Johnny's reply "You're putting the old band back together" Yep...."Ok I'm in"

The big recruitment was our old mate Grieg McCall....the G-Banger. Yes he winged and complained every week...but he caught every game of the season and hit a lot of long singles. He was our MVP!

Special mention to Andrew Bell and Benny "the Jet" Andrew. They did a great job on the bump for us this year.

We even secured the services of the great man that we call "Carter Powell's father"

But the most exciting part of our season was the new players we had. That had not played baseball before;

New players

Mitch Harvey 2018 North Adelaide SANFL premiership player. I only mention that because 80% of our team support Norwood! And a 6'7 shortstop was fun to watch!

Andy Douglas - Senior Rookie of the year.

Broderick Dunn - Junior Rookie of the year.

Blake Kirkman

Michael Schillabeer

Fritter Francis

Zac Francis

Fritter Francis....first game, first at bat, first pitch line drive to centre! We also had his young lad Zac play with us. I saw this as an opportunity for them to have a special day and played Zac at 6 and fritter at 4. They made a few great plays together. Special day.

Zac Stroud (Stroudy started for us against Port in his first rehab assignment after his knee surgery. Fair to say that Port weren't to happy about that. The praying mantis was on that day.

So from a personal point of view it was a special season for me because I got to play with both of my lads.

I would also like thank Div 7 & Div 6 for helping us out with numbers. we had a few injuries along the way and struggled to field a side often. In particular a big thanks to Robbo. He and his lads went out of there way to help. Very much appreciated.

All games we played we were competitive and had our chance to win. We got better in the second half of the season and started winning. Beating the Eventual Div 7 premiers East Torrens was a particularly enjoyable win!

In the end we had a lot of fun! Great bunch of lads. See ya at the yard next year!

Cheers Stroudy

WOMENS

LADYSOX

Our LadySox consisted of a great group of ladies aged from 12 to 50+. They were a fun group who always had a great time, win, lose or draw. We had some good games, some bad games and some interesting games. We had light outs, heat outs and rain outs, we had it all.

We finished the season 1/2 a game out of the top 6 so missed out playing finals.....just. Overall I think the ladies improved throughout the season and were all willing to have a go at different positions. With a year under their belt I'm sure we will see great improvement next season. We are also hoping to sign up a few more ladies so we can field 2 teams which will be great for the club.

Award Winners

MVP - Taneeka Lucas

Batting - Mia Rogers

Coaches - Victoria McKinlay

Thanks to my assistant coaches David Paton and Connor Yeatman. Also our scorer Marnie Yeatman. Thanks to Scott and the Div 7 boys for getting the girls started this season. Thanks also to those who prepare the fields every week, work the canteen and open the bar. I had a blast and look forward to fun Friday nights next season.

Steve Yeatman



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UNDER 17

It was a pleasure to look after this team of athletes this season. Although we did not make it to the final's I feel this club is well positioned to compete well at this level for several years.

A lot of credit must go to Paul Ashworth, Craig Powell and Michael Farr in their roles of Junior Coordinator over the past 5 to 6 years, plus the group of junior coaches they have assembled in the past 5 to 6 years that has made the East Torrens Baseball Club a junior club of choice amongst Baseball SA.

This has been capped off by being awarded the Baseball SA Junior Club of the Year for 2019/2020.

The way BSA has treated the Don Rice U19 League the past 3 to 4 seasons means – rightly or wrongly our young men playing U17's are our next young athletes to play seniors – so I can't speak highly enough of our Division 1 Coach Tony Probert, along with his team of the Senior Coaching staff, for his vision in having this group of athletes join the senior players for pre-season and in season training – something that cannot be understated as the benefits of these young men training with our senior players far outweigh any negatives – and this vision shown by Tony Probert will, in my opinion, lead the East Torrens Baseball Club as the Club of choice for all players – both junior and senior in South Australia.

We became known as the Travelling Wilburys – we played 14 games, 10 away – thanks Baseball SA (and only playing 14 games is just not good enough). That being the case, although we only won 2 and drew 2, we were not far away from playing finals. Our run differential was – 24, (good for 4th best in our comp) take away the one real poor game we had and it was – 10.

The team that secures the ball best generally gets over the line and unfortunately we gave away too many unearned runs – we were leading going into the last innings in 9 of our games – and were only able to win 2 of these games. That sums up our season.

