EAST TORRENS BASEBALL CLUB

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



YEAR	LIFE MEMBER	PLAYER LIFE MEMBER
1962	G. DRAPER <sup>+</sup>	
1964	MRS A. ROBERTS <sup>+</sup>	
1965	G. FENWICK <sup>+</sup>	
1966	P. ROBERTS <sup>+</sup>	
1967	R. EDMEADES	
1968	D. ROBERTS <sup>†</sup>	
1968/69	D. ROACH	
1969/70	K. PITT	
1970/71	J. TOWILL	
1972/73	B. HAYLEY	
1973/74	B. ADDISON <sup>+</sup>	
1975/76	D. DATE†	
1976/77	R. KENEALLY	
1977/78	J. DAVIS	
1979/80	A. SMITH <sup>†</sup>	
1980/81	B. MARKS†	
1981/82	MRS L. MADDISON <sup>†</sup>	
1981/82	P. PIKE†	
1983/84		G. MCKINLAY
1984/85		G. MADDISON
1984/85		D. TOWILL
1985/80		G. WILDEN
-	J. KING	G. WILDEN
1987/88		
1988/89	T. BENNETT <sup>†</sup> , T. MADDISON <sup>†</sup>	
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 <sup>+</sup>	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 <sup>+</sup>	P. O'RILEY, D. ROBINSON ,L. THOMPSON
2003/04	MRS H. BROOKS	K. HRIBAR, G. MCCALL, P. KEEN
2004/05	B. NORSWORTHY <sup>+</sup>	R. SMITH, W. TOWILL, S. VINCE
2005/06	B. SANDERSON	K. ASHWORTH, G. SIMMONS
2006/07		D. SYMONS, R. TRENGROVE
2007/08	MRS V. ADDISON	A. COUZNER, J. KING
2008/09	P. CHANDLER	B. ARMSTRONG, A. MATTHEWS
2009/10	R. SMITH	D. KING, C. ARMSTRONG
2010/11	MRS R. INGERSON <sup>+</sup>	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 <sup>+</sup> , T. HARRINGTON
2017/18	D. KING	T. SYMONS, B. COPPING
2023/24	D. NORSWORTHY	P. ASHWORTH
2024/25	B. ARMSTRONG, P. ASHWORTH	D. NORSWORTHY, M. STEWART
-	B. HOLLANDS, C. POWELL, S. YEATMAN	J. SANDERSON, L. CHANDLER, R. MATCHAM

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

#### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

BAR MANAGER: CANTEEN MANAGER: SPONSORSHIP MANAGER: SCORERS DELEGATE: UMPIRES DELEGATE: SENIOR COORDINATOR: JUNIOR COORDINATOR: WOMENS COORDINATOR: T-BALL COORDINATOR: FACILITIES MANAGER:

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: UNIFORMS AND REGALIA: SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE COORDINATOR: SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING MANAGER: VACANT VACANT Blake Armstrong, Paul Ashworth Katherine Ashworth Ash Ng Paul Chandler Karen Mentha Imogen Gray Stef Gratton Richard Smith, Craig Powell, Paul Sowter, Braeden Ashworth Darian King Marnie Yeatman Jessica Scheer VACANT



#### Annual General Meeting Minutes 26th June 2024, 7pm, Feathers Hotel

- Welcome
- Welcome to Country by President Damien Norsworthy
- Apologies
  - John & Gail King
  - o Dalton Probert
  - o Glen Simmons
  - Sharon Chandler
  - o Lauren Sanderson
  - Warwick Marks
  - o John & Jill Chandler
  - Carolyn Smith
  - Braden Ashworth
- **Present** (Voting Rights confirmed)
- Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting 2022/23 Moved to be accepted by Damien Norsworthy, seconded by David Chapman, all in favour Accepted as accurate record of meeting
- Reports;

Annual Report / Financials - as shared and explained by D. Norsworthy, shared current bank balances, handed to Treasurer for explanation, refer to report for details

- Questions from the floor;
  - Question from T.Probert about profit of Social Events explanation that this was seen in the Bar overturn. Discussion from the floor about revenue lines, Thursday Night dinners, thanks to Marnie Yeatman/Jenna Yeatman from President
  - Active Club Grant explained where funds are banked
  - Yardball Grant explained how funds will be used/banked
  - Financials moved Moved to be accepted by Damien Norsworthy, seconded by David Chapman, all in favour - moved to be accepted.
- Nominations;
  - \*D.Norsworthy reminded those present that all nominations are now reviewed by the Life Membership Panel (D.King is the Chairperson, D.Symons, C & R Smith), who then recommend the nomination be presented at the AGM.
  - Life Members 5 Nominations Blake Armstrong / Craig Powell / Paul Ashworth / Bob Hollands / Steve Yeatman - Damien Norsworthy shared brief overview of each of their roles throughout the years - all moved and accepted unanimously
  - Darian King shared the points system the panel used to select the nominations
- Elections of Officers (Executive Committee);
  - President Damien Norsworthy nominated, submitted in writing no other nominations, all in favour - approved.

- Vice President (Nominations: David Chapman) submitted in writing no other nominations, all in favour approved.
- Secretary (Nominations: Angela Probert) submitted in writing **no other nominations, all in favour approved.**
- Treasurer (Nominations: Jarrad Laws) submitted in writing no other nominations, all in favour approved.
- Operations Manager (Nominations: Tony Probert) submitted in writing no other nominations, all in favour approved.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager (Nominations: Amber Bassett) submitted in writing no other nominations, all in favour approved.
- Registrations & Memberships Manager (Nominations Stef Gratton:) submitted in writing **no other nominations, all in favour approved.**
- Strategy & Planning Coordinator (Nominations Carmen Bischoff submitted in writing **no other nominations, all in favour approved.**
- Elections of Officers (Management Committee); (Nominations received from the floor or prior to the AGM. These positions will be confirmed at the first Executive Meeting)
  - Social & Fundraising Manager Vacant
  - Facilities Manager (House & Grounds) (Nominations: Craig Powell/Richard Smith) submitted verbally before meeting no other nominations, all in favour approved.
  - Bar Manager Vacant Outgoing position holder thanked Bob Hollands
  - o Canteen Manager Vacant
  - Social Media & Online Coordinator Vacant Outgoing position holder thanked Steve Yeatman
  - Sponsorship Coordinator Vacant Blake Armstrong to continue to support from abroad.
  - Senior Coordinator (Nominations: Paul Chandler) from the floor **no other nominations, all in favour approved.**
  - Womens Coordinator (Nominations: Imogen Grey) submitted in writing no other nominations, all in favour - approved. Outgoing position holder thanked - Victoria McKinlay
  - T-ball Co-ordinator (Nomination: Stef Gratton) submitted in writing no other nominations, all in favour approved.
  - Uniform & Regalia Manager (Nominations: Marnie Yeatman) from the floor no other nominations, all in favour approved.
  - Junior Coordinator Vacant Outgoing position holder thanked Carmen Bischoff
  - Umpire Coordinator (Includes acting as delegate to Umpires Association) Vacant Ashly Ng to be approached by Exec.
  - Equipment Manager (Nominations: Darian King) from the floor no other nominations, all in favour approved.
  - Scorer's Coordinator (Includes acting as delegate to Scorers Association) Vacant
- General Business;
- C Bischoff: can we open player registrations earlier deposit to be paid Stef can set up a discount code.
- Meeting Closed 8pm



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## PRESIDENT

As a non-profit sporting club, I recognise that every financial decision we make must reflect our commitment to delivering value for our members and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the club.

The recent news regarding the overspend on the Payneham pool redevelopment project was certainly disappointing. While this is outside of our control, it reinforces the need for us to remain focused on what we can influence—delivering long-term, sustainable solutions that benefit all East Torrens members. As President, I see it as my responsibility—alongside the Executive Committee—to manage the resources entrusted to us through member fees, sponsorship, fundraising, and grants with diligence, transparency, and purpose.

Guided by our Strategic Plan and the accompanying Action Plan, we've set a clear path forward—one that aims not only to improve the member experience but also to ensure long-term viability. We are actively engaging with key stakeholders, including Council and State Government, to determine the future of Patterson Sportsground. These discussions are ongoing and, at times, progress can feel slow. But we remain committed to getting the details right and maximising every inch of our footprint to benefit current and future members.

