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2022 - 2023
ANNUAL REPORT





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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	Damien Norsworthy
VICE PRESIDENT:	Steve Yeatman
SECRETARY:	Angela Probert
TREASURER:	Jarrad Laws
REGISTRATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS:	Katherine Ashworth
OPERATIONS MANAGER:	Paul Ashworth
STRATEGY & PLANNING:	David Chapman
DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION:	Victoria McKinlay

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BAR MANAGER:	Ella Forrester & Ashlee Stradling
CANTEEN MANAGER:	Emily King
SPONSORSHIP MANAGER:	Blake Armstrong
SCORERS DELEGATE:	Karryn Przbilla
UMPIRES DELEGATE:	Ash Ng
SENIOR COORDINATOR:	Darren Unger
JUNIOR COORDINATOR:	Carmen Bischoff
WOMENS COORDINATOR:	Victoria McKinlay
T-BALL COORDINATOR:	Stef Gratton
FACILITIES MANAGER:	Richard Smith, Craig Powell, Paul Sowter
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	Darian King
UNIFORMS AND REGALIA:	Marnie Yeatman
SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE COORDINATOR:	Steve Yeatman
SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING MANAGER:	VACANT



East Torrens Baseball Club

Annual General Meeting Minutes 29th June 2022, 7pm, Feathers Hotel

- **Welcome**
- **Welcome to Country - by President - Damien Norsworthy**
- **Apologies**
 - Paul & Sharon Chandler
 - Lauren Sanderson
 - Tony Probert
 - Mark Rush
 - Blake Armstrong
 - Steve & Marnie Yeatman
 - Andrew Couzner
 - Ron & Jill Chandler
 - Amber Bisset
 - George McKinlay

- **Present** (Voting Rights confirmed)
- **Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting 2021/22**
 - Moved to be accepted by D. Chapman, all in favour - Accepted as accurate record of meeting.
- **Reports;**
 - Annual Report / Financials –
 - As provided in report. Explained by D. Norsworthy. Shared current bank balances.
 - Questions from the floor;
 - No Questions
- Update from the end of season;
 - **Redevelopment of Club Grounds**
 - Pool considered phase 1, Club Grounds considered as phase 2 - no timeline shared by council on when phase 2 will commence. Due to this the Executive have changed some of the positions on the board. James Stevens is still the Local Federal Member, who previously supported the redevelopment and we hope discussion with council and James will allow for this to progress.
- **Nominations;**
 - Life Members - No nominations received. D.Norsworthy shared that there has been a Committee that now will consider applications and will make recommendations to the Executive. D.King is the Chairperson, D.Symons, C & R Smith are also on the committee.
 - Player Life Member - No Nominations.

- **Elections of Officers (Executive Committee);**
 - Damien Norsworthy explained the changes to new committee positions listed below.
 - President - **Angela nominated from the floor - Damien Norsworthy - seconded by P. Ashworth, all in favour - approved.**
 - Vice President - (Nominations: Steve Yeatman) - **Approved - none opposed.**
 - Secretary - (Nominations: Angela Probert) - **Approved - none opposed.**
 - Treasurer - (Nominations: Jarrad Laws) - **Approved - none opposed.** President Damien Norsworthy thanked Kylie Powell for her service and contributions to the committee in bringing the financials back into the black.
 - Operations Manager - (Nominations: Paul Ashworth) **Approved - none opposed.**

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager (Previously Assistant Secretary) Nominations: Victoria McKinlay and Amber Bisset) - Jared King put forward a proposal if the role could be shared between the 2 nominations - core members agreed that if both parties agreed for this to be approved. Mark Stewart, advised that Amber would prefer to withdraw her nominations and work alongside rather than going to a vote. Victoria McKinlay - Approved - none opposed.
- Registrations & Memberships Manager (Previously Assistant Treasurer) (Nominations: Katherine Ashworth) - Approved - none opposed.
- Strategy & Planning Coordinator (New Position) (Nominations: David Chapman) - Approved - none opposed.
- **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)
 - Social & Fundraising Manager - Vacant
 - Facilities Manager (House & Grounds) - Vacant
 - Bar Manager - Vacant
 - Canteen Manager - Provisional: Emily King - unless her circumstances change
 - Social Media & Online Coordinator - (Nominations: Steve Yeatman) - Approved - none opposed.
 - Sponsorship Coordinator - (Nomination: Blake Armstrong) - Approved - none opposed.
 - Senior Coordinator (New Position) - (Nominations: Darren Unger) - Approved - none opposed.
 - Womens Coordinator (New Position) - (Nominations: Victoria McKinlay) - Approved - none opposed.
 - T-ball Co-ordinator - Vacant
 - Uniform & Regalia Manager - (Nominations: Marnie Yeatman) - Approved - none opposed.
 - Junior Coordinator - Angela Probert nominated Carmen Bischoff, seconded by Jared King, accepted by Carmen - Approved - none opposed.
 - Umpire Coordinator (Includes acting as delegate to Umpires Association) - Paul Ashworth advised that with the growth of the club this could be a shared role ie; Seniors/Juniors. Nominations from the floor, Ashley Ng as the Coordinator, supported by Payne Sowter, Stef Gratton - accepted by all.
 - Equipment Manager - (Nominations: Darian King) - Approved - none opposed.
 - Scorer's Coordinator (Includes acting as delegate to Scorers Association) - (Nominations: Karryn Przibilla) - Approved - none opposed.
- **General Business**
 - Jarrad King shared a 100 Year Celebration steering committee update.
 - Currently collecting historical information, previously the Norwood Baseball Club
 - Confirmed for the 3, 4 & 5th November 2023 - to be held at East Torrens Baseball Club
 - Friday, Saturday events - plus games scheduled for the weekend.
 - Sub-Committees created; shared committee information - invited others to express interest on joining the club sub-committees
 - Finance - Paul Chandler
 - Sponsorship - Blake Armstrong
 - Social Media & Signage - Steve Yeatman/ Richard Smith
 - Merchandise - Damien Norsworthy / Steve Yeatman
 - History & Memorabilia - Angela Probert
 - Diamonds/Legends Group - Kane & Di Galloway
 - Functions - Jarrad King
 - Marquee Decorations - VACANT
 - Warwick Marks "wanted to thank the steering Committee for all the work they have done to date, mammoth task"
 - ET Shop will reopen on the 1st July
 - Beanies and 2022 merchandise available.
- **Meeting Closed - 8.25pm**

PRESIDENT

I am pleased to say from where I sit, it was another successful year at the East Torrens Baseball Club. Some key measures for me are strength in our membership numbers, strength in our cashflow with a focus on this being predominantly generated from outside of members money and the strength in how many people are willing to put their hands up to volunteer across all aspects of our wonderful club community. Our club's success is driven by the dedication and passion of our volunteers, who selflessly give their time and energy to ensure the club continues to grow and thrive. You will see some very familiar names within a number of reports and whilst some have been listed for some years now, and continue to put their hands up to help, it is refreshing to see new names, enthusiastic individuals who bring fresh new ideas and challenge the norm, but continue to strengthen the positive club community culture we all want. So hence why I say its been another successful year.

Speaking of culture, we have made great strides in strengthening the culture of community within our club. We have worked hard to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where all members feel valued and supported. We believe that this culture is the foundation of our success as a club, and we are committed to continuing to build on it in the years to come. In order to further promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within our club, we have made some changes to our executive structure. This year we renamed the Assistant Secretary role to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, which will be responsible for ensuring that our club is inclusive and welcoming to all members of our community. Many thanks to Victoria McKinlay who has commenced work in this area and I hope we can continue to build on this work in future years.

We have also created a new position for Strategy and Planning, which will help us to develop a long-term vision for the future of our club and strengthen the relationships with our key stakeholders as we continue to push for a redevelopment of Patterson Sportsgrounds. Thank you to David Chapman who took on this new role this season. I look forward to a new strategic intent for the coming years and a plan for our immediate and long term future for our facilities for members as we navigate the complex and mostly uncertain bureaucracy mindfield that is all levels of government.

Other notable changes to the Executive structure this year were the Assistant Treasurer role being renamed to Registrations and Memberships, whilst the work being carried out by the position did not significantly change (although work load continues to increase) the name now largely reflects the works being carried out. These changes are to continue to support the growth of not only our club but the ever changing environment we find ourselves in, economically, politically and societal.

I am proud of the financial practices we have put in place, which have contributed to positive results and cash in the bank. I believe that having a strong financial foundation is essential for any sporting club, particularly as we head into a period where a redevelopment for our facilities is on the cards. Whilst I appreciate this is not a reality yet and it could be many years away, the position we have found ourselves in post covid is a positive one and moving forward we want to ensure we are prepared for any future economic impacts and a potential need to support the club financially when the need arises without having to call on members. This absolutely needs to be balanced with the current needs of members and hence the introduction of the above Strategy and Planning Coordinator to assess the viability of certain projects, their financial benefit and any risks there may be. I am committed to continuing to develop strong financial practices that will help us to maintain our strong financial position but understand the need to continue to grow as a club in our current space. Thank you to Jarrad Laws who stepped in as Treasurer this season and continued this mantra.

Thank you to Ange Probert, Steve Yeatman, Katherine Ashworth and Paul Ashworth who continue to operate on the Executive. It is a thankless task, but not unnoticed by me, for the time and effort you put in to continue to support this club. Being on the Executive is certainly not something you do for the accolades or 'pats on the back' and at times the feedback is quite personal and attacking, but you continue to strive to support the vision of a successful club and I cannot thank you and the new Executive members enough for that support.

PRESIDENT

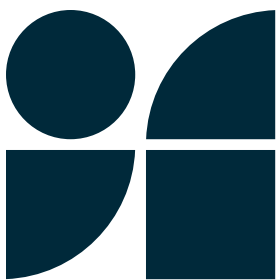
Thank you to all those who, be it your 5th year or first year, put your hands up to support the Management of the club, baseball doesn't get played without you. Please take the time to acknowledge them whenever you see them, thank them and remember they are volunteers, so whilst you may not always agree or have the same view, they put their hands up to help and do it with the greatest of intentions, so we should respect that and say thank you.

It was exciting that on May 5th 2023 the club was able to celebrate our Senior Presentation night at the new Norwood Football Function Centre. May 5th, 100 years ago to the day saw the first game played using the name, East Torrens Baseball Club, so it was magical to not only hold our presentation evening there to celebrate this season, but also launch the upcoming 100 years on the diamond celebration and launch all the planned festivities for the weekend of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th of November. A big thank you to the 100 year steering committee, Jared King, John King, Paul Chandler and Angela Probert for all their time and dedication to trying to make this coming season a memorable one.

Congratulations to all members' milestones and achievements this season, those selected in state and charter teams, teams who made finals, including our gallant Division 1 team who took Sturt to 3 games. Tony Probert has coached this group for 7 seasons and leaves the squad in a very secure and positive position. Thank you Tony, your coaching and support staff over your journey for your contribution to East Torrens. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors and hope it has something to do with ET. Congratulations to Darian King, Life Member of East Torrens who has been appointed the new Division One Head Coach and look forward to our continuing success.

Our sponsors are a tremendous group of individuals and companies and we cannot thank them enough for all their support. You will find details of all our sponsors throughout this Annual Report, I encourage everyone where possible to utilise their services and give back. Thank you to Blake Armstrong who continues to do a mountain of work to build a great community of sponsors and is always working hard to not only secure future sponsors but actively supports those current ones to get their services and products out to members. In closing, I would like to thank all of our members and volunteers for their ongoing support of the East Torrens Baseball Club. We are excited about the future of our club and look forward to continuing to work together to build a strong, welcoming, and successful community.

