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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 <sup>†</sup>	
1973/74	B. ADDISON	
1975/76	D. DATE†	
1976/77	R. KENEALLY	
1977/78	J. DAVIS	
1979/80	A. SMITH <sup>†</sup>	
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: Steve Yeatman
SECRETARY: Angela Probert
Victoria McKinlay

TREASURER: Kylie Powell

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Katherine Ashworth

OPERATIONS MANAGER: Paul Ashworth

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SENIOR COACH (DIVISION ONE HEAD COACH): Tony Probert

BAR MANAGER: VACANT CANTEEN MANAGER: VACANT

SPONSORSHIP MANAGER:

SCORERS DELEGATE:

UMPIRES DELEGATE:

JUNIOR COACHING COORDINATOR:

T-BALL COORDINATOR:

Andrew Couzner

Andrew Eime

FACILITIES MANAGER: Richard Smith, Craig Powell, Paul Sowter

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: Darian King

UNIFORMS AND REGALIA: Steve & Marnie Yeatman

SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE COORDINATOR: Steve Yeatman

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING MANAGER: Victoria McKinlay & Kym Ashworth



## Annual General Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 7.30pm, Feathers Hotel

- 1. Welcome refer to sign in sheet (Online: Steve & Marnie Yeatman)
- 2. Welcome to Country by President Damien Norsworthy
- 3. Apologies
  - Ralph Robinson
  - John Lamb
  - Richard Smith
  - Kane Galloway
  - Lauren Sanderson
  - Wally Marks
  - Craig Powell
  - Kylie Powell
  - George McKinley
  - Ron & Jill Chandler
  - Bob & Trish Hollands

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- 4. **Present (Voting Rights)** reminder for those present and over 16yr to sign in on sheet (refer to sign in sheet)
- **5.** Accept minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting 2020/21 Blake moved seconded by Stef Gratton Accepted by all
- 6. Reports;
  - President refer to Annual Report
  - O Secretary's refer to Annual Report
  - Treasurers Damien Norsworthy read/explained report (copy provided to members in attendance)
  - O Questions from the floor re:
    - 1) Paul Chandler Is the main expense missing the import? Largely yes
- 7. Nominations:
  - Life Members tabled No nominations progressed to AGM
  - O Player Life Member No nominations
- 8. Elections of Officers (Executive Committee);
  - President No nominations from the floor Damien Norsworthy nominated in writing, seconded by Blake Armstrong, moved/carried
  - Vice President Blake Armstrong retiring, thanked the committee, 4 years in role and watching the club grow, culturally, financially, women's teams, Nominations from the floor -Steve Yeatman; seconded by Stef Gratton - moved/carried
  - Secretary Nomination from Angela Probert, seconded by Damien Norsworthy, moved/carried
  - O Treasurer Nomination from Kylie Powell, seconded by Angela Probert, moved/carried

- Assistant Treasurer Nomination from Katherine Ashworth, seconded by Angela Probert, moved/carried
- **9. 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)
  - Senor Coach Tony Probert appointed for 2021/2022 Tony Probert provided an overview for the pre-season and advised due to Covid19 imports, shared the staffing for the Leadership Team; Kane Galloway, Craig Powell (D2 Head) Coach, Warwick Marks (Pitching Coach), Kym Ashworth, Paul Ashworth (D3 Coach)
    - i. Damien shared the new game structure for the upcoming season Saturday games for higher grades and Sunday games for junior few double double headers
  - Social & Fundraising Manager Nomination from Victoria McKinlay with assistance from others - unopposed
  - Facilities Manager (House & Grounds) Discussion regarding group to share this role
  - O Bar Manager Nomination from Stef Gratton unopposed
  - Canteen Manager No Nominations Katherine Ashworth has volunteer to place orders
  - O Social Media & Online Coordinator Nomination from Steve Yeatman unopposed
  - O Sponsorship Coordinator Nomination from Blake Armstrong unopposed
  - T-ball Co-ordinator no nominations Stef Gratton to consider
  - O Uniform & Regalia Manager Nomination from Marnie Yeatman unopposed
  - Junior Coordinator Nomination from in writing from Andrew Couzner unopposed
  - O Umpire Delegate Nomination from Stef Gratton unopposed
  - Equipment Manager Nomination from Darian King unopposed
  - Scorer's Delegate No nominations Karyn Przibilla to be approached Sharon is also an option

#### **10.** General Business

- Paul Chandler Committee for 100 Years, Paul has offered to be involved. Damien advised that the Executive will need to decide when the celebrations are held and which season. Two committees to be arranged 1) Fundraising 2) Gala.
- Paul Chandler Subcommittee for Life Member Selections Damien discussed how the Executive needs to look into establishing a criteria for panel
- Damien Norsworthy Strategic Direction completed Executive aiming to set Vision 2025 looking at development of the club, with a significant focus on recognition of volunteers and past players/life members.
- O Damien Norsworthy Lease is almost completed, is now with the community for public consultation. 5 year lease with a maintenance plan, front door replacement and hot water service update. Redevelopment progress; Pool has received funding \$5.4M, plan going out to consultation. John Minnie had a meeting with the Federal Government, asking for Federal Funding for the project. Blake shared the plan of redevelopment.

#### 11. Meeting Closed - 8.34pm

## **PRESIDENT**

COVID was still the word, but thankfully we were able to complete largely a full season with no major interruptions. Whilst yes, we had to shut down the clubrooms, initially due to Government requirements and at the request of Baseball SA, this didn't seem to affect things greatly from a functioning club perspective. Thank you to everyone who complied with all the directions and changes and hope everyone still enjoyed a wonderful season of baseball.

After a very successful campaign in 2020/21, both on the field, and off, being able to replicate this was the key agenda item first and foremost, with then the need to work on engaging more of our members and strengthening our volunteer acknowledgment and continuing to connect and in some cases reconnect with East Torrens members. We continue to see tremendous support in the volunteer sector, most notably John King who won Volunteer of the Year, being presented at the Capps Medal evening. John has worked tirelessly collecting bottles and cans as a fundraising activity to support State and Charter representatives of East Torrens, but also continues to provide support across all aspects of the club and hence is a very deserving winner. We continue to see many of our coaches engaged in high performance programs, Darian King awarded the Ron Harvey & Ken Kobayashi Junior Coaches Award for his outstanding efforts with high performance baseball. These are only a few high-level recognitions, with so many more being recognised for their contribution to baseball, including Ron Keneally and Andrew Bell in umpiring. We continue to see success for our on-field achievements, and this is a credit to all of those involved for many years at the junior level both as coaches, committee members and volunteers helping to mould talented young athletes to be able to achieve their goals.

You will see throughout this annual report the many names, some mentioned numerous times, for their contribution to this club, I thank everyone for their contribution and ongoing support, the hours many put in goes unrecognised at times, much of what many do is not at the front and center of everyone's view, but it is without these majestic individuals the club does not continue to flourish.

We continue to see ourselves consolidate our financial position. We are very cognizant of the fact we still want to spend money where it's required to provide the best environment possible, but we are very much comfortable with our financial practices and continue to see great growth in club revenue. Maintaining a cashless club has continued to show its value in financial terms, and very robust budgeting and financial management, thanks to Kylie Powell, we are able to also prepare for a possible redevelopment in the near future. This has all come also during a pandemic, so a big thank you to everyone who has continued to buy the hot dogs, hoodies, and beverages when at the club.

So, on reflection, what were some of the key events of 2021/22. Hand down it was the best season launch night I have ever attended. The inaugural Wiffle Ball Tournament was launched and it was an amazing gathering of East Torrens families. Well done and congratulations to Darian King and Andrew Couzner for setting this event up and I can't wait to see what this year's tournament looks like! A close second is winning the GOOD SPORTS club of the year was a big achievement and one that shows all the hard work from everyone over the past few seasons has been recognised. We however have because of the Good Sports process identified some areas where we need to continue to strengthen our practices, most notable in our Health and Wellbeing space. There is no question mental health has become more prevalent during this pandemic, and sport and the social activities within can be of real benefit to people but can also be a real challenge for some. With this in mind, we want to look further into what we as a committee and club can do to support our members and the broader East Torrens family when it comes to your health and wellbeing. We saw at the end of the season (whilst it had been going on for the entire season and well before), but the 'straw' certainly broke come season's end, with the social media issues surrounding BSA decisions. Sarah Kelly called this behaviour out in an email to members and Tony Catt, President of BSA spoke openly about this at the Capps Medal evening. We all need to be mindful of what we do and say, irrespective of what we think, or believe to be true as we cannot always be certain of what is happening in people's lives. It's also a good time to reflect individually that whilst we may think we are 'funny' or just 'having a laugh', that is not always the case and just aim to always be respectful, supportive, inclusive and I encourage everyone to call the bad behaviours out.

## **PRESIDENT**

So where to in 2022/23, no question the number one priority will be coaching. We have been very lucky to date to have some wonderful coaches, but this luxury must be supported with sustainability. It was great to see some new faces in the coaching ranks this season, but we need to do more to support people (who may have no baseball background) to get involved in coaching. I thank all the coaches this season for their work, and compliance with the league requirements for coach accreditation, thank you.

We saw strong numbers again this season, 108 registered juniors (4th most across the league) and 122 seniors (5th most in the league). With the move to Saturday Senior Baseball for Division 1, 2 and 3 this season it was going to be interesting to see how the scheduling worked out. There is no question, some aspects of the move have worked, but feedback from certain groups has indicated some review is required. Whilst there haven't been any updates as to what changes may occur in 22/23, I think whilst we will continue to support Baseball SA's efforts, we must also support our membership and field the teams in the slots where greatest participation and enjoyment can occur. We continue to see growth in the women's teams and some significant improvement and enjoyment. A big thank you to everyone who has helped in this space, no more than Victoria McKinlay. It is largely due to this commitment amongst so many other things that Victoria was this year's recipient of the Graham Fisher Memorial Award. A fitting acknowledgment for all the work Victoria has put in whilst continuing to be a fantastic leader on and off the field. I also want to mention Paul Chandler for his work with the Under 19 team. Success whilst is largely measured on winning and the premierships that come with that, there is a lot to be said for the influence someone can have on developing fine young humans and ensuring they don't only just develop (including their baseball skills) but enjoy it as well. Congratulations Paul, a deserving winner of the Peter Pike Coaches Trophy.