My vision is simple: upgrade and evolve the existing facility within the constraints of our current site, ensuring it is functional, inclusive, and future-focused. This includes working towards a purpose-built, year-round training facility that supports player development, all of our programs, and our future stars. Most importantly, it must all be achieved with respect for the hard-earned funds provided, sourced, or supported by you—our members—and through the pursuit of every available funding opportunity.

Wise spending is central to our approach. That means every investment must demonstrate a clear benefit. The Executive assesses every dollar spent not just for its immediate impact, but for its ability to strengthen our club in the long term— more players on the field, stronger volunteer engagement, a safer, more inclusive environment, and facilities that serve our community for years to come. Balancing all of this is no easy task, but it is a responsibility I take seriously.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers. From the Executive Committee to those who set up and pack down fields each week, your commitment is the heart of East Torrens. We are, above all, a strong and resilient community when we all work together. Thank you for everything you do.

Please take the time to enjoy reading this Annual Report. Inside, you'll find stories of success, dedication, and memorable moments from the past season. You'll likely see familiar names who have once again gone above and beyond to support our club.

It is a privilege to serve as your President. I look forward to continuing this journey together—and seeing you on the diamond soon.

**Damien Norsworthy** 

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present this year's Vice President's Report for the East Torrens Baseball Club.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire committee. Your dedication, time, and commitment to the ongoing growth and success of our club cannot be overstated. Every meeting attended, every initiative supported, and every decision made has helped shape a positive, welcoming environment for players, families, and supporters alike. It has been a privilege to work alongside such passionate individuals who continually put the club first.

To our incredible volunteers – thank you. A club like ours does not function without the tireless efforts of many, and this season has been no exception. From coaching staff who have guided and developed our players at every level, to the grounds crew who ensure our facilities are always at their best, your work is both seen and deeply appreciated.

And to those who also volunteer in our bar and canteen have gone above and beyond once again, not only providing sustenance and refreshments but also creating a warm and friendly place for the community to gather. Your efforts behind the scenes and during the busiest times of the season have not gone unnoticed.

To our Coaches and Team Managers, your role is vital. You are the glue that holds the week-to-week operations together, ensuring communication, coordination, and care are always front and centre. Your efficiency and enthusiasm are essential to our success.

It takes a village to run a baseball club, and I am so proud of the village we have at East Torrens. Thank you for showing up, stepping in, and giving your time and energy to make this club something truly special.

Also to advise that we have embraced the challenges of limited Council funding to start on a path of refreshing our current facilities and working with our partners to enhance the club experience for all our members, and family and friends.

Here's to another fantastic season – and many more to come.

David Chapman

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## SECRETARY

The 2024-25 Season commenced with what's become a tradition for opening night that brings all ages and teams together; our Wiffle Ball Competition. Seeing the all ages, men, women and kids together, fostering each other's sportsmanship, yet with a healthy zest for competition, makes you proud to be a Red Sox's member and really set the tone for the year that was.

The Executive Committee was committed to being a leader in change, change that elevated every decision that had come before it, knowing that we had a purpose we knew we were destined for; inclusivity, standing for our values and community. Being part of an inclusive sport environment gives individuals positive social and health outcomes. It provides a space where diverse groups can build trust in one another, helping to break down social and cultural stigmas or barriers, and strengthen overall community connections. Benefits of inclusion in sport | Australian Sports Commission.

In the 1989 classic, "Field of Dreams," an Iowa farmer named Ray Kinsella hears a voice whisper, "If you build it, they will come." They did! Always Believe!

The best sporting moments are those that evoke emotions; the marathon runner that stalls to let his peer beat him at the line, the battler that makes the team in untenable circumstances, the underdog, who struggles in a slump, yet comes out victorious –these are the moments that etch in our memories, due to the emotions provoked.

Well this season did exactly that! From the sweat and tears of our Yardball Program, I watched our participants build relationships with their buddies, sparking up conversations with mentors and creating memories that would last forever. I witnessed one of our Yardball Participants attend our Senior Presentation Night, her face

gleaning with excitement as one of her mentors entered the room, her newly found confidence moving her to walk towards her new mentor and friend, greeting her with a sense of belonging, like she had never felt before. This is why we are here, this is our destiny!

To Amber, Tony & Damien, including the extended Yardball committee, I am in awe of what you have created and feel honoured to be part of the journey, thank you!

Canteen and Bar Management was predominantly managed and supported by the Executive this season, each of us supported game day, events and stock management, however it was Damien and his Mother Lyn that were the cornerstone. Ramen returned to man Friday Nights and Weekend opens, which was welcome relief to those of us who would normally support. The canteen and bar remain a pivotal part of the revenue for the East Torrens Baseball Club and we thank every volunteer that supported the operational needs throughout the season.

Thursday Night Dinners remains a staple, we thank Lyn and Damien Norsworthy for supporting this to happen, bringing together a community, providing them a sense of belonging.

## SECRETARY

If success was measured in effort, East Torrens would be notably recognised. To our Club Sponsors, thank you for supporting us in what we believe in and love. Executive Committee; to Damien Norsworthy, David Chapman, Jarred Laws, Amber Bisset, Carmen Bischoff, Tony Probert 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.

The future is bright! I hope you all continue to hang on and believe in the values we built together, the purpose we created and the changes we all have the power to make!

Angela Probert

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## TREASURER

The club's financial year runs from 1st July to the 30th of June of each year and as such these accounts are only current as at the 23rd of June 2025 on an accrual basis and will be finalised at the end of June 2025. Although we are not expecting any further significant expenses the figures recorded are still subject to change.

The 24-25 season has seen the club make an estimated profit of approximately \$9,700 which is a very pleasing result for the club. The club remains in a healthy financial position and continues to be debt free. The profit was achieved even though total income for 24/25 was down 11.7% year on year however, total expenses at \$142k was down 16% or approximately \$27k. The variance in income and expenses against 23/24 can largely be attributed to the 100-Year celebrations. Regalia sales declined by 40%, which we had anticipated, given the higher volumes of regalia sold during the Club's 100-year celebrations. Regalia still recorded a solid profit of approximately \$1,500 for 24/25.

We recorded \$21,500 cash Sponsorship for season 24/25 which was down \$7,000 or 25% on the previous year and Player Sponsorship of nearly \$4,500. Our Vice President from season 24/25 has taken onboard the sponsorship portfolio and is in the process of securing new sponsors for season 25/26 and looking to continue our relationships with current sponsors for the seasons ahead. We thank all our sponsors and partners, both new and ongoing. The Club appreciates your support!

Club memberships has remained strong over the past season. Although Senior memberships appear to have decreased on the Profit and Loss Report (P&L) I would point our members to the Canteen Levy line in the P&L report. I have included this line as the Canteen Levy amount of \$3,380 comes directly from club memberships. This represents each member's contribution (\$20 from every full membership) to payments we must make to have a canteen manager in place. This amount doesn't represent the full amount paid, however gives our members an indication of where a portion of their club membership fees are allocated.

Canteen sales were marginally up by 1.7% and recorded a profit of \$10,400 in comparison to the profit from 23/24 of \$11,850. Profitability has been impacted by the increased costs of running the canteen with costs increased by 7.1% in comparison to the previous year.

Bar sales were down 6.6% with a profit of \$18,205 recorded in comparison to the profit from 23/24 of \$19,134. The bar expenses were also 8% lower than the previous year. Given there were several Saturdays where there was only one senior game being played at the club the results of the canteen and bar are a pleasant surprise. Hopefully with some fixture adjustments by Baseball SA over the coming seasons we can look forward to maximising the number of teams we have playing home games on the same day hopefully resulting in stronger canteen and bar turnover.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in the canteen and bar throughout the season, and we encourage all our members to contribute some of their time during the coming season in these areas.

## TREASURER

Although there were several areas across both income and expenses which contributed to the overall profit, the Social and Fundraising line added profit of approximately \$7,000 over 24/25. This is an outstanding result for the club and many thanks are extended to the numerous volunteers who sacrificed their time and organised things such as meat raffles, volunteered at Bunnings barbecues and many other club events. A massive thankyou to our members who supported these fund-raising initiatives with their hard-earned cash. This is greatly appreciated and allows us to reinvest some money back into the club.