Damien Norsworthy



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SECRETARY

The 2022-23 Season started with fresh gusto, the challenges of functioning within a pandemic felt like it was behind us, albeit still present, the baseball community was taking determined steps forward. New families and old familiar faces returned, driven by the excitement of the Centenary Year which was building, the vibe of the Club was exciting and the Executive, on the back of the AGM had the right balance of volunteers to make it happen.

The Canteen was fortunate to have Emily King return at its helm, which I for one was most grateful for! It's not lost on the Executive how much of a load was lifted having Emily manage everything from the day-to-day operations, to the training and scheduling of volunteers, she ran a well-oiled machine. We had a few special mentions across the season where Emily was unavailable where members filled in, for this we say thank you, it's evidence that the changes made to simplify the menu and processes have continued to build the capacity of those willing to step forward to support such an important revenue arm of the club structure.

It would not be a true report from myself as Secretary, without an inspirational quote that aligns with who I am, what I stand for and why I'm here as a member of the Executive. This right here is what we have been working towards in the time I have been privileged to be part of this committee...

**“There is no power for change greater,
than a community discovering
what it cares about.”**

Margaret J Weatley

Our Club is more than just somewhere we turn up to play ball, or somewhere you drop your kid off to pass some time. We create moments where we learn, share life's ups & downs we are experiencing, come to celebrate, grieve together, support each other and raise our kids. This is our village!

Life Members, Past Players and Members and families, 100 Years our great Club is here now. We have 3rd and 4th generations of kids now playing in this community you all built. As we continue to grow exponentially, as a committee we hold a grave responsibility to continue to strive to create a safe, equitable and sustainable Club, that is why you selected each of us for these roles. What you can do to support this is to continue to show up; support the canteen, help out in some small way, share your love of who we are and together we will continue to build on the history as we know it.

I was invited as an East Torrens Executive member to attend the State Parliament as a guest panel member and ambassador for Good Sports, to provide a voice for local sports clubs in the Alcohol & Drug Prevention Forum, hosted by the Honourable Member Chris Picton. As part of this panel, I was able to shine a light on the conundrum that the very thing that is the highest revenue raiser for sporting clubs, is also the driver for concerns in managing behaviors and mental health of our Club community; Alcohol Management. With the support of Good Sports, we have been able to set up policies and procedures to support the management of these important issues, however the concern remains in having limited funding from the government to run productively – placing pressure back onto club membership. I'm hopeful that this exposure continues to support our club.

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.

To Damien and Rebecca Norsworthy, including Steve and Marnie Yeatman, who continue to manage the Regalia, thank you. Steve for continuing to keep us up-to-date with all announcements and events, a HUGE thank you!

SECRETARY

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 used to, Thank you! To John King, for continuing the collection of our recycling, the coaches, parent helpers, umpires, groundsmen, sponsors, and anyone I may have forgotten. Thank you!

To our Executive Committee; to Damien Norsworthy, Steve Yeatman, David Chapman, Jarred Laws, Katherine Ashworth, Paul Ashworth and Victoria McKinlay, it's been a pleasure! We have demonstrated clarity with our decision-making and ensuring direction for those currently in club roles, managing safety and risk, ensuring succession plans. I am proud of working with each 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 5th June 2023 on an accrual basis and will be finalised at the end of June 2023. We do not expect any major changes within this period.

The 22-23 season has seen the club make a solid profit of approximately \$12k and although less than last year's profit of \$34.5k a very positive result for the club. It is pleasing that the club remains in a healthy financial position and continues to be debt free. Income for 22-23 was up 2.1% year on year with total expenses at \$146k which was higher than last year by 21.8%. Expenses in the 22-23 season were increased significantly with the recruitment of an import and appointment of the Canteen Manager in Emily King. Emily did a wonderful job in the canteen throughout the season and generated an additional \$4.6k in sales compared with last year and an overall profit of approximately \$11.7k. A big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in the canteen throughout the season.

Our Sponsorship Coordinator Blake Armstrong continues to kick goals on the sponsorship front and managed to secure \$23.5k in sponsorship and the club is looking forward to strengthening our sponsor relationships in the future. With the announcement at our Senior Presentation night of our new partnership with Norwood Football Club we have aligned with another high-quality organisation. We thank all our sponsors and partners, both new and ongoing. The club appreciates your support!

Our bar performance this year of \$20.5k profit was above last year's profit of \$19.5k. I was a little concerned around the start of the calendar year that the bar sales were down approximately 10% in comparison to the previous year at the same time. However, with some warmer weather in the new year and a couple of functions the bar sales returned strongly. Considering the club only hosted 1 senior final, on a Saturday at 9am, the bar sales result was pleasing. Thank you to Ella and Ash for their involvement in the bar manager role, it's much appreciated.

With the club's 100 Year Celebration coming there was a late season burst of 100 Year regalia sales and no doubt there will be plenty more available next season. Although the total sales volume of regalia was down in comparison to last year, profitability increased this year and was \$4.2k. A great deal of work and research is put into sourcing and organising regalia and merchandise. Marnie, Steve and Damien have done another tremendous job.

Junior memberships were down this year, however senior memberships were comparable to last year and we don't have any outstanding membership fees. Katherine Ashworth has done a great job in this space over several years and has helped significantly as Assistant Treasurer in my first year and will no doubt have procedures in place for the new registrations and Memberships Manager for a seamless transition.

The 100 Year Committee have been working busily throughout the year with their proposals for our 100 Year Celebrations for season 23-24 and I'm looking forward to the Gala night and weekend of activities at the club from the 2nd - 5th November. Hope to see you all at the Gala dinner and club that weekend. Thank you to the 100 Year Committee for their hard work.

I found my first year in the role to be an interesting and enjoyable journey, thankfully ending with a net profit for the year which is an achievement our members should all be proud of. It's also a result that can't be achieved without the input of volunteers throughout the club, thank you to everyone who put their hand up through the season to help.

TREASURER

The Executive Committee also made me feel welcome, were happy to assist me in my new role, provided guidance, demonstrated leadership and decision making with our Club's best interests at the forefront. I knew my role wouldn't be easy, but it has opened my eyes to the amount of work and dedication the Executive Committee put in to keep our club on the right track and strong.

Finally, the biggest thank you from me is to Kylie Powell. Throughout the past 12 months Kylie has been a pillar of support for me and always happy to help me when needed. She has provided me with numerous hours of training, guidance, and patience through the transition which I am most appreciative of.

I look forward to celebrating 100 Years On The Diamond with all our members next season!

Jarrad Laws

Profit and loss report

East Torrens Baseball Club

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		Total		
	Actual	Last Year	Variance \$	Variance %
4-0000 Income				
4-1200 Sponsorship - Club	23,500.00	22,000.00	1,500.00	6.8
4-1250 Sponsorship - Player	1,883.00	112.00	1,771.00	1581.3
4-2100 Club Membership - Junior	10,177.75	12,147.80	(1,970.05)	-16.2
4-2120 Club Membership - Senior	19,143.00	18,200.10	942.90	5.2
4-2150 Club Membership - Tee Ball	960.00	2,040.00	(1,080.00)	-52.9
4-2300 Social & Fundraising	1,895.00	5,503.00	(3,608.00)	-65.6
4-2400 Club Membership - Non Player	120.00	152.00	(32.00)	-21.1
4-4100 Bar Sales	39,798.03	38,408.79	1,389.24	3.6
4-5100 Canteen Sales	53,880.75	49,223.53	4,657.22	9.5
4-7100 Regalia & Uniforms Sales	19,664.34	26,579.14	(6,914.80)	-26
4-7150 Less Cost of Goods Sold Regalia & Uniform	(15,408.61)	(25,725.86)	10,317.25	40.1
4-8200 Clubroom / Grounds Hire	1,650.00	1,760.00	(110.00)	-6.3
4-8300 Sundry Income	21.00	0.00	21.00	-
4-8550 Don Rice Foundation Income	375.00	550.00	(175.00)	-31.8
4-8700 Grants	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)	-100
Total Income	157,659.26	154,450.50	3,208.76	2.1
Gross Profit	157,659.26	154,450.50	3,208.76	2.1

		Total		
	Actual	Last Year	Variance \$	Variance %
6-0000 Expense				
6-1002 Administration	925.64	880.99	44.65	5.1
6-1004 Bar Expenses	19,258.67	18,831.19	427.48	2.3
6-1008 BUASA	6,943.61	7,547.99	(604.38)	-8
6-1010 SA Scorers Association	300.00	315.00	(15.00)	-4.8
6-1100 Redsox - Umpires & Other	2,703.52	2,884.10	(180.58)	-6.3
6-1101 Redsox - Coaches & Managers	5,100.00	5,672.77	(572.77)	-10.1
6-1102 Coaches & Managers	7,662.00	7,742.00	(80.00)	-1
6-1104 Equipment	5,739.91	838.73	4,901.18	584.4
6-1105 Equipment Other	0.00	609.15	(609.15)	-100
6-1106 Pre Season Training Exp	1,520.00	24.30	1,495.70	6155.1
6-1112 Import & Players	9,994.72	1,533.00	8,461.72	552
6-1113 Club Car	497.06	0.00	497.06	-
6-1120 Tee Ball	1,284.10	3,755.88	(2,471.78)	-65.8
6-1175 Social & Fundraising Expenses	1,129.00	2,721.32	(1,592.32)	-58.5
6-1180 Sponsorship Expense	7,753.68	7,555.74	197.94	2.6
6-1202 Rubbish Removal	0.00	727.80	(727.80)	-100
6-1203 Cleaning	4,375.82	4,017.86	357.96	8.9
6-1204 R & M - Club House	1,350.87	797.64	553.23	69.4
6-1206 R & M - Grounds	4,229.05	4,627.09	(398.04)	-8.6
6-1210 Security	243.10	243.10	0.00	0
6-1450 Don Rice Foundation	1,055.00	1,282.00	(227.00)	-17.7
6-1510 Life Members	0.00	237.00	(237.00)	-100
6-1650 Ground Hire	7,720.22	7,942.00	(221.78)	-2.8
6-1710 Club Insurance	1,963.91	1,928.84	35.07	1.8
6-2700 Trophies	2,630.16	3,320.51	(690.35)	-20.8
6-2750 Telephone/Internet	0.00	234.00	(234.00)	-100
6-2810 Electricity	5,840.38	3,320.85	2,519.53	75.9
6-3000 Bank Charges	76.21	6.00	70.21	1170.2
6-7200 Website	660.00	660.00	0.00	0
6-9970 Canteen Expenses	42,146.17	26,914.41	15,231.76	56.6
6-9988 Square Charges	1,830.08	1,997.49	(167.41)	-8.4
6-9997 Subscriptions/Licences	612.50	760.80	(148.30)	-19.5
6-9998 100 Year Club Celebration Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	-
Total Expense	146,045.38	119,929.55	26,115.83	21.8
Operating Profit	11,613.88	34,520.95	(22,907.07)	-66.4
8-0000 Other Income				
8-1001 Interest Income	425.84	53.27	372.57	699.4
Total Other Income	425.84	53.27	372.57	699.4
Net Profit	12,039.72	34,574.22	(22,534.50)	-65.2

Balance sheet report

Accrual mode
30 Jun 2023

	Total			
	Actual	Last Year	Variance \$	Variance %
1-0000 Asset				
1-0001 Banking				
1-1105 Westpac Working Acc 3830	63.60	63.30	0.30	0
1-1110 Westpac High Interest 3849	0.02	0.02	0.00	0
1-1120 Beyond Operating 03209817	96,719.71	59,860.51	36,859.20	62
1-1125 Beyond Transactional	1,611.20	3,263.79	(1,652.59)	-51
1-1130 Beyond - Don Rice	1,533.53	1,533.39	0.14	0
Total Banking	99,928.06	64,721.01	35,207.05	54.40%
1-1500 Regalia Stock on Hand	4,638.90	3,661.40	977.50	27
1-1800 Accounts receivable	2,408.12	0.00	2,408.12	-
Total Asset	106,975.08	68,382.41	38,592.67	56.44%
2-0000 Liability				
2-0002 Current Liabilities				
2-1800 Accounts payable	5,864.88	0.00	5,864.88	-
Total Current Liabilities	5,864.88	0.00	5,864.88	-
2-1900 Red Sox Dollars	770.56	904.54	(133.98)	-15
2-3400 J King Junior Fund	948.15	86.50	861.65	996
2-3600 Provision - Insurance Claims	19,960.40	0.00	19,960.40	-
2-3601 Sponsorship paid in advance	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0
Total Liability	29,043.99	2,491.04	26,552.95	1065.94%
Net Assets	77,931.09	65,891.37	12,039.72	18
3-0000 Equity				
3-0001 Retained Earnings				
3-1600 Retained earnings	65,891.37	31,317.15	34,574.22	110
Total Retained Earnings	65,891.37	31,317.15	34,574.22	110.40%
3-0002 Current Earnings				
3-1800 Current year earnings	12,039.72	34,574.22	(22,534.50)	-65
Total Current Earnings	12,039.72	34,574.22	(22,534.50)	-65.18%
Total Equity	77,931.09	65,891.37	12,039.72	18.27%

REGISTRATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to all members for registering and completing full payment of fees this year.