Umpiring continues to be a topic of discussion, thank you to all those who supported games by umpiring. I appreciate this is a user pays sports, but clubs across the nation rely on volunteers and support to keep the club viable, and again, just a game of two as an umpire and sometime in the canteen, means we can continue to provide opportunities for people to play this great game. Some of you put your hands up to support our club and the league as an umpire and during finals supported games at neutral grounds. Thank you so much for your support of the club and the sport. I must say I had quite a few hot dogs this season, and all had their unique style. Whilst the basis of the dog was the same, every one of them was slightly different, all delicious, but it was great to see some many different faces in the canteen pumping out food and drinks for everyone. I am sure everyone appreciates the ability to get a good dog and chips after a hard game (or before as well if you feel like it). I would also like to thank Emily King who came in and supported the canteen for the second half of the year, offering up the favourites and adding her own flare as well.

Many would have noticed the regalia offerings were a bit different this season. We made the decision to trial operating our own apparel manufacturing program. Whilst some things worked well, some not so well, overall, I am very pleased with the outcome of the regalia program this season. We did not profit as much as we may have liked, but in hindsight we did do a lot of R&D so we can ensure we provide affordable options moving forward. We have been working with some manufacturers and sublimation apparel to not only offer some exciting new options, but also look to get the price and accessibility of things like uniforms down. Many small businesses are doing it tough, transport costs are certainly on the rise, so we have worked hard to improve our service whilst trying to minimise the rising costs. We think the 2022/23 apparel offerings will be spectacular and can't wait for them to become available early July 2022. We were lucky enough to also have four very supportive sponsors who provided all playing members this season with a new training top. A massive thank you to Roger Steen Crash, Bickford's, Wholly Belly and Carl's Jr for their generous support. We hope again this season we can offer another installment of the training top. Everyone looked amazing during trainings and warm up.

### **PRESIDENT**

Our sponsors are without doubt the best bunch of individuals and businesses going around. I cannot thank them enough and Blake Armstrong our Sponsorship coordinator for making it all happen. We had several contacts formed thanks to families from within the club. These connections are so valuable and help us in our endeavors. We really hope whenever you need something that one of our fantastic sponsors can provide, you reach out to them and support their business like they support us.

Baseball doesn't seem to end really, with the MLB to keep us company over the winter break, and for some the charter tournaments and state tournaments to also fill the void. Best of luck to all our representatives, congratulations on the recognition and I really hope you enjoy the experience. I made some amazing lifelong friends from playing in representative teams; it's the wonderful thing about the small SA baseball community that we get to compete on the field, but then enjoy a drink after the game. I also wish Riley Yeatman all the best as we watch his first season in professional baseball in the US. Soak it all in, enjoy it and I look forward to hearing all about it when you return.

What a great season, well done to everyone, a big congratulations to the undefeated Under 15 team and every team, player, member, or spectator that represented the ETBC this season.

Finally, thank you to the members of the Executive Committee for your support and input over the past 12 months, its been a pleasure working with you all.

Damien Norsworthy





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## **SECRETARY**

The 2022-22 Season continued under the challenges of a pandemic, however we saw our Club Members rise to the occasion and show a level of resilience like never before. With the continued support of the SA Health and the State Government, the Executive made the challenging decision to close the clubrooms to align with Baseball SA's Covid Safe Management Plan, in order to keep everyone safe and the season to be minimally impacted. As the Secretary of the club, this level of monitoring via our Covid Safe Plan became the new normal, however it was clear the Baseball Community, including the Executive were all fatigued from the level of micro management support the season required.

The Canteen and Bar continued to be the challenge, so the Executive took the position to restructure the canteen, a nervous decision after some successful years of having canteen managers. However the decision saw a resurgence of volunteers from our members, including the support of Emily King which meant a large load was lifted from the Executive who had been managing the load the past few seasons. Thank you to Katherine Ashworth, who led this change and to Emily King for supporting the management of such an important revenue arm of the club structure.

I reflect on the quote from Edward Everett Hale, on how important each of us are in the wheels of success for the club...

I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.
— Edward Everett Hale

Life Members, Past Players and Members and families, as we enter the 100th Year of our great Club the community is growing exponentially and we need each of you to do your small part to continue its growth. We need each other. The momentum of the past few seasons as we roll into the 100th year is exciting and I encourage you to be part of the history of growing this club.

#### Successes on the Diamond

East Torrens fielded 18+ Teams this session; 11 Senior Teams, which included 3 Womens and 6 Juniors, including our PeeWee Program. We can proudly say that we are the 4th biggest Club in the state!

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 closed last season out with the Club's Strategic Directions 3 year plan, achieving all but one of the goals, while continuing to provide transparency, with accountability and focus for future to its members. The new Plan is proving to be well underway and in progress, which will include the success celebration of our 100 years!

I continue to be proud of the East Torrens Executive and Leadership group, working with a collaborative approach in developing our Coaches, with clear direction and purpose and ensuring a strong level of trust within the Club that supports the implementation of the East Torrens Baseball Clubs ethos and strategic directions.

### **SECRETARY**

To Damien and Rebecca Norsworthy, including Steve and Marnie Yeatman, who have been the workforce behind our 'sweatshop', managing the Regalia, this was an amazing resource revenue during Covid, there is no way to say thank you that would be enough! Steve continues to provide outstanding information to our members and keeps us up-to-date with all announcements and events, a HUGE thank you!

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 Lynette Norsworthy for keeping our clubrooms at the standard of clean we are all use to, Thank you! To John King, for devoting his time to manage the recycling, then donating and matching the funds to help our young Charter players, you're amazing!

To our Executive Committee; to Damien Norsworthy, Steve Yeatman, Kylie Powell, Katherine Ashworth, Paul Ashworth and Victoria McKinlay. Thank you! 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 as we aim for redevelopment of our buildings and thank you all for the privilege of being able to serve as your Secretary.

Angela Probert



### **TREASURER**

The club's financial year runs from 1st July to the 30th June of each year and as such these accounts are only current as at the 25th June 2022 and will be finalised at the end of June 2022. We do not expect any major changes within this period.

The 21-22 season has seen the club make a healthy profit of \$34.6k. This is above our anticipated profit of \$12k and \$6.2k above last year's profit of \$28.4k. Income for 21-22 was up 13.5% year on year with total expenses at \$63.9 were higher than last year by \$3k (4.8%). This year, as with last, the absence of an import and a Canteen Manager for most of the season has had a significant positive impact on our final result. Once again, the club heads into another season debt free and in a healthy financial position.

A big thank you goes out to our Sponsorship Coordinator Blake Armstrong who managed to secure \$22k in Club Sponsorship this season being \$14k above last season. Welcome to our newest sponsors and to all our sponsors we thank you and appreciate your continued support!

Our bar performance this year of \$19.6k profit was below both budget and last year \$4.4k (18.4%) and \$3.2k (14.2%) respectively, which was a pleasing result considering the club rooms upon the advice from BSA were closed for a good part of the season

Total canteen sales of \$49.2K was \$12k higher than last year. The canteen's overall result for this season was a profit of \$22.3k being \$3.6k above last year's profit. A big thank you to Katherine Ashworth who worked tirelessly for most of the season managing the canteen.

21-22 season saw the introduction of a whole new range of regalia. Marnie and Steve Yeatman along with Damien Norsworthy did an amazing job of preparing and promoting these items and produced a total sales figure of \$26.6k up \$15.5k year on year. Whilst the profit for this season was just under \$1k, costs included research, samples and testing items, setting a clearer platform for next season.

Total membership revenue this season was comparable with both last year and budget. We end this season with no outstanding membership fees. A big thank you to Katherine Ashworth for doing an exceptional job of taking care of all the club memberships.

Once again Life Member John King, selflessly collected and recycled all the cans and bottles from the club to assist this season's ET Junior Representatives. He managed to raise over \$800, this paired with a donation from East Torrens Don Rice Foundation gave each East Torrens Junior Representative a small contribution towards the cost of being a part of a Charter/State Team. A big thank you to John and congratulations to our ET Representatives.

I would like to send a big thank you to all those volunteers who put their hands up to help this season, without your contribution our club would not be where we are today. And finally, I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their tireless efforts and dedication to our club. Thank you again.