Some areas we have invested club and grant funds in 24/25 for our members and participants include improving the batting cages, L-Frames, repairs to the turtle, Blast Motion, pitching machine balls, baseballs, equipment for Juniors, Baum bats and Driveline training equipment. We have also purchased items to assist our volunteers in the canteen and devices for streaming live feeds of our games. No doubt we will be looking to make further investments in club facilities for our members and participants in the upcoming season.

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

#### **Profit and loss report**

Accrual mode 01 Jul 2024 - 30 Jun 2025

	Total			
	Actual	Last Year	Variance \$	Variance
-0000 Income				
4-1200 Sponsorship - Club	21,500.00	28,500.00	(7,000.00)	-2
4-1250 Sponsorship - Player	4,434.00	4,222.00	212.00	
4-2100 Club Membership - Junior	11,987.51	9,924.41	2,063.10	:
4-2120 Club Membership - Senior	12,686.50	13,598.93	(912.43)	
4-2150 Club Membership - Tee Ball	967.40	1,231.50	(264.10)	-2
4-2300 Social & Fundraising	9,928.05	1,720.00	8,208.05	4
4-2400 Club Membership - Non Player	424.60	0.00	424.60	
4-4100 Bar Sales	36,794.58	39,404.54	(2,609.96)	
4-5100 Canteen Sales	42,797.20	42,102.00	695.20	
4-7100 Regalia & Uniforms Sales	10,059.56	16,506.85	(6,447.29)	-
4-7150 Less Cost of Goods Sold Regalia & Uniform	(8,483.50)	(12,964.75)	4,481.25	
4-8200 Clubroom / Grounds Hire	2,150.00	1,540.00	610.00	
4-8300 Sundry Income	0.00	1.01	(1.01)	-1
4-8550 Don Rice Foundation Income	750.00	420.00	330.00	
4-9001 Sponsorship - 100 Years on the Diamond	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-1
4-9002 100 Year Income	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	-1
4-9003 100 Years on the Diamond Book Sales	0.00	4,700.00	(4,700.00)	-1
4-9004 Income - 100 Year Gala Dinner	0.00	15,520.00	(15,520.00)	-1
4-9005 Canteen Levy	3,380.00	0.00	3,380.00	
otal Income	149,375.90	169,176.49	(19,800.59)	-11.70
iross Profit	149,375.90	169,176.49	(19,800.59)	-
-0000 Expense				
6-1002 Administration	732.80	2,002.43	(1,269.63)	-
6-1004 Bar Expenses	18,589.53	20,269.93	(1,680.40)	
6-1008 BUASA	6,552.29	4,973.11	1,579.18	
6-1010 SA Scorers Association	367.50	210.00	157.50	
6-1100 Redsox - Umpires & Other	1,384.61	884.44	500.17	
6-1101 Redsox - Coaches & Managers	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
6-1102 Coaches & Managers	7,622.25	7,981.72	(359.47)	
6-1104 Equipment	11,365.14	7,282.05	4,083.09	
6-1105 Equipment Other	0.00	636.00	(636.00)	-1
6-1106 Pre Season Training Exp	2,860.00	2,865.40	(5.40)	
6-1112 Import & Players	11,039.36	8,983.10	2,056.26	
6-1113 Club Car	0.00	809.49	(809.49)	-1
6-1120 Tee Ball	1,100.69	1,240.11	(139.42)	-
6-1175 Social & Fundraising Expenses	2,838.72	2,591.82	246.90	
6-1180 Sponsorship Expense	4,109.71	7,194.57	(3,084.86)	-
6-1202 Rubbish Removal	0.00	580.00	(580.00)	-1

	Total			
	Actual	Last Year	Variance \$	Variance
6-1203 Cleaning	4,177.37	4,031.91	145.46	
6-1204 R & M - Club House	1,647.72	480.82	1,166.90	24
6-1206 R & M - Grounds	6,130.17	4,338.28	1,791.89	2
6-1210 Security	550.55	0.00	550.55	
6-1450 Don Rice Foundation	1,287.90	1,280.00	7.90	
6-1510 Life Members	587.00	0.00	587.00	
6-1650 Ground Hire	10,000.00	9,041.72	958.28	
6-1710 Club Insurance	1,088.98	2,085.57	(996.59)	-4
6-2200 Printing & Stationary	0.00	65.34	(65.34)	-10
6-2700 Trophies	3,299.50	2,764.04	535.46	
6-2750 Telephone/Internet	1,160.00	0.00	1,160.00	
6-2810 Electricity	4,306.12	7,302.24	(2,996.12)	-
6-3000 Bank Charges	0.00	10.00	(10.00)	-1
6-7200 Website	660.00	660.00	0.00	
6-8000 Advertising & Promotion	0.00	231.12	(231.12)	-1
6-9970 Canteen Expenses	32,392.56	30,251.83	2,140.73	
6-9988 Square Charges	1,748.68	1,574.94	173.74	
6-9996 100 Years on the Diamond Book Expense	0.00	4,780.00	(4,780.00)	-1
6-9997 Subscriptions/Licences	825.00	432.00	393.00	
6-9998 100 Year Club Celebration Expenses	0.00	14,041.58	(14,041.58)	-1
6-9999 Expense - 100 Year Gala Dinner	0.00	12,190.00	(12,190.00)	-1
otal Expense	143,424.15	169,065.56	(25,641.41)	-15.20
Operating Profit	5,951.75	110.93	5,840.82	52
-0000 Other Income				
8-1001 Interest Income	3,772.22	1,289.28	2,482.94	1
otal Other Income	3,772.22	1,289.28	2,482.94	192.60
let Profit	9,723.97	1,400.21	8,323.76	59

## Balance sheet report

30 Jun 2025

	Total
1-0000 Asset	
1-0001 Banking	
1-1110 Westpac High Interest 3849	0.02
1-1120 Beyond Operating 03209817	61,312.52
1-1125 Beyond Transactional	467.53
1-1130 Beyond - Don Rice	1,533.83
Total Banking	63,313.90
1-1500 Regalia Stock on Hand	4,523.00
1-1800 Accounts receivable	4,000.00
1-4001 Beyond Bank 3 Month Term Deposit	51,115.60
Total Asset	122,952.50
2-0000 Liability	
2-0002 Current Liabilities	
2-1800 Accounts payable	1,406.14
Total Current Liabilities	1,406.14
2-3400 J King Junior Fund	1,877.70
2-3601 Sponsorship paid in advance	6,000.00
2-3603 Yard Ball Grant	16,091.60
2-3607 Membership Paid in Advance	50.00
2-3608 Ground Hire (Provision)	10,000.00
Total Liability	35,425.44
Net Assets	87,527.06
3-0000 Equity	
3-0001 Retained Earnings	
3-1600 Retained earnings	77,803.09
Total Retained Earnings	77,803.09
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Total Current Earnings	9,723.97
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## **REGISTRATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

Thank you to all members for registering and paying their fees completely this year.

With this being the second year of the Gameday system there were less issues and the process seemed to be altogether rather smooth.

Baseball SA raised their fees again this season by 5% for senior players and between 5-8% for juniors (including Tball). The largest increase though was in the 3 game memberships that increased by 40% for the BA and BSA components. As a club we determined a 3% fee increase was appropriate as this was in line with cost of living increases, and mitigated the larger BSA increases to a degree. As always we want to make baseball as accessible as possible, for as many people as possible, while also being fiscally responsible. We believe the decisions we made around the fee increases struck a good balance and met those goals.

With regards to registration numbers, this season we had a total of 202 registered members - up from 177 last season, which is a wonderful result. The registrations break down as follows:

59 Senior Mens (56 last season) 27 Senior Womens (23) 101 Juniors - Tball to U19 (90) 10 Yardball (New) 5 Volunteers (8)

There is still some work to do in getting our Life Members and volunteers registered, as this aids them in receiving news of events at the club. A larger focus will be placed on this next season.

Seeing playing numbers bounce back is wonderful to see, and that it's largely in our junior programs is even better. It will be interesting to see how the new Baseball SA competition structure affects numbers next season, but a 14% increase in membership is great news.

Stef Gratton

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

The 2024/25 season marked strong progress in embedding diversity, equity and inclusion at East Torrens Baseball Club (ETBC). Key initiatives focused on creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all members, players, volunteers, supporters and the broader community.

**Grants and Funding Support:** Two grants secured in 2023/24 were fully spent in 2024/25. Funding from the South Australian Government's Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing and the Commonwealth Government's Volunteer Grants Activity supported technology upgrades, volunteer resources, and program delivery.