The Thankyou's

Our club grounds committee for preparing the best diamond in SA (unfortunately we only played on it 4 times!)

The various people who assisted in the canteen.

Parents, Grand Parents, Brothers and Sisters who attended our games each week and gave us great support.

Paul Ashworth for his support, and along with the Executive Committee, giving me the opportunity to Coach the Under 17's.

All our Club Executive and Committee members for the tireless job they do in running a volunteer sporting club.

Graham Newbound for our cordial and lollies during the games.

We had Jodie Chandler (under real sufferance), Katherine Ashworth and Karryn Pzribilla who kept score at various times during the season – a big thank you for putting up with my poor hand writing and the many changes I made during games!

The best assistant coach you could ever have – Darren Unger – a terrific club person and someone who I could lean on all year, a student of the game – I tell you what Sharon Chandler, lucky I meet you before Darren or our lives could have been complete different !!!!

UNDER 17

Last but by no way least – THE Players who took the field each week.

We had a Team of 11 players who took to the diamond each week – and not having the privilege of coaching juniors for some 7 or 8 years – let's just say 15 and 16 year old's of today are a completely different animal than when I was that age!!! I thoroughly enjoyed my year and hope the players can take something away from my coaching.

Congrats to our players who represented our Charter and State.

Baseball is the game of life – You need to work hard at all aspects of our great game, as in life, to improve and enjoy – after all Baseball is a game and a game is meant to be fun.

In no particular order the young men who represented the ETBC in season 2019/2020 at the U17 level were:

Jorden Ashworth
Jude Barker
Connor Clark
Zac Frances
Sebastian Heintze-Unger
Ryan Hobart
Cooper Newbound
Sebastian Pezzotta
Brad Przibilla
Angel Ramirez-Torres
Boyd Worden

Our Award Winners;

MVP

In third position on 38 votes – Jude Barker
In second position on 39 votes – Sebastian Heintze-Unger
And our MVP on 44 votes – Boyd Worden

Well done on a fine year Boyd. Boyd shouldered most the pitching duties this year and showed leadership both on and off the field – his only draw back is his choice of music.

Batting Award – Sebastian Heintze-Unger – Played in a number of positions during the year. Always a dangerous threat to the opposition when in the bating box – Seb led the club in batting average (.400) and in One Base Average and stolen bases while being 2nd in OPS, SLG and Hits.

Best Team Man – Jorden Ashworth – A pleasure to coach this young man. ALWAYS listened and gave his best both on and off the field – a real team player.

In these trying times please stay safe, as every day that goes past, we are one day closer to coming out the other side.

In baseball, as in life, all the important things happen at HOME

#CHEERBOYS, #ETFAMILY, #THEGAMEOFLIFE

Paul Chandler

UNDER 15/1

If someone had told us at the start of the season that we would qualify for the Grand final we would not have been surprised. Given the talent in the team we always felt that we could make it all the way, as long as we didn't lose anyone to injury. Little did anyone know what was instore for us lurking invisibly around the corner waiting to strike when the time was right, or in our case and the world's wrong. Given the pandemic which has taken hold of the world I guess it was no surprise when it all came to an abrupt finish less than a week from the biggest day of the season without a clear winner, not just for our team but for teams all over the world.

Our boys had a good season finishing with a 9-5 record which was good enough for 4th position. Having a loss in our last game and a bye in the last round meant we fell from 3rd to 4th and lost the home final. We had to go to Henley to play them and with our League MVP Greg missing, due to illness and Ryan unsure how he would go due to a cut thumb which required stitches it looked grim. However, with some help from Liam Hearst from 15-2s to make sure we had enough players we had an awesome game winning 5-1. That put us into a preliminary final against Goodwood, our nemesis, who we hadn't managed to beat in two previous encounters. We always felt that we were capable of beating them and with another awesome game from the boys we came away with another 5-1 win, with a trip to the Grand Final being the prize. As we now know the events unfolding were finally going to be the thing that was our undoing. We had momentum on our side and after two excellent games in the previous two weeks we would have given it a red-hot go.