Kylie Powell

## Profit and Loss East Torrens Baseball Club

July 2021 - June 2022 ABN: 53060019437 Compared Last Year Generated 25 Jun 2022



	2021-2022 Actual	2020-2021 Last Year
Income		
Bar Sales	38,408.79	41,833.82
Bar Expenses	(18,831.19)	(19,023.32)
Total Bar	19,577.60	22,810.50
Canteen Sales	49,223.53	37,190.26
Canteen Expenses	(26,914.41)	(18,549.00)
Total Canteen	22,309.12	18,641.26
Club Membership - Junior	12,147.80	10,245.60
Club Membership - Non Player	152.00	111.59
Club Membership - Senior	18,200.10	19,121.59
Club Membership - Tee Ball	2,040.00	2,184.00
Total Memberships	32,539.90	31,662.78
Don Rice Foundation Income	550.00	0.00
Regalia & Uniforms Sales	26,579.14	11,450.80
Less Cost of Goods Sold Regalia & Uniform	(25,725.86)	(9,854.66)
Total Regalia	853.28	1,596.14
Social & Fundraising	5,503.00	5,728.60
Social & Fundraising Expenses	(2,721.32)	(1,711.48)
Total Social/Fundraising	2,781.68	4,017.12
Sponsorship - Club	22,000.00	6,000.02
Sponsorship - Player	112.00	112.82
Sponsorship Expense	(7,555.74)	0.00
Total Sponsorship	14,556.26	6,112.84
Sundry Income	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00
Grants	3,500.00	3,000.00
Total Grants	3,500.00	3,000.00
Clubroom / Grounds Hire	1,760.00	1,540.00
Total Clubrooms / Grounds Hire	1,760.00	1,540.00
Total Income	98,427.84	89,380.64
Gross Profit	98,427.84	89,380.64

## Profit and Loss East Torrens Baseball Club

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	2021-2022 Actual	2020-2021 Last Year
Less Expenses	Actual	Last Year
Administration	880.99	1,573.30
Advertising & Promotion	0.00	280.88
BUASA	7,547.99	6,379.74
Bank Charges	6.00	12.00
Cleaning	4,017.86	3,430.03
Club Car	0.00	0.00
Club Insurance	1,928.84	1,943.82
Coaches & Managers	7,742.00	7,974.00
Redsox - Coaches & Managers	5,672.77	6,883.72
Redsox - Unpires & Other	2,884.10	538.46
Don Rice Foundation	1,282.00	750.00
Electricity	3,320.85	3,001.59
Equipment	838.73	2,840.00
Equipment Other	609.15	0.00
Ground Hire	7,942.00	9,218.46
Import & Players	1,533.00	1,319.61
Life Members	237.00	531.00
Pre Season Training Exp	24.30	0.00
Regalia & Uniform	0.00	0.00
R & M - Club House	797.64	629.85
R & M - Grounds	4,627.09	3,473.43
Rubbish Removal	727.80	580.80
SA Scorers Association	315.00	0.00
Security	243.10	0.00
Square Charges	1,997.49	1,422.17
Subscriptions/Licences	760.80	913.00
Tee Ball	3,755.88	2,978.91
Telephone/Internet	234.00	719.88
Trophies	3,320.51	2,913.90
Website	660.00	660.00
Total Expense	63,906.89	60,968.55
Operating Profit	34,520.95	28,412.09
Plus Other Income		
Interest Income	47.98	12.42
Total Other Income	47.98	12.42
Less Other Expense		
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Profit / (Loss)	34,568.93	28,424.51

## **Balance Sheet East Torrens Baseball Club**

Year Ended 30 Jun 2022 ABN: 53060019437 Generated 25 Jun 2022



Asset		2021-2022	2020-2021
Banking			
1-1105	Westpac Working Acc 3830	63.30	0.10
1-1110	Westpac High Interest 3849	0.01	0.02
1-1120	Beyond Operating 03209817	59,855.27	24,610.17
1-1125	Beyond Transactional	3,263.77	362.55
1-1130	Beyond - Don Rice	1,533.37	1,987.04
Total Banking	•	64,715.72	26,959.88
1-1400	Sundry to be reimbursed	0.00	0.00
1-1500	Regalia Stock on Hand	3,661.40	5,194.49
1-1510	Regalia - Purchases held for 21-22 Season	0.00	3,704.99
1-1800	Accounts Receivable	0.00	982.01
1-2230	Other Float	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets		68,377.12	36,841.37
Non Current Assets			
Equipment at Cost		12427.4	12427.4
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Total Equipment		0	0
Total Assets		68,377.12	36,841.37
Liability Current Liabilities			
2-1800	Accounts payable	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
2-1900	Red Sox Dollars	904.54	523.00
2-2000	100 Club Monies Held	0.00	450.00
2-3400	J King Junior Fund	86.50	102.35
2-3600	Provision - Insurance Claims	0.00	3,448.87
2-3601	Sponsorship paid in advance	1,500.00	1,000.00
Total Liability		2,491.04	5,524.22
Net Assets		65,886.08	31,317.15
Equity			
Current Earnings			
3-1800	Current year earnings	34,568.93	28,424.51
Total Current Earnings	, ,	34,568.93	28,424.51
Retained Earnings			
3-1600	Retained earnings	31,317.15	2,892.64
Total Retained Earnings		31,317.15	2,892.64
Total Equity		65,886.08	31,317.15

## **OPERATIONS MANAGER**

It was a busy 2021/22 season with ETBC having the second most senior teams (11) in the competition and the only club to have a team in every division with the inclusion of our Women's Division 1 team.

Thanks to all the coaches who took on the responsibility along with how everyone adjusted and worked together on training nights with the limited space we have and the increase of teams.

The Division 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 teams along with our juniors in 13s, 15s, 17s and 19s all made finals but in a first for many years we did not win a senior premiership. The 15s went through the season undefeated and were our only premiership team. Congratulations to David Paton who coached this team.

Off the field we were highly successful and represented in many areas. Charlie Ashcroft again polled well in the Capps Medal coming third. We were named the Good Sports Club of the Year in the SA Sports Awards. John King was awarded the Baseball SA Volunteer of the Year Award while Darian King was named Junior Coach of the year. Junior players Haru Riley who won the league medal for their U/15 while Sebastian Bravo, Owen Couzner, Will Couzner and Connor Yeatman were in the top 5 vote getters for their teams.

A massive thank you to Victoria McKinlay for her help and her efforts to get three women's grades up and running. Her efforts throughout the entire season which was hampered by Covid needs to be acknowledged.

Thanks to Andrew Couzner who took on the Junior Coordinators role and also organised our inaugural wiffle ball championships at the start of the season which was a great success.

Once again, we were unable to fill the Canteen and Bar Management duties which placed a massive amount of work on the Executive Committee members again. Emily King took on the Canteen role in the second part of the season which made a huge difference.

Thanks to the grounds crew for their tireless work which goes unnoticed by many.

Hope to see everyone back later in the year for the 2022/23 season.

Paul Ashworth



## **WOMENS COORDINATOR**

The growth of our women's program this year is something that I am incredibly proud of. We welcomed 14 new players to our club, saw some old faces return and extended our squad to 3 teams. And in a history making year we entered our first division 1 team into the competition.

With a "build it and they will come" mentality we set out to create a culture that players want to return to every year and offer a club for women of all levels of experience. We are now 1 of only 2 clubs in the competition to have a side in every division and the only club on this side of town with a division 1 team.

We may not have seen the W's as often as we would have liked but we have built a strong foundation to build on for the future. I would like to thank and acknowledge every one of our players for their positive attitudes and dedication to our club. It's not easy to go out and lose games week in week out but we have a great bunch of girls that can find the positives in every game and still manage to have a lot of fun on and off the field.

This season would not have been possible without Ryan Przibilla and Jared King, I sincerely thank you both for everything you have done this year and look forward to working with you both again next season. I would also like to personally thank all our volunteers, in particular Karryn Przibilla, Marnie Yeatman, Gail King and Louis Mourtzios for scoring, Debbie Rollins for keeping the div 1 girls in line on the bench and constantly reminding Nikki Schiller who she was batting after. All our assistant coaches, Connor Yeatman, Kason King, Riley Yeatman, Angela Mourtzios & Mia Rogers, or Chicken and Bambi as I refer to them. And everyone else who helped at training, umpired, ran bar & canteen, and got the grounds ready for us every week.

We are already looking to next season, recruiting new players and coaches and will be holding more women's come & try sessions to attract new players to our club and to this great game.

It is my absolute pleasure to announce and welcome our Division 1 coach for the 2022/2023 season, this is a coach who has an extensive coaching history, has coached at a division 1 state level among numerous other senior & junior coaching positions, team manager for our division 1 men's team, and a longtime member of our club. His positivity and dedication to player growth and development is very much aligned with the women's culture we have been striving to build and I am very excited to have this person on board. Please join me in congratulating Paul Chandler on this appointment.

Congratulations again to all on a fantastic season, I look forward to seeing you all out on the diamond again next year.

Victoria McKinlay



## JUNIOR COORDINATOR

Introducing our season was our first ever Redsox Wiffle Ball Tournament. Junior players of all ages were placed into teams with members of both the Div 1-3 senior men's and women's teams to compete in a fun family orientated event.

As a club we were able to field teams in all junior age groups.

U9 Peewee League - Payne Sowter

U11 Minor League - Anthony Dienelt (ET)

- Stef Gratton (Redsox)

U13 Little League - Darian King (Div 1)

- Paul Ashworth (Div 2)

U14 Intermediate League - Damien Norsworthy

U15 Junior League - David Paton U17 Senior League - Jeff Kevan U19 Big League - Paul Chandler

A decision was made early in the season to remove one U11 team from the competition due to a lack of players in U13/2. All players from the removed U11 Redsox team were placed in U13/2 or the U11 ET team. This allowed for more flexibility numbers wise whilst still keeping players playing the game. Our U11, U13/1, U15/1, U17/1 and U19 played in finals with the U15/1 and U17/1 reaching their respective Grand Finals. The U15/1 team were successful in the Grand Final completing an undefeated season.

Our Junior Presentation Day was held in conjunction with the Junior Grand Finals at East Torrens Baseball Club. Club awards presented on this day were;

- Max Trengove Junior Batting Trophy winner Owen Couzner U14 Result 2.19
- Redsox Trophy U21 winners Kason King, Connor Yeatman
- George Hayman Shield winners U15/1 Junior League team
- Peter Pike Coach of the Year winner Paul Chandler U19

Special Acknowledgment must go to the following players and coaches

- SABL Ron Harvey & Ken Kobayashi Youth Coaching Award recipient Darian King
- SABL Junior League Div 1 MVP recipient Haru Riley
- SABL top 5 in MVP voting, U13/1 Sebastian Bravo (2nd), U14 Owen Couzner (2nd), U15/1 Haru Riley (1st), U17/1 Connor Yeatman and Will Couzner (equal 5th)
- Australian Youth Women's Baseball Invitation Mia Rogers

#### Marlins Charter representatives

- Little League development Lachey Bennett Namocatcat
- Little League Harlan King, Sebastian Bravo, Xavier Bischoff
- Junior League Tyler Dunn, Junheon Kim, Theoh McWhinnie Wong, Owen Couzner, Joshua Paton, Haru Riley, Coaches David Paton, Paul Chandler, Boyd Worden

U16 South Australian State Team representatives

• Aiden Lucas, Connor Yeatman, Haru Riley, Kason King, Will Couzner

Thank you to the East Torrens Executive and Management committees, all of our volunteers, coaches, players and members of the East Torrens Baseball Club.

