



# EAST TORRENS BASEBALL CLUB

## 2023 - 2024 ANNUAL REPORT 100th Season





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YEAR	LIFE MEMBER	PLAYER LIFE MEMBER
1962	G. DRAPER†	
1964	MRS A. ROBERTS†	
1965	G. FENWICK†	
1966	P. ROBERTS†	
1967	R. EDMEADES	
1968	D. ROBERTS	
1968/69	D. ROACH	
1969/70	K. PITT	
1970/71	J. TOWILL	
1972/73	B. HAYLEY	
1973/74	B. ADDISON	
1975/76	D. DATE†	
1976/77	R. KENEALLY	
1977/78	J. DAVIS	
1979/80	A. SMITH†	
1980/81	B. MARKS†	
1981/82	MRS L. MADDISON†	
1981/82	P. PIKE†	
1983/84		G. MCKINLAY
1984/85		G. MADDISON
1985/86		D. TOWILL
1986/87		G. WILDEN
1987/88	J. KING	
1988/89	T. BENNETT†, T. MADDISON†	
1989/90	B. ABBEY	
1990/91	R. RUSH	W. BROOKS, C. WHITTLESEA
1991/92	R. CHANDLER	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. TREN GROVE
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. DEINELT, 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
2023/24	D. NORSWORTHY	P.ASHWORTH

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

BAR MANAGER:	Bob Hollands
CANTEEN MANAGER:	VACANT
SPONSORSHIP MANAGER:	Blake Armstrong
SCORERS DELEGATE:	Katherine Ashworth
UMPIRES DELEGATE:	Ash Ng
SENIOR COORDINATOR:	Paul Chandler
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 7th June 2023, 7pm, Feathers Hotel

- Welcome
- Welcome to Country - by President - Damien Norsworthy
- Apologies
  - Bob & Trish Hollands
  - Richard & Carolyn Smith
  - Ron & Jill Chandler
  - Sharon Chandler
  - Glen Simmons
  - Lauren Sanderson
  - Darian King
- Present (Voting Rights confirmed)
- Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting 2021/22 - Moved to be accepted by Damien Norsworthy, all in favour - Accepted as accurate record of meeting.
- Reports;  
Annual Report presented to align with requirements of the Constitution.  
Financial Report - shared and explained by D. Norsworthy, shared current bank balances.
- Nominations;
  - Life Members - **No Nominations received.** *D.Norsworthy reminded those present that all nominations are now reviewed by the Life Membership Panel.*
  - Player Life Member - Paul Ashworth (**Nomination by Paul Chandler**)
- Elections of Officers (Executive Committee)
  - President – (Nomination from the floor, Damien Norsworthy) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Vice President - (Nomination in writing: Steve Yeatman) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Secretary - (Nomination in writing: Angela Probert) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Treasurer - (Nomination in writing: Jarrad Laws) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Operations Manager - (Nomination in writing: Paul Ashworth) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager (Nomination verbally from Amber Bisset) - **Unopposed.**

- Registrations & Memberships Manager (Nominations: None) **Declared Vacant. Casual Vacancy under clause 11.1 of Bylaws.**
- Strategy & Planning Coordinator (Nomination in writing: David Chapman) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
- **Elections of Officers (Management Committee)**
  - Social & Fundraising Manager **Declared Vacant. Casual Vacancy under clause 11.1 of Bylaws.**
  - Facilities Manager (House & Grounds) - **Declared Vacant. Casual Vacancy under clause 11.1 of Bylaws.**
  - Bar Manager - (Nomination: Bob Hollands) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Canteen Manager **Declared Vacant. Casual Vacancy under clause 11.1 of Bylaws.**
  - Social Media & Online Coordinator - (Nominations: Steve Yeatman) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Sponsorship Coordinator - (Nomination: Blake Armstrong) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Senior Coordinator - (Nominations: Paul Chandler) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Womens Coordinator - (Nominations: Victoria McKinlay) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - T-ball Co-ordinator - (Nomination: Stef Gratton) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Uniform & Regalia Manager - (Nominations: Marnie Yeatman) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Junior Coordinator - (Nomination: Carmen Bischoff) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Umpire Coordinator (Includes acting as delegate to Umpires Association) -(Nomination: Ashley Ng) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Equipment Manager - (Nominations: Darian King) - **Unopposed. Elected under clause 10.3 of Bylaws.**
  - Scorer's Coordinator (Includes acting as delegate to Scorers Association) **Declared Vacant. Casual Vacancy under clause 11.1 of Bylaws.**
- **General Business**
  - Jarrad King shared a 100 Year Celebration steering committee update.
- **Meeting Closed – 8pm**



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# PRESIDENT

It is certainly a privilege to be the President of the East Torrens Baseball Club, especially in its 100th year. To all the esteemed life members, player life members, members, dedicated volunteers, beloved players, supporters and broader ETBC community thank you, thank you for being part of your community baseball club.

## **A Century of Excellence**

For 100 years, the East Torrens Baseball Club has been a cornerstone of the community, embodying the spirit of camaraderie, sportsmanship, and dedication. The journey from humble beginnings to becoming a beacon of success in the baseball world is a testament to the enduring commitment and passion of every individual who has been part of this remarkable journey. To the 100 Year Sub Committee, John King, Paul Chandler, Jared King and Angela Probert, thank you for a wonderful celebration, a look back at our past, the bringing together of so many to relive the wonderful memories and to showcase what a wonderful family we have here at the ETBC. Throughout this Annual Report, please enjoy the stories of the 100th year and reflect on what has been another successful season and be excited about the future of this proud baseball club.

## **Volunteers: The Heartbeat of Our Club**

At the heart of our success lies the tireless dedication of our volunteers. From the early morning field setups to the late-night meetings, coaching, scoring, preparing a magnificent field, our volunteers have consistently gone above and beyond to ensure the smooth running of our club. Their selfless contributions have not only kept the club operational but have also fostered a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these unsung heroes whose behind-the-scenes efforts have been instrumental in shaping the legacy of the East Torrens Baseball Club. Your hard work and commitment are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered as the foundation of our club's success.

## **Celebrating Our Achievements**

We again saw teams don the Red Sox uniform and perform at their ultimate best again this season and display the passion and skills we are proud of as a club. No matter how the season went, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and walks away from the season a better person. Congratulations to all those teams who made it to the finals, especially our Women's Division 3 team, who played in their first final ever. Also, congratulations to the Division 6 team for winning our sole Premiership in season 100. We also continue to see major growth in our younger players, with State and Charter representation remaining high and 3 players being selected to represent their country, well done Aiden Lucas, Will Couzner and Connor Yeatman we wish you all the best.

## **Looking Ahead: The Next 100 Years**

As we celebrate this historic milestone, it is also a time to set our sights on the future. The next 100 years of the East Torrens Baseball Club hold limitless possibilities. With the same spirit of dedication and community, we can continue to grow, inspire, and achieve greatness. This work has already begun as we aim to define the future values and the key strategies our members want to focus on.



# PRESIDENT

We also continue to try and build a safe future, by continuing to shore up our financial position and prepare for hopefully some major works in our near future. It is very clear we need to do some interim work to protect and enhance our members experience at the baseball club, this will absolutely be a key project in 2024/25, but the future whilst will always come with its challenges, it's on us and the wonderful ET community to work together to remain strong and successful for future years.

A big thank you to Amber Bisset and David Chapman for their work in securing a number of grants, its envisioned this will help our future as a club to remain a pillar of excellence in baseball, nurturing all young people, and fostering a love for the game. We aim to expand our outreach, enhance our facilities, and uphold our defined values that will be the bedrock of our club for the next century.

## **Gratitude and Appreciation**

There are so many individuals and groups to thank for their contributions to the East Torrens Baseball Club's success:

**Volunteers:** Your hard work and dedication are the backbone of our club. To everyone who put their hand up to take on a Management Role, helped on the grounds, in the canteen or just put your hand up on game days to ensure everyone had a safe and enjoyable experience thank you. Congratulations to Carmen Bischoff who won the Graham Fisher Award, for not only being an outstanding player, but without questions one of the most dedicated, hardworking volunteers we have in striving to make the experience of all our families and players a wonderful one. Thank you, Carmen. To our other notable Volunteer Trophy Winners in Marnie Yeatman and Tony Probert, again, thank you. And to our Under 21 winner, Jenna Yeatman, well deserved recognition for your impact on this club, and personally thank you for helping me out as much as you did, it was very much appreciated. You will read about all the other wonderful volunteers throughout this Annual Reports, from the barman, grounds staff, scorers, umpires to the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters etc., thank you to everyone, you are all a major part of this Baseball Club.

**To all the players and coaches:** Your commitment to excellence has brought us pride and recognition.

**Sponsors and Supporters:** Your generosity and support have been crucial in enabling our growth and success.

**Families and Friends:** Your unwavering support and encouragement have been a source of strength for all our members.

**Executive:** An amazing group of people, dedicated to making ET so successful. Thank you for your passion. To those stepping down, I personally appreciate everything you have done, your contribution and support has been greatly appreciated.

As we commemorate this centennial anniversary, let us celebrate the legacy of the East Torrens Baseball Club with joy and pride. Together, we have built something extraordinary, and together, we will continue to thrive for the next 100 years. Here's to a future filled with success, community, and the love of the game.

Damien Norsworthy

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### Sealing

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### Other

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# SECRETARY

The 2023-24 Season started with anticipation of the 100 Centenary Year Celebrations, with new and old faces returning for the season. The club vibe was rejuvenated, supported by a full Management and Executive Committee, which we felt was the right balance of volunteers to make it all happen.

The Canteen position was supported by a mixture of candidates as a paid position, with the Secretary managing day-to-day rostering and stock management. Raman and Raaprinda were rostered for weekends, and any Tuesday Night games, and our own Jenna Yeatman supported Friday Night Women's and Tball. Thursday Night dinners were at the generous support of Marnie Yeatman, for which the Executive were most grateful for! The canteen remains an important revenue raiser for the clubs financial independence, it's additionally the most time consuming role, so we thank all of the player and parenting members that supported with their time volunteering.

The Bar Management saw the return of Bob Hollands, which meant we were in good hands as we prepared for the many celebrations for the Centenary year. The Bar, along with the canteen is a pivotal part of the community spirit East Torrens stands for, it's the hub of where we gather for celebrations, the farewells of those loved ones who left us, and for bringing together a community, providing them a sense of belonging and purpose.

To this end, the Executive believed the 100th year was the perfect time to set direction for the next 100 years, inviting our members to come together to be part of choosing and naming the values that we stand for, that will lead our charter moving forward. Led by our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Amber Bisset and our President, Damien Norsworthy, we commenced this important piece of work. The collaboration was inspiring, allowing for some reflection and building some momentum from the recent celebrations for what we wanted the future to look like. It's a work in progress and I look forward to seeing the end result into next session.

*"The strength of a team is based on each team member's values,  
the values of a team is based on the individual strength of each team member."  
Phil Jackson*

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!

To the 100 Year Committee, Jarad King, John King, Paul Chandler, thank you for your work in making this come to fruition! I was honoured to be part of it.