I would like to congratulate the team on an excellent season and on an individual level mention the effort put in all season. Greg our League and team MVP And Max Trengrove Award winner, was outstanding and deservedly won the Batting title for our team. Flynn pitched well all season and when the time to stand up and be counted came in the playoffs he was up to the task with 2 wins. He was a worthy winner of our pitching award. Kason battled on behind the plate most of the season and was a worthy winner of the coaches' award. As for the rest of the boys they all contributed at some point during the season and as a team they were always ready to play. We will have 5 boys returning next season and the future looks bright for them.

As with any team there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and we had some willing helpers all season. A big thanks to Marnie for scoring most of our games and to Carmen for helping out when she was needed. A big thanks to Kirra who did our GameChanger for us every week until a scheduling clash in our first final meant she couldn't be in two places at once. A big thanks to Ryan McKee for ably taking over at short notice. Thanks as well to Josh Paton from U13's who filled in for us when we had some injuries and of course to Liam Hearst for answering the call for help. And last but by no means least an enormous thanks to Stuart and Darian for helping out at practices and especially games, there is no way I could have done it without your help.

To the boys a big thanks, you guys were a fun group to be around in many ways and your enthusiasm and grittiness was a joy to be part of. To those of you who will go to U17's good luck and keep on doing what you do. And to the 5 who will be back for another go round next season you should have a good side to play with again with the boys who come up from U13's and the returning U15-2's.

Jeff Kevan

The team were;

Noah Bischoff, Greg Bravo - Team MVP, Ted Casson, Will Couzner, Koen Forrester, Kason King - Coaches Award, Aiden Lucas, Flynn McKee - Pitching Award, Ryan Stradling, Connor Yeatman

UNDER 15/2

The Under 15/2 commenced the season with the only 2 players that had played Under 15's in the past. We had 2 rookies and the remainder played Under 13 last year. They ranged in age from 11 to 13 years of age. We were joined very late in the season by Stephanie Prokapek who travelled from the Riverland each week to play.

We ended the season with 8 wins 6 losses and a draw which lead to us making the finals. We won our first round of the finals and gave a higher ranked team an awful scare in the last game of our season to finish 3rd on the table. We were the highest ranked team from a club that had 2 teams in Under 15s. The two teams that made the grand final in this division came from clubs that only had 1 team in Under 15s and that team played in the 2nd division. Coming 3rd in this situation is testimony to the quality of junior player we continue to produce and a less than even playing field we sometimes must deal with.

This team was boosted with the arrival on the coaching staff of Kym Ashworth. His knowledge and skills in coaching made a huge difference to the team. As the season progressed steady improvements were made in all aspects of our game. Our pitching and catching was excellent throughout the year. We had three regular pitchers and Mia Rogers continued to be a rock behind the plate. Attempts were made to get everyone skilled in their preferred position. We worked really hard at all aspects of our game and there were times that everything worked perfectly. Everyone at some stage contributed to winning games. Even Sam Fuller one of our rookies ended up with a walk off hit late in the season.

Each of the players should be proud of their achievement this season. As a coach the highlights were numerous. But the quality of baseball played and the way it was played is a credit to everyone involved. Congratulations must go to Mia Rogers who won our best and fairest and made the Womens representative team. To Damon Ashworth who won our batting trophy which as our starting pitcher is a huge achievement. And to Lukas Vollebregt who in his rookie season took out the coaches' award.

The way that so many of the players improved their whole game throughout the year showed how they were willing to listen and learn.

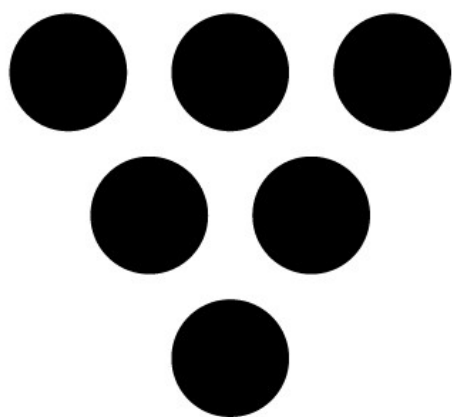
Thanks also must be given to Steve and Kym who joined me in coaching this year. Without them we would not have achieved what we did.

Thanks goes to Rob Larkin our rookie scorer who stepped up to learn the job at the start of the season when another scorer could not be found.