With BaseballSA increasing their fees year by 8%, we undertook an internal review of our fees to ensure best viability for our members. This saw a small number of our club fees increasing while some others decreased. This was a great outcome especially in today's world that seems to be growing in expense. We do our best to ensure we can make this game affordable for all and at the same time make the Club profitable to ensure we can provide better grounds and utilities for a safe and comfortable environment for all to enjoy.

This season we had a total of 235 registered members:

78 Senior Mens
38 Womens
100 Juniors
15 Volunteers
4 Life Members

With the implementation of revSport a few seasons ago, it makes the registration process a lot easier for our members. It is a great communication tool to reach all our members including volunteers and life members. On that note, if you are a Life Member or volunteer around the club in any form including scorer, team manager, helping out in the canteen etc please ensure you register, this way so you can receive club updates via email.

I want to take this opportunity to Thank All the Executive Committee, Management Committee and 100 Year Steering Committee members and many volunteers that work together making our Club great!

Katherine Ashworth



OPERATIONS MANAGER

Once again the 2022/23 season was a very busy one with East Torrens having teams in all State League and Women's Division along with 7 junior teams covering each age group. We had no premierships this season with Div 3, 8, Junior League and Minor League being the last to go down a week before the Grand Final weekend.

Due to the increase in teams over the past few years we had a structure change to assist with the Operations Managers position that now oversees the management roles of Senior, Junior, Womens, Umpire, Scorers and Tball Co-Ordinators. As a first year with this structure it has worked well and I can not thank the below people enough for taking on these roles and their continuous work throughout the year.

Darren Unger - Senior Coordinator
Victoria McKinlay - Womens Coordinator
Carmen Bishcoff - Junior Coordinator
Ashley Ng - Umpires Coordinator
Karryn Przibilla - Scorers Co-Ordinator
Stef Gratton - Tball Co-Ordinator

Congratulations and a massive thankyou to Tony Probert who after guiding our Division 1 team and senior program the last 7 seasons has stepped away from the position at the end of the season. Tony was also a pivotal part of getting our Women's teams started along with the development of many young players transitioning to senior baseball. I am sure and look forward to Tony continuing his legacy around the club in other roles in the coming years.

It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to run a sporting club of our size. I would like to thank the Executive Committee members for their tireless work in many fields, all the coaches who put their hand up to organise and coach a team along with managers and scorers. Our ground staff of Craig Powell, Dickie Smith and Paul Sowter have again produced magnificent diamonds to play on and a lot of their work goes unnoticed but it requires an enormous amount of weekly commitments.

Hope to see you all again in 2023/24 for our 100th season.

Paul Ashworth

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

In the 2022/2023 season the Executive Committee introduced a new position to the Executive Committee; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager. The purpose of this role is to support all people wanting to engage with baseball at East Torrens and seek to provide pathways into the game, participation and club opportunities for anyone who wishes to be a part of a baseball environment.

A key activity done this year was running a training session for coaches on “Coaching Athletes with an Intellectual Disability”. This was run by John Lonergan from Inclusive Sports Coaching. John is the highest accredited cricket coach (Level 2 – Representative) with National Disability Coaching experience in South Australia and is the current Head Coach of the Australian Cricket Team for Players with an Intellectual Disability. We had 6 of our coaches and officials attend the training session and all participants got a great deal of knowledge and ideas to take back to their teams. We will be looking to run the session again next season and have all head coaches attend with all assistant coaches and other officials invited to attend also.

Another project we are working on is a First Nations round. A lot of ground work has started on this and we are looking forward to holding this important event in the 23/24 season to engage with and support our current and future members.

Our club Diversity, Equity & Inclusion strategic plan is in the works with the aim to be released before the start of the season. This plan will outlay what we want to achieve in this space, what we stand for and actions to implement to ensure we are a club that supports and increases opportunities for all to be a part of this great game.

“I do not believe that every person, in every walk of life, can succeed in spite of any handicap. That would be perfection. But I do believe that what I was able to attain came to be because we put behind us (no matter how slowly) the dogmas of the past: to discover the truth of today; and perhaps the greatness of tomorrow”

-Jackie Robinson

Victoria McKinlay

STRATEGY & PLANNING

In this new position for the Committee we were faced after a meeting with Council that the re-development was realistically a medium term option, not a short term option. As such we then started off identifying areas around our club that could do with upgrades and review and included areas such as cages, clubrooms, seating, drainage, shading, practice mounds, equipment etc etc.

We then presented these ideas to Council and after a significant delay and lack of decisions from Council we received some feedback on a number of the items. However Council have been slow to provide additional feedback even when pushed on engineering issues such as drainage and seating. We have established a good relationship with our local members and hope that can help us further achieve some results.

So grounds and equipment upgrade/maintenance will be reviewed in further detail on our approach to the 2023-24 season.

We have also applied for government grants for additional funding for our club and have interacted in regards to previous grants provided.

A new draft Strategic Plan has also been developed and is currently before the Committee for further enhancement and then adoption.

Lastly I would like to thank those club members who continue to do the volunteer things around a baseball club. Helping out once in a while, or regular grounds maintenance, the success of any club thrives on its volunteers and we will be seeking to further enhance this going forward.

David Chapman



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WOMENS COORDINATOR

In the 2022/2023 season we welcomed our new head coach Paul Chandler to our squad. Paul's positive attitude and encouraging coaching style has helped set us up for future success and what is very pleasing is he is committed to the squad for at least 3 years to continue to build on what we have started. Through his extensive pre-season programs and regular season game and training plans we will start to see more success from our women's teams.

We welcomed new players again this year including 3 players transferring over from other clubs. This was part of our long-term plan to grow our women's program by entering a team into Division 1, to build a club with a strong and positive culture to attract more players and build for future success. We will be working on recruitment over the off season, in particular for players to join our division 1 side and also focus on attracting juniors to our club. We will be looking to work closely with our Junior and T-Ball coordinators and ensure that there is a clear pathway from T-Ball to senior women's for young girls wanting to take up this great game. It was a season greatly impacted by injury and personal matters, missing players such as Angela Mourtzios, Nikki Schiller, Mia Rogers and Zoe Windt, plus Ella Forrester missing a few games in January. It certainly made for a challenge however it gave us the opportunity to develop more players at the Division 1 level. I'm particularly excited to see the continued development of players such as Sune Myburg, Michaela Kelly and Ashlee Stradling next season.

I would like to acknowledge and thank some of our women who have taken up leadership roles within the club this year within and beyond the women's squad. Carmen Bischoff – Junior Coordinator, Ashley Ng – Umpires Coordinator, Karen Mentha – U11 Coach, Ella Forrester & Ashlee Stradling – Bar Managers, Debbie Rollins – WD3 Coach, Ella Forrester – WD2 Coach. It is a great thing for the club to see leadership roles taken up by a wide range of members to bring senior men's, senior women's, and juniors together as one club.

I would like to thank our fantastic coaching staff for all their hard work and dedication this year. Paul Chandler – Head Coach, Jared King – Assistant Coach, Ryan Przibilla – Assistant Coach, Troy Chandler – Pitching Coach, Ella Forrester – WD2 Coach, Debbie Rollins – WD3 Coach. You have all had a positive impact on our players and I can't thank you enough for your support of our women's squad. I would also like to thank Warwick Marks for being our number 1 fan and assisting with pre-season and ongoing advice to our women, in particular our pitchers. We saw a number of players pitch in division 1 for the first time this year and the support and encouragement from our coaching staff gave them more and more confidence on the mound every week.

As always, huge thanks to our regular and casual scorers – Karryn Przibilla, Sharon Chandler, Gail King, Louis Mourtzios, Katherine Ashworth and Cheryl Couzner. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

We start our pre-season program for the 2023/2024 season in June and I look forward to another season playing with this great bunch of women.

Victoria McKinlay

SENIOR COORDINATOR

Season 2022-23 was my time in this role and I learnt many things as the season evolved.

The Division 3, 5 and 8 teams all made finals but in a first for many years we did not win a senior premiership. Division 3 won their first final 12-5 against Adelaide but went down to Southern Districts in a heartbreaker 6-7 the following Week. Division 5 Played Hendley & Grange in their only final lost 2-10. Division 8 played their first final against Sturt with a 13-5 win but lost their semi final to Kensington 8-13.

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 all the teams.

Lastly would like to thank Paul Ashworth for his guidance during the season.

Darren Unger

JUNIOR COORDINATOR

East Torrens Baseball Club provides an environment for young baseballers to learn the great game of Baseball in a positive and welcoming environment for the whole family.

The 2023 season started with the second Redsox Wiffle Ball Tournament with both Junior players and Senior players, from Div 1-3, fielding 10 teams fighting it out for the Golden Wiffle Ball prize. A wonderful initiative started last season welcoming new families and the ET community together for the start of the 2022/2023 season.

As a club we were able to field eight teams across the league divisions including:

U9 Peewee - Coach : Stef Gratton
U11 Minor League - Coach : Karen Mentha
U13 Little League - Coach : Damien Norsworthy (Div 1)
Coach : Anthony Dienelt (Div 2)
U15 Junior League - Coach : Jake Wong
U17 Senior League - Coach : Kym Ashworth (Div 1) Red
Coach : Alec Lemmon (Div 1) Blue
U19 Big League - Coach : Paul Ashworth

A decision to field 2 x Senior League Div 1 teams of 9 players was made to enable all players in that age group to compete at that higher standard of Baseball. This however created problems with injuries etc and we are so grateful for those who filled in each week allowing all games to be played over the season.

The wonderful coaching staff achieved great success with over 70% of Junior teams making finals including U11, U13/2, U15, U17 (Red), and U19. First round finals knocked out 3 teams and the U11's and U15's fought hard in the preliminary final to narrowly miss out on the chance to play for the premiership trophy.

Finishing off the season, the Junior presentation day welcomed over 200 ET Family members acknowledging and celebrating the 2022/2023 successful season.

Club awards went to:

Max Trengrove Batting Award
Gregorio Bravo U19

George Hayman Shield winners
U15 Junior League team coached by Jake Wong

Peter Pike Coach of the Year
Kym Ashworth U17

Special Acknowledgements must go to:

SABL top 5 MVP voting

U11 Noah Sutherland, U15 Owen Couzner, U17 Haru Riley, U19 Gregorio Bravo

Marlins Representatives:

Little league – Xavier Bischoff, Lachey Bennett

Junior League – Owen Couzner, Sebastian Bravo, Archie Carman, Harlan King, Theoh McWhinnie Wong, Jack Wilton, HEAD COACH – Stuart Millar

Senior League Titans – Damon Ashworth, Tyler Dunn, Josh Paton, Jake Moras, Ryan Stradling and HEAD COACH – David Paton.