Andrew Couzner





## **EQUIPMENT**

With the 2021/22 season being my second year into the role as Equipment Manager it hasn't taken me long to work out that baseballs are our biggest challenge. According to my calculations across the grades it appears we have 'lost' approximately 10 dozen balls this season. We as a club just need to get better at picking up balls after trainings and tracking down foul balls during games.

We implemented a sign in / sign out of team equipment this year which I believe worked great, this will become a standard practice.

Our current stock of gear is at a healthy level so apart from balls and a few bats our purchases for the 2022/23 season should be reasonably low.

Darian King



## **CLUB AWARDS**

**Graham Fisher Memorial** Victoria McKinlay



Volunteer of the Year (Patrons Trophy) John King

Peter Pike Coach Of The Year Paul Chandler



**George Hayman Shield** Under 15 - Coach: David Paton

Red Sox Trophy U21 Connor Yeatman & Kason King

Max Trengrove Junior Batting Award
Owen Couzner (Under 14 - Intermediate League)

## **DIVISION 1 Mens**

Season 2021/22 was a bitter sweet season. In what was undoubtedly the most challenging season of management personally, our squad experienced great success. We continued our journey of development with a focus to re-establish East Torrens as a power house in the SABL. After a top 6 finish and a return to play off baseball in 20/21, we faced a difficult 'top 6' draw in 21/22.

Our squad proved time and again throughout the season they deserved to be considered a top 6 team. We won games against other top 6 opponents and found a determined grit to stay in games that were decided in the late innings. Unfortunately, due to a critical error in my own game management, we were handed a forced loss early in the season against a critical opponent. As the season unfolded it became obvious this single loss would have a significant impact on our final standing. Despite the challenge, the playing group attacked the back half of the season and truly deserved a consolidated top 6 finish. Unfortunately, this eluded us as we completed the season in 7th place, missing a playoff berth.

Outside of this heartbreaking finish, there were many aspects to celebrate from season 21/22.

- Our young core established themselves as Division One players. Carter Powell cemented his position as
  the squad catcher and eventually also took the responsibility of our lead off hitter with his exceptional play.
  Jay Sanderson developed a 'power' aspect to his game and Troy Chandler cemented himself as a reliable
  closer, embracing the role and Charlie Ashcroft continued to serve as the club work-horse the critical
  piece of our pen and batting rotation.
- We introduced the next wave of talent to Division One baseball. Boyd Worden played the majority of the season in Division One, hitting his first senior home run and providing a defensive game in the outfield that had to be seen to be believed. Sebastian Heintze-Unger seized the opportunity to become the second starter in the rotation winning the 'Impact player' award and being rewarded with Adelaide Giants selection. Greg Bravo was promoted through an infield opportunity and showed a maturity and awareness in the game far beyond his age making significant contributions to the side. Ryan Przibilla displayed a tireless work ethic to earn selection late in to the season and youngsters Kason King and Will Couzner made their first D1 appearance, Couzner picking up a knock and an RBI in his first plate appearance in a D1 game.
- The squad continued to gel. They worked through tough games and competed in late innings. Most pleasingly, it was obvious that a cultural shift was evolving as players continued to take more personal responsibility and accept a responsibility to the club and each other.
- Charlie Ashcroft finished top 3 in Capps voting, leading for the majority of the Capps count, Charlie fell in the final rounds to power hitting pitchers Wilson Lee (Henley and Grange) and Jackson Brebner-Russ (Sturt) demonstrating a power in his own game with 100 innings pitched, a 3.40 era and hitting over .300 with a couple of homeruns of his own.

There were many highlights in season 21/22.

- Walk off wins are always special, but Travis Underhill's walk off Grand Slam in the bottom of the ninth inning is a memory that will stay with me. Fitting success for a legend of our club. Battling Adelaide late, Travis sealed the game with a blast into right field on our home turf in a memorable game.
- Riley Yeatman's key game late in the season against 5th placed Kensington was a pleasure to watch as he dictated terms from the mound before departing back to the U.S. for his first season of professional baseball with the San Diego Padres.

## **DIVISION 1 Mens**

- Charlie Ashcroft's dominance on both sides of the ball, again in a game against Adelaide where Charlie pitched the win and also drove the offence with a towering homerun.
- Andrew Couzner's wiffle ball tournament was an incredible club event and the perfect start to our summer.
- Finally, Craig Powell's Olympics event really brought the club together in a difficult year considering the closure of the clubhouse and the effects of the pandemic.
- I must thank many people for their tireless work this season. Thank you to my coaching staff, Kane, Craig, Wally, Paul A, Kym and Paul C. I appreciate your investment in our players and your continued passion for East Torrens.

Thank you to Damien and his board of management for the opportunity to lead and their trust, investment and support of our senior squad – particularly in such a testing season personally. Thank you to the die-hards who throw their shoulder to the wheel each year. Legends such as Andrew Couzner who make subtle contributions to a young playing group with their time and experience.

Thank you to Steve Yeatman for the exceptional Social Media that promotes our programs, Karryn Przibilla for her efforts and dedication as our senior scorer and statistician. Thank you also to our dedicated grounds crew, Dicky, Craig and Paul who ensure our lines are crisp and our field is immaculate and of course to Darren and Baz Heintze-Unger and Troy Chandler for their efforts to maintain our mound and home plate.

Thank you to our family members and friends who assisted with canteen and other duties so we can play the game we love and thank you to my family for their support of me in my role – often a testing task!

Of course, the final thank you is to our players. It is an honour to represent East Torrens Red Sox as a senior player and I know this is not lost on you. Thank you for your commitment, dedication and work ethic. Thank you for your trust and thank you for the pride you take in our club. The Division One squad sets the tone for our great club, and I am proud of every young man and woman who pulls on the East Torrens uniform.

The intention at the end of a testing season is to reflect, refocus, realign and approach the new season with determination and passion – this is exactly what I look forward to as the Head Coach at East Torrens into season 22/23. Moving towards 100 years with excitement and purpose!

Cheer Boys (And girls)!

Tony Probert





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## **DIVISION 1 Womens**

In the 2021/22 season the inaugural women's division one team began their long and difficult journey to prove their legitimacy in this competition. In the first weeks of the season the girls realised this competition was much stronger than what they had ever played against, but the East Torrens girls were ready for the challenge.

After a few hard losses in the first weeks the women showed significant improvement in all aspects of the game especially fielding and base running; by the end of the season they were unrecognisable as a team. Amber Bisset led the team with the bat hitting over .400 for the season whilst we had 4 other regular players hit over .300, including Karen Mentha and Carmen Bischoff, both of which played their first season of baseball this year. On the mound Angela Mourtzios had a 50-strikeout season through 42 innings pitched with Ella Forrester also collecting 25 k's through her 18.2 innings. The team's fielding percentage finished at .846 climbing higher and higher with each game the women played, another testament to their progression. Some outstanding individual achievements were made this year with Mia Rogers, Ella Forrester, Nikki Schiller and Angela Mourtzios all being selected to play in the Women's All-star game as well as Angela also making the open Women's state team. Mia Rogers was also selected to participate in the women's national youth baseball invitational, a fantastic achievement for one of our youngest players.

Despite finishing the season with only a lone win, the experience they have gained through these games is priceless and their growth as a baseball team has been highlighted by many including opponents, umpires and BaseballSA representatives. The determined women we have at East Torrens have taken a huge step in the right direction and they are keen to come back next season and give it their everything as they continue to represent East Torrens at the highest level of women's baseball in SA.

#### **Award Winners**

#### MVP

Angela Mourtzios- One of the youngest members of our squad who stepped up each and every week to contribute as much as she could to this team. Often our starting pitcher, she hit up the order and had our highest on base percentage at .524. Not much more to be said for the only East Torrens representative in the state team.

#### Batting

Amber Bisset- Had the second most RBI's, an average of .405 and on base percentage .463 she was a nightmare for pitchers. But the damage wasn't done once she had gotten on base Amber also stole 14 bases for us throughout the season, a fantastic effort.

#### Coaches

Ella Forrester- dedicated her season to helping those around her channel their potential, she was without a doubt the leader in the field. The communication, support and effort she gave to her teammates on gameday was unmatched.

I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to teach these women the game we love so much. It has been a pleasure to teach them but also to learn from them as we traversed through the highs and lows of our first season in division 1. Thank you to Victoria McKinlay and Jared King who have aided me so much in my growth as a coach as well as running trainings and helping with gameday duties. A special mention to Debbie Rollins for ensuring every game ran smoothly and whipping the girls in line on game day as our team manager. It has been an amazing experience to watch these girls grow and learn so much in just one short season. It has been fantastic to be a part of the women's program and I am beyond excited to see what they can do next year.

Ryan Przibilla

## **DIVISION 2 Mens**

Thank you to the Board of the East Torrens Baseball Club for again giving me the opportunity to head Division 2 side.

My foremost goal this season was to continue to develop our young playing group and increase the number of juniors pushing into our Senior squad, 2nd was to participate in finals, unfortunately we fell short by one game! Thank you for the help I received from my assistant coach Travis Underill, for the 2nd year running he has been a great help and a veteran aspect of improving our group. Thank you to Sharon Chandler for scoring every week and Karryn Pzribilla for running game changer.

Also thanks to Paul Chandler for his EO expertise and for taking over from Travis when his Division 1 duties kicked in.

Division 2 is an interesting grade to control. One week you're blessed with players with a hot form the next week they're playing Division 1. Never the less it is still satisfying handing them over.

For the 22 game season we finished with a record of 13 wins, 8 losses and a draw. The team's batting average was .328 with Zac Stroud leading the group with a .516 average. Jaryd Hardman amassed 29 runs driven in, smashing 3 home runs. On the bases Greg Bravo swiped 16 bags, scoring 25 runs.