To our Executive Committee; to Damien Norsworthy, Steve Yeatman, David Chapman, Jarrad Laws, Amber Bisset, Paul Ashworth and Stef Gratton, it's been a pleasure! We have led with transparency and integrity. To our partners, thank you for your patience as we often put our Clubs before our own families and lives.

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

Warm Regards  
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 23rd June 2024 on an accrual basis and will be finalised at the end of June 2024. Although we are not expecting any further significant expenses the figures recorded are still subject to change.

The 23-24 season has seen the club make an estimated profit of approximately \$1.2k which is a solid result for the club. The club remains in a healthy financial position and continues to be debt free.

Income for 23-24 was up 8.3% year on year with total expenses at \$163k which was higher than last year by 11.6%.

The greatest increase in expenses for the 23-24 season was for the 100 Years on the Diamond celebration. Although on paper this event recorded greater expenses than income this was a fantastic celebration held over the November weekend where all current and former members, sponsors and community were welcomed, and our Club's treasured history relived. The 100 Year Steering Committee put together an event they can be proud of and as ETBC Members we can all be proud of.

Our cash Sponsorship for season 23-24 reached \$28,500 up \$6,500 on the previous season and Player Sponsorship was up approximately \$2.3k to approximately \$4.2k. This is another strong result for the Club and an example of the hard work which happens behind the scenes in securing sponsorships. One of our many valued sponsors, Australian Fire Services, also ensured copies of the 100 Years on the Diamond book were available for every member. We thank all our sponsors and partners, both new and ongoing. The Club appreciates your support!

Stef Gratton came onboard the Executive Committee this season as Registrations Manager, doing a great job, and assisted me with the reconciliations of member funds we received. Junior memberships were down slightly for the season but stable. However senior memberships were down 30%. A significant contributor was the lack of a Division 8 competition, the withdrawal from Women's Div 1 and no Under 19's competition. Fortunately, our increase in sponsorship was able to cover our membership shortfall on last season.

Canteen sales were down 22% this season which can be attributed to some unfavourable weather and several less teams we fielded, canteen expenses were also down by 28%. However, the overall profitability for the canteen over seasons 23-24 (\$11,850) and 22-23 (\$11,735) were almost identical. A big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in the canteen throughout the season and to Angela Probert who arranges ordering/delivery of stock and manages the hired help.

We welcomed Bob Hollands back behind the bar and Bob probably spent more time at the club volunteering than at home. Thanks Bob for all your assistance throughout the season! Our profit from the bar was 19k, down slightly (approximately \$1.4k) which can be attributed to the increase of bar expenses (approximately \$1k).

Regalia posted a solid profit of approximately \$3.5k with plenty of regalia and merchandise purchased for the Club's 100 th year. Marnie, Steve and Damien put in many hours of sourcing, sampling, ordering and distributing regalia and merchandise over the season.

# TREASURER

I also want to point out that the Club has received \$56,000 in Grants during the 23-24 financial year for the Yard Ball Program, Volunteer Grant and an Equipment Funding Grant which have been secured by the hard work of Amber Bisset.

Given the financial strength of the Club the Executive Committee prudently decided to hold some of the Club's cash at bank in a Term Deposit earning greater interest and will assist in offsetting some expenses. Due to the unfortunate thefts of equipment, the insurance provisions allowed us to replace our pitching machines through the season and some other equipment in advance of the 24-25 season. We anticipate there will be more spending in the 24-25 season which will be of benefit to our Members.

Thank you to all our Members, Executive Committee, Co-ordinators, Delegates, Coaches, Volunteers, Umpires and Sponsors who all contribute to make our Club a great place to be.

See you all next season!

Jarrad Laws

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## Profit and loss report

Accrual mode

01 Jul 2023 - 23 Jun 2024

	Total			
	Actual	Last Year	Variance \$	Variance %
<b>4-0000 Income</b>				
4-1200 Sponsorship - Club	28,500.00	22,000.00	6,500.00	30
4-1250 Sponsorship - Player	4,222.00	1,883.00	2,339.00	124
4-2100 Club Membership - Junior	9,924.41	10,177.75	(253.34)	-2
4-2120 Club Membership - Senior	13,476.93	19,143.00	(5,666.07)	-30
4-2150 Club Membership - Tee Ball	1,231.50	960.00	271.50	28
4-2300 Social & Fundraising	1,720.00	1,895.00	(175.00)	-9
4-2400 Club Membership - Non Player	0.00	120.00	(120.00)	-100
4-4100 Bar Sales	39,404.54	39,798.03	(393.49)	-1
4-5100 Canteen Sales	42,102.00	53,880.75	(11,778.75)	-22
4-7100 Regalia & Uniforms Sales	16,506.85	19,664.34	(3,157.49)	-16
4-7150 Less Cost of Goods Sold Regalia & Uniform	(12,964.75)	(15,408.61)	2,443.86	16
4-8200 Clubroom / Grounds Hire	1,540.00	1,650.00	(110.00)	-7
4-8300 Sundry Income	1.01	21.00	(19.99)	-95
4-8550 Don Rice Foundation Income	420.00	375.00	45.00	12
4-9001 Sponsorship - 100 Years on the Diamond	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	-
4-9002 100 Year Income	750.00	0.00	750.00	-
4-9003 100 Years on the Diamond Book Sales	4,700.00	0.00	4,700.00	-
4-9004 Income - 100 Year Gala Dinner	15,520.00	0.00	15,520.00	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>169,054.49</b>	<b>156,159.26</b>	<b>12,895.23</b>	<b>8.30%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>169,054.49</b>	<b>156,159.26</b>	<b>12,895.23</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>6-0000 Expense</b>				
6-1002 Administration	2,002.43	1,010.64	991.79	98
6-1004 Bar Expenses	20,269.93	19,258.67	1,011.26	5
6-1008 BUASA	4,973.11	6,943.61	(1,970.50)	-28
6-1010 SA Scorers Association	210.00	300.00	(90.00)	-30
6-1100 Redsox - Umpires & Other	884.44	2,703.52	(1,819.08)	-67
6-1101 Redsox - Coaches & Managers	5,000.00	5,100.00	(100.00)	-2
6-1102 Coaches & Managers	7,981.72	7,662.00	319.72	4
6-1104 Equipment	7,282.05	5,739.91	1,542.14	27
6-1105 Equipment Other	636.00	0.00	636.00	-
6-1106 Pre Season Training Exp	2,865.40	1,520.00	1,345.40	88
6-1112 Import & Players	8,983.10	9,994.72	(1,011.62)	-10
6-1113 Club Car	809.49	497.06	312.43	63
6-1120 Tee Ball	1,240.11	1,284.10	(43.99)	-3
6-1175 Social & Fundraising Expenses	2,591.82	1,129.00	1,462.82	130
6-1180 Sponsorship Expense	7,194.57	7,753.68	(559.11)	-7
6-1202 Rubbish Removal	580.00	0.00	580.00	-
6-1203 Cleaning	4,031.91	4,375.82	(343.91)	-8

**Total**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Variance \$</b>	<b>Variance %</b>
6-1204 R & M - Club House	480.82	1,350.87	(870.05)	-64
6-1206 R & M - Grounds	4,338.28	4,229.05	109.23	3
6-1210 Security	0.00	243.10	(243.10)	-100
6-1450 Don Rice Foundation	1,280.00	1,055.00	225.00	21
6-1650 Ground Hire	9,041.72	7,720.22	1,321.50	17
6-1710 Club Insurance	2,085.57	1,963.91	121.66	6
6-2200 Printing & Stationary	65.34	0.00	65.34	-
6-2700 Trophies	2,764.04	2,630.16	133.88	5
6-2810 Electricity	7,302.24	5,840.38	1,461.86	25
6-3000 Bank Charges	10.00	76.21	(66.21)	-87
6-7200 Website	660.00	660.00	0.00	0
6-8000 Advertising & Promotion	231.12	0.00	231.12	-
6-9970 Canteen Expenses	30,251.83	42,146.17	(11,894.34)	-28
6-9988 Square Charges	1,574.94	1,830.08	(255.14)	-14
6-9996 100 Years on the Diamond Book Expense	4,780.00	0.00	4,780.00	-
6-9997 Subscriptions/Licences	432.00	612.50	(180.50)	-30
6-9998 100 Year Club Celebration Expenses	14,041.58	500.00	13,541.58	2708
6-9999 Expense - 100 Year Gala Dinner	12,190.00	0.00	12,190.00	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>169,065.56</b>	<b>146,130.38</b>	<b>22,935.18</b>	<b>15.70%</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(11.07)</b>	<b>10,028.88</b>	<b>(10,039.95)</b>	<b>-100</b>
<b>8-0000 Other Income</b>				
8-1001 Interest Income	1,229.38	425.84	803.54	189
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>1,229.38</b>	<b>425.84</b>	<b>803.54</b>	<b>188.70%</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>1,218.31</b>	<b>10,454.72</b>	<b>(9,236.41)</b>	<b>-88</b>

## Balance sheet report

Accrual mode

23 Jun 2024

	<b>Total</b>
<b>1-0000 Asset</b>	
<b>1-0001 Banking</b>	
1-1110 Westpac High Interest 3849	0.02
1-1120 Beyond Operating 03209817	69,041.76
1-1125 Beyond Transactional	752.52
1-1130 Beyond - Don Rice	1,533.68
<b>Total Banking</b>	<b>71,327.98</b>
1-1500 Regalia Stock on Hand	2,998.50
1-4003 Beyond Bank 7 month Term Deposit	60,560.96
<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>134,887.44</b>
<b>2-0000 Liability</b>	
2-3202 Volunteers Grant	3,000.00
2-3400 J King Junior Fund	1,266.25
2-3603 Yard Ball Grant	50,000.00
2-3604 Equipment Funding Grant	3,000.00
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>57,266.25</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>77,621.19</b>
<b>3-0000 Equity</b>	
<b>3-0001 Retained Earnings</b>	
3-1600 Retained earnings	76,402.88
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<b>76,402.88</b>
<b>3-0002 Current Earnings</b>	
3-1800 Current year earnings	1,218.31
<b>Total Current Earnings</b>	<b>1,218.31</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>77,621.19</b>



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# REGISTRATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

This was my first year managing registrations and I'd like to start with thanking Katherine Ashworth for her outstanding service and management in this area for the past several seasons. The 2023 off-season presented some challenges, so the support she gave me as I settled into the role was exceptional, so thank you Katherine.

The first challenge that presented was Baseball SA's decision to switch from the Revsport platform to the new Gameday registrations platform, which meant rebuilding almost everything from the ground up. There were some learnings taken out of the transition, and while functionality has been lost in some areas, the new system allows us to do some good things with registrations.

The second challenge presented in the off-season was Baseball SA's fee increase coupled with the rising cost of living. After an 8% increase in the 2022 off-season, there was another increase that averaged out to a 33% rise in Baseball SA fees for juniors (including Tball), and an average of a 14% rise in fees for seniors (men and women). As a club we recognised that while operating costs had gone up due to inflation, we also didn't want to further impact families who were struggling with the cost of living. We feel we struck a balance between the two perspectives and chose to raise our club fees by 6% for all registration types. In total, between the Baseball SA increase and our own club fee increase this averaged out to a 14.5% increase across the board for all full season registrations, which was a great outcome given the increases handed down by Baseball SA and how much costs have risen in other areas.