JUNIOR COORDINATOR

Youth Women's South Australia State Team Representative:
Mia Rogers

U16 South Australia State Team representatives:
Haru Riler, Kason King and Will Couzner

U18 Team South Australia State Team representatives:
Connor Yeatman and Greg Bravo.

Gregorio Bravo also won the Tournament Golden Glove award with his outstanding fielding throughout the tournament.

School boys' baseball team representative – 18 years and under
Noah Mathews

Thank you to the East Torrens Baseball Club Executive and Management committees, to all our volunteers including coaches, team managers, scorers and assistant coaches, and finally to all the wonderful Junior Baseballers and their families! You have made the 2022/2023 season a huge success both on and off the field and I look forward to the coming season celebrating the 100 th year of ET!!!

*"You don't need a ticket to see some of the best baseball in the world.
.. You just need to drive one of the players to the game."*

Carmen Bischoff

SCORERS COORDINATOR

At the commencement of each season, with coaches determined and teams picked, often the last important team member to be approached is the scorer. Whilst many teams have a variety of people to select from or share this role, many junior teams with families new to the sport have no one with scoring experience to fill this position. I would like to thank everyone that has assisted with scoring this season even if it was for just one game. Sharing the task, working in tandem with pitch counters helps grow skills and provides an extra set of eyes for when things don't run so smoothly on the field and plays become complicated.

At the beginning of the season our scorers' clinic was well attended by junior parents brave enough to give it a go and learn the basics of scoring. Unfortunately the lack of clubrooms until our season is imminent makes it difficult to provide enough knowledge and practice in one session, for participants to feel confident in their ability, prior to scoring their first game. If you are considering helping out, be assured that scorers are almost always friendly, encouraging and understanding - we all started in a similar position and will help you through it. Don't be intimidated by colors and symbols, start simple and add to your skill set each time you score, you can do it!

Baseball Australia have recently set up an online platform to learn the fundamentals of scoring you can register here <https://baseball.canopihr.com.au/auth/login/?returnUrl=%2F> or follow the prompts from the South Australian scorers' association website. Challenge yourself to have a go during the off season. We also hope to offer preseason scoring clinics this year. These will be conducted for junior players' families in attendance at preseason training clinics, at a venue that can accommodate us with tables and chairs. I would like to acknowledge our club scorers (Kirra King, Marnie Yeatman, Carmen Bischoff and Louis Mourtzios) that participated in a series of Scorers' Association clinics this season to gain accreditation at various scoring levels and/or to use GameChanger. Well done to all!

Finally an enormous thank you to those that were so reliable in sending through results at the conclusion of each game, making the entering of scores and participant details into RevSport more efficient. I would also like to personally thank all spectators and team managers (especially Paul and Sharon Chandler) that checked in on their scorer, offering to grab a drink for them or take over while they dash to the loo!

Remember scorers get the best seats in the house, get a greater insight into the game, its rules and meet lots of great people going through the same challenge. Put your hand up and give it a go next season.

Karryn Przibilla

UMPIRE COORDINATOR

I would like to thank Paul Ashworth and Stef Gratton for guiding me through my first year as umpire coordinator. We implemented a Division 5-8 and Senior Squad roster that worked really well for most weeks with a few exceptions coming from late changes by BUASA regarding league umpire availability.

Many thanks to anyone who stepped in to umpire at the last minute, especially Tony Probert, Kacee Heidt, Lindsay Barbary, Andrew Couzner, and David Paton. Thank you to Russell King who umpired almost every U13 home game and a special mention to Kym Ashworth for completing his first season as a league umpire. I look forward to continuing the role next season.

Ashley Ng

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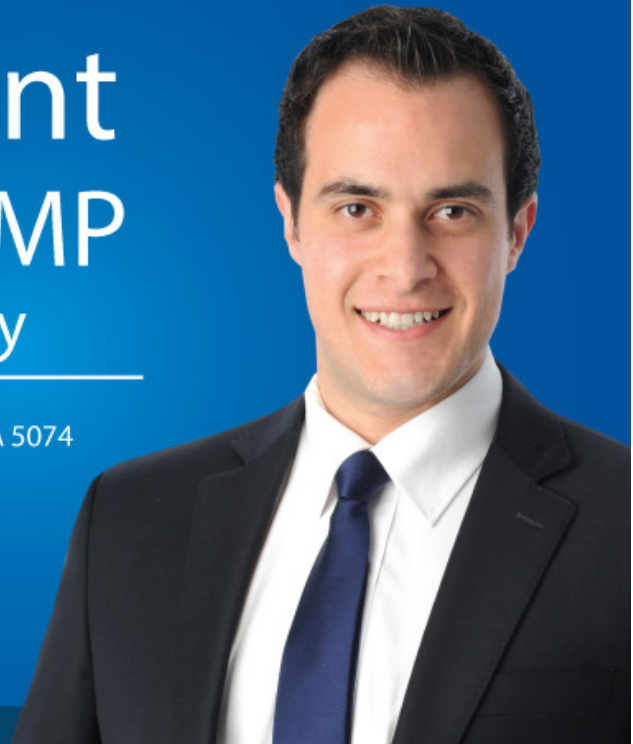
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EQUIPMENT

We took a big hit to our equipment stocks at the start of this season due to the container and shed being broken into. Multiple items were stolen including big ticket items like boxes of new balls, pitching machines and new bats just to name a few. We have a pending insurance claim to hopefully cover most, if not all of these items however it is more of an inconvenience than anything. We have increased the security in these areas so fingers crossed this is the last time.

We continue to look at solutions for a cost effective decent training and game ball as the rising costs in freight is limiting options for balls sourced locally. Balls remain our biggest expense so please ensure you pickup all balls at training and chase down those foul balls, it all adds up.

Darian King



LION



CLUB AWARDS

Graham Fisher Memorial

Charlie Ashcroft



Volunteer of the Year (Patrons Trophy)

Marnie Yeatman & Carmen Bischoff



Peter Pike Coach Of The Year

Kym Ashworth



George Hayman Shield

Junior League - Under 15
Coached by Jake Wong



Red Sox Trophy U21

Brad Przibilla



Max Trengrove Junior Batting Award

Gregorio Bravo



DIVISION 1 Mens

Season 2022/23 proved to be a very successful season for the senior squad. After just missing playoffs last year our D1 squad returned to play-off baseball this season, finishing 5th overall. The final series against the strong Sturt outfit (2nd ranked) was a great battle that showcased the ability and development of our squad. Unfortunately, after losing Game 1, then besting Sturt over the next 17 innings we fell late in Game 3 to be eliminated from the finals campaign.

This year we welcomed several new coaches into the squad with Darian King taking responsibility for the 2's and Glen Simmons the 3's. Andrew Couzner also came on board to contribute his wealth of knowledge and work ethic to the squad. All three exceptional coaches also assisted the D1 squad – a huge personal effort. Thanks to these coaches and the excellent ideas and strategies they brought to the squad and also to Kane Galloway for his continued commitment to our senior teams.

Our pre-season started early with a strong program held at the West Beach Baseball SA facility. The use of this facility was a game changer, providing us an excellent baseball environment in which to prepare for our season. Sessions were held twice a week incorporating both the indoor cages and main diamond under lights.

A critical aspect of the preseason was the inclusion of two 'consultants'. To provide our squad with the expert knowledge necessary to take the next step we engaged Evan LeBlanc as a hitting consultant and Jake Wong as an infield consultant. We also sought advice and guidance from Josh Tols in the pitching department. Combine these experts with Andrew Couzner's development in pitching preparation and programs such as 'Driveline' and our players were exposed to a program second to none. There is no doubt the inclusion of these experts has improved our squad and ultimately led to their success this season.

While the season started slowly for our team, the foundation laid soon led to success. Complemented with the pitching of Alex Lemmon, our 22/23 import from Texas, our young squad bounced around the top 6 for the majority of the season. Several players came into their own, making the next step in their playing career. Carter Powell led the squad both offensively and defensively as the D1 catcher. Carter hit exceptionally well all year long and this was acknowledged with a top 10 finish in the Capps medal. Carter was the highest ranked 'Capps' positional player in the league. Sebastian Heintze-Unger made the jump to full time D1 representation, showing consistent results from the mound and leading the squad with on base percentage. Greg Bravo also made the jump, playing excellent defense at second base. Lindsay Barbary worked extremely hard throughout the year to break into the squad – his save in Game 2 of the finals series Vs Sturt and inspiring start in Game 3 forty-five minutes later evidence of his potential. We were also blessed with the availability of Riley Yeatman between his professional duties and an ABL Championship season with the Adelaide Giants. Riley led our team in many key games.

Thanks must go to our team of support staff – Our scorers, led by the talented Karryn Przibilla (Senior scorer) and assisted by Sharon Chandler, Kirra King and Marnie Yeatman. Thank you to Emily and Jared King for their work in the canteen and Thursday night dinners. Thank you to the grounds crew – Dicky, Craig and Paul who take care of our deck every week and a big thanks to Paul Chandler for his continued work as the squad EO. Personally, I would like to thank my coaching staff for an excellent season, our loyal members and fans for their ongoing support and to Damien Norsworthy and the board for their assistance and encouragement throughout my term as Div 1 coach.

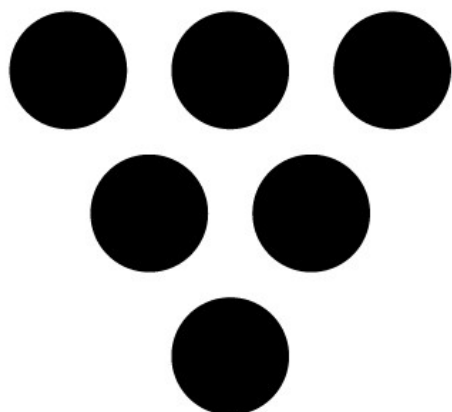
A huge thank you to the players for their ongoing trust, belief and engagement in our program. Over my journey as Division One coach it has been a pleasure to work with this committed squad. I have seen the conclusion of some extraordinary careers and the beginning of many more. Thank you also to the leadership group of players within this squad – a group of dedicated players who have supported, challenged and encouraged me in my role while leading our team on the field. It has been a real honour to be the Coach of East Torrens Division One.

DIVISION 1 Mens

Finally, a very grateful thank you to my family. They have shown unwavering faith in what I do and patience to allow me to commit this time to our great club. The decision to step down as senior coach as we enter our 100th season was a difficult and emotional one – but one my family supported and encouraged – I look forward to celebrating this incredible milestone at the club next year, witnessing the success of our talented teams and congratulate Darian King on his appointment as Division One coach for season 2023/24 – a fantastic club man to lead our Division One team.

Cheer Boys.

Tony



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DIVISION 1 Womens

SLAY – “To do something spectacularly, or extraordinarily well – especially when it comes to fashion, artistic performance, or self-confidence. Or to impress someone, especially by making them laugh.”

It was put to me by Steve Yeatman and Vic McKinlay at our 100 Club Function at the end of the previous season “do we have a job for you!” To be honest, I had given it some thought previously, and I have always been one to ask my athletes “to continue to push and challenge yourself, not just at baseball, but in all aspects of their lives”, so if it’s good enough for my athletes, it’s good enough for me. I am very proud of how women’s baseball has been implemented and accepted at our Club, and how it has grown – and I am genuinely excited about being involved.