Thanks to all the parents that helped with the other jobs that go with running a baseball team. The setting up and packing up, the collecting equipment and drinks. To my wife who pitch counted and those that helped when she could not be there. I thank you all for your support.

Good Luck to the three players that will go up to Under 17 next year. I look forward to seeing the rest of this squad working together again for a great season next year.

John Braithwaite



VALE

U13/1

Starting way back at Seaton High in July with the new version of the Redsox Winter Academy our boys got started on the right foot with a large portion of the U13 group taking the sessions seriously and trying to get the most out of the time spent both indoors and out. Some tough decisions were made in the make up of our final team and us coaches are still comfortable with the decisions made. Our team was not only selected on ability but also behaviour, willingness to learn and coachability amongst other things. Once we moved to East Torrens the boys still continued to work hard and take on the instruction the coaches provided. I'd like to thank Paul Ashworth for his work getting our practice sessions started and trying his best to make sure we were able to field 2 teams in U13.

The season kicked off against eventual Premiers Adelaide in a great game of Little League baseball. You will have to travel far and wide to find any U13 games that finish with a 2-1 score line. This win along with our come from behind win against Goodwood 7-6 in game 3 really gave the boys a belief that they could match it with the best and set up our season. As a group we had a real focus on fundamentals early on and then progressed to more team oriented work as the season went on. Before the Christmas break we played as close as we could to flawless baseball with our pitchers dominating, our fielding was spot on, we made a ton of contact at the plate and this was backed with outstanding base running. To be sitting 9-0 at the break was not only a pleasant surprise but was a credit to the guys hard work and their ability to perform as a team.

After the break we continued to win games but didn't seem to be at the same level as we were prior to Christmas. To the boys credit they realised they weren't playing their best but still found a way to get it done. I'm not saying winning is everything at this level but it was a reward for effort and also showed what they worked on at practice would translate into good results on the weekend. Even with our first loss coming in the last regular season game I feel we played a great game of baseball and was proud the way boys represented themselves.

On to the finals we just didn't have the ball bounce our way unfortunately but I think where we ended up finishing was a great result for this young group. To see the way the boys handled themselves over those last few weeks shows how much they have grown. After losing to Adelaide in the last regular season game and then to the Indians in the 1st final their heads were dropped and some tears flowed which is understandable. At the end of our last game against Adelaide they were different they realised they had tried their best and put as much as they could into it and were just beaten which unfortunately happens at all levels. If anyone was to tell me or anyone else we would finish our season 14-3 I would take it all day long, it just turns out our 3 losses came all together. In baseball no matter what you do you will win 1/3 of your games, lose 1/3 of your games and it's what you do with the other 1/3 that matters. Our other 1/3 we were great and that's what matters !

I would like to thank Travis, Amanda and Jake for their help this season on both GameDay and at practice. The knowledge and support passed on is valuable and goes along way into defining the type of season the players were able to put together.

Thank you to Carmen, Kaitlyn and Cheryl for scoring and pitch counting every game this season it is very appreciated. Also thank you to all the families for your efforts in getting the boys to practice and games and also communicating to me whether you were unable to make it or going to be late as this makes my job so much easier rather than having to chase people. Your efforts in helping with the canteen and grounds is something some other teams should strive to achieve so thank you again.

As for the boys our coaching group reinforced how proud and happy we were with their effort all season long and these thoughts have not changed in the slightest. They were a pleasure to coach and I quite often found myself amazed by their ability. I take great pride in saying I coached every player in this team and hope they continue to play our great sport.

Andrew Couzner

U13/2

The 2019/2020 season for U13s was interesting from the start. With too many players for one team and not quite enough for two, it was decided that from a playing perspective, it was still the best to split the kids into two teams. They would see so much more playing time than if they were one giant team of kids, spending a lot of the game on the bench. U13/1s would have just enough players, and we hoped U13/2s would pick up some extra players as the season kicked off.

Having put up my hand to possibly be an Assistant Coach, I found myself Head Coach of the U13/2 side, with the assistance of Jack Leask. This was a huge learning curve for me, but our passion for baseball and the incredible support of our parents (who I had just met!), were what pulled us through the season.