With regards to registration numbers, this season we had a total of 177 registered members - down from 235 last season:

56 Senior Mens (78 last season)

23 Senior Womens (38)

90 Juniors - Tball to U19 (100)

8 Volunteers (15)

I believe the transition to the new registrations platform has held back our registered volunteer and life member numbers. This will be something to focus on moving forward. If you are a volunteer or life member with the club, please reach out so we can assist with registering you and you can then receive club updates and events via email.

With regards to the playing numbers it is fair to say that cost of living played a part, as well as a significant cohort leaving to other clubs. There was also an attempted scheduling change by Baseball SA that played a large part in an entire senior team folding. Some good trends though were the holding or slight increase in numbers of lower junior levels, which is excellent given the state of things as they are the foundation and future of our great club.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all the members that worked with us as we moved to a new system and completed full payment of fees this year. Thank you to the Executive Committee, Management Committee and countless canteen, umpiring, grounds, coaching and management volunteers that help our club run. The atmosphere around the club on game days, and especially across the 100 Year Weekend, this season was wonderful and that's because of all your hard work.

Stefan Gratton

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

As the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, I am pleased to present our DEI report for 2023/24.

## Key Achievements

**Raiise Program:** We partnered with the Raiise Program to deliver their Respectful Club Environments session. This initiative emphasised the importance of gender equality, challenging stereotypes, and empowering participants to promote respectful behaviour in our club and the wider community.

**Grant Funding Success:** We secured funding to: Assist with programs and equipment, funded by the South Australian Government through the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Support our volunteers in their important work, funded through the Volunteer Grants Activity, part of the Commonwealth Government's work to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers.

Design, develop and deliver an inclusive baseball program in 2024/25 and 2025/26, funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. This is an exciting opportunity for ETBC to support people with disability, their families and carers to participate, contribute and benefit from mainstream community activities, by joining our baseball community.

**Member Feedback:** Our player engagement and satisfaction survey provided valuable insights from our women's and men's senior teams. While members generally find our club supportive and inclusive, feedback highlighted areas for improvement, including the need for clearer guidance on accessing support channels beyond individual teams. Additionally, members expressed willingness to volunteer, particularly in mentoring and event organisation, which will be crucial to the success of our upcoming activities and initiatives in 2024/25.

**Future Planning Workshops:** We hosted our first of two future planning workshops, which focused on identifying core values for our next strategic plan. The session served as a foundation for setting short, medium, and long-term goals and activities, aligned with our values, at the second session in early 2024/25.

**Upcoming Initiatives:** Moving forward, our focus will be on finalising the strategic plan based on member insights. We aim to provide inclusive education and training opportunities to build our capacity in DEI matters. Furthermore, we plan to strengthen community engagement through local partnerships and seek opportunities to enhance facility accessibility and appropriateness for our members. A key milestone in 2024/25 will be the launch of our inclusive baseball program, which aims to promote inclusivity and participation among individuals with disabilities, their families, and carers.

Amber Bisset

# STRATEGY & PLANNING

This year has been marked by minor progress but clear identification of the challenges in the maintenance and enhancement of our club facilities, successful procurement of multiple funding grants, and the completion of a comprehensive Strategic Plan for the Executive review.

## **Ground Repairs and Upgrades**

Throughout the year, we have undertaken several minor level repairs and upgrades to our grounds. These improvements were essential for maintaining the quality and safety of our facilities. This included repairs to damaged fencing and netting, the reinstatement of a working matchday warm up mound and a fantastic pre-season repairs to the main diamond. Additionally this included the new scoreboard and repainting of benches and dugouts

## **Grant Achievements**

One of the standout accomplishments for the Club this year has been our success in securing multiple grants, which will be instrumental in funding our projects. In particular the work of Amber Bisset has been invaluable.

## **Strategic Plan Completion**

In alignment with our long-term vision, we have completed the Strategic Plan, which is now ready for Executive review and action. This plan outlines our objectives for the next five years, focusing on areas such as facility enhancements, community engagement, and player development. It provides a clear roadmap for the clubs growth and sustainability, ensuring we remain competitive and continue to foster a supportive environment for our members. We will look to integrate this with the recent member engagement session at the Feathers that will also assist in having a plan which is developed through extensive consultation with stakeholders, reflecting the collective aspirations and strategic direction of our club.

## **Acknowledgement of Volunteers**

None of these achievements would have been possible without the tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers. From coaching and mentoring our players to maintaining the grounds and organizing events, our volunteers are the backbone of East Torrens Baseball Club. Their passion and commitment have been instrumental in driving our success, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them.

As we look forward to the coming year, I am confident that with continued collaboration and dedication, we will achieve even greater milestones. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the East Torrens Baseball Club.

David Chapman

# OPERATIONS MANAGER

The 2023/24 season was our 100th year of the East Torrens Baseball Club and a massive thank you and congratulations must go to our steering committee of John King, Paul Chandler, Jarad King and Angela Probert who spent countless hours organising our celebration weekend.

Due to a range of reasons, we had a loss of 32 players across the three different competitions which resulted in four less teams than the previous year. We had six teams in the State League competition (missing Division 5), Womens Division 2 and 3, and six junior teams from U/9 to U/17s.

Congratulations to David Chapman and his merry crew who finished the season in pole position and won the premiership. We further had our Division 3, Womens Division 3, Under 11 and Under 13 teams play finals.

Thank you to all Senior and Junior coaches - it is a big commitment for six plus months and further to our new Division 1 coach, Darian King who took responsibility for Division 2 as well due to being unable to fill this position.

A massive thank you to all the Coordinators listed below who took on a Management role allowing the season to run smoothly. They definitely made a difference and made the Operations role a lot more manageable.

Paul Chandler - State League  
Victoria McKinlay - Womens  
Carmen Bischoff - Juniors  
Stef Gratton - T-ball  
Ashley Ng - Umpires  
Katherine Ashworth/Sharon Chandler - Scorers

Once again, I would like to thank the Executive Committee members for their tireless work along with our ground staff of Craig Powell, Dickie Smith and Braeden Ashworth who produced magnificent diamonds to play on. A lot of time their work goes unnoticed which requires an enormous amount of weekly commitments to maintain our grounds.

Lastly after being involved in a Management role of Junior Coordinator (2 years) and Executive role of Operation Manager (3 years) the past five seasons, I will not be tendering reappointment for the coming season. I would encourage members to take up the challenge and jump on board the Executive Committee, take up a management role, coach or get involved one way or another as like all clubs we have the same too few people doing the majority of the work each year and need more help.

Paul Ashworth



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# WOMENS COORDINATOR

## Hon Vincent TARZIA MP Member for Hartley

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# SENIOR COORDINATOR

Season 23-24 – “100 Years On The Diamond”

It was a pleasure to be involved with our on Diamond Personal (The Senior Coaches) in our 100 th Year as East Torrens.

Darian King – State League Division 1 & 2  
Paul Ashworth – Women’s League Division 3  
Glen Simmons - State League Division 3  
Troy Harrington - State League Division 4  
David Chapman - State League Division 6 Premiers  
David Strugnell - State League Division 7 Red

With lower senior numbers (which I believe was the case all over the league) and the continued uncertainty of game times for our various senior divisions (which felt like it wasn’t confirmed till the week prior to the opening weekend!), I must thank you all for your understanding and cooperation in getting our teams on the Diamond. In addition, your willingness to assist all to ensure we could field full teams each week of the season and ensure your canteen and umpire duties were filled did not go unnoticed.

Congratulations to David Chapman and our victorious Division 6 Premiership Team – and to bring it home in our 100 th Season makes it all the more special. To have our Division’s 3, 4 and 7 Teams all make finals was a terrific effort.

It was a tough initiation for our new Division 1 (and Division 2) Coach – Darian King. With the inclusion of Gawler into Division 1 and the loss of 4 Senior Players, a preseason injury to Riley Yeatman, in season injuries and then our import having to return home for family reasons did not help – and while Darian would not look to the above as excuses – it certainly had an impact on our results as the season progressed. Plenty of positives with our Division 1 & 2 squad moving forward – and Darian is already planning for season 24-25.

What a 100 Year Weekend it was – all our teams had a win, and I must thank all those involved – with our 100 Year Division 1 Team defeating Kensington and ensuring the Bevis Marks Cup sits proudly in our Club Rooms.

To Paul Ashworth, many thanks for your support and guidance. To our Club Executive and Committee Members for the tireless work you do in leading a successful volunteer sporting club – many thanks.

Craig Powell, Richard Smith, Paul Sowter and Breaden Ashworth for preparing the diamonds each week – often a thankless task – but we are in your debt.

Already missing baseball. Looking forward to Season 101

Paul Chandler  
#ET100

*People ask me what I do in the winter when there’s no baseball. I’ll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring. Rogers Hornsby – 23 Season Big Leaguer – Elected to Hall of Fame in 1942*



# JUNIOR COORDINATOR

What an honour it has been to fulfill the role of Junior Coordinator during the 100th year celebrations of East Torrens Baseball Club. We welcomed new families to the club and shared together the excitement of playing this great game together after all these years.

Tony Probert generously led the preseason ET Baseball Academy, at Seaton in August, with the help of a small group of talented Senior players. The knowledge and expertise shared with the juniors prepared the players for the upcoming season. I received a lot of very positive feedback regarding the preseason program. Especially as Tony has a unique way of engaging and inspiring these young players and I am so grateful for his help this year.

With some learning from last year, we nominated 6 Junior teams across the league divisions including:

U9 Peewee	Coach : Stef Gratton
U11 Minor League	Coach : Karen Mentha
U13 Little League	Coach : Anthony Dienelt (Div 1) Coach : Rick Lee (Div 2)
U15 Junior League	Coach : Travis Wilton / Dylan Lester
U17 Senior League	Coach : Damien Norsworthy

It's now a tradition at East Torrens Baseball Club to open the season with the famous Redsox Wiffle Ball Tournament. Junior, Women and Senior players, from Div 1-3, fielding 10 teams, in a friendly yet competitive manner, to compete for the Golden Wiffle Ball prize. The weather was really kind to us this year and I enjoyed looking around seeing new and returning families all sharing the community spirit of our club. Our international import, Dylan Lester, was also welcomed with opened arms and we were lucky to secure him to coach our Junior League team with Travis Wilton and Kason King.

The 2023/24 season saw so much success both on and off the field. The 100 year celebrations were magnificent and showed the junior players the deep history of our club. They all enjoyed seeing the memorabilia that was kindly donated from families and past players, and spent the weekend either watching seniors, playing juniors or enjoying the many activities organised by the 100 year committee. The Junior players and their families also celebrated Christmas together watching a mid week Twilight game with Santa making a special appearance.

The Junior coaches have done a wonderful job again this season. They give up their personal and family time to ensure the season and sport continues. I commend them for their patience and professionalism. Achieving great success again with 80% Junior (eligible) teams making finals including U11's, U13/2's, U13/1's and U15's. First round of finals knocked out 3 teams and the U13/1's fought hard in the preliminary final to narrowly miss out on the chance to play for the premiership trophy.