**Strategic and Action Planning:** In mid-2024, ETBC held two Future Planning Workshops to involve members in shaping the club's direction. Insights from these sessions informed the 10-year Strategic Plan and 2025-26 Action Plan, outlining the club's vision, priorities, and goals with annual steps for implementation. Both plans were shared for member feedback and are now available online.

**Yard Ball Program:** The Yard Ball Program is ETBC's inclusive baseball initiative designed to increase participation, specifically for children, young people, and women with intellectual disability, psychosocial disability, and autism. Launched in 2024/25, Season 1 was a great success, thanks to the dedication of participants, coaches, buddies, and the wider club community. A full overview of the program, its outcomes, and future plans is provided in the Yard Ball Program section of this report.

**Player Engagement & Wellbeing Initiatives:** Late in the season, ETBC was invited to join Play Well Minds, a free seven-week mental resilience program for teenagers. Though interest was expressed, the program did not proceed this season. The club remains open to similar future opportunities.

**Raiise Gender Equality Assessment and Planning Program:** Following participation in the Raiise Respectful Club Environments Program in early 2024, ETBC has committed to the Raiise Gender Equality Assessment and Planning Program for 2025/26. This program will review gender equity practices and develop a Gender Equity Action Plan. This fully funded 12-month initiative will provide valuable support for advancing inclusion and club development.

**Player Engagement & Satisfaction Surveys:** The second annual survey collected 31 responses from senior men's (Div 1-3) and women's teams (Div 2-3). Feedback was positive overall, highlighting an inclusive culture and good coach relationships. Players valued skill development but requested more situational and pitching training. Interest was strong in creating a women's leadership group and volunteering opportunities, especially in event organisation and diversity initiatives. Suggestions included improving facilities and off-field social events to strengthen connections. The executive committee has carefully reviewed this valuable feedback and is committed to implementing improvements that enhance player experiences and club activities for the 2025/26 season. Additionally, the committee is actively exploring ways to broaden feedback opportunities for all members throughout 2025/26.

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

**Thank You:** Thanks to all players, families, volunteers, and supporters who helped make ETBC more inclusive this season.

A special thank you to Tony Probert, whose baseball knowledge, coaching expertise, and ability to engage participants were invaluable as we worked together to develop and deliver the first Yard Ball season. Thanks also to all Yard Ball participants, coaches, and buddies - your commitment made the program a great success.

Thanks also to Damien Norsworthy for his ongoing support across DEI initiatives and the Yard Ball Program, including developing branding and promotional materials that raised the program's profile. Appreciation is also extended to the executive committee for their continued support, and special recognition goes to Carmen Bischoff for securing funding and leading the successful Coaching Pathways and Women's Come & Try programs - initiatives that continue to broaden opportunities for both our members and the wider community.

We've continued to grow as an inclusive and welcoming club this season, driven by the outstanding dedication and passion of our volunteers. Their ongoing commitment has been essential to our success, and we look forward to building on this momentum into the future.

Amber Bisset

## YARD BALL PROGRAM

In 2024/25, East Torrens Baseball Club (ETBC) proudly launched the inaugural season of its Yard Ball Program, an inclusive baseball initiative designed to reduce barriers to participation for people with disability. Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, Yard Ball focuses on creating safe, welcoming, and accessible opportunities, specifically for children, young people, and women with intellectual disability, psychosocial disability, and autism.

Between February and March 2025, the program delivered 21 tailored sessions across three streams:

- Mightee-Ball (ages 4–7)
- Sox Stars & Sluggers (ages 8–18)
- Women and Teenage Girls (ages 15+)

A total of 11 participants were supported by 10 trained coaches and 11 teenage buddies, creating an environment where players could build skills, confidence, and community. Inclusive game modifications, one-on-one support, and a focus on enjoyment and connection were central to the program. Club-wide events, including end-of-season awards, further promoted visibility and inclusion within the broader ETBC community.

To embed inclusive practices across the club, several initiatives were introduced:

- A dedicated Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Subcommittee was formed, bringing together individuals with lived experience, subject matter experts, and club representatives to guide program design and implementation.
- A DEI Awareness Session was attended by 30 club members, coaches, and volunteers, building a shared understanding of inclusive values and approaches.
- All Yard Ball coaches and buddies completed inclusive sport training, focusing on respectful communication, activity adaptation, and understanding diverse support needs.
- Key club policies were reviewed and updated to reflect ETBC's commitment to inclusion and safety, including the Member Protection Policy, Disability Inclusion Policy, and Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

We extend our sincere thanks to all Yard Ball participants, whose enthusiasm, courage, and commitment brought the program to life and inspired everyone involved. Special appreciation goes to our dedicated coaches and buddies - your time, energy, and support were essential in creating a safe, enjoyable, and inclusive environment where players could build skills, confidence, and friendships. Thanks also to the families for their trust, and to the broader ETBC membership - your ongoing support and encouragement has been vital in building a more inclusive and connected club community.

Special thanks to the DEI Subcommittee for their generous time, expertise, and ongoing guidance, which has been invaluable in shaping the program to be inclusive and responsive to the needs of our participants and community.

## YARD BALL PROGRAM

Appreciation is extended to Sustainable Value for supporting the measurement of the program's impact; Raiise for policy support and their investment in our club through the upcoming Gender Equality Assessment and Planning Program; and Volunteerability for facilitating a valuable and engaging DEI awareness session, that helped deepen our club's understanding and committment to inclusion.

Looking ahead, Season 2 (2025/26) will expand the Yard Ball Program to include up to three additional clubs, broadening its reach and impact across metropolitan and regional South Australia. A key priority for the upcoming season is the development of transition pathways to support participants moving into mainstream junior and senior baseball programs. This will involve addressing barriers and promoting inclusive support such as adapted rules, mentorship, and accessible facilities. Building on the strong foundation of Season 1, ETBC remains committed to creating opportunities where all players can belong, develop their skills, and enjoy the game in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Amber Bisset and Tony Probert



## **STRATEGY & PLANNING**

This year, my focus as Strategy and Planning Coordinator was on strategic direction, grant acquisition, and volunteer development—all aimed at strengthening ETBC's inclusive and community-driven environment.

Working with the Executive Committee, we finalised ETBC's ten-year Strategic Plan, which sets a clear direction for the Club. Developed through extensive consultation, including opportunities where members were invited to collaborate and provide feedback, the plan outlines goals in facility improvement, participation growth, community engagement, and volunteer and player development. It now serves as a roadmap for long-term sustainability and success.

#### Fostering Inclusion, Community Spirit, and Volunteer Engagement

This year, we supported volunteer development through a Scoring Workshop to help new and returning volunteers build confidence and knowledge. I also ran a series of second-hand gear sales to reduce barriers to participation and ensure all members could access the equipment they needed. In continuing the tradition of the Opening Night Red Sox Wiffle Ball Tournament, I helped coordinate a fun, inclusive event where players from Juniors, Women's, and Seniors (Div 1–3) formed 10 mixed teams. With perfect weather and great energy, new and returning families came together to compete, connect, and celebrate the start of the season. It was a fantastic reflection of our club's welcoming culture, and we were proud to welcome our international import, Jude Ard, into the ETBC family.

#### Successful Grant Funding

Women's Participation Grant: This grant allowed us to run a mid-season come and try day and provide starter kits (glove, helmet, hat, and ball) for new female players, reducing financial barriers and supporting growth in the women's program. Thanks to these resources, we can offer the kits again in the upcoming season to build on the momentum our women's program has gained this year, further promoting participation and inclusion.



WOMEN'S BASEBALL COME & TRY 2025







## **STRATEGY & PLANNING**

**Coaching Pathways Grant:** This grant supported three development sessions that delivered strong outcomes in social connection, wellbeing, skill development, access to services, and the capacity of our volunteer-involving organisation. As part of the initiative, we developed a new coaching manual (in both printed and digital formats) and will soon launch an online portal with up-to-date drills and resources enhancing coach support and consistency across the club. A highlight of the program was a celebration event at the Feathers Hotel, where we were privileged to hear from the outstanding Matthew Clarke, who generously shared his expertise in coaching and community engagement.