It wasn’t long into the pre-season training that I knew personally I made the “right” decision, seeing the effort the girls put in and the “want” to improve their skills and understanding of the game. This was despite having to invest in hearing aids just 6 weeks into pre-season! To be honest the hearing aids were a blessing in disguise as I could turn them down when required! Planning for the season began in May. An optional pre season throwing and conditioning program was held at the GGCD Baseball Club on Sunday mornings during July leading into Official Pre-Season held at Marryatville High School (thanks to Tony Probert) with a midweek indoor training session held on Tuesday nights from 23rd August until October at Brahma Lodge. A Pre Season Meeting was held at the Broadview Football Club in early August, where we discussed my expectations, individual expectations, season expectations and team rules. We also had one of our Junior Parents, Michelle, a SAPOL Officer deliver “Setting personal boundaries and knowing it’s okay to put yourself first.”

We introduced approx. 7 new players to our group – and a learning for next year is to clearly communicate the time commitment required for our “new” recruits. Based on “feedback” from the previous season, 2022/2023 was all about “One Squad”. It takes more than 9 players to be successful in this game, and with the way BSA schedules the season with Div 3 and 2 on Friday nights and Div 1 on Sunday’s, the entire squad needed to know that they would be required to “move up and down the grades.”

As a result, during the year we trained as “One Squad” on Wednesday Nights on the main diamond and added a hitting session on Monday Nights on the back diamond. Whilst some outside the group perhaps believed we should have “split” the group up for training, this had no bearing on our results, and achieved our internal goals. If you look purely at wins and losses, only winning one game in Div 1 would normally mean a lost year and it could be asked “should we even field a team in Div 1 on the back of only winning one game the previous season?” Well from my point of view, the Club has made the correct decision to put a team in Div 1 – as I firmly believe you can only “get better” from playing against “the best”.

We had internal goals to achieve each week in Div 1 and we certainly made positive gains with our goals from game 1 to game 20. On reflection, I can say as a group, our performances overall in all grades were an improvement over last season, especially in runs for and against over the year in Div 2 and Div 3. The Coaching staff put out a survey to our group just after Christmas, and on the whole the feedback was positive and mirrored our thoughts. It also provided me, and the coaching staff, valuable insights and suggestions on improvements that we can introduce in future years. For the women’s game to improve in this state, BSA needs to force the hand of at least 2 Clubs to place a team in Div 1 and find a way of playing Div 2 prior to Div 1.

I am not one to put up excuses, however not having the availability of Angela Mourtzios for the season, a young pitcher who represented SA in the Senior State Team the previous season due to injury, Nikki Schiller, a potential SA Senior State Representative, not to be available for 90% of the season due to injury, Kaitlyn Paton who has the potential to pitch in Div 1 to only be available to participate after Christmas due to injury and health, and then to have another pitcher and a Div 2 State MVP Medallist and Senior State Team Representative, Zoe Windt, recruited from Goodwood, return “home” and injure herself at her 1st training session and not be able to participate all year and a potential recruit, also a pitcher, not able to play due to a nasty injury sustained in her winter sport, meant we were very thin with pitching at the high end.

DIVISION 1 Womens

The positive to the above was working with several of the girls to develop more pitchers. Not ideal to have them “learn their craft” in Div 1 but to their credit gains were certainly achieved in this area – most notably Sune’ Myburgh and Michaela “Slay” Kelly. Not only did these two girls greatly improve their pitching, but both made large gains overall in all aspects of their games.

Ashley Stradling and Kelly Sykes also took to the Div 1 mound for the 1st time and while they both may not agree with me, both Ashley and Kelly have a future throwing strikes in Div 1. Ella Forrester took on the role of our number 1 starter in the 1st half of the season before injuring herself with Karen Mentha taking up the role in the 2nd half, doing a terrific job for us throwing plenty of strikes. Overall, as the season went on, the squad showed maturity on what is required to be a “good team member” and what was required to be at your best on Game Day. Amber Bisset, Carmen Bischoff, Ashley Ng and Tam Delloso’s leadership on game days and training was invaluable and the younger girls of the group certainly benefited from how they went about preparing themselves and giving 100% on the Diamond and just as importantly off the Diamond. I wanted our Group to be known for their Effort – and I can honestly say I can only remember one time this past season when I questioned their Effort.

In no particular order, the players who represented East Torrens in Div 1 this season; Amber Bisset, Angela Mourtzios, Ashlee Stradling, Ashley Ng, Carmen Bischoff, Charlotte Cousins, Crystal Hillier, Ella Forrester, Gab Hornhardt, Imogen Gray, Izzy King, Karen Mentha, Kelly Sykes, Liz McKinlay, Liz Worden, Michaela Kelly, Nikki Schiller, Pip Spence, Sune’ Myburg, Tam Delloso and Vic McKinlay.

Notable appearances during season 2022/2023;

- Vic McKinlay – 1st Div 1 Start in the Field and First Father/Daughter Div 1 Player for East Torrens
- Izzy King – 1st Div 1 Start in the Field and Second Father/Daughter Div 1 Player for East Torrens
- Liz McKinlay - 1st Div 1 Start in the Field and Third Father/Daughter Div 1 Player for East Torrens
- Gab Hornhardt – 1st Div 1 Start in the Field
- Sune’ Myburgh– 1st Div 1 Start in the Field, 1st Div 1 Start on the Mound
- Charlotte Cousins– 1st Div 1 Start in the Field
- Crystal Hillier – 1st Div 1 Start in the Field
- Michaela “Slay” Kelly – 1st appearance on a Div 1 Mound
- Liz Worden – 1st appearance on a Div 1 mound
- Kelly Sykes – 1st appearance on a Div 1 mound
- Pip Spence – 1st Div 1 appearance
- Imogen Gray – 1st Div 1 appearance

Congratulations to the following Players;

Our All-Stars – Ella Forester, Ashley Ng, Carmen Bischoff and Angela Mourtzios who unfortunately was unable to take to the Diamond due to injury. Mia Rogers who represented SA at the Australian Youth Women’s Championships. Ella Forester who brought home a Bronze Medal at the Australian Senior Women’s Championships – Ella forced her way into the Starting 9 for the Bronze Medal Game due to great performances in the field and with bat during the tournament.

Our Trophy Winners

MVP – Ella Forester

A terrific season in the Field and with the Bat. Put her hand up to lead our pitching staff due to the reason’s above and was rewarded with selection in the All-Star Game and the Senior Women’s State Team. Started the Bronze Medal Game – a real “gamer”. Ella sees herself as an outfielder, but I believe is equal to the best Shortstop playing in the local competition, and I believe still has improvements to make in her game.

DIVISION 1 Womens

Defensive Player of the Year – Ashley Ng

The hardest worker in the squad. Always pushing herself to improve. Quiet in nature but leads with her effort and performances on the Diamond. Terrific Club Person. I had 2 Div 1 coaches mention to me during the season that “Ashley is the most improved player and the best receiver and blocker playing in the competition.”

Best Team Player – Carmen Bischoff

Great leadership on and off the diamond. Runner up in our MVP. Always puts the “best for the team” in front of her individual concerns. Always last to leave training and always wanting extra work to improve. A pleasure to coach and have in the squad. Kept me “sane” at various times of the season and a All-Star in every sense of the word.

The Thank Yous;

The support and game day knowledge of Jared King, words do not do justice to the support and input you provided to me and to the program. Vic McKinlay on having faith in me to move the program forward, plus your support to me, the Div 2 and 3 Coaches and passion for the women’s game. Ryan Przibilla for assisting game days and training and helping out Fridays when needed and Troy “Butters” Chandler for his work with the pitchers, stepping in to Coach Div 2 when needed and support on Sundays. Our scorers, Louis Mourtzios, Karryn Przibilla and Sharon Chandler – your work generally goes unnoticed, but the game does not happen without you. My Manager Debbie Rollins, for keeping me in order, making sure the paperwork was correct and always having the knack to “put things into perspective” for me – plus being a good friend. Our Number One Ticket Holder, Warwick Marks – a passionate supporter of the women’s program. Lindsay Barbary, Zac Heintze Unger, Dalton Probert and Richard Trengove for giving up your valuable time to assist at training and game day. Our Club Executive and Committee Members for the tireless work you do in leading a successful volunteer sporting club. Craig Powell, Richard Smith and the Club Grounds Committee for preparing the diamonds and the various club members who assisted in the Canteen and Bar. Last but by no way least, my best friend and partner Sharon, for your continued love and selfless support (and allowing me to date 30 women the past 7 months).

I need to also acknowledge the work Tony Probert has given to the club. In the 10 or so years I have known Tony, and worked with Tony on the Diamond, from the day you brought young Dalton down to play U15’s for East Torrens, you have been such a positive influence to many. Having stepped down as our Division 1 Coach, you have certainly left our playing group in a better position than when you started. Your passion, knowledge and values have rubbed off on many, me included. I look forward to your next chapter at our Baseball Club, and am proud to call you, and your family a friend. I also congratulate Darian King on his appointment as our Division 1 Head Coach for the coming season. So passionate about our club and the game. Darian’s family has 50 plus years involvement in our great club and I look forward to your stamp on our Club (and thank you for driving me home on more than one occasion in the past!) So much to look forward to in our 100th Year on the Diamond in season 2023/2024 – our time to Slay.

Paul Chandler

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“Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday’s success or put its failures behind and start over again. That’s the way life is, with a new game every day, and that’s the way baseball is.” Bob Feller – 18 seasons for the Cleveland Indians – Baseball Hall of Fame Induction 1962

DIVISION 2 Mens

Firstly, I would like to thank Division 1 Coach Tony Probert and the committee for giving me the opportunity to come on board as the Division 2 Coach & Division 1 Assistant.

We had a clear focus this year in Division 2 to develop our players so they were prepared well enough to not only fill a role but to make a real impact in Division 1 if they were called upon. To help achieve this, we aimed at developing players in multiple positions to allow flexibility within our squad and give Tony multiple options for players to be called up. We were really impressed by the way the players embraced this philosophy and accepted the challenge by working hard to improve their game in multiple positions.

Collectively our senior squad had a very successful year with both Division 1 & 3 playing finals and Division 2 just missing out by 1 position on the ladder. We finished in 7th spot with 10 wins and 10 losses with arguably our best win coming in the last game of the season against Sturt who finished the minor round season on top of the ladder. Division 2 missing out on a finals berth was a blessing in disguise as our pitching staff were down on numbers and were stretched as it was for the Division 1 final series.

Statistically we were pretty solid across all areas. Walks and errors hurt us at times however generally we were good offensively in clutch situations hitting .318 with runners in scoring position. Individually we had some great offensive performances with 5 hitters hitting over .300 (Cross, Worden, Couzner, Chandler #10 & Stroud). Our pitching staff managed a 5.32 ERA across 116 innings of work and our strikeout rate was quite high with Lindsay Barbary leading the charge with 40 over 30 innings pitched.

Division 2 award winners.

MVP – Will Couzner

One of our youngest regular starters, Will had a great season across all facets of the game. He threw 23 innings for us on the mound and had our lowest WHIP of 1.458. Offensively he had a batting average of .340. A well deserved award for a great season.

Batting – Trent Cross

Trent's first full year at the club and he brought much needed power to our squad. He had our highest batting average .404 and led our team in extra base hits and RBI's.

Solid Contributor – Connor Yeatman

Connor was a solid contributor across all categories and filled multiple roles throughout the season. 24 innings pitched for a 5.25 ERA, .231 batting average and a .923 fielding percentage. Connor deserved to be recognised for his contribution.

Thank you to those who supported not only me but the entire senior squad throughout the season on and off the field. It takes a lot of dedicated people to run a successful program and I believe we have the best support network a coach can ask for; it is truly appreciated.

Darian King

DIVISION 2 Womens

From being a member of the Division 1 women's team, I made it a mission of mine to use Division 2 as a stepping stone for players to get 'Division 1 ready'. I utilised division 2 in conjunction with Division 1 baseball to give players more of an opportunity in different positions and to grow pitchers through our women's program.