The team started with James Cross, Charlie Govan, Jackson Hallam, Charlie Leask, Jack Lukomski, Daniel Mosen and Lukas Spencer. In the opening weeks we were joined temporarily by Theo Koch and Lucas Norsworthy and Game 2, we welcomed Shine Han to our team- playing his first season ever. Despite his lack of playing experience, Shine became a valuable 9th member of our team.

These boys had vastly different levels of ability and playing experience, which made player development challenging. We were fortunate to have a couple of experienced pitchers on hand, but the role of catcher was not as clear to begin with. Thankfully Leask and Cross stepped up to the plate (literally) and shared this responsibility initially, with Hallam, Spencer and Mosen as pitchers for the first 4 games. Filling in the gaps when we were short players, we also had U11s, Xavier Bischoff, Sebastian Bravo, Oscar Govan, Harlan King and Hudson Thomas fill in numerous games.

Both Cross and Leask were also keen to pitch, but were not allowed to pitch and catch in the same game. In Game 4, Leask caught for the whole game to allow Cross a turn and Game 5 saw U11, Harlan King fill in as catcher, removing the pressure from Leask and giving Cross another opportunity to show his stuff.

A large blow to the side was Spencer's shoulder injury (in an unrelated scooter incident at home) before Game 6. Unfortunately the same week Han had a family commitment, and without the rescue of our U11s, we would have forfeited, but instead managed a draw.

Game 7 was particularly challenging. It was our first game on the road, Spencer was still injured, Mosen had lost confidence as pitcher two games before (a shame, as he showed great talent and potential), and Hallam and Cross were in danger of perhaps not being able to pitch a game alone within their pitch count. Han accepted the challenge to give pitching a try and performed marvellously for his first go. Leask shouldered the responsibility of catcher. Mosen had his best effort of the season at first base. The U13/2 Redsox somehow pulled it all together to gain a crushing 21-10 victory, bringing them to 7 games undefeated, including 2 draws.

Their first loss came in Game 8, under particularly trying conditions and then a couple of games were scratched due to weather. Spencer returned in the final two weeks before Christmas and with the help of his solid pitching, the team collected two more victories.

Unfortunately the run home through February was not an easy one, playing the other top teams on the ladder- the first in fact, was against top of the ladder, Northern Districts. The Red Sox certainly gave them a run for their money, with Leask performing exceptionally well as catcher. They couldn't quite clinch the win and went down 4-7.

In the second-to-last game, Charlie Govan (who had been practising hard at home) debuted as catcher and did a mighty fine job. In the same game, he really discovered his bat, with two safe hits, including a double. Leask finally got his chance to pitch, but unbelievably was hit and caught out on his first pitch, with side-away. King caught an amazing game, and by now had become a regular fill-in for our team- a win-win, providing him the chance to get some catching experience at a higher level.

U13/2

Try as they might, the Red Sox could not quite grasp the opportunity to make finals, with their hopes dashed in the last must-win game, by only one run.

Finishing the season this way was understandably disappointing for the lads. I'm sure it was hard for them to comprehend just how well they had actually performed, not to mention their improvement by the end of the year. It was very rewarding to witness, but it was also sad not to see them finish on a high. Just as we wrapped up the season, many plays were just starting to "click" and although it was frustrating to call it a day, it is also exciting to see where they can go next season as players.

Jack and I were very disappointed Covid-19 prevented us from presenting the awards for U13/2s for the 2019/2020 season in person. They were as follows:

Jackson Hallam - MVP

Awarding MVP to the coach's son didn't sit right with me, but Jackson's performance this season as he gained confidence, earned him his umpire votes for sure. Some of his pitching efforts were impressive, he took some great catches, was involved in valuable plays and made big hits, including a home run in Game 10 contributing to a very decent batting average.

James Cross - Runner Up MVP

James not surprisingly won Runner Up MVP, just behind Jackson. Happy to take on any role presented to him, including catcher at the beginning of the season, James later earned his title as pitcher, pitching several flawless innings. With still another year to play at the U13 level, and with his cheerful, go-getter attitude, James has enormous potential. I look forward to seeing him next season.

Jack Lukomski - Coach's Award.

Jack was my obvious pick for this award. His improvement this season was vast, but this was greatly attributed to his attitude and commitment. Always attentive, respectful, a kind teammate- his tenacity paid off. We hope to see him join us in U15s next season.