COACHING PATHWAYS PROGRAM

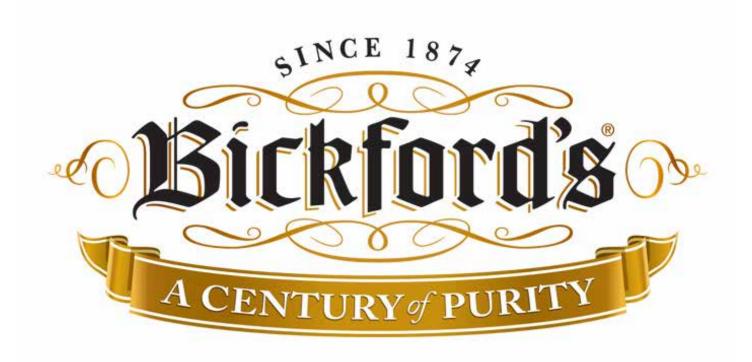
#### Infrastructure Context:

Major facility upgrades have been delayed due to the ongoing Payneham Pool redevelopment however, the Club remains committed to making practical, highimpact improvements in the meantime. This year, we focused on enhancements that benefit members now—such as upgrading the batting tunnels with new netting and expanding two areas to improve usability—while continuing to plan for future developments aligned with our Strategic Plan.

#### Acknowledgement:

I'd like to sincerely thank the Executive Committee for welcoming me into this role and supporting me throughout the year. A heartfelt thank you to the incredible volunteers whose dedication creates the strong sense of family that makes ETBC so special. To all our players and their families—thank you for making this such a rewarding and enjoyable season. I'm proud to be part of this amazing community.

Carmen Bischoff



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## **OPERATIONS MANAGER**

The 2024/2025 season was an incredibly successful one for East Torrens Baseball Club. We proudly fielded teams in every senior division except Division 5 and Women's Division 1, and our junior program was strongly represented across all grades by a growing number of talented young men and women.

In a sporting landscape where participation continues to be a challenge, our club continues not only to survive but thrive. This growth and success are a direct reflection of the tireless work of our Executive Committee, our passionate coaches and coordinators, and our loyal members, volunteers, and families who embody what it means to be part of East Torrens.

As this was my first year in the role of Operations Manager, I quickly came to appreciate the depth and scope of responsibilities that come with overseeing all on-field operations. This significant task was made achievable only through the dedication and hard work of those around me.

- A special thank you to Paul Chandler (Senior Coordinator) and Karen Mentha (Junior Coordinator) for their outstanding organisation, communication, and leadership throughout the season.
- Some aspects of the role ran so smoothly I barely had to think about them particularly our exceptional grounds. Sincere thanks to Dicky, Craig, Paul, and Braeden for your tireless work maintaining the fields and ensuring our players always had a top-quality playing surface.
- Thank you to Louis Mourtzios, who coordinated our invaluable scorers, and to Ash Ng, who did a fantastic job leading our umpire coordination with professionalism.

To our coaches across all teams—there are too many of you to name individually, but you are truly the face of East Torrens on the ground. Your passion, work ethic, and care for your players and their families represent our club values with pride every week.

A special mention must go to Amber Bisset, our Diversity and Inclusion Manager. Amber's work has transformed the club culture in a truly meaningful way. Her strategic leadership and the success of our Yard Ball program have laid the foundations for East Torrens to continue growing as an inclusive, welcoming sporting club well into the future.

I'd also like to acknowledge the many volunteers who give their time so generously from preseason working bees to the meticulous park-up and clean-up at the end of the season. Whether you rake a diamond, score a game, run a BBQ, help with setup, or simply cheer from the sidelines—thank you. Every contribution matters and helps get our players onto the field each week.

## **OPERATIONS MANAGER**

Finally, the biggest thank you of all must go to Damien Norsworthy, our Club President. Damien's leadership is inspiring. He works tirelessly behind the scenes with passion, and vision. He is the steady hand that keeps East Torrens moving forward, and we are incredibly fortunate to have him at the helm. Damien, thank you for making all of our jobs easier.

As we look forward to the 2025/2026 season, I encourage everyone—players, families, supporters, and new faces—to get behind our incredible club. There are significant changes proposed by BSA for the coming season, and the Board are already working hard to ensure East Torrens members get every opportunity to enjoy the game we all love.

See you at the ballpark!

**Tony Probert** 



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## **WOMENS COORDINATOR**

The 2024–25 season marked a historic and inspiring chapter for the East Torrens Baseball Club's Women's Division 2 and Division 3 squads. Under the dedicated leadership of Head Coach Paul Chandler, and with the invaluable support of Assistant Coaches Paul Ashworth, Barney Braithwaite, and Lindsay Barbary, this season became the most successful in our women's program to date.

Both Division 2 and Division 3 teams proudly qualified for finals, a testament to the hard work, growth, and unity of our players and coaching staff.

The Division 2 team had a challenging start to the season, but their resilience and determination saw them build momentum as the weeks progressed. Their efforts culminated in a historic first-ever finals appearance for an East Torrens Women's Division 2 side. The squad's development throughout the season was remarkable, with players stepping up in key moments and showing tremendous growth in both skill and confidence.

Division 3 came out firing from the very beginning, showcasing consistency and competitiveness throughout the season. With only a few losses to more experienced teams, the squad demonstrated their strength and cohesion, earning a second consecutive finals berth. Their performance highlighted the depth of talent and the strong team culture that continues to thrive within the club.

#### Squad Growth & Community Engagement

This season also saw the welcome addition of new players with a wide range of skill levels, enriching the squad's dynamic and fostering a supportive, passionate environment. The club's commitment to growth was evident through successful Come & Try Days held earlier in the year, which have already led to early registrations for the 2025–26 season.

#### **Special Thanks**

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Carmen Bischoff, Karen Mentha, Ashley Ng, Victoria McKinlay, Liz McKinlay, and every other player who has contributed both on and off the field to support the club. Your dedication and efforts have not gone unnoticed.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to Matt James, Steven Pryor, and Debbie Rollins for stepping in to assist with coaching Division 3 when Barney was unavailable. Your support was instrumental in keeping the team focused and competitive.

A huge thank you to our scorers — Sharon Chandler, Jess Patman, and Lou Mourtzios — for their time and attention to detail each week, and to our regular umpires, Lindsay Barbary and Steven Pryor, for their consistent support and professionalism throughout the season. We couldn't take the diamond without you.

## **WOMENS COORDINATOR**

#### Farewell & Thank You

This season we also say a fond farewell to two long-standing members of our squad: Debbie Rollins and Denise Mourtzios are retiring from playing. Their contributions on and off the field have been invaluable, and their presence will be deeply missed. We thank them for their years of dedication, leadership, and passion for the game — they leave behind a legacy that will continue to inspire future generations of East Torrens players.

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## **SENIOR COORDINATOR**

It was a pleasure to be involved with our on-Diamond Personnel during season #101 - 2024/2025

Darian King – State League Division 1 Kym Biggins – State League Division 2 John "Barney" Braithwaite – Women's League Division 3 Glen Simmons - State League Division 3 Troy Harrington - State League Division 4 David Chapman - State League Division 6 Premiers Tony Rogers - State League Division 7 Blue

Again, with BSA not confirming times etc for the various grades until the last minute 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 – Back to Back ! To have our State League Division's 3, 4 and 7 Teams who all make finals, along with our WD2 & WD3, a terrific on Diamond Result.

Plenty of positives with our State League Division 1 & 2 squad moving forward – with both teams finishing just outside the finals.

A HUGE thanks to Tony Probert for his support and guidance during the season – which had its "moments" when dealing with BSA!

To our Club Executive and Committee Members for the tireless work you do in leading a successful volunteer sporting club and putting together our Strategic Plan & Actions Plans that will ensure our success, both on and off the Diamond for our next 100 years – many thanks.

Our Ground Crew for preparing the diamonds each week – often a thankless task – but we are in your debt.

Carmen Bishoff for obtaining grants to support our Women's Program and implementing our successful in-season "Women's Come & Try", and for putting together our Coaching Pathways Program – that will mean we will have a "ETBC Coaching Bible" for many years to come.

Amber Bisset & Tony Probert for the successful implementation of The Yard Ball Program and our Specialist Coaches who assisted in the various Yard Ball Programs.

Already missing baseball. Looking forward to Season #102

Paul Chandler #ONECLUB In Baseball, as in Life, all the important things happen at Home.