Unfortunately, the way the competition is set up, not all clubs need to have division 1 teams even if their division 2 team is clearly at division 1 level. This meant that most weeks we were going up against division 1 level teams that had pitching and hitting some player's had never faced before. In East Torrens spirit we did not shy away from the challenge and instead embraced it. The players I feel have used this season as a learning opportunity to understand the level that they need to get to and attain to be a consistent team in the competition. From the beginning of the season to the end of the season Paul and I found that the team improved massively – whilst maintaining that great club culture that keeps players coming back.

A special thank you Gayal for scoring this season, we appreciate you so much. Thank you for dealing with my disorganisation each week. We couldn't have played this season without you.

It has been an absolute pleasure to be a coach for the division 2 team. I learnt so much about the game, myself as a coach and as a leader on the diamond that I wish to use through the rest of my baseball career.

Ella - SLAYYYYYY



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DIVISION 3 Mens

I was new to the Div 3 coaching position and got off to a late start, but the squad had been training in the pre season very hard and with great enthusiasm. Come the start of the season the side had a good mix of youth and experience with 6 juniors making their first year of senior baseball. Over the season these guys gained valuable experience and developed their skills and knowledge of the game which will put them in good stead for the rest of their careers. (Haru, Ryan, Damon, Tyler, Ted and Noah).

We were also lucky enough to have an abundance of pitching depth in the senior squad which meant a steady rotation of guys coming through the Div3 team allowing our regular pitchers to not have to overthrow themselves and have a good rest period between outings.

As far as the season goes things got off to a great start winning the first 3 games against quality opposition. We continued to play good baseball to the X-mas break sitting mid table with 5 wins, 2 loses and 3 draws. After the break the guys came out with the same intent and played some great baseball to end the season in 5th position with a 9 win, 4 loses and 5 draw record. That's right. You read it correctly. 5 draws. I would have to say, I've never in my career played a season of baseball where we've drawn so many games. (We also drew another game that we ended winning on protest).

At least with a few of those drawn games, we were down but managed to dig deep and battle hard to salvage a draw. That was pretty much our team motto this season, "never give up and battle to the end cause anything can happen in a game of baseball". This was the case many times during the season and especially later in the year when we needed to win to keep our finals hopes alive. Special mention must go to Damon Ashworth who late in the season hit a walk off single to win the game not once but twice.

Finals, here we come.

First final was away against 2nd placed Adelaide who during the year shared the victories. Kacee Heidt started, what I would say was his best outing, on the mound keeping the Angels hitters to 3 hits from 5 innings. To back him up our hitters from 1-9 smashed the ball all around the park to prevail 12-5 and book a semi final against Souths down there. Great team effort and the boys were pumped. The line up stayed the same against Souths with the boys fighting hard to get a couple of runs in front early, but Souths got a couple of lucky hits late to stay in the game. After a couple of pitching changes and a tough day in the batter's box for most (except Hardman 4 hits), at the end of the 9th the game was tied at 7-7. (story of our season) Unfortunately things didn't go our way and we went down in the 10th 8-7.

Finals squad – Kacee Heidt, Ryan Stradling, Jaryd Hardman, Damon Ashworth, Glen Simmons, Haru Riley, Glenn Castellano, Jake Biggins, Troy Chandler, Tyler Dunn, Ted Casson and Noah Bischoff. I was very proud of the way the boys conducted themselves throughout the season and how the young fellas improved greatly, in the batters box, on the field but more importantly, mentally. With a good group of senior players around them they were able to learn more about the game than just playing. I'm looking forward to next season to see the development grow in the young fellas and another influx of first years starting their senior careers.

We didn't have a batting award this season but here are the top hitters. Simmons-547, Barbary-423, Hardman-340, Biggins-326, Przibilla-300, Chandler-266, Riley-265, Stradling-250, Castellano-250.

Congratulations to Jaryd Hardman for taking out this seasons 'Best and Fairest' with another great season all round. Jaryd is a seasoned player who is willing to share his knowledge and passion for the game with the young guys.

The 'Most Outstanding First Year Player' went to a player who was injured at the start of the season and then worked his way back with a couple of innings in the outfield before becoming the permanent Div3 catcher. He didn't look back from there. He caught the rest of the season improving every game. There's not much of him, but he can sure block a ball and his game calling got better every week. With another season under his belt and with a little more development and strength work, his batting and throwing will see him pushing for higher levels. Congratulations Ryan Stradling.

DIVISION 3 Mens

The 'Coaches Award' this season went to another first year player, Haru Riley. Haru had a great season at shortstop and as the lead off hitter. He made some fantastic plays throughout the year and his on base percentage was awesome for a lead off. The more Haru plays in the senior grades, the more his knowledge of the game will improve and the more he'll realise the importance of his leadership and voice on the field. He's a very quiet lad. Great season Haru.

Thankyou to all the players that had a part to play in the Div3 success. Everyone contributed in many ways in nearly getting us all the way. Thank You also to the senior coaching group of Probes, Knackers, Dazza, Couz and Beggy for all the support during the season. Special thanks to Daz for helping out at third base and game days along with Couz and Beggy. Couldn't have done it without you guys. Cheers boys.

I'd like to thank all the scorers that helped out during the season. Much appreciated Kirra, Marnie, Karyn, Sharon and anyone else. To the ground staff on another stellar year on the diamond and to the REDSOX Family, THANKYOU.

On a personal note, I'd very much like to say a huge thankyou to our retiring Div1 coach Tony Probert. Probes has not only been my coach and teammate but a very good friend and all round great bloke. His knowledge and passion for the game and for the Redsox family is without doubt unbelievable. Sit back and relax Big Tone and see what you have created. It's awesome. Cheers mate.

Simmo



DIVISION 3 Womens

2022/23 Team

Imogen Gray - Catcher
Pip Spence- Pitcher
Denise Mourtzios- 2nd Base
Katherine Cicchiello- O/F
Debbie Rollins- 1st Base
Vic McKinlay- 3rd Base
Kristin Sims- Utility
Karina Aubrey- O/F
Irma deWit- O/F
Maddy Walters- Utility
Liz Worden - Pitcher
Angela Mourtzios - Utility

Our goal this season was to improve and have fun along the way and we certainly did that! Our first game was a draw and we had one win during the season. We lost by 1 in four games, one of those games was to the top team SD.

The improvement in the girls this season has been amazing and I am very proud of how far they have come, thanks to all the players that filled in for us when we were short and we welcomed Liz Worden and Angela Mourtzios half way through the season , they were a real asset to the team.

I would Like to thank Steven Pryor for base coaching when he could and Vic McKinlay for all your help and support when I needed it.

Thank you to Louis Mourtzios, Katherine Ashworth, Lauren Sanderson, Karryn Przibilla , Paul Chandler for scoring for us this season, it was very much appreciated by all of us. Thanks to all the Women's coaching staff for all the hard work you have put into teaching the girls. I hope to see you all out again next season and continue to improve and most of all have a lot of fun.

MVP - Pip Spence
Batting Trophy - Liz Worden
Best Team Woman - Imogen Gray

Debbie Rollins

DIVISION 5

Led by their tenacious skipper Troy Harrington, the East Torrens Red Sox Division 5 side showcased unwavering spirit and resilience throughout a challenging season. The team's journey was defined by their fifth-place finish in the regular season with a 10W-5L-4D record, and their valiant effort in the playoffs, where they were unfortunately knocked out in the first round by Henley and Grange.

At the forefront of their success was Todd Symons, a force to be reckoned with both on the mound and in the batter's box. Symons' outstanding performances earned him the title of Most Valuable Player (MVP), inspiring his teammates to dig deep and strive for greatness. Ben Copping emerged as the Batting Champion, consistently delivering clutch hits and driving in crucial runs. Additionally, Rhys Forrester shone as the Rookie of the Year, showcasing his talent and adaptability in various aspects of the game.

Though their playoff journey was cut short, the East Torrens Red Sox Division 5 team remains undeterred, driven by the disappointment of their exit. With a resilient core of players like Symons, Copping, and Forrester leading the way, they are poised to build upon their achievements and pursue success in the seasons to come.

Dave Taylor

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DIVISION 6

With the abolishment of Div 4 we saw a real change in the Div 6 quality overall, a couple of full div 5 teams dropped down and it changed the competitiveness for sure. BSA really stuffed things up with the weirdest draw I've ever seen, they had some teams playing each other 4 times and then once against others. We even had to play a home game against the top team Sturt at Glenelg, and we went down 4-3.

Our season started 5 from 6 but we struggled to do well enough against the better teams in the middle part of the season. However, our home stretch of 5 wins from 6 was ultimately not enough as we missed out on finals by .017 of winning percentage, and the 2-1 walk off loss at Henley was tough.

And with a very healthy 12 wins and 6 losses (two by a run) but we could only finish 7th in Div 6. Special thanks to Dylan Rollins for coaching this year again and as he has missed finals he has dived on his sword and will not be coaching next year. Thanks to Debbie Rollins for her Managing role and to Vicki Williams for scoring.

Some season stats:

The team had 18 games and accumulated 208 hits and 72 walks. Also managed 50 ks as well (none by David Chapman) Team batting percentage was 400. Scoring 154 runs v 95 against.

Anton managed to steal a team leading 23 bases, and Robbo took 18 walks

The K Kings is shared this year with Gus and Robbo getting 8 each

Pitching wise – our battery of 5 blokes threw 113 innings with 154 hits, 44 walks and 104 ks with a strike percentage of 70%

Congratulations to the 3 medal winners,

MVP- Kane Galloway

Batting Award- Darren Robinson

Coaches Award- Anthony Delloso

DIVISION 7

Season 2022/2023 was a challenging season where we battled to have 9 players on the diamond most weeks. Unfortunately, we went in the season losing Matthew Williams, Anthony Delloso, Blake Kirkman, and Nathan Pippett, who were important players from our previous season. However, we welcomed Michael Shillabeer, Tony Rogers, Ben Anderson, Noah Rogers, Joe Szegedi, Steve Pryor, David Strugnell and Declan Overton back. In addition, new players for Division 7 were Lane Sutherland, Rick Lee and Aaron Grieger. Throughout the season, we also had numerous people help to ensure we had 9 on the diamond, where we had 24 players play for Division 7.

Division 7 had a losing record of 8-9. We finished the season 11th as we struggled for consistency throughout the year.

Consistency with the bat was our weakest link as we had 4 players batting over 400 with Michael Shillabeer at .512, Tony Rogers at .409, Ben Anderson at .406 and Noah Rogers at .400. On the bump this season, Noah Rogers was dominant, finishing with an ERA of 6.349 with 39 strikeouts from 28.2 innings. Our struggles finding a catcher and having a balanced defensive lineup limited Noah Rogers #39's use on the bump, as most players in Division 7 struggled to make any contact with him.

Division 7 is looking forward to redeeming themselves in season 2023/2024 and pushing for finals baseball again.

Division 7 awards:

MVP: Michael Shillabeer- Batting 512 BA, 16 RBIs, 22 hits; Pitching: 2-5, 30k, 8.123 ERA, 3.11 WHIP.

Golden Glove: Noah Rogers- Pitching: 4-4, 39k, 6.349 ERA, 2.302 WHIP; Fielding 42 chances, 20 A, 22 PO, 1.000 FPCT, 3 DP.

Best Team Man: David Strugnell

Michael Shillabeer



DIVISION 8

This season was good for the Division 8 team winning 13, losing 5 and having 1 draw. Kat Cicchiello again came onboard as Manager of the team; Kat did a fantastic job all season and shared a special moment with her family with Chicko (husband) Matt (son) and herself playing the same Game. We also had four new players Steve Cope, Paul Ashworth, Jordan Ashworth and Kym Ashworth this rounded out squad of fifteen.

Player availability hit us hard again this season due to work and family commitments, so we very rarely had the same team on the field twice.