Special thanks to my Assistant Coach and Game Planner, Jack Leask, we learned a lot together, Carla Nielsen and Karen Cross who stepped up enthusiastically to learn scoring, pitch counters Kim Lukomski (who also lent a hand at training and setting up games) and Karina Tarrant (who was always eager to lend a hand or a gazebo), Andrew Govan for carrying equipment, Clinton Hallam for helping with training in the final weeks, Scott Mosen for photography, and in fact all parents for helping out one time or another, including ferrying kids when needed. Thanks to U11s for filling in so many times for us and thanks to the various coaches who mentored me, especially Paul Ashworth. Thank you East Torrens for welcoming the Hallam family to the Red Sox.

Michelle Hallam

U11

As a first year coach I went into the season with very little knowledge on how to coach or manage a whole team of kids, but my worries quickly vanished as i was given a great bunch of kids and countless resources at hand from great coaches around the club.

We started off the year with a team of 12 and only half of them ever playing a game of baseball before. Those that had played before seemed as if they have been playing for years, their knowledge far extended mine when I was their age. They knew the plays and how to run the bases and their competitive spirit thrived their drive to win. I was extremely proud of those that had never played before as well. They were all eager to learn and picked up the game within a few training sessions and improved every game. We started off the year with a win and did not see a loss until round 14. My main focus for the year was to give everyone a go at every position. Seven games in and we managed to get everyone a go at pitching, finding some absolute guns along the way. After going win to win for 14 rounds we came up against a tough competitor in the Dodgers, giving up a few runs in the earlier innings. It came to the last inning and we were unable to win the game but still could tie it up. They never gave up and gave one hundred per cent in that last inning falling short with a 5-4 loss. I could not have been prouder of how they handled their first loss, not giving up to the last out and taking the loss with a great sportsmanship like attitude. We ended the season with a record of 14W and 2L and managed to claim second spot in the Northern competition, securing a home final. Coming up against a Port Adelaide team that we had not seen yet we went into the game as determined as ever. Every player gave it their all on game day but unfortunately port were the better team on the day. While we did not manage to claim the win i could not be happier with how far the team managed to come.

I was extremely proud to see the progression of all our players skills most importantly finding the love for the game. I could not have done the season without my assistant coach Jordan Ashworth, we learnt a lot from one other and it was good to have another set of eyes to see somethings that i may have missed.

Also a huge thank you to Kira King for scoring throughout the year and keeping me organised each game.

The season had a lot of ups and not many downs and I owe that to the great bunch of kids I had, can not wait to seem them back again next year.

On a personal note I would like to thank the club and committee for the honour of the Peter Pike Coach of the Season. I am extremely grateful for this award and am extremely proud to be a member of the East Torrens Baseball Club. Thank you very much.

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T-Ball / U9

This year saw a change in the program with our inclusion into the Under 9 Peewee League which was played Sunday mornings.

The start of the season was a little unknown due to numbers available to commit to the early Sunday morning starts/travel. With the help of coffee and kids who were excited to play many parents decided to give it a go.

Absolute outstanding performances were seen right from the first game and everyone had a blast being involved. We had a lot of first year kids who have never played tee ball arrive to play Pee Wee League and they all hit the ground running.

Tee Ball continued to be challenging this season, with number's participating, we saw a lot of kids not returning from the previous season. On the flip side we saw an increase in new Tballer's to the club and I this will spark parents into returning next year.

I believe now we are involved in a formal competition, this will give direction for our Tballer's who wish to continue into junior baseball.

Regards

Anthony Dienelt.



SENIOR GAMES MILESTONES

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Carter Powell
Boyd Worden
Riley Yeatman
Andrew Gniel
Braeden Ashworth
Paul Mitchell
Sam Patrius
John Patrius
Zac Stroud

100

Hunter Powell
Colin Stovell
Tony Rogers
Andrew Bell

200 (Pewter Mug)

Charlie Ashcroft
Adam Curtis

150

Angus McKinlay
Troy Chandler
Jarryd Hardman
Rhys Lounder
Dalton Probert
Craig Powell
200 and Pewter Mug
Charlie Ashcroft
Adam Curtis

300

Jay Sanderson
Ben Copping
Todd Symons
Kym Ashworth

400

Ralph D'Onise
Troy Harrington

250

Joshua Smith

350

Damien Norsworthy

450

Darian King

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