One of my favourite things about baseball is that it doesn't matter how big you are, it matters how big you play. From the little Teeballers to the Under 17's playing senior baseball, I love seeing the determination, challenges and enjoyment all wrapped into one. Sports brings people together regardless of age, gender or ethnicity, and our club embraces this.

Finishing off the season, the Junior presentation evening welcomed a huge ET Family cohort acknowledging and celebrating the 2023/2024 successful season.

# JUNIOR COORDINATOR

Club awards went to :

- o Max Trengrove Batting Award - Owen Couzner Senior League
- o Peter Pike Coach of the Year winner - Karen Mentha Minor League

Special Acknowledgements must go to:

SABL top 5 MVP voting – Jack Wilton – Junior League (2nd )  
Zachary Gratton – Little League Division 2 (4th)

Charter (Marlins) Representatives:

Little league Development – Aaron Davis, Noah Sutherland, Oscar Patman, Zachary Gratton , Leo Pike (train on), Coaches - Stef Gratton, Karen Mentha

Little League – Will Page, Hunter Peterson – team qualifying for nationals with a State tournament Silver medal

Junior League – Jack Wilton, Harlan King, Tyson Soraghan – qualifying for nationals with a State tournament Gold medal.

U16 South Australia State Team representatives: Owen Couzner, Jake Moras, Archie Carman, Jack Wilton, Theoh McWhinnie Wong, Coach - Andrew Couzner

U18 Team South Australia State Team representatives and Silver Medallists: Connor Yeatman, Will Couzner, Kason King, Aiden Lucas.

School boys' SA baseball team representative – 18 years and under: Ryan Stradling, Damon Ashworth, Team Manager – Jared King.

HUGE congratulations to Aiden Lucas, Will Couzner and Connor Yeatman selected in the Under 18 Australia side heading to Florida later this year.

I want to thank all the ET Baseball families for working with me this season. I appreciate your patience, kindness and smiling faces. I really loved seeing all the little ones running around in ET uniforms on the baseball field. It couldn't happen without parents/carers helping with scoring, canteen duties, set up/ pack up etc, and most importantly getting your children to the games.

Thank you to the East Torrens Baseball Club Executive and Management for your support this season. You all give your time so selflessly and all the hard work is noticed and appreciated!!! Thanks to the coaches Stef, Karen, Travis, Damien, Rick and Bubba (Anthony) for teaching your players the values of sportsmanship and integrity. All of the players have benefitted from your coaching, and I look forward to seeing you out there next season. Thank you to Simon Casson for taking all the team photos.

And to the 2023/2024 Junior Baseball Players. Keep up the great work. Support each other and keep swinging the bat.

**Baseball was, is, and always will be  
the best game in the world to me. Babe Ruth**

Carmen Bischoff

# EAST TORRENS BASEBALL CLUB

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# SCORERS COORDINATOR

Thank you to all the volunteers who put their hand up to score this season across all grades.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank one of our Life Members, Carolyn Smith, who gave up her time to run a scorers clinic in the club rooms to guide some of our newer members.

If you enjoy scoring your child's game at club level, you can further challenge yourself and score at national tournaments. There is a national scoring accreditation program and anyone interested can click on the following link South Australian Baseball Scorers Association Inc. – Join SABSA for the 'Best Seats On Ground' ([sabaseballscorers.com.au](http://sabaseballscorers.com.au)) and go to training portal. Also keep an eye out on their website and facebook page for any trainings and accreditation assessments coming up during the year.

Also, thank you Sharon Chandler for scoring Division 1 this season Kirra and Gail King for assisting when Sharon was unavailable, especially on the Tuesday twilight games.

Thank you to all for forwarding results sheets at the conclusion of games for entering stats into Game Day, this made my job a lot easier.

Thank You to All the Volunteers throughout the season!

*"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime" ... Babe Ruth*

Till next season

Katherine Ashworth



# UMPIRE COORDINATOR

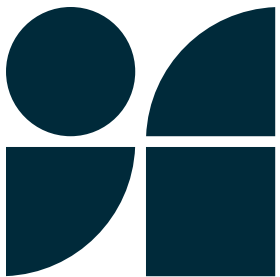
The game of baseball is difficult to play without the support of officiants such as umpires and scorers. As such I was very happy that all teams at our club contributed to ensure all our home games were umpired. Special thanks to those who volunteered their time outside of the roster system - Russell King, Steven Pryor, Lindsay Barbary, and Stef Gratton, as well as those who stepped in at the last moment to ensure a game was played.

The roster system improved from last year and I look forward to seeing continued improvement. With the system we saw some of our younger players in the senior squad try umpiring for the first time. Previously umpiring was a role that was passed around the more seasoned players and there are even some seasoned players that have never done it. How can you know whether it is something you are capable of if you do not try?

Umpiring is not an easy role to take on the field but I believe it improves your understanding of the game and thus makes you a better player. You also don't need to be a player or ex-player to umpire, just a love of the game and knowledge of the rules. If you would like to learn more about community umpiring, please visit the BUASA website [buasa.org.au/clubs/](http://buasa.org.au/clubs/). There is a quiz about the rules I encourage everyone to look at/do even if you do not choose to complete the entire process. If anyone would like to put their hand up in the upcoming season to give it a shot, I am always happy to support your learning.

Thank you to all our volunteer club umpires. The game would not happen without you.

Ashley Ng



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# EQUIPMENT

It's like finding gold!!!!

We have finally sourced a decent cost-effective baseball for use in trainings and lower grade games. Our first season using this ball was a success with all feedback being positive, best of all we had them stamped with our own 100 year logo.

After a lengthy wait due to supply issue the 2 Hack Attack pitching machines arrived in early February and were put through some testing ready for the new season. We are now on the hunt for a machine specific ball to use in these, this will be a great asset to the club once we have them up and running to full capacity.

Our catchers gear throughout the grades is going to be the next considerable cost outlay as most gear is getting on in age and will need replacing shortly.

Darian King



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# BAR MANAGER

Thank you to the Executive Committee for allowing me to take on this role during our 100th Year Celebrations. I must also congratulate them on a fantastic job they did with all the celebrations throughout the year, and particularly the Gala Dinner. The Norsworthy, King, Yeatman and Probert Families all worked very hard to make this event a success and that they did. The main reasons I took on this role was to give the executive one less thing to organize and worry about during the season. I hope I succeeded.

Thanks must go to Tony Probert and Dalton for helping during the season when I was not available. It was very much appreciated. I must also thank Marnie and Steve Yeatman for all their help. It was also very nice to see two of my sons at the Gala Dinner. Loved seeing them still wanting to be involved with the club. My biggest thank you must go to Trish for allowing me to do the bar again. It was a lot of time away from home, but she always supported me and served behind the bar as well.

Thanks to The Feathers Hotel for their sponsorship and to Peter in the Bottle Shop for always having my order ready and waiting on Thursday nights to collect.

I can't say how well financially we went but am confident we made the club some money.

The figures will all be in the Treasurers report. The 100 Year celebration weekend was very good for the bar as was any A Grade Saturday home game. Unfortunately, we only had two games after Christmas on a Saturday, so this may have lessened our takings overall. I must thank the Div 6 squad and their partners for supporting the bar and closing when they were the only team there. If not for these guys, our figures would have been a lot worse. The two women's teams on Friday nights always supported the bar well. It is enjoyable to watch them play and then have a laugh in the clubrooms after the games. Thanks ladies.

I will not be doing the bar next season as I am hoping to retire and get away as often as possible.

Bob Hollands



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# 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

In November 2021 Jared King, Paul Chandler and John King held the inaugural meeting of the ETBC 100 Year Celebration Committee with Ange Probert joining us in October 2022 as a conduit to the ETBC Executive.

Our overriding objective was to create an all – inclusive, self - funded, financially accessible, fun and memorable weekend that celebrated all things Redsox from as far back as anyone could remember. It was our intention right from the start to attract as many people as possible to join us for all, or part, of the celebratory weekend. Many past members, relatives and friends travelled from interstate and country centres to reunite and reminisce about our wonderful history.

Historian Robert Laidlaw brilliantly captured our history in the book ‘100 Years on the Diamond’ available free from our merchandise office.

The following is an overview of the weekend’s festivities.

## **THURSDAY**

The construction of a sizeable marquee enabled the celebrations to occur right on the first base line.

Official opening and welcome including a free family BBQ.

Presentation of Senior teams, Professional and Major League Players

Launch of our extensive and personal Redsox memorabilia exhibition to be on display all weekend in the clubrooms.

## **FRIDAY**

Gala 3 Course Dinner at San Giorgio Function Centre for 190 guests including past players, coaches, committee members, family, friends.

Presentation of Division 1 Premiership Teams

Roving interviews throughout the night

### **Presentation Of Redsox Diamond Awards**

Diamond Awards represent a process of honouring individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the East Torrens Baseball Club over the past century, encompassing their roles in playing, administration, coaching, and other essential facets.

### **Blue Diamond (Hall of Fame)**

Awarded to those who have firmly established themselves as a major contributor to the baseball club.

Brian Addison  
Barrie Bahnert  
Lorna Maddison

Steve Yeatman  
Ron Chandler  
David Mundy

Kym Ashworth  
Andrew Couzner  
Bob Norsworthy

Dean Towill  
Darian King  
Richard Smith



# 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

## Red Diamond (Legend)

The pinnacle of recognition, reserved for those whose exceptional contribution has had a profound impact on the club's rich history.

Dave Roberts	Kelvin Pitt
John King	John Lamb
Paul Chandler	Damien Norsworthy
Richard Smith	

Richard (Dicky) Smith has been honoured with our Red Diamond (Legend) Award – being upgraded from Blue Diamond (Hall of Fame).

These awards are a result of extensive research, member consultation and an historical register of club involvement. This information is now on file and part of what is hoped will become an ongoing, perpetually updated record of (Blue Diamond) Hall of Fame and (Red Diamond) Legend Awards to be presented at future, major club functions.



## SATURDAY

Thanks to Baseball SA, all Senior games were either played at home, nearby Kensington or teams had a bye to enable as many people as possible to be at Paterson Reserve.

There were fun activities throughout the day for the kids – face painting, jumping castles and grass games.

The marquee housed hospitality functions, comfortable seating and perfect weather conditions for the much anticipated, resurrected, Bevis Marks Cup - to become an annual event between Kensington and East Torrens Division 1 teams.

East Torrens suited up in retro uniforms – reminiscent of early 50's style to play arch enemy Kensington.

# 100 YEAR CELEBRATION



# 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

There were game commentaries throughout the day, and informal interviews conducted with past players and members during breaks in play.

The final score saw East Torrens triumphant and the Cup presented by members of the Marks family.

A hugely successful Hawaiian Night followed the game with plenty of fun, music, food, drinks and more reminiscing until the early hours.

## SUNDAY

All junior games were played at the club and the fun activities continued for the kids. The weekend wound up with a final look through the memorabilia and lunch from the canteen.