Stroud topped the bullpen with 31 innings of work with an ERA of 4.935, all up we used 9 different pitchers, including 15 year old Connor Yeatman who became our regular closer.

Brad Przibilla held down our catchers role, spending all but 11 innings behind the dish. An outstanding effort, only being substituted by another 15 year old in Kason King.

Throughout the year were used 5 under 17's. Will Couzner and Greg Bravo being regular starters, playing 20, 16 games respectively, with Greg pushing into Division 1 for some well deserved starts.

Our award winners this year were:

MVP - Jaryd Hardman (also Division 2 Caps Medalist winner)

**Batting** – Zac Stroud with his .516 average.

Future Player Award - Greg Bravo

All up we had another positive year in the Division 2, this year getting the opportunity with quality players coming through to be able to promote from Division 3 like for like without having to shuffle too much around, which is ideally how a top end club should run.

Craig Powell

## **DIVISION 2 Womens**

It was fantastic to be involved in the first year of East Torrens hosting a Women's team in Division 1 for the first time in the clubs history. I would like to congratulate Victoria McKinlay for her endeavour and passion towards not only the East Torrens Baseball Club but for Women's Baseball. She is the driving force behind the success and inauguration of having a Division 1 Women's Team as well as fielding Division 2 and 3. One of only a few clubs who could or chose to do so.

I was fortunate enough to coach the Division 2 women's team. Being a teacher by trade my goal was all about understanding and learning the game. A number of players had minimal experience so we were starting from a low level of skill and game sense. I wanted to enable all players to experience most positions – taking many out of their comfort zones therefore developing some great allround knowledge of the game.

The girls should be super proud of the season. Our motto was CTB (Catch The Ball), FTB (Field), TTB (Throw), HTB (Hit) keeping a very complex game as simple as possible. We channelled most of our energies to hitting. And wow the girls showed they could hit. As the season went on the girls worked out that the harder we can hit the ball the more success we can have. They learnt to pre-empt where the ball may be hit or where the play needs to be made and if the play can't be made then restrict the runner from getting to the next base.

All 3 teams were impacted by Covid, with Division 2 girls playing both division 1 and 3. Thankyou to those players who were flexible and able to change at short notice. We had 23 players play Division 2 this season. Player commendations go to Ash Ng for being a rock behind the plate and getting her opportunity in Div 1, Shona for being consistent all year, Sune for battling it out and always being a positive role model, Izzy for hitting the ball hard, Xin for being willing to play anywhere, Kayla, Michaela and Kaitlyn for pitching and the latter part of the season, Bridget for improving out of sight, Bonnie for bringing the funk, Ashlee and Amelai for their improvement, Carmen for spending little time in Div 2 before being promoted and Liz W for being the ever loved mother duck. As well as any other girls that played or filled in.

Although we didn't win many games we improved each week. Continual improvement, game sense and development will see confidence grow. Confidence leads to improvement. Improvement leads to Success. Success is the ultimate goal. The competition will only continue to improve we need to improve with it.

MVP - Shona McConville

Batting - Isabelle King

Coaches - Ashley Ng

Finally, I would like to thank

- Victoria Ladysox Legend
- Ryan for taking over the coaching role of Division 1
- Scorers Mainly Marnie, a bit of Gail and any one else who stepped in
- Assistant coaches Riley, Kason, Connor, Lindsay and Chappy
- The coaches who took over while I was in Iso
- Emily and Maddy

I look forward to my future involvement and what the next year and beyond brings. Watch out for the Ladysox.

Jared King





## **DIVISION 3 Mens**

Our Division 3 team started the season with four first year U/17 players making their senior debut (Connor Yeatman, Will Couzner, Kason King and Aiden Lucas) while our mature aged recruit (Jake Biggins) also played his first ever baseball game. The youngsters quickly showed off their talent and combining with some older heads we were able to match it with the top teams early where we set a goal to make the finals. Leading up to the last game before the Christmas break we were sitting second with losses only to top team Souths and last year's premiers West Torrens with a win streak of 6 games.

After the break we continued to play very good baseball but had close loses to other finals teams, 2-4 Goodwood, 2 all draw Woodville, 4-5 West Torrens and 3-8 Souths saw us drop out of the 6 with three games to go.

The situation came down to the last game of the season against Henley and Grange that if we won we made the finals. A 6 run comeback in the last innings to win 8-7 saw us clinching 6th position. Coming up against the top team South, who won it, in the first final we battled hard and were in the game at 5 all half way through the game but a few costly errors and mental mistakes took its toll and we went down. Overall, starting the season with four 14 year olds who played all season and even gained opportunities in Division 2, to make the finals was a great achievement. Kacee Heidt who battled through with a knee issue and Glen Castellano were great on the mound throwing the majority of the innings while Kason King caught all but 2 games for the season.

Thank you to other junior players who helped out on the bench or when short throughout the season - Angela Mourtzios, Ryan Stradling, Damon Ashworth, Zac Francis.

Starting Line up for Final - P - Kacee Heidt, C - Kason King, 1st - Aiden Lucas, 2nd - Jordan Ashworth, 3rd - Glen Castellano, SS - Connor Yeatman, LF - Jake Biggins, CF - Braeden Ashworth, RF - Horrace Ip, DH - Lindsay Barbary

Thank you to the Senior Coaching group of Tony Probert, Kane Galloway, Craig Powell, Warwick Marks and Kym Ashworth 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.

Special thanks to my scorers Kirra King, Marnie Yeatman, Katherine Ashworth and and also Paul Chandler who coached when I was unavailable due to work.

#### **Award Winners**

#### MVP - Kason King

An absolute pleasure to coach who was always concentrating and in the game - caught all but 2 games - batting average .362. He was starting to show some power in his swing at the end of the season so I look forward to watching his baseball career in the future. Not bad for someone who was still 14 at the end of the season.

#### Batting Award - Aiden Lucas

Aiden hitting improved during the season to be our most consistent hitter overall finishing with an average of .404, a team high 20 RBIs and 19 runs scored.

#### Coaches Award - Connor Yeatman

Has a baseball IQ well above his age and this shone through in tight games and especially the final. Was always concentrating and took the leading role for the infielders and held the shortstop and lead off position all year.

Paul Ashworth

## **DIVISION 3 Womens**

Our division 3 team is one of the most fun teams to play with. We don't take ourselves too seriously and are a great team for women new to the game to learn and for those that want to play socially and have a drink or two afterwards.

This year was my first head coach appointment and I thank everyone of the girls for their support as I learnt not only to coach but to be a playing coach. I didn't always get things right and often wished I had done things differently but it was a great learning opportunity and I look forward to continuing to grow my coaching skills.

We had 6 players that were new to the game this year join our team along with 6 returning players from last season and a number of division 2 girls filled in for us when we needed it. Our first W for the season came in round 14 where we defeated Adelaide 18-8 with some great pitching from Pip Spence and relief pitcher Xin Wang, and almost everyone getting a hit, getting on base and crossing the plate. We had a lot of players try new positions with Pip Spence, Imogen Gray, Liz McKinlay, Denise Mourtzios & Debbie Rollins all making their pitching debuts. Liz McKinlay, Imogen Gray, Denise Mourtzios &Pip Spence giving catching a go and a lot of others trying infield or outfield positions for the first time. I am very proud of this team for their positivity and support of each other especially when trying something for the first time.

I would like to thank Chicken (Angela Mourtzios) & Damp; Bambi (Mia Rogers) for stepping in and helping match day coach while I was off my feet for a while. Ryan Przibilla & Jared King for running trainings. A huge thank you to our scorer Louis Mourtzios, it couldn't have been easy deciding whether to give your wife an error or not. And of course to everyone else who helps out around the club in any capacity.

#### MVP: Pip Spence

Our starting pitcher, brand new to the game, kept us competitive in most of our games. Handy with the bat as well and always willing to give anything a go and always with a smile on her face.

#### Batting: Denise Mourtzios

The consistent contact hitter to move the runners around, 12 safe hits, almost went the whole season without a strikeout, it was only in the last couple of games and she ended the season on only 2 strikeouts. An absolute thief on the bases with no less than 28 stolen bases.

#### Coaches: Liz McKinlay

Probably our most competitive and aggressive player on the field but all smiles and giggles off the field. This player put their hand up and said "I'll give catching a go" and has developed into a very strong division 3 catcher. Her overall game has improved out of sight from last year and her very loud encouragement from the bench keeps spirits high in the toughest of games. A great support and encouraging teammate always willing to try new things and help out around the club.

Victoria McKinlay

Division Four finished the season with an 8-1-10 record, good for a regular season finish in fourth place.

It wasn't a season with much to write about, which is reflected in the sub .500 record. The season was shaping up to be frustrating from the outset, with only six teams in the division out of the association's fourteen clubs, with the weakened division resulting in a significantly lopsided draw which often saw us facing the same opposition multiple weeks in a row - for example, facing the eventual premiers Glenelg in 3 of the first 5 weeks, and only seeing other mid table opposition in Golden Grove twice in the season.

The time slot and ground scheduling was also incredibly unfavourable, with a 4.30PM start time for a two hour timed game driving a rift in between players and family support, while the clashing schedule with Div 1,2,3 also felt like being further cut adrift both from the club from a social perspective and the league in terms of a lack of qualified officials. Furthermore, the draconian permit rules continued to thwart our ability to have a playing nine on the field in the event of injury and other work, family or social commitments.

All in all, this resulted in a particularly unsatisfying season, though there were some silver linings.

The later time slot, though unsavoury, was beneficial in bringing back the Smith family to the side, where Josh was able to return in a playing capacity; Carolyn returning behind the score bench and Dickie back in his familiar base coaching and 'motivation' role.

There is often a singular point which stands out in a season - and ours is a show of grit and determination in the face of frustration - a huge come from behind 10-10 draw with Souths which saw a Ben Copping grand Slam and a Steven Braggs home run snatch a point and coming back from arguably our lowest point in the season.