I would like to thank all our players, Pumpkin, Angus, Fuad, Barney, Chicko, JP, Boydy, Kym, Paul A, Paul Z, Steve, Jordan, Matt, Armando, Bob and Stef who all did a great job and hopefully enjoyed the season. I would also like to thank Paul Ashworth for his help coaching the team.

We finished the season in 4th spot and played our first final against Sturt at Adelaide winning 13-5 and home Semi-final. The following week came up against Kensington but could not get our game together and our season came to an end losing 13-8.

Our MVP was Paul Ashworth pitching some great games and hitting well, other trophy winners were Kym Ashworth Hitting Award and Angus Gneil Most Influential Player.

Thanks to Kathrine and Paul Ashworth for putting on a barbeque for the end of the season at their house. It was a fantastic day that we all enjoyed. Thanks also to our scorers, Trish and Genna who filled in when Trish was not available.

Darren Unger



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UNDER 19 - BIG LEAGUE

The 2022/23 Big League season only had the 4 teams in the competition as per the previous season. This year it was West Torrens, Adelaide, Goodwood and East Torrens. With our current junior age matrix any junior player turning 16 on the 31st of August or prior are out of junior baseball in South Australia if we do not have the Big League Competition. It is manageable for the elite or stronger bodied players to play in higher senior grades however it leaves a void for those not ready for senior baseball which makes the Big League Competition a necessity to keep young baseball players at our club.

Rain hampered the first few weeks and with Baseball SA deciding to reduce their games by two mid-season it made for just 13 games played in the competition. We finished the minor rounds in 3rd position with a 5-8 win-loss record and narrowly went down 4-2 to West Torrens in the first final.

Starting with just the 7 players for the season it was always going to be tough but with great support from several U/17 players we were able to put a team together each week. Our team consisted of Noah Bischoff, Jordan Ashworth, Ted Cassan, Jaye Carson, Cooper Newbound, Koen Forrester, Greg Bravo and later joined by Boyd Worden. Special thanks to Greg and Boyd who would back up on a Sunday after their Division 1 or 2 games the day before.

Also a massive thank you to Charlie Leask, Noah Mathews, Josh Paton and Junheon Kim who played 4 games each to qualify for finals along with Jake Moras, Matt Cicchiello, Ryan Stradling, Angela Mourtzios, Damon Ashworth and Luke Vollebredt who doubled up after their U/17 games.

I can't thank Brad Przibilla enough for his help as Assistant Coach along with Katherine Ashworth, Carmen Bischoff and Kaitlyn Paton who did the scoring throughout the season.

Overall it was a good season with a lot of fun and I was happy with the players' improvement along with their commitment and effort at training and games.

Hope to see you all next season for our 100th year.

Award Winners

MVP - Greg Bravo

R/U MVP - Jordan Ashworth

Coach's Award - Noah Bischoff

Paul Ashworth

UNDER 17 - SENIOR LEAGUE - RED

The u17s Red had a tough start to the year taking on 5 of the top 6 finalists in our first 5 games. While we were competitive in all games we started the season with 4 losses. Each loss by 1 or 2 runs and a rain out. From that point on we were playing catch up all season.

The BIG RED MACHINE went on a 7 game winning streak including a 1 run victory over the ET blue u17s. Putting us back in contention for a Play-off berth. The top 6 had 1 stand out in Kensington then 1 game separating 2 to 6 in the last round of the year. A win would have allowed us to finish 4th and the possibility of a double chance. Unfortunately we went down to across the river rivals West Torrens leaving us to face the undefeated Kensington in the first round of finals. We lost Will Couzner and Conner Yeatman for the final as they had commitments with the senior squad. Ty Dunn and Haru Riley stepped in to replace the missing players. The boys played well and took it right up to Kensington going into the bottom of the 7th inning all tied. Kensington scored the winning run with the 3rd base runner stealing home with 2 out. It was a credit to the boys to take it right up to the eventual premier's.

Congratulations

Ryan Stradling. MVP

Damon Ashworth. runner up MVP

Noah Mathews. Batting award

Thank you to all the parents for their support during the year.

Thank you to the amazing job done by all the volunteers that make our club great. From the ground crew, canteen, bar, equipment managers and all those serving on the committee I say thank you.

Thank you Marnie Yeatman for scoring all season. Steve Yeatman team manager and James "FFS jimbo" Stradling assistant coach.

Cheer boys cheer boys.

BATTING					
PITCHING					
FIELDING					
STANDARD		ADVANCED		BREAKDOWN	
PLAYER	ER	BB	K	HBP	ERA
Stradling, #72	26	27	39	5	5.406
Ashworth, #43	17	15	27	3	4.760
Hearst, #21	10	13	3	4	21.00
Couzner, #18	0	1	3	1	.000
Mathews	0	2	3	1	.000
Yeatman, #27	1	2	2	1	7.000
Couzner	1	1	0	0	10.50
Vollebregt, #7	0	0	1	0	.000
TOTALS	51	61	78	15	5.174

BATTING					
PITCHING					
FIELDING					
STANDARD		ADVANCED		BREAKDOWN	
PLAYER	IP	GP	GS	BF	#P
Stradling, #72	33.2	12	5	171	658
Ashworth, #43	25.0	13	5	129	519
Hearst, #21	3.1	4	1	34	132
Couzner, #18	3.0	1	1	10	45
Mathews	2.0	1	1	11	44
Yeatman, #27	1.0	1	1	11	46
Couzner	0.2	1	0	4	14
Vollebregt, #7	0.1	1	0	1	4
TOTALS	69.0	14	14	371	12

PLAYER	GP	PA	AB	AVG	OBI
Mathews	14	47	33	.515	.63
Yeatman, #27	14	46	33	.424	.58
Ashworth, #43	13	42	38	.421	.47
King, #62	13	45	34	.382	.53
Couzner, #18	14	48	37	.351	.50
Stradling, #72	14	50	34	.324	.54
Hearst, #21	14	42	31	.226	.42
Braithwaite, #59	14	43	33	.182	.37
Vollebregt, #7	14	39	32	.031	.20
Couzner	1	2	1	.000	.50
Riley, #1	1	1	1	.000	.00
TOTALS	14	407	309	.324	.48

UNDER 17 - SENIOR LEAGUE - BLUE

With a total of 18 players committing to our Senior League Teams, and after a long consulting period, the decision was made to enter two teams both in the top division. The teams were divided to have older second year players in one team and first year younger players in the other to continue gaining experience playing together.

The coach was not established during the preseason period which was kindly run by Kym Ashworth and on arriving our import Alex Lemmon took the lead coach role and was assisted by David Paton.

We welcomed new players Jake Moras from the Mildura league and Luca Haskell who were both known to the sport. The rest of the team consisted of Haru Riley, Josh Paton, Tyler Dunn, Charlie Leask, Jack Lukomski, Junheon Kim and Matthew Cicchiello.

This team started extremely well and were punching well above their weight winning several games and even gave the older East Torrens Blue team a big square when they lost narrowly on a walk off. It was always going to be a struggle with the bare 9 players. It became even tougher when a couple of baseball injuries to Junheon and Luka along with non-baseball injury to Charlie, all at the same time, resulted in 3 fractures and many missed games leading into the Christmas break.

The team ended up with an impressive 50% win loss record and narrowly missed the finals on percentage. A big thank you to Junior League (U/15) players Jack Wilton, Theo McWhinnie-Wong, James Cross, Thomas Cicchiello, Samuel Uzcategui-Montenegro, Harlan King and Joel Collise who played up when the numbers were short and doubled up with their own games later that day.

This group of players showed determination, impressive skills and impeccable team work throughout the season and should be so proud of themselves.

Award Winners

Offensive MVP - Jake Moras

Defensive MVP - Haru Riley

Best Team Player - Charlie Leask



UNDER 15 - JUNIOR LEAGUE

The season was a success if measured relative to our objectives at the start of the year. At the beginning of the season we set out some goals for each individual:

(i) Be task focused: understand what needs to be done to accomplish the task and work hard to complete the task correctly.

(ii) Internalize the idea that hard work is required to improve or perfect a task. Repetition, perseverance and optimism are inputs and confidence will be an output.

(iii) Respect the idea that parents and teammates are working hard to improve their task performance - help them achieve their goals and don't hinder them.

(iv) Be empathetic to teammates AND opponents.

(v) Be kind to someone everyday.

I would argue that each player achieved all these goals and really that should end the summary of the season - it was a big success.

Our boys trained hard through the entire season putting in 3 hours of practice in each week and working hard at drills to improve upon both the micro skills and the macro, team level skills. We blasted out of the gates winning our first 8 games with only one closely contested game which our boys won on walk-off grand slam - turning around a 6 run deficit going into the last half-inning of play. We lost a very close game in the first contest of the new season to the eventual playoff champs and ended up in second place of the regular season standings. Filled with enthusiasm and confidence our boys played their way to the semi-finals but lost in a tightly contested game.

With 12 players on the roster, the boys did a splendid job dealing with having to share playing time and nobody complained about position allocations nor playing time. They worked very well as a unit and everyone improved in some aspect of their skill set. I could not be more pleased with their effort and though the results of a baseball game can be flipped by random event; there was nothing random with the inputs that the kids allocated to training and game play - it was always 100% effort. Our team awards went to Owen Couzner (team MVP), Theoh McWhinnie-Wong (team batting award) and Tyson Soraghan (coaches' award) but everyone was deserving of some congratulations for making the season a positive for all.

Andrew Couzner and Darian King are thanked for helping out at practices and doing the strategic game management every Sunday. Many thanks to scorers Kirra King and Cheryl Couzner. Appreciation goes out to the set of parents who operated the GameChanger scoring app so that we could keep track of pitch counts from the dugout. Gratitude is extended to all those family members who helped out in the canteen. This team and every other junior level team benefitted from the extraordinary work done by Carmen Bischoff without whom this season would have been a wreck from the very beginning.

Finally, thanks heaps to Travis Wilton who helped out at almost all practices with coaching, helped set up practice and game day fields, served as a bench coach on game days and acted as a solid sounding board for many zany ideas.

It was an absolute pleasure to work with such a fine group of players, coaches and parents. I am hopeful that every team will be as fun to be around in the 2023/24 season as this one was for the 2022/23 season.

Jacob Wong

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UNDER 13/1 - LITTLE LEAGUE

The U13/1 team of 2022/23 was Xavier Bischoff, Samuel Norsworthy, Hudson Thomas, Will Page, Hunter Peterson, Sam Clarke, Lincoln Page, Jack Delloso, Lachey Bennett, Mahaan Akula, Marcus Cicchiello.

As planned, a good solid mix of second year, first year, those who had played together for a few years, those who will underpin the team next season and a rookie!

You can't ask for a better start to a season than a win, 7-5, pitchers throwing strikes (11k, allowing only 6 hits and the best part only 3 walks). The messaging from the outset was about getting the ball in play and creating opportunity and for our batter this day, without question they achieved that goal with the 32 plate appearances for the game we had 8 hits, 6 balls in play, 10 walks leaving 8 strikeouts.

You could say I felt very comfortable heading to sunny Hawaii and leaving the team in the hands of the Bischoffs. It would seem my sunny weather was not replicated in Adelaide with game 2 rained out and game 3 a nightmare down south in torrential conditions.

Whilst we would only win 3 more games, draw one, and take the loss in 10 others, we were not that far off. For any Port fans (and maybe crows fans) I am sure you hear this a lot, that we are not that far away and there are positive signs. Well that was true for us this season as well. If we look at who won the grand final in Golden Grove we had a 3-9 loss, yes, but we were 2-0 up after 2 innings, one little slip in 3rd really was the game, otherwise we were able to match them with plenty of opportunities.

The ladder had Adelaide on top from Souths. Adelaide we lost 4-2 and for anyone at that game, it was a cracker, Xavier threw a blinder, 0-0 going into the 5th, Adelaide opened it up with 4 runs, but we fought back like we had all game, getting 2 runs across and had baseball loaded, but to Adelaide credit they held on. Tough loss, but a clear sign of how talented our group is.