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# CLUB AWARDS

## **Graham Fisher Memorial**

Carmen Bischoff



## **Volunteer of the Year (Patrons Trophy)**

Marnie Yeatman & Tony Probert

## **Peter Pike Coach Of The Year**

Karen Mentha

## **George Hayman Shield**

Division 6 - Coached by David Chapman

## **Red Sox Trophy U21**

Jenna Yeatman

## **Max Trengrove Junior Batting Award**

Owen Couzner

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# DIVISION 1 & 2 Mens

First up I would like to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity to coach the 2023/24 senior squad for the club I love. It was a real honour and such a pleasure to not only coach a great group of lads, but to do it in our centenary year just made it even more special.

Without a doubt we have been blessed to have quality coaches at ET over the years and this season was no different. Glen Simmons once again took the reins of our young Division 3 squad, Kane Galloway our Third Base Coach in the 1's, Andrew Couzner took on the Pitching Coach role, Travis Underhill as our hitting coach, Riley Yeatman our First Base Coach in the 1's, Evan LeBlanc as a preseason hitting consultant, Jake Wong helped where he could and we welcomed Kym Biggins back to the club in an assistant coach role. We didn't manage to secure a permanent Division 2 Coach so I took on that gameday role and was heavily supported by Glen, Travis, Andrew & Kym. Thank you to all these coaches for the time you invested and the support you gave me throughout the season. Also, a massive thanks to Paul Chandler for continuing his role as team manager and chief cordial mixer.

We started preseason early August and once again booked in to the West Beach indoor facility. Although we had some squad changes and clashed with other sports commitments, we still managed to see a healthy number of players attend each session. The club made a significant investment in the off season and purchased a variety of training aids to assist the players and coaches. Blast Motion sensors & Driveline weighted balls / bands were the 2 most significant purchases which were put to good use from day 1. The sensors provided real time metrics on players swings and allowed the coaching staff to gather data on players throughout the season, which proved a great asset when organising individual training plans for players. Thank you to the committee for investing and putting ET at the front of the pack in this area.

Amongst what seemed to be a lot of challenges this season for our senior squad we had our fair share of highlights and positives throughout the 3 grades. First Division 1 appearance, First Division 1 hit, First Division 1 Pitching start, First homerun, First senior game, Australian, State, Schoolboys & Charter representation just to name a few. Also congratulations to Glenn Castellano for winning the Division Three league medal, well deserved.

The 100 year weekend was definitely a weekend to be remembered and one that was well supported by our senior squad. We asked a lot of our players that weekend and they delivered on and off the field. Wins across the 3 grades on such a special day, we couldn't ask for more. Thank you to the 100 Year Committee for the time and effort you put in to making this such a great event.

There was some significant growth in our players this season and it was exciting to watch, our depth was smashed but these guys were up to the challenge. You should be very proud, I know I am.

Clearly, there are a lot of people that deserve a thank you and I apologise as I am sure I will miss someone. Thank you to: Committee – Executive & Management, Paul Chandler – Senior Coordinator, Paul Ashworth – Operations, Ash Ng – Umpiring Coordinator, Dickie, Pownall, Paul & Braeden – Grounds Staff, 100 year Committee, Sharon, Katherine, Cheryl & Kirra – Scoring, Marnie & Jenna Yeatman - Thursday night dinner crew, Steve & Jenna Yeatman – Socials, Tony Probert – Division 1 live stream & photos.

# DIVISION 1 & 2 Mens

## Division 1

We had some great gutsy wins and several narrow losses (I think 9 losses under 2 runs). We beat some top sides but also dropped a couple to the lower ranked teams. Dylan our import was a great addition not only on the mound but he added another dimension to the top of our lineup. We definitely missed him in the last part of the season as he had to go back home due to family reasons. Our depth was stretched all season but to the boy's credit they battled every week and stayed flexible when we needed to swing positions around on short notice, in the end we finished 10 th on the ladder.

### **MVP – Dalton Probert**

One of our hardest workers on the training track and rarely misses a training, he has shown continual improvement in all aspects of his game. Dalton had a great season and thoroughly deserves to be our MVP.

### **Runner up MVP – Charlie Ashcroft**

Another solid season for Charlie. A true workhorse on the mound throwing 65 innings, the most of our staff.

### **Impact Player – Carter Powell**

Throughout the season Carter showed his ability to be a gamechanger and impact the game with either the bat, on the bases or behind the dish.

## Division 2

Flexibility was the key for our division 2 side as we were constantly forced to shuffle players around to either fill holes or prepare players out of position to be promoted to Division 1. Over the season we used 24 players, 4 of those were juniors who were in their first year of senior baseball. Archie Carman, Owen Couzner, Jake Moras & Theoh McWhinnie Wong. We ended up in 9 th place with 7 wins and 2 draws a couple of wins outside of 5 th place, a decent result all things considered.

### **MVP – Braeden Ashworth**

Braeden had a bit of a slow start to the season due to injury but made up for it after Christmas. He found his groove, swung it well and was solid on the mound in the second half.

### **Runner up MVP – Jake Biggins**

One of the seasons mainstays in Division 2 this season, I'm really keen to see where Jake goes with his baseball. He seems to have caught the bug, works hard and just wants to improve.

### **Big Improver – Haru Riley**

Haru got the opportunity to start the season in Division 2 and never looked back. He had a solid season and was a constant for us in the middle infield.

### **Brad Thomas Players Player (voted on by peers) - Braeden Ashworth**

Braeden is such a worthy winner of this award. Arriving to training early most nights, Braeden would be the first to get the gear out and start setting up for the session, then the reverse after training. His addition to the grounds crew this year and extra effort he put in didn't go unnoticed by the guys.

I will finish off by saying a big thank you to Kirra, Kason and Harlan. I really appreciate your continued support and thank you for continuing this Baseball journey with me.

Darian King



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# DIVISION 2 Womens

Things never stay the same. All our pre-season planning was centred around continuing our journey in the Women's Division 1 Competition. With the loss of some players due to several reasons (I believe playing numbers were down all over the BSA) we made the decision to only nominate 2 Teams for our 100th Season.

We then had to decide – what Division's do we enter?

Ultimately, from my point of view, the harder of the decisions was made, and more importantly, based on our current squad of players, the best decision was made. It did come with some "pain" – as it meant that our 2 Senior State Representatives, Angela Mourtzios and Ella Forrester moved to Women's Division 1 Clubs in Adelaide and Woodville. This was certainly in their best interests and went with our full support. We welcomed Ashleigh Sanderson and Shona McConville back full time, and Alex Hayley gave baseball another go after enjoying T-Ball at our club some years ago. Kaity Hermiston became our "import" and joined our squad for a majority of the season while "holidaying" in Australia.

Having 2 teams it was decided to train as "one squad" with Paul Ashworth taking on the role of our Division 3 Coach. I need to thank the Executive in their support of the Women's Program by providing financial assistance that allowed the squad to train indoors at Arena 42.

In no particular order, the players who represented East Torrens in Women's Division 2 this season in our 100th Year;

Alex Hayley  
Amber Bisset  
Ashlee Stradling  
Ashleigh Sanderson  
Ashley Ng  
Carmen Bischoff  
Crystal Hillier  
Gab Hornhardt  
Izzy King  
Liz McKinlay  
Mia Rogers  
Michaela Kelly  
Shona McConville  
Sune' Myburgh  
Tam Delloso

This group of players played sport in right way – with smiles on their faces and a genuine support for each other. They gave 100% each Game Day – I can honestly say that not one Friday Evening could I have questioned this groups effort.

While our win loss showed Played 14, Won 5 , Drawn 1 and lost 8 for 11 position – we scored the 3rd most runs in the Division – and went a 4 week stretch where we lost 3 games by 1 run and had a draw – the fight for the top 6 was tight and if 2 of those games went our way we would have played finals.

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## **Our Trophy Winners**

### **Best & Fairest – Carmen Bischoff**

A terrific season in the field and with the bat – and a terrific leader as well. Always put team first and always seeking ways to improve her games. A pleasure to coach and have in the squad. An All-Star in every sense of the word.

### **Batting Award – Michaela “Slay” Kelly**

And “Slay” she did at the plate. Lead our team in Batting Average, On Base Percentage, Extra Base Hits and RBI’s. Paul Ashworth did not enjoy throwing batting practice to Micheala, and she cleared the cones twice this season for 2 round trippers. With a little self belief and “want” Michaela could represent our State.

### **Impact Player – Sune’ Myburgh**

One of our hardest workers in the squad. Sune’ has improved so much over the 2 seasons I have been involved in the Women’s Program – and still has improvement to come – Pitched the most innings and hit the ball consistently in the 2 nd half of the year.

A special mention to Karen Mentha who was presented the Peter Pike Coach of the Year Award and Carmen Bischoff who took home our Clubs most Prestigious Award – THE GRAHAM FISHER MEMORIAL TROPHY. Congratulations to David Chapman and everybody involved in the Division 6 Premiership Team.

The Thankyous;

Paul Ashworth for his late-night 5 minute calls, coaching Div 3 and ongoing Vic McKinlay in her role of Women’s Coordinator and a sounding board during the season.

Riley Yeatman for assisting game days and Lindsay Barbary for umpiring our home games (not sure Sune’ agrees) and assisting at away games.

Lauren Sanderson for helping out with the scorebook.

Our Number 1 & 2 Ticket Holders Warwick Marks & Troy Chandler

Our Club Executive and Committee Members for the tireless work you do in leading a successful volunteer sporting club.

Craig Powell, Richard Smith, Paul Sowter and Braeden Ashworth 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, scoring and selfless support (and allowing me to date 24 women the past 7 months).

Looking forward to Season 101.

Paul Chandler

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# DIVISION 3 Womens

It was a tough debate and decision, but I think it was the best overall to nominate teams in Division 2 and 3 dropping down from Division 1. We had 23 players commit for the two teams.

Our goal was to be competitive, pitchers to throw strikes and fielders to gain three outs before giving up the maximum five runs and then score ourselves. We succeeded in this more than not resulting in 9 wins and 4 losses to finish 4th at the end of the season.

Our first ever Division 3 final, we went down to Golden Grove where we hit well and had our chances, but some fielding lapses hurt us.

Due to some long-term injuries and player availability we often found ourselves with just eight players with Denise Mourtzios and Deb Rollins being the only two players to play all 14 games.

Congratulations to our award winners.

**MVP** - Joint winners Pip Spence and Kelly Sykes who shared the majority of pitching duties along with being strong hitters.

**Batting Award** - New player Alex Hayley was clearly our best hitter with a high average and numerous extra base hits including one over the creek in her second game.

**Coach Award** - Gab Hornhardt was a pleasure to coach and more than happy to be that team player going between the two divisions based on our numbers. She made some major improvement in her hitting and at one stage was 8 for 8 and at the end of the season was hitting the ball really hard.

I would like to thank Louis Mourtzios, who did the majority of the scoring and Katherine Ashworth Lauren Sanderson who filled in for a game each. Steven Pryor who umpired our games and Vic McKinlay who took over coaching duties when I was working along with Jordan Ashworth who was an Assistant Coach.

Finally, thanks to Paul Chandler's commitment to our club's Women's Program. He puts in hours weekly for training, communication and games and is often not given the credit he deserves for the amount of work he does.

Hoping all return to play next season.

Paul Ashworth



# DIVISION 3 Mens

Welcome to the Div 3 23/24 season review. The '100 Years on the Diamond' edition.