Our Season MVP was Todd Symons, who ran away with the club votes after an exemplary 'lead from the front' season both on the mound and with the bat. The Hitting trophy was won by Dave Taylor, who rode an 11 game hitting streak after a rough start to finish up with .382 average. This average was just enough to pip Dwayne Cummins, who was awarded the Production trophy for an overall XBH and RBI performance.

Our fourth place finish saw us face up against Golden Grove in the first round of finals, and in a game that is the epitome of a frustrating season, saw an extra innings defeat after squandering 3 leads over the day.

We'd like to thank the volunteers, family, and friends who stuck with us through a tough season, and can only hope that there are brighter horizons ahead.



Welcome to the Div5 21/22 season review. The year that could have been.

As normal, preseason commenced the week of the first game and saw all the usual characters from last year except the energetic Tony Probert. Unfortunately due to game time changes Probes was unable to be in two places at once and Knackers had to leave most games half way through to assist.

With preseason done and dusted it was time to kick off the regular season with the Grand Final Replay against arch rival (Dave) Glenelg. What a start to the season! First innings we scored 7 runs without an out. Not bad for little to no batting practice. The hitting display continued for the entire game, running out winners 19-7. Kane started well on the mound before I took over the last few innings shutting them down. It was a fantastic game of baseball and I was so proud of the boys to put on a display like that and to have my Dad there to watch made it even more special as it was his last game of baseball he saw. Over my 35+ years of playing he hardly missed a game and never missed an opportunity to pass on his words of wisdom to me. He will always be a legend to me. Thank you for everything Dad.

The rest of the regular season was a mixed bag. We won a few, we lost a few and even drew a couple. One draw ended 0-0. That's a pretty dismal day out in the ballpark. Our main problem through the year was getting enough players on the diamond. With Kane departing half way through games, a few long term injuries and Covid it wasn't going to be easy. We also lost Dazza and Couz for most of the season as they were watching their sons excel and move up the grades (congrats Will and Kason) so it was hard for them to be in two places at once. Fortunately we had a few boys that filled in during the year. Thank you to Ted, Ryan, Dion, Makensie, Broderick, Dave, Dylan, Ralph, Leon and a special guest appearance from Bryce Sturman. A big thank you goes to Damon Ashworth who played or sat on the bench nearly all year.

The race to the finals was a close one with us, Souths and Adelaide all vying for the last spot in the finals. We needed to win the last two games against Sturt and Adelaide to secure fourth. Against Sturt we had them at 5-2, with great pitching performances from Chipper and Norsy, before a couple of tunnel ball fielding mishaps let Sturt back in at 5-5. A draw would see us out of finals. Up steps Half Calf Giraffe (Col) to lead us off in the last. Hits a doubler down the line. I bunt him over to third. Stu steps up to the plate and hits a walk off home run. We win 7-5. Thanks for coming!

Next was Adelaide at Chalky White Field. Kane started on the mound and stayed there the entire game pitching a beauty. After a slow start, the bats finally woke up and in the third dig we scored 7 runs. It didn't stop there with the ball hitting the monster fence repeatedly and Knackers finally sending one over with the final mercy winning score 13-2. We're off to the finals!

First final was against Sturt down at their ground. Unfortunately it would be our only final. Kane was on the mound all day and pitched a great game but was unlucky with a lot of Sturts hits either finding a small gap or just falling in. It turned out to be just one of those days that nothing went our way. We couldn't buy a hit to save ourselves. Early in the game Chip dove for a ball, just popped out of his glove on landing, only to badly injure his shoulder. With no-one on the bench (Ash –covid) and in true Chipper style he played on even knowing he couldn't swing the bat. That's the day we had. We finally went down 6-2 in a year that could have been.

On reflection of the season, there was a lot of potential at the start, but as the season progressed and fewer regular players hit the diamond it made things difficult. Saying that, everyone dug deep throughout the year and we made finals which gave us the chance and belief of winning a championship. Unfortunately not to be! Undoubtedly things will be a little different next year.

Congratulations to Kane Galloway for taking out this year's Best & Fairest with another outstanding year on the mound and in the batter's box. Hitting wise this year was a little below par but still pretty good with 5 guys hitting 500+ and 3 hitting 400+. Again the righties took out the home run comp easily. As usual, I didn't contribute at all. Came close maybe twice.

Colin Stovell took out the Batting Award with a 543 average which included 31 hits, 2 HR's, 3 walks and only 1 strikeout. Col had a great year with the bat consistently coming up with crucial hits, even after injuring his throwing shoulder via falling off a pergola (could only under arm it from left field), he still played and batted beautifully. Congrats Col.

Congratulations to Stuart Millar who placed 5 th in the Medal Count. Stu continued his form from last year and had a great season. Stu played numerous positions (where we needed him) but also had quite a few outstanding performances on the mound which helped us with many wins. Stu's batting prowess is why he has taken out 'The King of Swing' award. Stu had a batting average of 403 with 23 hits, which included the most HR's (5) and by far the most strikeouts (13). Good work Stu.

Great work from the roster- Kane, Calvin, Colin, Stuart, Glen, Damien, Kym, Anthony, Andrew, Jared and Darian.

I'd like to thank all the numerous scorers that helped out during the season. Much appreciated. To all the guys that filled in and anyone else that helped out Div5, cheers. A big shout out to all the supporters that followed us around this year. Wouldn't be the same without you and won't be the same without you Dad.

To the ET ground staff on another sensational year on the diamond and to the Redsox family, thank you.

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The season probably didn't start as well as we would have liked when our end of season/pre-season trip to Cape Jervis ended up with at least 2 cars bogged and one going for a swim in the dam. But we recovered and finished minor round 2nd with 13.5 wins.

And then unfortunately went out in straight sets playing a "home" game away Highlights for the season included smashing the eventual premiers 15-0 at Glenelg late in the season. We lead the division with most runs scored, and, probably, with help from Div 7, had the bar takings at record levels.

Lowlights include losing the last three including the Prelim v Henley when we lost 8-3, after giving up 7 in one dig - which included 5 errors, noting the previous 4 games we had a total of 5 errors.

Thanks for the memories: this year we have had some retirements: Mid-season retirements by both Chops and Mitch - thanks to those blokes for their efforts. And at the end of the season Copey announced he was retiring from div 6. We thank him for his positivity and genuine friendliness - will be a loss.

#### A few stats:

- 217 runs for, 109 against
- 251 Hits
- 53 Ks
- 94 stolen bases
- The K King was Adam Books with 9
- The SB Thief was Anton with 27

#### Awards:

#### Best Team Man - Darren Robinson

He was always at training, always helped with umpiring, and vocal on the bench. Always serious about baseball and getting the best out of himself and others. This year he also played in his 600th game for the club. Batted 396 for the season and led the team by a long way with 26 walks - discipline in the box. Also played third base really well and pitched in 6 games with 62% strikes.

#### Coaches Award - Andy Eime

Had a really improved output with the bat this year ending with 471 batting average. However, his move to left field saw him get a lot of balls that many wouldn't have and in general was outstanding. Also was always ready to help out with the canteen/umpiring. And lastly helped the club running the T-Ball last season.

#### MVP - Dylan Rollins

When you are the coach and your partner is the scorer you're always gonna be in the votes. But he did lead the team in batting average with 500 - resulting in the internal win for the Chaplins Trophy. Also pitched in 12 games with just under 600 pitches at a strike rate of 60%, racking up 22 Ks from the mound as well with a pretty low ERA. Also was pretty selfless in his rotations and game times as coach. There is one thing he cannot do and that's play right field - refer to the Prelim final error parade. However, Dylan Rollins is this year's Div 6 MVP for 2021 2022

## **DIVISION 7**

Season 2021/2022 was changing of the guard for Beer League. First, we had a leadership change with last year's coordinator Blake Armstrong stepping away to concentrate on family and business opportunities. We also lost over 1,000 games of experience with the veteran's John Lamb, Blake Armstrong, David Francis, Mark Innes, Adam Stroud, Andrew Douglass and Greg McCall. We also saw Broderick Dunn move to the Division 4 team. Furthermore, last season's ace Andrew Bell only played 3 games for the season.

The departures from Division 7 Beer League left a gaping hole with Michael Shillaber, Matt Williams, Nathan Pippett, Blake Kirkman and Ben Anderson continuing for another season. Division 7 Beer League went on a recruitment drive by welcoming several new plays. We welcomed Noah Rogers, Tony Rogers, and David Strugnell returning from the wilderness. We further welcomed Steven Pryor and Anthony Delloso, who had never played baseball before. Mid-season, we welcomed Joe Szegedi, Declan Overton, Ferhat Aksoy, and assistance from Division 6, Division 8 and the lady Sox. Division 7 Beer League used 25 players throughout the season, including the finals.

Division 7 Beer League had a winning season record of 15-4-1. We finished the season 3rd with only percentage separating us from second-place Angels. The season highlights included 4 walk-off victories from the bat of Tony Rogers, Steve Pryor, Ben Anderson and Noah Rogers.

Division 7 Beer League had 5 players batting over .500, with Nathan Pippett being our leading hitter with .615 but did not play enough to qualify for the Batting Award. Blake Kirkman led the batting average with .580, followed by Michael Shillabeer and Matt Williams with .574 and Noah Rogers with .553. Overall, we had a team batting average of .456, a team on-base percentage of .550, 239 team hits and 5 home runs (Blake Kirkman 3, Noah Rogers and Nathan Pippett)

The bulk of Division 7 Beer League pitching was done by Michael Shillabeer (49 innings) and Noah Rogers (20.1 innings). We had one of the best offensive teams in the competition with 235 runs scored, but our defense was the opposite, with the opposition scoring 187 runs.

Being the 3rd seed, Division commenced the final series playing Woodville, where we lost 9-17. Fortunately, results went our way, being the lucky loser, where Division 7 Beer League had a second-round match up with competition leader Sturt. We lost this game 7-13, where we fought bravely with an undermanned team. Division 7 Beer League was heavily affected by COVID over the final's series, with key players missing either finals game.