## **JUNIOR COORDINATOR**

This season we entered 8 junior teams – under 9s (Peewee), under 10s (Mini League), under 11s (Minor League), Under 13s div 1 (Ron McBeth), Under 13 div 2 (Alan Waldron), Under 14s (Intermediate League), Under 15s (Junior League) and Under 17s (Senior League).

This was an increase in Junior teams from the previous season. An under 10s team was entered for the first time and an under 14s team for the first time in a while. Fantastic work to all involved!

Under 9s and under 10s competitions were non-competitive, focusing on the base skills and love of the game – their leagues do not participate in finals. Out of the remaining 6 teams, 4 teams made finals. Congratulations to the under 11s, under 13s div 1, under 13s div 2 and under 14s teams who made the finals. All 4 of those teams made it through to the second week of finals.

One team made it all the way to the grand final – Bubba's under 13s div 1 team who unfortunately went down to Golden grove in the grand final but had a great season. The whole club was proud of their achievement!

Thanks to all the players, coaches, team managers, scorers, parents, and committee for making it a successful season.

Karen Mentha

# Hon Vincent TARZIA MP Member for Hartley

## **SCORERS COORDINATOR**

Thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to serve the role of game scorer. It is encouraging to see many new names and faces at the scorer's desk across all competitions but especially in the junior grades.

As a club we hope that these members choose to take on the opportunities for knowledge development that are available within the club and through the SA Baseball Scorers Association. This is especially the case now that there are different formats and statistics tasks between junior and senior competitions. With timely learning, the transition into senior scoring is straightforward and should be encouraged to provide depth in this vital role. Based on the care and quality of the scorebooks prepared this season, the skills and effort are definitely there.

Special thanks to our Life Member Carolyn Smith who again hosted an informative clinic at the start of the season. Our appreciation to the stalwarts - Sharon Chandler, Cheryl Couzner, Karen Ashworth, Gail and Kirra King and Vicki Williams – for their amazing service to the club.

Thanks to the team coaches and managers for your responsiveness in presenting the ORS via the newly introduced email link – score@etbc.com.au And thanks to the players for the recognition to your scorer after each game. It may be an automatic gesture, but it is appreciated by those with the coloured pencils.

Finally on a personal note, thanks to all those members who helped me in this learning journey and allowed me to get better at this role.

Louis Mourtzios

## **UMPIRES COORDINATOR**

This was another season where we saw most games umpired per roster without too many where someone had to step in at the last second! I'd like to thank everyone for their support in ensuring the roster system worked and that each team took responsibility for their duties. Of course extra thanks to those who did step in at the last second to umpire to ensure that the game could be played.

Umpiring is a role that not many want to step into but I do believe it makes your gameplay better as you get to understand the nuances of baseball a little better as you navigate the rules of the game. You don't even need to be a player to become an umpire, just a love for the game and wanting to be a part of it in some way. As always, I hope that people do continue stepping up to the role – I'm always available to help out with any information/extra training if you're not sure!

Many thanks to our club umpires for all that you do.

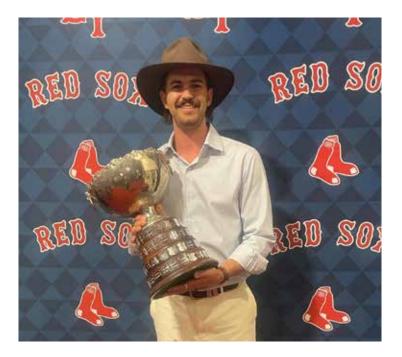
Ashley Ng



## **CLUB AWARDS**

**Graham Fisher Memorial** 

**Dalton Probert** 



#### Volunteer Of The Year (Patrons Trophy)

Tony Probert & Lyn Norsworthy

#### Peter Pike Coach Of The Year

Paul Chandler

#### George Hayman Shield

Division 6 - Coached by David Chapman

#### **Red Sox Trophy U21**

Summer Probert & Samuel Norsworthy

#### Max Trengrove Junior Batting Award

Owen Couzner

# **DIVISION 1 Mens**

Well, that was a roller coaster of a season!

We rode some highs early before hitting a big low followed by an outstanding finish.

#### Rounds 1-5

Our preseason focus on offence seemed to pay off with 16 hits in our first game against Souths, a perfect start to the season with a 10-7 win. Dominating wins in this period against Norths and Kensington where again we had double digits in the hit column was exciting to see however losses to West Torrens and Port stopped us from having a perfect record. In these first 5 rounds we already surpassed last season's homerun tally with big hits to Dalton, Will, Spesh, Aiden, Troy, Charlie & Jude. Charlie the pick of the pitchers with a 1.5 era.

#### Rounds 6-10

What can I say, this period cost us a spot in the finals. We endured 7 losses in a row, 5 in this period and we just couldn't find a way to win. 5 games we lost by 2 runs or less, frustrating & heartbreaking, 4 of these losses were against teams below us, that hurts. Charlie, Aiden & Dalton the most consistent over this period.

#### Rounds 11-15

A tight 4-2 loss against Grand finalists H&G in a twilight and once again we were just not getting it done. Spirits remained high though with positive thoughts, we just needed a circuit breaker and that came in the form of an outstanding 4 nil win against Adelaide. Connor Yeatman the star of the show with 6 innings pitched only giving up 2 hits. 3 large wins in the next 3 games and we were starting to gain momentum. 2 big grand slams by Jay in back-to-back games a big driver in those wins.

#### Rounds 16-20

A blowout loss to West Torrens started this period however this was not a game we were chasing. 4 confident wins followed against teams in the lower half, this put our win record above 50% and trending in the right direction. Charlie shouldered most of the innings in this period with an impressive 1.3 era. Quality defence and long balls to Jude, Charlie, a sneaky one from Carter and a clutch pitch hit homerun by Braeden helped us on our way.

#### Final Rounds

6 games to go and we're scheduled to face 4 top six teams. We managed 4 wins out of 6 in this period with an impressive record of 12 wins from our last 15 games. Huge scalps against Woodville & Henley set us up for the biggest game of the season against Adelaide. Win and we're in the 6, lose and we're out. Unfortunately, their big bats proved the difference, and we were left licking our wounds. Jude, Spesh and Jay lead our offensive charge over this period whilst Charlie was impressive on the mound.

# **DIVISION 1 Mens**

Our award winners for 24/25

MVP – Charlie Ashcroft Charlie had another outstanding season both on the mound and in the batter's box. Charlie hit just above .300 and posted a 2.5era.

Runner up MVP – Aiden Lucas

Aiden had a great season and contributed to all facets of the game. He hit .370 and was the equal leader in RBI's. Aiden also assumed a reliever / closer role where he threw 13 innings for a 1.6era.

Batting Award – Mark 'Spesh' Stewart Mark had an outstanding season with the bat and led the team in most categories: Average (.405), OBP (.478), OPS (1.023) and slugging (.544)

We welcomed our 24/25 import Jude Ard from Valdosta Georgia to the ET family. Jude is a quality person on and off the field and he fitted in well with the group and made some lifelong friends. Jude added some depth to our pitching rotation and added some power to our offence. Thank you Jude, it was great to have you on board. Also, a big thank you to Paul from Peter Page Hyundai for supplying Jude with a car for use whilst he was here.

Coaching staff is key to a successful program, and I can't thank my coaching staff enough for their insights, time, and dedication. Kym Biggins, Travis Underhill, Andrew Couzner, Glen Simmons & Jake Wong thank you for your assistance this season.

To the leadership group of Troy, Jay, Carter and Dalton thank you for keeping me connected to the group, your leadership, and taking care of the little things that require attention during the season.

Thank you's can go on forever as there are so many individuals that make this club run, so I thank both committees and each and every person that played a role in the club this season. To those directly related to the senior squad Sharon, Katherine, Kirra, Cheryl thanks for taking on the scoring duties across the grades and to Paul Chandler for once again taking on the manager duties, thank you.

A special thanks to Kirra and the boys for supporting me on this journey. Anyone that has coached knows you can't do it without the support of your family and your support I truly appreciated.

Darian King

# **DIVISION 2 Mens**

Firstly, I'd like to thank the club for the opportunity to coach Division 2 this season. It's been a rewarding and enjoyable experience working with such a dedicated and talented group of young players.