This year we recruited Kym Biggins, a past premiership player with a fantastic baseball brain to assist me, but also to help the younger players better their game both physically and mentally. After a solid preseason, the squad was looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead of them during the season. Full of enthusiasm, confidence, and the knowledge that they put in the hard work; the season began. Again, this season was a chance for junior players to make their debut into the senior ranks. With Theoh, Owen, Jake and Archie all making their debuts.

With a relatively young and inexperienced side, the keys goals for this year were to be solid in defense and make the basic plays and offensively we needed to manufacture runs with smart at bats and aggressive base running. We got off to a great start winning the first 5 games, which included a win against Kensington (9-3) on the '100 Year' celebration weekend. All three teams won that day which topped off an amazing week. By the X-mas break the boys had a 5-win, 3-loss record. After the holiday break the boys refocused and started stringing some wins together and finished the year strongly in 3rd position with a 10-win, 4-loss record.

There were some great pitching performances throughout the year from Glenn, Kacee, Braeden and Owen. What impressed me more was the way the boys in the field backed the pitchers up by making the basic plays over and over again. It was an outstanding effort by all. We weren't a big hitting side, so we had to keep the opposition to minimal runs, which we achieved. Saying that, throughout the season the boys were able to manufacture the runs needed with strong at bats, timely hits and at times brilliant base running. I'm sure the boys learnt through the year some baseball smarts when batting and base running to make them better baseballers in the future.

Finishing 3rd meant we had a home final against archrivals Kensington. There were a few minor positional changes to the team due to injury but overall the team looked strong. Unfortunately, things didn't go to plan and the Cardinals came to play and hit the ball well. We didn't help ourselves with our fielding being not as great as it was during the regular season. Heading into the bottom of the 9th and 9-4 down, to the boys' credit, they never gave up and started hitting the ball all around the park and brought the score back to 9-7. We then had bases loaded, 2 out, and a chance to tie the game with a safe hit but unfortunately the Kensies left fielder had other ideas and took a great catch to end our season. Baseball is a game of inches and sometimes those inches just don't go your way.

Overall we had an outstanding season with such a young side and I'm very proud of the way the boys conducted themselves and had a great attitude and never gave up. We had a few boys that had the opportunity to experience Div 2 and Div 1 baseball which will only help their development into the future. Well done fellas.

Congratulations to Glenn Castellano, who not only took out this years Div 3 'Best & Fairest' but was also awarded the Div 3 Association Best Player Medal. Glenn had an outstanding year both on the mound and in the batters box. Week in, week out Glenn picked up multiple hits ending the season with a 470 average. Ever reliable on the mound, Glenn threw some great games. Well done Glenn.

'Rookie of the Year' went to Theoh McWhinnie-Wong. Theoh played middle infield and pitched occasionally. He had a great year all round and was rewarded with a few games in Div 2. Theoh swung the bat hard all year and ended the year with a 400 average. His fielding was outstanding too, and with

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more experience around his positioning on the field, and a little more voice, he'll be pushing to play higher. Congratulations on a great year Theoh. Looking forward to seeing what you can produce next year.

We decided on an award for 'Best Up and Coming Player' this year and it wasn't hard to pick this individual. He played juniors for ET and then had a bit of a break from baseball. He then returned and played lower divisions with his dad but decided this year to give it a crack at the higher level. He struggled a bit early in the season but stuck at it and by the end of the year was playing some great baseball at left field and had some great at bats ending with a 325 average. With another preseason under his belt, I feel his baseball will go to another level. Congratulations on a great year Angus Gniel.

Thankyou to all the players that made coaching and playing Div 3 a pleasure. I hope you enjoyed the season and the success it brought. Thankyou also to the senior coaching group of Daz, Knackers, Couz and Trav and also to Jake who helped out all year. Special thankyou to Kym who was a great help, not only coaching third, but also being able to bounce ideas off him from his vast baseball experiences. CHEER BOYS.

I'd like to thank all the scorers that helped out this year, much appreciated. To the ground staff, Dickie, Powelly, Paul and Braeden, it's the best playing diamond in the league. Hats off to you. To the '100 Years on the Diamond' committee and helpers, I want to thank you for all the hard work in putting together a year of memories that will last a lifetime. And to the REDSOX Family, THANKYOU.

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# DIVISION 4

The ET Div Four team finished our 2023 season in a narrative of triumph tinged with playoff disappointment. We dominated the regular season, boasting a strong 11-3-1 record that showcased a team well-versed in both strategy and athleticism. However, the postseason told a different story, being knocked out in straight sets during the finals, a stark departure from their regular-season form.

The performance Todd Symons stood out prominently throughout the season. Todd maintained a perfect 7-0 win-loss record, complemented by a sterling ERA of just 1.0, anchoring a pitching staff that collectively held a commendable 1.3 ERA. His prowess on the mound was a critical component of the team's success, often leaving opponents struggling to find their rhythm at the plate.

On the offensive side, Colin Stovell emerged as a key figure, winning the batting trophy with an impressive .488 average, significantly contributing to the team's overall .330 batting average. Stovell's consistent performance made him a formidable presence in the lineup, delivering crucial hits that often-sparked rallies and drove in essential runs.

Jared King, another notable player, was named the Comeback Player of the Year. It was great to add Jared to a pretty strong group of players, proving his veteran take on many situations.

Throughout the season, the unwavering support of Gail and John King was a constant source of strength for the team. Even in moments when their son, Jared, didn't take the field, their commitment to scoring and supporting the team never wavered. Additionally, Richard 'Dicky' Smith deserves a heartfelt thank you for his pivotal role as base coach, for keeping players aligned with the team's strategic goals, and for his diligent efforts in maintaining the playing surface in mint condition, ensuring optimal play conditions throughout the season.

Troy Harrington

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# DIVISION 6

Firstly I'd like to thank Deb Rollins for Team Managing and also Vicki Williams for scoring.

Also like to thank a number of the WAGS and PAGS who got together to form a fan club for the boys as the season progressed which was great as well. Should be bigger and better next year.

So after coming off a season in which we failed to make the finals, Dylan threw himself on the sword and resigned as coach. And Rd 1 was real battle with last years Minor Premiers H&G at their second diamond. We managed to get the win and we went on a run drawing with LY premiers and defeating Golden Grove and Sturt LY Runners up in the first 4 rounds. All 4 of these teams finished 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th and 6 th at the end of the season.

Then facing a couple of the lower ranked teams Dylz and I were unavailable for 3 weeks and the boys managed a washout and a loss. And upon our return we were thoroughly trounced by Port putting our preseason flag aspirations on shaky ground. This was not helped by Ralph ruining his shoulder for the rest of the season (no more throwing) and Kano basically breaking his leg. We hit Christmas with 6 wins, 2 losses and a draw – and in our comp that puts you on the cusp of missing finals. To be fair we had only 3 of our first 10 games at homes. Which then setup the rest of the post Christmas with only one away game, a bye and the rest at home.

We didn't disappoint and won all games to clinch the minor premiership 12/2/1, half a game ahead of both Henley and Golden Grove. Maybe the confidence we had in "Getting the Jobby Done" carried into week one against Sturt but they smashed us 12-1 in our worst performance of the year – one hit!!!. Thank God for the lucky loser rule, so in the absence of a crisis meeting we rolled out the hack attack and did the work in training.

The heat out and the BSA decision to just push all games back saved us and as that loss did force us back on the road to Henley and their second diamond, with no toilets or bar. It was a pitching battle with Aaron starting off and they managed to eek out a couple of runs after 3 digs and at the end with Kano closing we had kept them hitless. However we were also scoreless for 5 digs so batting in the 6 th we started to get going and we scored two to tie it all up. At the start of the last Dylzy took another HBP and then the Killer King Kong Krushing Kick Ass Kano stepped to the plate and launched a long ball over the cones to score two and give us what would be the game ending lead and score 4-2.

So the GF was a rematch with Sturt. To be fair I know we were gonna win after scoring 2 runs in the first dig. With Kano going the distance on the mound they scored 2 runs in the third, and 3 runs in the fourth and then no more. All 5 were unearned runs as we struggled with the spongy infield. But at the end of the fourth it was Sturt 5 – ET 3. And we had some work to do. The 5 th was the clincher as we batted through the lineup to get 4 runs and lead 7-5. We put a 8 th run on in the 6 th innings to have the final score an 8-5 victory. With Kano chucking 121 pitches and nearly all our batters getting a hit. When we caught that last out, it was a great celebration and sweet victory in our 100 th year.

I want to thank so many people from our club for coming out to support us, I think we dominated the "home" team crowds and it made each game feel like it was ours. Also to thank the Committee for the work they do and also to the grounds crew who keep the ground in great condition.

Before we go to the awards I wanted to thank a few guys as well. To the guys who filled in for us when we were short thank you so much and special mention to premiership player Noah Rogers as well.

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Amazing we were able to get Ralphy back into the team after basically his arm fell off earlier in the season. And whilst we might have a few excitable heads in our crew, it was great to have the balance of blokes like Delly, Lawsy, Brooksy, Dylzy and Norsy to calm our farms.

Some quick stats:

So evenly balanced as a team we had 9 blokes within .080 of each other from about 440 to 360. We managed 190 Hits, 87 walks led again by take a Darren "Can Take A Pitch" Robinson.

Dylzy managed to win the K award and Kano edged out Aaron with RBIs. Matty dominated with stolen bases.

In pitching we had 4 main pitchers until Ralphy got injured. Dylzy threw most with 620 pitches, Aaron 570 and Kano 450. We ended with a total 62% strike percentage, giving up only 107 hits and 65 walks, coupled with 102 ks.

## **Awards: Best Team Man**

This guys is a great team man, super positive and tries always to get the team up and about. This can include incurring a significant tear injury in an extremely delicate location involving Kano and an exercise bike. He wears his heart on his sleeve, was at training, managed to do the fielding cycle of playing every position this year, dived when he didn't need to, was pretty keen to get the jobby done – which we did. In the field he could be relied upon to play anywhere like his life depended on it and with the bat was around the lead all year.

**This years Best Team Man – Matty J Williams**

## **Awards: Batting**

As I mentioned earlier the batting was close, real close and with the award being based on minor round only, came down to the last game. Despite a number of protests from all involved, we went with what the book originally said and this will tell you how close it was :

In fourth batting 452 – Chappy

In third batting 455 – Norsy

In second batting 460 – Matty

**The winner batting 462 – going 18/39 – Aaron Rollins**

## **Awards: Finals MVP**

Well there really is only one person for this award. He pitched in every finals game, finishing all three including a complete game in the Grand Final. He threw 12 innings for 183 pitches, 12 ks, 9 hits at 66% strike percentage and an ERA of 2.33. With the bat he went 400 during the finals including our shit Sturt game and he got the crucial go ahead runs to win the game v Henley with a 2 run bomb. Was also BOG at the after party!