Division 7 Beer League awards:

MVP: Michael Shillabeer-Batting: .574 BA, 22 RBIs, 31 hits; Pitching: 8-1; 35k, 11.86 ERA, 3.388 WHIP.

Batting: Matt Williams- .574 BA, 629 OBP, 35 hits, 20 RBIs, 31 SBs.

Best team: David Strugnell

Michael Shillabeer & Matt Williams Division 7 Beer League coordinators

## **DIVISION 8**

It was a new division and a new era for Div 8. We were one of two division 7 teams last season, but the league did not want two teams in one division so down we went. We also had to find a new Manager and starting pitcher.

After an extensive recruiting drive and many hours going over resumes, we settled on a one-year contract with Kat Cicchiello as Manager. Kat did a fantastic job all season especially seeing that she had three young sons playing and played herself, so it was a huge commitment. Our starting pitcher ended up being Amando and again our decision ended up being the right one. Amando not only did a fantastic job on the mound but was our lead-off batter most games and ended up winning the League's Div 8 MVP. Congratulations Amando and well deserved.

We had a couple of new players this season in Paul Zilme and Leo Angelakis. Unfortunately, Paul is called out to work at all hours and missed a number of games because of it but was a valuable contributor when available. Leo left the team mid-way through the season due to work commitments as well. Player availability hit us hard again this season due to work commitments and covid, so we very rarely had the same team on the field twice. I would like to thank all our other players, Pumpkin, Conor, Fuad, Barney, Chicko, JP, Boydy, Payne, Razz, Scotty and Stef who all did a great job and hopefully enjoyed the season. I was only available every second week, so Klemmy took the reins when I was not there. Clearly being at every game is an advantage as we both coached ten games each. Steve's record was 9 wins and 1 loss, mine was 5 wins and 5 losses. Thanks Steve for all your help and your commitment to the team.

We finished the season with 14 wins and 6 losses and ended up in 5th spot and played the Indians at Goodwood in the finals. Busshell started for Goodwood and although he is 53 years old, he still throws bullets, and we just couldn't hit him. It was only when they changed pitchers that we got into the game, but it was too little too late and we lost 11-6. Our MVP was an easy choice in Amando. As mentioned earlier, he stood out easily as our best and most consistent player all season. Klemmy and I could not split our best Team Player award, so we had joint winners in Andrew Gniel and Darren Unger. Both these guys did whatever we asked of them and always put their hand up for any job we needed doing. Thanks guys. I can't tell you who won our batting award as our score book has gone walkabout but all batted well.

Thanks to Kat and John for putting on a barbeque for the end of the season at their house. It was a fantastic night that we all enjoyed. Thanks also to our scorers, my beautiful wife Trish and Genna who filled in when Trish was not available. Darren Unger will be taking over as coach next year and I would like to thank him for doing so and wish him all the best. You can't go past Darren for knowledge of the game and experience.

Coach Bob



## **UNDER 19 - BIG LEAGUE**

It was very satisfying news that Baseball SA reintroduced the U19 (Big League) Competition to full time status in season 2021/22.

Although only 4 clubs participated – it will only grow in seasons to come. There needed to be a further age group to continue the pathway to senior baseball, as with how the age matrix works those athletes coming out of U17's (Senior League) are only 16 years of age – and unless they believed they could command a permanent position in the clubs top 3 senior teams they could very easily be lost to the sport.

Hence, only 4 clubs were only able to field teams this season.

East Torrens was in a difficult position of only having 5 genuine U19 age eligible players (not including the 3 players who were going to participate in our Senior Div 1 & 2 teams) and not quite enough genuine U17 age eligible players for 2 teams so it was decided to ask the U17 team of last season to again play together – of which enough said yes meaning we could field one team in each grade.

Thanks to those who decided to play U19's – and I and the club certainly respected the decision of those who decided to play in their age genuine team.

Then the terrific news that East Torrens were admitted to the Senior Women's Div 1 Competition threw us a curve ball as one of our Player's Angela would only be available for  $\frac{1}{2}$  a game most weeks as they also played Sunday's – Welcome Brad Przibilla who put his hand up to be a regular member of our Big League Team after participating in our Senior Div 2 Team on Saturdays.

This then gave us 10 regulars – however it was still a juggle most weeks due to Work, COVID, injury and illness, meaning most weeks we needed the assistance of 1 Senior League player to give us 9 players – a big thankyou to those Senior League players and parents who made this happen, plus Mia Rogers who participated in 2 games for us late in the season.

It's been a pleasure to again be associated with this group of young athletes during this season. Baseball is the Game of Life – you only get out of it what you put into it, and it has a habit of continuing throwing you curveballs – and this group has certainly been through the highs and lows the past 2 years.

We ended last season celebrating the life of our teammate Reeco, and each time we pulled on the uniform, we all remembered Reeco in our own special way. Our love and thoughts remain with Queenie and his family. #RIP77 #ETFAMILY.

While we only won the one game this season – it was only 1 or 2 innings each game we played that proved our down full – our inability to catch and throw the ball behind our pitchers was the major reason we let games slip. Knowing what to do with the ball, before the next pitch, was mine and Rhys's continued message to the team – and to their credit, when it could have been very easy to walk away a number of times during our season, they stuck together, continued to come the training and were finally rewarded for their continued effort which was never questioned.

Our 2 finals games proved they could compete with the rest of the competition. They are a special group, and a credit to their families.

## **UNDER 19 - BIG LEAGUE**

I feel our club is well positioned to compete well at this level for a number of years and a lot of credit must go to Craig Powell, Paul Ashworth and Andrew Couzner in their roles of Junior Coordinator over the past 4 to 5 year, plus the group of coaches they have assembled in the past 4 to 5 years that has made the East Torrens Baseball Club a junior club of choice amongst Baseball SA.

Our Congratulations to all Senior and Junior Teams who represented East Torrens this season, those who made finals and the undefeated Junior League Champions.

Before I introduce our team, the thank you's.

To Craig Powell and the Club Grounds Committee for preparing the best diamond in SA.

Darian King for our equipment.

The various people who assisted in the Canteen.

All our Club Executive and Committee members for the tireless job they do in running a successful volunteer sporting club. We are the GOOD SPORTS CLUB of the YEAR.

Andrew Couzner and the Executive Committee for their support and allowing me the privilege of coaching young athletes.

Louis, Jodie, Kathrine and Karryn for scoring week in and week out and being able to read my handwriting and all the changes made during the games.

Graham Newbound for ice and cordial and the great support from our Parents, Grand Parents, Brothers, Sisters, and family friends who attended our games each week.

My wife Sharon – I can't do this without your full support.

Rhys Forrester – who came on board as my assistant coach - many thanks for your enthusiasm and continued support.

Jeff Kevan and Kym Ashworth for Monday evening trainings and supporting our numbers each week to ensure we never played under manned, and Paul Ashworth for popping up and assisting whenever he could.

Last but by no way least - In no particular order here are the young athletes who represented East Torrens at Big League Level during season 2021/2022;

Jordan Ashworth, Ted (Ringo) Casson, Jay Carson, Koen Forrester, Zac Francis, Ryan Hobart, Will Kennedy, Angela Mourtzios, Cooper Newbound, and Brad Prizibilla.

In addition, those who lent a hand during the season;

Damon Ashworth, Greg Bravo, Will Couzner, Seb Heintze-Unger, Liam Hurst, Kason King, Mia Rogers, Ryan Strading, Luke Volbregt and Connor Yeatman (who charged me Lunch!)

Our Team Awards:

MVP – Ted "Ringo" Casson – a terrific Season, loves the game and his teammates.

Batting – Brad Prizabila – a terrific leader.

Coaches Most Improved Award – Will Kennedy – reward for your continued hard work.

Congratulations to Angela Mourtzios who has been selected in the Senior State Women's Team. Hope to see you all on the Diamond next season.

Paul Chandler #FTFAMII Y

"The only player you should try to be better than, is the player that you were yesterday."

## **UNDER 17 - SENIOR LEAGUE**

Another season comes to an end, unfortunately not with the result we would have preferred.

Finishing the season at the top of the ladder we just fell short in the Grand Final when our best effort on the day couldn't match Adelaide's. With our final games tally of 17w-4l-1draw we managed to stay at the top of the ladder by the barest of margins due to the draw against Adelaide in the last minor round game. Nevertheless the season was successful given we got all the way to the final game of the year.

As a group the team were a pleasure to coach and even though some of them had a considerable workload playing Seniors they were all still standing at the end.

Special mention goes to our award winners,

Will Couzner.....MVP

Aiden Lucas.....Batting

Ryan Stradling......Coaches Award

They were all deserving of the respective honours and we wish them all the best in the future. That applies to all 11 of the boys of course. In fact to be fair any of the team could have won the Coaches Award because every one of them did enough to be in the running for it. But Ryan got banged around and wore the bruises without complaining and just kept hanging in there, which saw him recognised in the end.

Thanks to Kym Ashworth, James Stradling and Braeden Ashworth for their help coaching the team. Great work from you all, special thanks to Kym who organised and ran most of the practice sessions. Thanks to Jeff Hearst who helped out with BP on Wednesdays. And to Andrew Couzner for coaching in the last minor round game, when Kym and I were out because of Covid. And of course to our scorers, Marnie Yeatman, Kirra King and Carmen Bischoff, a job well done ladies, thank you.

The Coaches



## **UNDER 15 - JUNIOR LEAGUE**

It was no secret as we started preseason training that there was a huge desire to settle for nothing less than a premiership. We set our goal on exactly this and planned to fulfill this goal in two ways.

Firstly, ensuring that all 10 boys developed to their full potential and secondly by playing a very aggressive style of baseball. With a team batting average of .318 and OBP .489 it would seem clear that it was a real team effort. Special mention to Haru .579, Owen .412, Samuel .339, Joshua .321 and Ty .300 all batting above .300

Our aggression was very clear with a total of 242 stolen bases (Joshua with 43). We had a total of 161 hits (Haru with 33). Our pitchers averaged less than 4 pitches per batter with 175 Ks (Haru with 76) from 495 batters.