A special thanks goes to Glen Simmons for his support on game days throughout the season—your help on the ground was invaluable. I'd also like to acknowledge Katherine Ashworth for her commitment to scoring every week, and Paul Chandler for his great work managing the team and keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

The team put in a solid effort across the season, narrowly missing out on finals. While there were a few games we let slip that we should've won, we also managed to beat most of the top-ranked teams—showing the group's potential and resilience.

A key focus this season was base running. The team embraced a more aggressive style of play and adapted impressively well. I'm excited to see how this part of their game continues to evolve as we start preparing for Division 1 standards.

It was also fantastic to see some of our younger players, including Harlan King, Jack Wilton, and Owen Couzner, stepping up and pushing into Division 2—promising signs for the future of the squad.

Congratulations to our award winners for the season:

Best Player – Haru Riley

**Batting Trophy** – Luke Chandler

Most Improved – Owen Couzner

Lastly, I'd like to sincerely thank Darian for inviting me to be a part of the coaching staff this year. It's been a privilege.

Looking forward to what's ahead in the 2025/26 season.

Kym Biggins





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# **DIVISION 2 Womens**

I went into our Clubs #101 Season with some trepidation – I was aware we were going to have a number of last year's players, for various reasons, take a break from playing. I was generally concerned that we may only be in a position to field 1 team. How wrong I was. We reached out to the group to reach out to friends and acquaintances to join them playing the great game of baseball.

As a result, our 2024/25 Women's program welcomed 9 new faces initially, while we said goodbye to a number of mainstays of the past 3 to 4 seasons – and a couple just taking a 1-year break – that's correct isn't it Amber & Tam? – I was confident we would have 2 Women's teams represent East Torrens on the diamond in season 2024/25.

Our Club and Executive needs to be congratulated for supporting the Women's Program – our hands are tied somewhat with what we are able to do – and the cost blow out for the swimming pool development is going to put our fields development on the back foot for a number of years – however I know first-hand how hard they are working to make the best of what we have – and being inclusive to not just women's sport – but to all in the community – something that I am so proud to be a part of.

Our preseason started early August – thanks again to the Exec of our Club for funding a 10-week indoor preseason training program at the Seaton High School.

Our Div 2 season started slowly, with only a draw to show for our first 4 games – not unexpected with 4 new players to the game of baseball (not only where they learning how to throw, catch and swing the bat - they were learning the game – how is that going for you Sam ?) – however, I was confident that with their wiliness to work hard that we could get on a run that could see us play finals.

We managed to win 8 and draw 1 from our last 11 games to sneak into 6 th place and be a legitimate team to go deep into the finals – if not for the "amateurish" of Baseball SA we would have finished 4 th.

I could not have written a worse script for our finals game vs the undefeated West Torrens Baseball Club – it would have been easy for our girls to "just give up" given the circumstances – however I don't believe I have been prouder in an East Torrens Uniform to see how we fought out the game to the very end – and I have spent the best part of 50 years wearing our uniform.

Both our teams play this great game the right way – with smiles on their faces and continued support for one another – you could come to one of our games – both Div 2 & Div 3 midway through the game – and not know if we are 5 runs in front or behind. This environment has led to others joining us during the season – it's a direct result of how our girls, both Div 3 and Div 2, play the game – we are family.

# **DIVISION 2 Womens**

Its most pleasing how our group has welcomed others to our club – we now have a relationship with the Para Hills East Soccer Club and the West Torrens Softball Club – this relationship will have a positive impact on not just our club and but theirs – and yes – I have worn a Eagles Softball Hat and looking forward to becoming a non-playing member of both clubs next season.

Those who represented our Club in WD2 this season:

Alex Hayley, Amber Hood, Ash Ng, Carmen Bischoff, Chi-Wen Hung, Gab Hornhardt Karen Mentha, Kayla Zito, Kelly Sykes, Liz McKinlay, Mia Rogers, Pip Spence Samantha Kennett, Sophie Hoyle, Stephanie Trzcinski, Sune Myburgh, Teghan McMartin, Vic McKinlay, Wendy Keddie,

#### Award Winners

MVP's – A Three-way tie

Amber Hood – a terrific teammate and leader, so determined and passionate, Amber has had, in such a short time (like her West Torrens Softball teammates) been a terrific addition to our Group.

Kayla Zito – wow, a first-time player of our sport, so intense, yet always wanting to get better not just as an individual but as a team member.

Sune Myburgh – I have had the pleasure of coaching this young lady the past 3 years. Sune has come so far in such a short period of time improving in all facets of the game. one of the hardest workers in our squad and still has improvement to come.

#### Batting Award - Samantha Kennett

Lead our team in batting average, on base percentage, extra base hits and RBI's. First time baseball player and still has much improvement. A pleasure to coach – just need to teach her the rules?

#### Best Team Player - Teghan McMartin

Never missed a training session, never missed a game, always supported her teammates. A real pleasure to coach and never had a bad word to say about anyone. Always so supportive of all – and a dam fine player.

I need to also mention the year Kelly Sykes had this season. Kelly participated in our Div 2 team for the 1 st half of our season, before participating in our Div 3 team for the 2nd half of our season – Kelly finished = 3rd in the WD2 Best & Fairest and finished = 4th in the WD3 Best & amp; Fairest – an outstanding effort.

#### The Thankyous

Carmen Bishoff for obtaining a grant to support our Women's Program and implementing our successful in-season "Women's Come & Try".

Amber Bisset & Tony Probert for the successful implementation of The Yard Ball Program and our Specialist Coaches who assisted in the Women & Teenage Girls Yard Ball Program.

# **DIVISION 2 Womens**

John "Barney" Braithwaite for joining our "Gang" and looking after or Div 3 Team. Matt Williams for stepping in on Friday's when Barney was unavailable due to work. Paul Ashworth for being my right-hand man and his late-night 5-minute phone calls. Lindsay Barbary for taking on the role of game day pitching coach. Imo in her role of Women's Coordinator and her voice of reason. Lauren Sanderson and Katherine Ashworth for assisting when required.

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

The Ground Crew for preparing the diamonds and the various club members who assisted in the Canteen and Bar.

Congratulations to David Chapman and his all-conquering Div 6 Premiership team.

Last but by no way least, my best friend and partner Sharon, for your continued love, scoring and selfless support.

Looking forward to Season #102

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Paul Chandles

# **DIVISION 3 Womens**

To the women of Ladysox. Thankyou.

I enjoyed my first year of coaching in Div 3. It is a unique opportunity. Unlike anything I have coached before. The enthusiasm and willingness to learn and absorb the game of baseball is beyond comparison.

I need to thank Matt Williams for helping out on the nights I couldn't be there. I need to thank Steve Pryor for umpiring all of our home games this year.

I would like to thank all the people that helped scoring this year. There were several of you that helped out at short notice. You are appreciated.

I also need to thank Chuckles and Paul Ashworth for their assistance and coaching experience. We would have been lost without them.

I can't express enough how much some of the people in this team improved over the season. The development of those in particular that were new to the game this year was exceptional. They should be congratulated for their efforts.

We made the finals but bowed out in the first round. We showed we were well and truly competitive throughout the year.

Congratulations to Pip, the winner of our batting trophy with an average of .579 she had an excellent year but had excellent competition with 7 players batting over .400. There is little doubt our batting this year kept us in the game.

Congratulations to Vic. Our Best team player. She played every position except right field this year. Vic is a clear leader on the field, and she has been a great source of advice to me through the year. Thankyou Vic for your help. You are truly appreciated.

Congratulations to our Best and Fairest Imo. She has pitched, caught, been in the infield and outfield. She has had an excellent year as a relief pitcher. Congratulations on a great year Imo.

I look forward to catching up with you all next season.

John Braithwaite

# **DIVISION 3 Mens**

Welcome to the Div 3 24/25 season review.

With a solid preseason under their belts the squad was looking forward to the start of the season. As with previous seasons and I'm sure future seasons, Div 3 is a stepping stone for junior players to make their senior debuts and progress their skills to strive to play higher grades. This year we had 5 players making their senior debut, Harlan King, Jack Wilton, James Cross, Matt Cicchiello and Charlie Leask. Congrats boys. We also welcomed Shashika Withanage from Canberra and Jayden Brown from the NT.