**Our 2024 Finals MVP – Kane Galloway**

## **Awards: Season MVP**

This was also a very close award, based on a 3,2,1 voting method. Kano finished third with 13 votes (inc 3 BOGs), after only playing 2 of the last 6 games due to injury which definitely limited his chances. Aaron finished second with 17 votes polling 4 boggs, won the batting award and also got the most strikeouts with 30ks during his 22 innings pitched. The winner though had an interesting season, was in the mix with the batting, took off for his first ever overseas trip that required a passport, yet put together some clutch games both with the bat and on the mound to end with 4 BOGs, and 3 second

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best to get 18 votes. Standout performances including his full game on the mound v Sturt with 2 RBIs, 3/3 v Port in a tough loss, His pitching effort v Norths, As well as his all round efforts again v Woodville. Most also can't forget (even though he did) his Kensi performance when he did not get out or give up a hit.

**This years MVP – Dylan Rollins**

David Chapman



# DIVISION 7

Season 2023/2024 saw a shake up of the Div Seven league welcoming players from Div 8, creating two teams – the Blue and the Red. The Red team had a stronger, more robust side for the year, considering the loss of ‘veteran’ players Anthony Dellosa and Matt Williams receiving the call up to Div 6. Our newly formed Red team consisted of returning Div Sevens Michael Shillabear, Tony Rodgers, Steve Pryor, Declan Overton, Noah Rodgers, Rick Lee, Ben Anderson, Aaron Greiger along with Div 8 recruits Stef Gratton, John Braithwaite and John Chicciello. We were also lucky enough to have Luke Vollebright and Lachlan Braithwaite from under 19’s join us for the season, creating a depth of talent.

The first game of the season was our toughest playing, the eventual season champions, Golden Grove at their home ground. Through the season we managed to show our fighting spirit and make our way through to the first round of finals , where we pulled up short by 3 against Sturt at home.

Pitching for the year was led by Michael Schillabear, Noah Rodgers and Tony Rodgers, ably supported by Rick Lee and Luke Vollebright from the bull pen. In catchers position Lachlan Braithwaite spent the most time behind home plate, with support off the bench from Stef Gratton, Ben Anderson and Noah Rodgers.

The bases played a role in both our wins and losses. Dominating First Base was John Braithwaite supported by Steve Pryor, on Second Base Declan Overton and on Third Base Tony Rogers. While the fielding stars were Luke Vollebright and Noah Rodgers at Short Stop, Steven Pryor in Left Field, Aaron Greiger in the Centre and Rick Lee in Right Field.

The batting line up this year was incredibly hard as so many were not only great with the bat but were also consistent when at bat or on base. Declan held lead off position for the year with a tenacity that saw him take over 10 ‘hit by pitched’ ensuring he always got on base and from there went on to lead in stolen bases. Both Rick Lee and Aaron Greiger were the speedsters between the bases, usually batting in second spot and regularly running for the catcher. Noah Rodgers with the hitting strength in 3 hole, with Tony Rodgers dominating with the bat again this year in 4 th . Bear always consistent, hitting in 5 hole. Stephen also strong with the bat in 6 th , with the remaining team rounding out the last of the line up but by no means reflective of what they could do with the bat or on base.

On a less than great note, the team saw a couple of broken bones this year starting of with Ben Anderson breaking his thumb on an awkward play at the plate during the second game taking him out until after Christmas. Rick Lee also broke his wrist in a dramatic finals game when stealing Second.

A big shout out to Team man Declan Overton supporting the coaching/coordination this year. Also, to John Braithwaite supporting the team wherever he could and to Jenna Fromme for scoring for Div Seven

MVP: Michael Shillabeer

Best Batter: Aaron Greiger

Team Player: Declan Overton

# UNDER 17 - SENIOR LEAGUE

The Under 17 East Torrens Baseball team has had a season marked by growth, challenges, and remarkable camaraderie. Despite facing difficulties on the field, the players demonstrated a steady commitment and most of the time passion for the game week in and week out, making it a memorable and invaluable experience hopefully for everyone.

## Team Dynamics and Player Development

Our team consisted of a diverse group of dynamic players, each bringing unique strengths and areas for growth. This season, we witnessed significant individual and collective development, both as athletes and as young emerging adults. This uniqueness made coaching this group so enjoyable and fun to watch the hard work and development of so many. As coaches we just hope as people, they have a process, and work through that, sometimes it works out, sometimes not, but we keep working. This ongoing process of development was a pleasure to watch from all this season.

Whilst there are standouts, and we could name a moment for each and everyone of the players, from multi-hit games, dominant pitching performances, heads up plays, and just simply that spirited vibe some people bring, whilst the wins didn't eventuate, it was an enjoyable season.

Whilst for me, it was an eventual loss, games against top of the table GGCD, and Goodwood, highlighted what potential we had, taking it to them for many innings. As for other standout developments, seeing the consistent effort and determination each week from James Cross was pleasing having seen James come through the grades, and for us a true MVP of the team. Also seeing the development and enjoyment from people like Harry, who every week, wanted to be better and work so hard to achieve this, his spirit and passion evident, no matter where you were sitting at the ballpark, this is why baseball is such a great game.

## Game Elements

**Batting:** Several players showed impressive improvement in their batting techniques, contributing crucial hits in key moments. Owen Couzner and Archie Carmen our standouts, Owen winning the batting title, as well as the Max Trengrove Batting Award for the best junior hitter. Let's not forget however some clutch hits throughout the year, none more so than Harry's bullet in the last game to give us the lead late and final game win.

**Pitching:** Our pitchers displayed exceptional skill and resilience at times, often getting multi outs per inning and carrying the team through those tough innings. Certainly, we missed a couple key arms, but all of those who threw this season showed some true excellence at times, our ability to replicate and fill up the strike zone certainly though something we can continue to work on in the future.

**Fielding:** The team's defensive play improved notably, with fewer errors and more strategic plays executed successfully. This was certainly a focus for us throughout the season, being prepared and expecting the baseball, but also knowing your teammates are there backing you up so you can take the game on when required.

## Areas for Growth

**Consistency:** Maintaining performance levels throughout the game remains a focus area.

**Communication:** Enhancing on-field communication to ensure seamless plays and avoid misunderstandings.

**Mental Toughness:** Building mental resilience to handle high-pressure situations more effectively.

# UNDER 17 - SENIOR LEAGUE

## Challenges and Learning

The season posed several challenges, particularly in securing wins. However, these challenges were met with relentless effort and determination. Each game, win or lose, served as a learning experience, fostering growth and resilience and as coaches that is all we can ask and thank all the players for these efforts.

## Beyond Baseball: Character Building

Baseball is in my opinion more than just a sport; it is a crucible for character development. The game teaches us valuable life lessons, including:

Teamwork: Understanding the importance of working together, making ourselves and others better.

Discipline: Developing a strong work ethic and commitment to continuous improvement.

Respect: Learning to respect opponents, teammates, and the game itself.

Responsibility: Taking ownership of one's actions and their impact on the team.

## Transition to Senior Baseball

As some players prepare to transition to senior baseball, I hope they carry forward the skills, lessons, and experiences during their time in the Under 17 team. This next phase will bring new challenges and opportunities, but we are confident they are ready to embrace it with the same spirit and dedication we experienced.

## Acknowledgments

A heartfelt thank you to Tony Probert and Ben Arnold from me, for helping me coach this season, awesome bunch of knowledgeable baseball people and fun to have around. I hope all the players learnt as much as I did from them. To the parents, and supporters whose support was crucial to the team's development, getting them to the early trainings, field setup, pack up, canteen, gamechanger etc., all things that make the season work seamlessly. Your encouragement and dedication have certainly been the backbone of what I saw as a successful season.

To Vicki Williams for scoring, tough job when you know each week, we bring the plethora of changes to ensure the team gets exposure to more spots. To Viveca and Cheryl also for stepping in when Vicki was unavailable, thank you.

And to our team manager, inspirational leader Karen Cross, thanks for keeping us on track, for always challenging our thinking, your honesty and support, it was greatly appreciated.

This season has been a testament to the power of sport in shaping young minds and building strong, character-driven individuals. For me the Under 17 East Torrens Baseball team is a proud embodiment of these values, and we look forward to seeing them thrive in their future endeavors.

Damien Norsworthy



# UNDER 15 - JUNIOR LEAGUE

The U15's were a mixed bag of new to the division kids and returning older kids this year. This also meant we had a mix of, not only abilities, but size as well. It's an age group where some kids have had a major growth spurt already and others are still waiting for theirs to come, so it challenged us to make sure that the junior kids that needed to focus on their basic skills and development were getting that, and then the senior kids that needed to be stretched and pushed harder were getting that too. We were very conscious of the overall aim to provide everyone exposure to all aspects of the game. All except two took to the mound at least once, and everyone played both infield and outfield during the year.

Every player certainly improved over the year, although we did seem to stall a little after Christmas. This probably showed that there is a balance to find between giving kids the opportunity and exposure, but also trying to maintain a level of competitiveness that keeps the team's confidence high and brings in more wins.

We ended the season with 7 wins, 7 losses and 1 draw, making it to the Semi Finals.

Our season ended there, but there were plenty of successes and learnings along the way, and in the end, we had a tight group of mates having fun together and supporting one another through all ups and downs. That's baseball, and they well and truly felt it, and thrived in it.

Team Awards:

Jack Wilton – MVP

Harlan King – Best Team Player

Samuel Norsworthy – Most Improved

We also had Junior League Marlins players selected from our team; Harlan King, Tyson Soraghan and Jack Wilton.

Congratulations to Jack Wilton from our team who was also selected in the State U16 Team.

Dylan Lester was our coach, until he had to return unexpectedly back to the USA. Dylan brought with him a brilliant approach to working with kids of all skill levels. His knowledge of the game was exceptional, and the team really fed off his enthusiasm and positivity. It was fantastic to have Kason King not just help but take on a great deal of the responsibilities of the coaching side. Having him in these roles benefits not only Kason and his growth within the sport, but also provides the kids with a role model of where they could aim to be. Giving senior boys a chance to step up to coach our

junior teams teaches community spirit and shows how you can give back to a club that provides so much to you. An enormous thank you to Carmen Bischoff for scoring pretty much every week, whilst also being the Junior Co-ordinator for the club and providing so much assistance and support to all the Junior Coaches. Big thank you to Kirra King for scoring when Carmen was not available, and Sherridan Wilton for doing GameChanger for us.

Thank you to the supportive parents of this group, helping with canteen and pretty much anything I asked a moment's notice. I appreciate all of you.

Thanks for a great season!

Travis Wilton



# UNDER 13/1 - LITTLE LEAGUE

Recapping the season, we started 6-2 win loss record up until the Christmas break. Solids wins against Port and Golden Grove and a walk off win against Kensington were some of the highlights.

After the break was a complete different story, we decided to go on 1-5 losing run, including a heart break walk off loss against Sturt, followed by tough losses to Port, Golden Grove and Henley and Grange.

We finished up minor round with a .500 record and landed in 5 position heading into finals.

The first Semi final 2v5 had us facing a premiership favourite, Sturt. Definitely the biggest highlight of the season as we played outstanding and walked away with 7-2 W.

We then took on Kensington in the preliminary final for a grand final berth.

It wasn't to be, with a game which we battled all day and the lead swapping several times to final going down 7-10. Absolutely an outstanding team effort and we gave it our all. A big thank-you goes to all our members who came out to support, it was wonderful to see everyone out there and the boys were very proud.