All these stats resulted in a 20-win season finishing in a premiership. Runs 238-44, Stolen Bases 242-62, Hits 161-59.

League MVP Haru 31 Votes (winner) Theoh 16, Joshua 14

Team MVP Haru Riley

Most consistent Joshua Paton

Most Improved James Cross

Thanks

David Paton Boyd Worden



## **UNDER 14 - INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE**

Well, that was the most fun and at the same time the most challenging thing I have done for some time in baseball. Talk about the ups and downs of sport, the highs, and the lows, I think there was a little bit of everything this season for the Under 14 Intermediate team. We started with 6 regular players, Jack Lukomski, Lukas Spencer, Kasey Reid, Lucas Norsworthy, Matt Cicchiello and Liam Davis and then bolstered by Harlan King (U13), Owen Couzner (U15) and James Cross (U15). We also had a lot of support throughout the season from other players, giving more game time to juniors which is always beneficial. Thank you to everyone who played a game or two.

There was a clear intent from the start and that was to enjoy the game and along the way hope we could learn the game (which let's be honest is a complex game at times, with lots of rules and things to remember) and continue to develop the fundamental skills to be more consistently successful. In trying to take the pressure off, we saw some amazing individual efforts and team play, with a clear need at times to look after the baseball on defence and be a tad more aggressive in the batter box (keeping our eye on the ball is key).

With some new players to the sport, it was great to see the first catch, hit or effort behind the dish (nothing like a left-handed catcher...nice work Liam). We also saw significant improvements in batting and fielding, and general game awareness from those returning. We always learn no matter how long we have been playing and hope this positive view to developing continues.

We tried to play baseball the right way and that really started to show throughout the season and whilst the wins were not always there it was great to continue to see the efforts every Sunday (albeit very late on a Sunday). If we look at the low, the coldest day I think I have ever experienced, with one player close to hypothermia at Goodwood, to the high of the last game of the season, back at that very same spot to compete against an undefeated team, who had done it easy all year. A tight battle all the way, led by the first year coach and first game as head coach (yet to lose a game) Kimbo, to come oh so close was super exciting and I hope a great way to end the season and get everyone ready for another go in 2022/23.

Big thank you to Darian King, a very knowledgeable junior coach (as charter baseball is very different these days to what I remember) but good times and I learnt a lot. Kim for agreeing to join us as an assistant coach, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did but thank you for your support (I hope you didn't end up getting addicted to Tic Tacs). And Kason King and Andrew Couzner for your specialist assistance coach roles from time to time, always valuable to be able to talk baseball and strategy.

To Vicki Williams for scoring all season (except for one game), and Kirra King for picking up the best game of all time at the end.

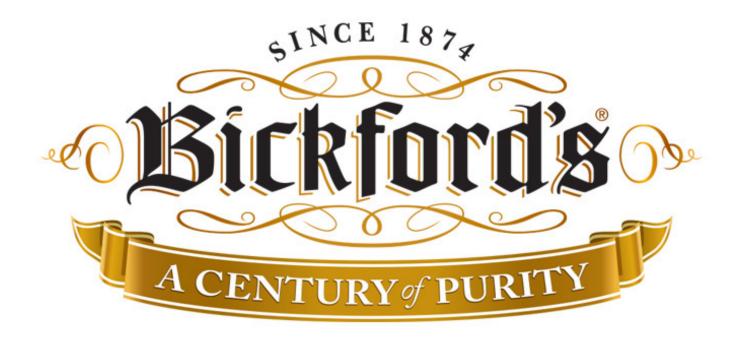
Karen Cross for the newsletter, sorry I was very slow in responding, Katherine Cicchiello for all your help and all the families for getting the players to practice and games, I really hope you enjoyed the season. Thank you also to David Paton and the Under 15 team for supporting the players at training during the week to work and develop with your team.

Congratulations to Owen Couzner who was awarded our Most Valuable Player. Owen was right up there in League votes as well (2nd), and won our clubs the Max Trengrove batting award for his efforts with the bat in Under 14's. Lucas Norsworthy and Jack Spencer were awarded the Coaches Trophy, both significantly improving this season, both hitting near .300 and truly giving it ago. Jack, your dive will live on in history (and on video) for a very long time.

In closing, baseball is a great sport for learning so much about ourselves, it's a great game and I hope everyone continues to enjoy the sport as much as I do for many more years.

See you all next season.

Damien Norsworthy





# **UNDER 13/1 - LITTLE LEAGUE**

With a healthy mix of first and second year players these 10 kids represented ET in the U13 Division 1 Little League team.

Lucas Forrester, Thomas Cicchiello, Sebastian Bravo, Tyson Soraghan Harlan King, Burak Aksoy, Hudson Thomas, Samuel Norsworthy Xavier Bischoff, Lachey Bennett Namocatcat

We had a successful year with the team finishing the regular season in a well-deserved 4 th position with 11 wins and 4 losses, this allowed us to play finals which was a great achievement. We went into the first week of finals facing a strong Adelaide team at their home ground. Like all finals this was going to be a big challenge. The kids put their nerves aside to play some outstanding baseball and managed to walk away with a 4-3 win.

On to the Preliminary finals and we had the trek down to Souths. The kids put up a good fight but it just wasn't meant to be and we went down 0-6. Souths to their credit were just too good and they ended up going through to win the championship.

I could write for days about the good moments we had throughout the season but for those who have watched the majority of our season will agree, that the kids defence would have to be the number one thing that has been a highlight all year. Diving catches, pitcher covers, double plays to just fielding routine ground balls was a highlight every week.

Seb, Tyson & Xavier. Congratulations on your awards, thoroughly deserved.

To our charter players, well done and enjoy the experience.

I was lucky enough to have Damien Norsworthy as my assistant coach. Good times, Thank you.

Carmen Bischoff. Thank you for scoring and helping where you can, it is much appreciated.

Grounds staff, Committee and everyone that helped along the way, thank you for your time and commitment.

From early on in preseason we set some pretty high standards in regards to how we go about our baseball and to the kids credit they maintained these standards throughout the season. It was a pleasure working with and watching these kids develop and grow into confident baseballers. I can't wait to see where their baseball journey takes them.

Darian King

# **UNDER 13/2 - LITTLE LEAGUE**

With a week to go before the start of the 2021/22 season we still did not have a coach for this team and not wanting to waste the good work done by Jordan Ashworth and Ted Casson the previous year with many of these players I took it on myself.

We only had six Little League (U/13) aged players and with the help of some U/11s we filled teams the first few weeks. With no new late comers and losing Finn Longley who moved to America before Christmas it was decided to move Lachey Bennett-Namacatcat up to the 13-1 team and several U/11s to the 13-2s.

Due to the disruptions in changing directions with the teams and the Xmas break we were a bit up and down with our learning and consistency. However after the Christmas break the players showed a new desire to learn which resulted in our baseball knowledge and playing ability improving out of sight.

We ended the season with 8 wins, 8 Losses and a draw. With our team consisting of 4 first year U/13 players and 7 U/11 players it was a great effort from the team to compete against the older players and we were beating team final teams at the end of the season.

A very big special thank you to Laura for scoring every game along with my assistant coaches Rod Diaz and Stef Gratton. Thanks to Andrew Couzner, John Cicchiello and Tony Delloso who helped out with coaching when any of us were unavailable. Also a massive thankyou to all the parents who helped out with anything that needed doing.

Team - Mateo Diaz, Mahaan Akula, Scott Anderson, Lincoln Page, Marcus Cicchiello, Jack Delloso, Will Page, Seb Haskett, Zac Gratton, Sam Clarke, Tristan Bartlett

**Award Winners** 

MVP - Mahaan Akula

**Batting Award - Will Page** 

#### Coaches Award - Marcus Cicchiello

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this team. There is a lot of potential amongst this group and I hope they all return for the 2022/23 season.

Paul Ashworth

## **UNDER 11 - MINOR LEAGUE**

Congratulations to all participants in the Under 11 team for season 21/22.

The team for season 21/22 was

Aaron "Azza" Davis
Hamish "Hammer" Lee
Brodie "Brodster" Reid
Joshua "Billy" Bell
Flynn "Fishlips" Dienelt
Seb "Twinkle Toes" Grieger
Tarik "T-Rex" Overton
Teo "Grasshopper" Lacroix
Nivedh "Cupcake" Sasikumar
Declan "Donut" Dunne
Brodie "Shiek" Tozer
Kaan "Carnage" Askoy

Coach Anthony "Bubba" Dienelt





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#### **UNDER 9 - PEE WEE**

It was a honour to be asked to coach our Pee Wee side this year, After Anthony Dienelt went and took over the Under 11s job. We had a vast group who had played before and some that had played for the first.

Our team was all about learning new skills at training but also about having fun and that's what all the kids did. We also liked to have a bit of fun at the end of trainings (whiffle ball, dodgeball etc). The best part of the season was seeing the improvement of the team, especially in the fielding department and how many outs we were able to make in games towards the end of the season.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who assisted me with either coaching, watching the bench, helping set up for Home games. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching the team this season.





## **SENIOR GAMES MILESTONES**

50 Games

Brad Przibilla

Broderik Dunn

Fuad Nehme

Jack Williams

John Paturis

Sebastian Heintze-Unger

100 Games

Anton Couch

Boyd Worden

Carter Powell

Dwayne Cummins

Michael Shillabeer

Riley Yeatman

Zakeray Heintze-Unger

150 Games

Bob Hollands

Colin Stovell

Jarrad Laws

Stuart Millar

200 Games

Angus McKinlay

Dalton Probert

Jaryd Hardman

Troy chandler

250 Games

Charlie Ashcroft

350 Games

Ben Copping

Jay Sanderson

Kane Galloway

450 Games

Jared King

500 Games

Andrew Couzner

600 Games

Darren Robinson

750 Games

Travis Underhill