We then look at the Souths game who we had only lost 2 a few weeks earlier 2-6, 4 of Souths runs coming in the first innings, showing we matched them for the remainder of the game, giving ourselves chances along the way, with the final game 3-5, another tight one.

We had some great games, 2 crackers against H&G, a draw and a tough loss in the last game of the season in the final inning, but without a doubt for me the Kensington win was the highlight. Let's start with the gold glove catch in centerfield by Jack, low down, sliding in, the hops on popping to his feet and the grin and excitement from everyone we had kept this game tied and had a chance to win it in the bottom of the 6th. Baseball is fun, and it was fun for everyone that day.

Everyone played a role throughout the season, Samuel with solid defense, a pick at Adelaide worthy of ESPN highlights, Jack who was a wall in the outfield catching every that came his way, including 'that catch', Lachey where we saw some of the amazing power, hitting some of the hardest balls of anyone throughout the year, Sammy Clarke, filling up the zone, a go to when we needed someone to throw strikes, Lincoln and Marcus, solid behind the plate showing size does not matter in baseball and showing some improved leadership throughout the season taking charge of the pitchers, and Hudson and Mahaan, our utilities who not only showed some brilliance in the field but both hit over .300, ending up a couple of our offensive leaders.

A big shout out to our MVP Xavier, who had a great season, hitting a team best .417. Will, a team best .era, highest innings pitched and 59% strike to ball ratio (allowing only 12 walks for the season, but striking out 34). And Hunter, excitement plus, be it on the mound, in the batter box, bath paths, anything could happen when Hunter was around.

UNDER 13/1 - LITTLE LEAGUE

As with any season, we want everyone to enjoy themselves and continue to develop and learn, this was not only true for the players but everyone this season, myself included, our assistant coach learnt the rules of 1B coaching, we all learnt about the allowed pitch totals and pitch counting being an important task and the line game makes people very competitive...shame some of that didn't make it to a Sunday!

A massive thank you to everyone who assisted in packing up the grounds after the game, family members who jumped in and helped in the canteen, game day manager, picking up baseballs at training, thank you, it's great when you have a community and everyone gets involved. Thank you to Matt "I will not pick the ball up until it passed first base" Bischoff for helping as Assistant Coach, Tony 'Front toss is my jam' Dellosa, for helping out and preparing for a coaching job next season and of course Carmen "rock star who does it all" Bischoff, for scoring, coaching and picking up everything I was really bad at, like Heya and communication!

Congratulations to Xavier and Lachey for making the Marlins and Will and Sammy Clarke for making the Development Team.

I look back at my time in juniors and the people I grew up playing with who are still my best friends today and still play and coach baseball with at East Torrens now. There is so much talent amongst this group and a great bunch to boot, so I really look forward to seeing the development in years to come.

Next season is a special one for the club, 100 years as East Torrens Baseball Club, so I look forward to seeing everyone at some stage for what hopefully is another great season of baseball.

Damien Norsworthy

UNDER 13/2 - LITTLE LEAGUE

The main goal for this season was player development with a team that consisted of a few second year U13s, a large group of players who were still league age 11 and several first year players who were on a very steep learning curve.

Training on Wednesday nights revolved around skill base and fundamentals, followed by game situations. We then focused on hitting drills and pitching on the Friday nights, which included a few U11 involved as their siblings were training in Tball and U9s.

Most training sessions were generally well attended throughout the season, we saw several moments where skills learnt at training were taken and implemented into games, which was extremely rewarding.

Game days sometimes were a juggling act with our pitchers and catchers.

The core of our pitching staff were limited by league age and could only throw 40 pitches. They also were catchers, which made things tough when catchers are not allowed to pitch in the same game at this level. At the plate we had a combined average of .495, with some outstanding hits throughout the season. We fared pretty well against other teams over the season, but overall we did concede to many walks and as the saying goes;

“The key to winning baseball games is pitching fundamentals and three homers”.

The season started with a win against Henley & Grange then followed by some rain outs and we managed to have a 6-2 record up to the Christmas break.

After Christmas losses to Southern Districts, West Torrens, Henley and Grange and Red Rangers. We were looking at missing out on finals as we headed to Goodwood for a must win with only 2 games left of the season. And we were outstanding... A really gutsy effort by the whole team and came away with the win. This allowed us to secure a finals spot after a follow up win against Adelaide.

Finals bound in 6th spot and we faced the minor premiers West Torrens. Although we went down 10-4 to end our season, we battled all day and were in it all the way until the last innings.

This game highlighted the progress we have all made and showed that we are a very competitive team.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out this year with volunteering for canteen duty, setting up diamonds, putting up shades trying to pack up the shades, pitch counting, washing uniforms, packing bags, fixing gloves, helping at trainings, making sure we have everything, wiping away tears, patching up wounds so we can go out and have fun playing baseball.

Huge thank you to our scorers Belinda Dienelt and Matt Haskett for an absolute Stella job!

Honorary mentions to Vanessa Davis our team manager and Patrick Dunne our assistant coach, their support in assisting our squad was fantastic.

Lastly I would like to thank the players with all their efforts they made this season to get better, and hope they all continue to play next year and beyond.

I will leave you with this quote from the great Tommy Larsoda:

“There are three types of baseball players: those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happened.”

See you all in our 100th season....

UNDER 11 - MINOR LEAGUE

The first game of the season we started off with the bare nine players, including a couple of experienced players, mixed in with some PeeWee players from last year and some new players in their first season of baseball. This inexperience showed in our first game, when a fly ball was hit in the middle of the infield and most of our team stood there watching the ball hit the ground not sure what exactly to do with it.

We finished the season with 10 regular players (Jonte, Oscar, Leonardo, Alessandro, Sebastian, Teo, Noah, Hamish, Eli and Desta) plus one player who filled in at the beginning of the season then went back down to PeeWees, One player (Ryder) who played the majority of the season in PeeWees but improved so much he earned a promotion to minor league before the end of the season and 3 players on a 3 game pass. Jay tried his hand at baseball and was looking to become very good at it before he decided not to continue and focus on his other sports. A special thank you to Kai Lacroix who filled in for us while the Vadagninis went overseas. Without Kai's help we may not have been able to field a team for the last 3 weeks before Christmas. And also Tarik, who did some great work for us on the mound, in the field and with the bat, but was unable to complete the season due to a hand injury.

The improvement these players showed throughout the season was outstanding and noticed by anyone who came out to watch our games. The last game of the minor round was probably the highlight of our season. Going up against a tough Southern Districts outfit, with none out and bases loaded in the third innings, Southern Districts looked like walking away with the game. The Hawks batter hit to centerfield where Noah made a great catch and turned it into a TRIPLE PLAY to finish the innings. In the bottom of the fourth and final innings scores were tied, Oscar Patman hit a hard ball to right field fence resulting in a 2 run, game ending, WALK OFF HOME RUN to finish the game. I think this game shows the massive improvement all of our players have made this season and was great to finish off the minor round in this fashion.

We made it into the finals of the North section of our division and played really well through the finals, going down to a much stronger Kensington team in the semi final (who went on to win our divisions overall). Having lost 11-1 early in the season to this team we knew it would be a tough game. To our boys credit they took it to them and fought hard all game. Our bats were hot, starting the game with 5 hits from our first 6 batters! Our best batting display all season up against some of the top pitching we had faced all season. We held them scoreless in the 2nd and 3rd with Noah Sutherland pitching a blinder - faced 6 batters for 6 strikeouts! We held them 3-4 right up until the final innings, where things didn't go our way but I would like to congratulate the boys for their effort and resilience and especially for the way they finished off the season.

Our awards went to:

MVP - Noah Sutherland

Runner up MVP - Eli Davis

Batting award - Oscar Patman

Finally a big thank you to everyone who helped out during the season. Liam - our assistant coach, for his positive team chats during games, keeping the umpires honest and 3rd base coaching during games. I would also like to thank all the dads who helped out when Liam was unavailable, especially at training - thank you! Lane, Aaron, Declan, Gavin, Rick and Nick.

Thank you to Vanessa, Kylie and anyone else who helped run the bench, keeping everyone in line, making sure they were ready to bat and no one batted out of order. Thank you to Rick for managing our team and organising canteen rosters. Thank you to everyone who helped out in the canteen, especially Jonte's sister Ashtyn who did a lot of our canteen duties so our parents could watch their kids play. Thank you to Jess and Jess for pitch counting. Thank you to Mickey and Lane for scoring when Nick was away. And finally thank you to Nick Vadagnini for not only scoring the majority of our games but submitting the team sheets and votes as soon as the game was over, (usually after chasing me for my votes) and doing all of our stats for us.

UNDER 11 - MINOR LEAGUE

Special mention to Noah Sutherland who earned enough umpire votes to achieve Baseball SA MVP Top 5 for our division, in only his first season of baseball. Keep your eye on this kid in the future!

Thanks for a great season!

Karen Mentha





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T-BALL & PEE WEE

It was a fantastic season overall for tee ball and peewee this season. I took over close to the start of the season not really knowing what to expect, but the energy and enthusiasm the kids came in with was infectious and they ended up having a lot of fun by all reports! I consulted with a number of people regarding how the program has been run in the past and then what would be a good direction to take it in this season. From that I decided to bring more of a focus on tee ball games rather than just doing drills for the full hour. I think this proved really beneficial as all the kids, especially the peewees, saw some really good advances in hitting baserunning and those are the parts of the game that really bring the kids back each and every week! There are still some improvements to be made that will be easier with the groundwork I did this season. Getting into schools earlier with advertising to grow the program, more focus on throwing skills in particular is something I want to do to really provide a well rounded base for the kids to move forward with, and a more consistent roster of helpers for each week just to really allow me to take more of an oversight roll rather than being heavily involved with each session would be best.

On the Peewee side we started our season with 6 players in a very wet first game. We then brought in a player from northern districts because their team folded as well as a few more late starters, and by the end we had a solid team of 11 each week and the improvement in in-game awareness and hitting in particular was really great to see. I wasn't just lobbing the ball into the kids, I was throwing it fairly flat and straight and by the end of the season they were consistently making solid contact forcing opposing fielders to make plays. We had some kids at the start of the season who were chopping wood with their swing and by the last game they were nearly hitting home runs, so it was really nice to see that and I really look forward to taking that into next season. Fortunately I've got hardly anyone moving up which means that we're going to be able to run it back and see another year of growth and development out of all of the kids which is going to be really cool to see.

In closing, I've got a really good foundation now and a lot of good things to bring out of tee ball and PeeWee as a whole this year. I made a commitment when accepting the position that I would be willing to run it for at least 3 years, so with some continuity behind me from this season, I'm confident the program will be able to take a step forward and really start to try and grow and get back to what it used to be, and really lay a strong foundation for the future of our club. Thank you to the committee for their support, to all the parents just for bringing their kids out each week, which can be hard on a Friday afternoon, and especially to those parents that stepped in and helped me run Peewee game days, and lastly a thank you to my helpers on Friday nights, I wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

Stef Gratton



SENIOR GAMES MILESTONES

50 Games

Ashlee Stradling
Ashley Ng
Connor Yeatman
Darren Unger
Gregorio Bravo
Kacee Heidt
Liz Worden
Matt Williams
Victoria McKinlay
Will Couzner

100 Games

Braeden Ashworth
Lindsay Barbary
Ryan Przibilla
Sebastian Heintze-Unger
Zac Stroud

150 Games

Boyd Worden
Joshua Boyd

250 Games

Dalton Probert
Ross Matcham
Troy Chandler

300 Games

Luke Chandler

350 Games

Mark Stewart
Todd Symons

400 Games

Damien Norsworthy
Jay Sanderson

450 Games

Ralph D'Onise
Troy Harrington

800 Games

Glen Simmons