Huge thanks to Connor Yeatman who was a great assistant to me and had a great connection with the players. Steve Yeatman for being our Bench Manager, Matt Haskett for scoring majority of the games. Pitch counters Jennifer Bell and Belinda Dienelt who also scored. Bec Bartlett for handling the socials and keeping us all updated. All our wonderful players families for their support. Rick Lee and all the 13/2 players and families for their contributing. Everyone who put their hands up to volunteer around the club, Carmen for all the hours she put into the Junior grades this year.

Finally to our the team, The Swamp donkeys, The Piss missiles, The Wind is beautiful, Hydration station, Team Temu, Bring it on and Make them cry.

It was an absolute blast to coach this team, a great bunch of young ball players, who enjoyed the challenges during the season, support each other, had a-lot of fun and all wanted to get better.

I hope to see everyone next year back on the diamond again.

Bubba Dienelt.



# UNDER 13/2 - LITTLE LEAGUE

This year saw an U13/2's squad come together with a mix of experienced players from the 22/23 13/2's team, being Zac Gratton, Nivedh Nair & Leo Czechowicz. The majority coming through from U11's, Noah Sutherland, Oscar Patman, Hamish Lee, Seb Grieger, Eli Davis, Tarik Overton. Ky Exelby who was new to the club, as well as Archer Smith who was new to baseball altogether.

Working in with Anthony and the U13/1's team training on Wednesday & Friday nights allowed for some combined drills and sessions that hugely benefited the U13/2's group. I'd like to thank Anthony, Connor and everyone involved in making these training sessions happen and help the upcoming juniors in learning their craft.

Gamedays were a tussle with managing a large bench at times, gametime for all the boys and trying to work the boys around to different positions. Admittedly, this was challenging at times and in hindsight, some additional pitchers with time on the mound would have benefited a few of the players.

Our season got off to a great start, seeing us head into the Christmas break with a 6-3 record. Zac Gratton leading our pitching off for most games and doing a great job keeping our defensive game strong. With most of the boys experiencing Little League rules for the first time, learning to deal with base stealing and other tactics took a while to master. Some patient at-bats and strong hitting saw the team get into a rhythm where we made use of our offensive innings, drawing walks and getting runners into scoring positions.

The second half of our season saw us compete with most of the stronger teams in the division, finishing 3-3 for the second half of the season. Nivedh Nair managed the play of the season, bombing a home run against Adelaide Angels and bringing 3 runs in. This brought us to the end of the season with 9 wins and 6 losses, finishing 5th with a win average of 60% and earning a berth in the finals.

We came up against a much older and experienced Northern Districts in the semi final, in a hard match that saw us bow out of the finals race with a 16-3 loss. What I will take out of the game was the team's resilience to persist, regardless of what the result looked like.

Zac Gratton had an amazing year on the mound, our starting pitcher in most games. Zac was also reliable at the plate, with quite a few hits and finishing with a .600 batting average. Zac earned the MVP trophy for his efforts this year.

Oscar Patman was our Runner-Up MVP, with a .606 batting average for the year. He was our resident catcher, looking every part of a catcher and framing pitches like a pro. Oscar was an extremely reliable lefty batter, hitting plenty of bombs and bringing runners in, also managing an inside-the-park home run on one or two occasions.

Noah Sutherland was our other main pitcher. With a strong arm, he troubled a lot of batters with his speed. Noah was also one of our strongest batters and one we relied on a lot to get runners home and extra base hits. Noah rounded out the season with a 0.633 batting average, the highest in the team.

Ky Exelby was new to the club this year and immediately fit in with the group. His work ethic and efforts on and off the field earned him the Best Team Man trophy for the season.

# UNDER 13/2 - LITTLE LEAGUE

A couple of other notable mentions. Tarik Overton came leaps and bounds from previous years, with a 0.321 batting average. The main standout was his fielding and focus. His laser focus meant that every throw back from the catcher to pitcher was backed up without fail, making it hard to replace him at 2nd base. Hamish Lee & Eli Davis were a couple of League Age 9 boys who came up and were some of the youngest to play in the division throughout the year. They held their own while batting and pitching, with batting averages of 0.500 and 0.294 respectively.

I'd like to thank all the parents for assisting with field setup and pack up. Helping with training & pre-game warmups too. Thank you to Jess Patman for scoring all year & Mickey for filling in when needed, Mitch for pitch counting and Kate for being team manager. Also thank you to Lane, Declan & Stef for assistant & base coaching throughout the year.

I wish the boys all the best for next season. It was a privilege to play a part in their season & hopefully long baseball careers ahead of them.

Rick Lee



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# UNDER 11 - MINOR LEAGUE

The under 11 team had a fantastic season. We started with only 3 players who had played under 11s last season, 3 players who had played Peewee last season, and 4 new players who had never played baseball before. With a very inexperienced team we had a lot of work ahead of us. The team trained hard all season and fought hard every game. We finished the season in 4th place overall with 11 wins and only 3 losses from 14 games.

We made it to the semi-final, unfortunately going down by 1 run in extra innings.

Some of our season highlights included:

Our 1-0 loss to Southern Districts Orange – who finished the season undefeated and minor premiers.

Our 2-0 win against Kensington – who won last year's premiership.

And Eli, Ryder and Jonte combining together to pitch a no hitter against West Torrens in a 4-0 win. It is very rare in an under 11s game to keep the opposition scoreless, and our team managed to achieve that on multiple occasions.

Our team consisted of 10 under 11 players – Leonardo, Alessandro, Cooper, Ryder, Jonte, Leo, Will, Jacob, Armando and Xavier. Thanks to Eli, Oscar and Hamish (who played majority of the season in under 13s but are still under 11 age) for filling in when needed at the beginning of the season.

Thanks to the 4 Peewee players who towards the end of the season ended stepping up and helping us out too – Cameron, Spencer, Jacob and AJ – and did a fantastic job.

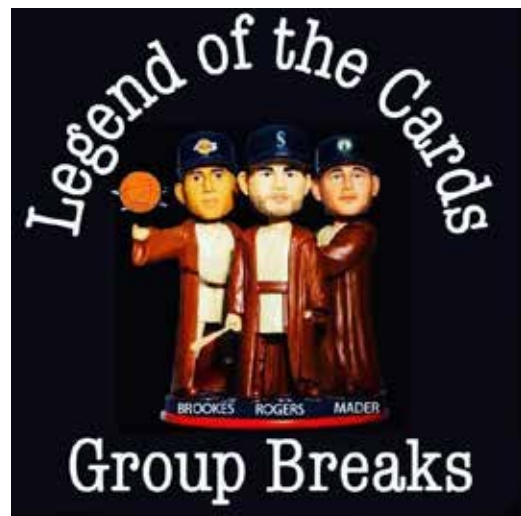
Thanks to Nick (assistant coach), Steve (bench coach), Christian (scoring and assistant coach), Andrew (pitching coach), Matt and Matt (helping out wherever needed at training, pitch counts, scoring, assistant coach), Ben (pitch counts), Jess (managing canteen roster), and all the parents for getting the players to every training and game. Thank you for all the support on and off the field.

Awards:

Most Improved – Leonardo Vadagnini

MVP – Cooper Kenny & Ryder Kenny

Karen Mentha





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# T-BALL & PEE WEE



This was my second year running the teeball program, it must be said with a tonne of work done by my wife Stacey as well. Looking back on my report from last season I made some goals to advertise the program earlier in an effort to grow it and also a bit more work on throwing skills. We started off the pre-season by getting the word out to all the schools in our area and Stacey also had the brilliant idea of advertising on community noticeboards too. Another change we made was we decided to run three come and try nights instead of just one. They were all free and they did a great job at building momentum into the teeball season and were a huge success as we had a large number of first timers come out and register for the program. Even better was a lot of those first timers actually ended up playing PeeWee (U9s) this season, which was fantastic to see.

The program this year took a greater focus on listening to instructions, learning the positions on the field, both when you're baserunning and when you're fielding. We then followed that with some dedicated throwing warmups, which are very similar to what the higher grades do, which will ease that transition. We then move into a focus drill to reinforce throwing at a target (crate in a circle or a relay race usually) and we moved to working on crowhops towards the end of the season, a skill that will benefit the kids as they move up through the ranks. We then finish our sessions with a 30 min game. We would split the group into 2 or 4 teams depending on numbers and alternate hitting and fielding for 5 minutes at a time. We had two games running most weeks which showed us we were getting more consistent numbers week to week, even though the numbers didn't grow as a whole. We would generally have a game for more experienced players, most of which played peewee, and a game for our newer and younger kids to learn the rules and flow of the game.

We were also able to find some spare equipment which allowed us to furnish any newcomers with their own glove, so thanks very much to the committee for supporting the program in that way. As mentioned numbers-wise we had a small increase compared with what we had last season which is a great thing as we had a larger than expected number move up out of the program. Next season we re-focused on retention and subsequently growth from our younger players building on the skills we've learned this season. A big thank you to all the parents that helped out corralling the kids every Friday.

Over on the Peewee side, last season we had just 6 players for our first game, this year we had 14(!) players thanks largely to the success of our Come and Try nights. We were joined by a 15th in the third week and from there we went! The fantastic thing was that over half of the team were first-timers from the aforementioned Come and Try nights and the improvement across the season in all of the kids, but especially the newcomers, was outstanding. They got better at listening to instructions, they got better at reading the game, their hitting was outstanding and their fielding came along in leaps and bounds. By the end of the season the kids would regularly make hard contact with good swings off of the pitching with very rarely needing the tee.



# T-BALL & PEE WEE

On the fielding side they got to a point where they were regularly reading and making plays on their own, covering bases where they needed to, moving the ball quickly when it needed to and even several unassisted double plays off their own backs with no input from the coaches. Our last game of the season the opposing coach was very kind in saying that we were arguably the best team they had played, which to me says a lot about how far they came from the start of the season to the end. My favourite things from their season though was the enthusiasm and support the kids gave to their teammates. It was truly a sight (and sound!) to behold, I called them the Chaos Crew for a reason, and they delivered on that every week.

A big thanks to a few people: Katherine Whaites who was my team manager for the season - she kept everyone in line and organised the bench which is not an easy job with 15 kids! Also a big thanks to David Pilkington, Byron Hatfield and Steve Kirby as well just for all their help coaching the boys out in the field. They helped reinforce some of the things that we're learning and reminding them of what to do in particular situations. They were all outstanding and really helped me pull all this together.

Stefan Gratton



# SENIOR GAMES MILESTONES

## 50 Games

Aaron Rollins  
Aiden Lucas  
Amber Bisset  
Anthony Delloso  
Carmen Bischoff  
Debbie Rollins  
Liz McKinlay  
Jake Biggins  
John Braithwaite  
John Cicchiello  
Michaela Kelly  
Steven Pryor  
Sune Myburgh  
Trent Cross

## 100 Games

Andy Eime

## 150 Games

Adam Brooks  
Carter Powell  
Dave Taylor  
David Chapman  
Glenn Castellano  
Michael Shillabeer  
Stephen Braggs  
Zac Stroud

## 200 Games - Player Mug

Stuart Millar  
Dylan Rollins

## 300 Games

Charlie Ashcroft

## 650 Games

Darren Robinson

## 800 Games

Travis Underhill