The season got off to a slow start with the opening game down at Souths ending in a nil all draw then we had a bye followed by a couple of losses. The boys weren't too disheartened with the start as we were carrying a couple of injuries, guys playing in multiple positions and some of the boys were finding their feet in the senior ranks. Eventually the team strung a few wins together with great pitching performances from Glenn Castellano, Damon Ashworth and James Cross to bolster their confidence. At the halfway point of the season we were 4 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw.

The second half of the season started like the first with another draw against Souths followed by a few good wins and a couple of losses. The boys were playing some good baseball offensively, moving runners around with good at bats and team swings. Defensively, the field backed up the pitchers again with routine plays and the occasional flash of brilliance. Momentum was building towards finals, but we hadn't secured a spot just yet. It ended coming down to the last game of the year to seal our spot in the finals campaign. Up against Goodwood the boys kept their cool and played a great game to come away with the win 9-2 and end the season in 5th spot with a 9-6-2 record.

First round of finals was an elimination game for us against archrivals Kensington at their home ground. We only played them once this year and unfortunately had a 13-5 loss, but as we all say, 'anything can happen in finals'. And that was never truer on this day. Glenn Castellano started on the mound and threw the game of his life against a formidable hitting lineup, shutting them down to a couple of scattered hits and no runs. A few brilliant defensive plays from Archie in the outfield helped. In the batter's box the boys came to play, smacking the ball all round the park. Special mention to Jake Moras who ended up with 3 doubles for the day. The final score was a 5-1 win with a semi-final showdown against Souths down there.

All year we had a great rivalry against Souths with both games ending in a draw. This final was no different. The boys played hard, and every time Souths scored the boys responded right back and going into the last inning we were ahead by 1. Glenn had pitched a great game and was relieved by James Cross to close the game out. It was a tough spot for a young pitcher to come into, but I knew James had the right attitude and ability to do the job. He got himself in a little trouble, but then got himself out of it with a couple of strikeouts, but unfortunately a lucky hit up the middle scored 2 for Souths and ended the game. A bit of déjà vu from a couple of seasons ago!

# **DIVISION 3 Mens**

Overall, I believe the season was a great success with the amount of players filtering through Div 3 and some continuing on to play higher grades. The younger players grew confidence to match it with the big boys and experiencing finals only helps their development to be better ball players. Great year fellas.

Congratulations to Glenn Castellano for winning this year's MVP. Glenn had another outstanding year on the mound pitching in some crucial games and holding teams to low scores. His batting wasn't quite his usual but still ended the season with a 365 average.

Stuart Millar took out this year's Batting Award with an average of 650. Stu had a great year in the batter's box and even left us to play div 2 for a few games before returning to dominate the opposition's pitchers.

Rookie of the Year went to our third baseman from Canberra, Shashika Withanage. Shash had an outstanding year fielding at third with a good arm across the diamond to first. His understanding of the game improved through the year and with a batting average of 360 and a bit of pace on the base paths, I look forward to seeing him next year where he'll get even better.

On closing I would like to thank all the players who took the field in Div 3 on contributing to a great year. Thank you to all the senior coaching group of Daz, Kym, Couz, Trav and Jake on helping make it another successful year. CHEER BOYS.

I'd like to thank all the scorers who helped during the year, much appreciated. To the ground staff on another magnificent year on the diamond and to the REDSOX Family, THANKYOU.

SIMMO

# **DIVISION 4**

The season kicked off with great momentum, as the team came out strong and established itself early as a contender. However, as the weeks wore on, a dwindling player roster due to injuries and availability took its toll. By the time finals rolled around, numbers were stretched thin, and despite a spirited effort, the team bowed out in the first round.

There were plenty of highlights across the season, particularly from new additions Matt and Charlie, who brought energy and promise to the lineup. Our Colombian import Seb added flair and versatility, contributing solidly across the board. On the mound, Troy Harrington anchored the pitching staff with consistency, and with a strong showing at the plate as well, he was the recipient of the team MVP.

At the plate, Ben Copping was a standout all year, delivering clutch hits and maintaining a high average to claim the batting title. Jared King, the ever-reliable presence behind the dish, once again proved invaluable. Not only did he manage the pitching staff with poise, but his willingness to play wherever needed and perform at a high level earned him the renamed "Swiss Army Knife" award — a fitting tribute to his all-around contributions and team-first attitude.

Troy Harrington

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# **DIVISION 6**

Back to Back Baby!!!

Having come off the '23/'24 Premiership, we lost Ralph D'Onise to shoulder injury and had the return to Div 6 of Anton Couch and the return to ET of Calvin Chipperfield.

Things didn't get off to a great start with Chip injuring himself doing a Bull pen and missing the first half of the season. Our MVP from the year before Dylan Rollins due to overwork during winter ball only ended up pitching 6 digs for the year. Nevertheless, we had a good start and by Christmas we were 7 and 2, with both losses by one run.

Post Xmas we kept it rolling, Chip made his debut, Delly returned from a calf, and we got going. But going into the last game we were tied with Henley, and it was going to come down to runs against. We gave up 13 and I thought we were destined for a 2nd place finish; however Henley gave up 4 and it was enough for us to finish top by one solitary run!!!

We ended up scoring 195 runs (about 30 more than our closest) and gave up only 64 (the lowest in the comp) to also finish with a percentage of 304.7%. With the bat we had 467 at bats with 201 hits for a team average of .430 (OBP was 657) Aaron led the way with 22 hits, Kane and Robbo pulled 15 walks, Kano led with 9Ks and also 21 RBIs, Matty stole 24 bases. Delly, Chip and Norsy had ZERO steals. On the mound we pitched 94 innings for 91 Ks, 102 hits and 40 walks/HBP. With a strike percentage of 66%

#### Finals

So, Finals Bound we headed to our "alternative" home ground at Norfs to play 6th placed Goodwood. After completing 5 digs in about 45 mins, we still stretched it out to the full 7 digs and 2 hours. Going into the last 2 digs 4 up they scored 2 and then 2 to tie up the game, with us to bat last. With Kano and Aaron on base, 2 out, Clutch Dylzy sliced one to right field for the walkoff.

Next up, back to Patterson, and the Battle of the River with 3rd placed West Torrens. Again, we got the jump, scored 3, then 2, then 1 then 3 to be 9-7 up with 2 to go. They scored 1 more, then in the last scored 2 to take a 10-9 lead with us to bat again. At 7 in the lineup Dylzy smashed a triple to centre left, and then a Brooksy single for the RBI to tie the game, Anton a single, Matty a Walk and then Chip smashed one to centre to seal the game with a walk off, again!

#### Easy stuff baseball!!!

The Grand Final against our current nemesis, Henley and Grange, at home in 39–40-degree heat, shortened 5 innings game. Kane was fantastic on the mound in the heat going 74 pitches for the full 5 digs. Having gone scoreless in the first we got 3 in the second and 2 in the 4th. Delly was a home stealing machine scoring twice on loose pitches and when we only had 20 plate appearances we had 6 hits, and 3 walks.

# **DIVISION 6**

It took Henley 4 digs to score, and they got 2 (due to some weird windy conditions especially in around our right fielder's glove, so we headed into the last 5-2 up. Henley batted and leadoff gets on with a hit and scores with another hit. So, one out, runners on 3rd and first. Big Rhett Biglands was swinging like a cruise full of upside-down pineapples, so he got K'd and they had runners on 3rd and 2nd and two out. Kano enticed the ground ball to short, Chip hit the throw to first and the cellys ensued.

Back-to-Back Champs!!!

#### The Awards

#### Most Improved for 2024/5 - Adam Brooks

This guy has been one of our stalwarts during my time. And this year he really exploded with the bat, with a big jump in his performance. Statistically for the season he went 21 from 45 with only 4 ks and 15 RBIs for a batting average of 467. Two years ago, he batted .200.

#### Batting MVP – Calvin Chipperfield

I have been told this is only for the minor round, which I don't agree with but anyway this year was again very close. Our team average this year was 430. Our top three batted over .500. Third was Robbo at .512, and only 4ks this year. Second was Norsy batting .538 And our winner Chip – by .004 -batting at .542 with a .621 On base percentage.

#### MVP – Kane Galloway

This was pretty easy this year. He won the Div 6 BSA Medal. With the bat he went 15 from 38, took a team leading 15 walks and also a team leading 21 RBIs, he even managed to steal 3 bases. Did also have a team leading 9Ks! But on the mound, he was outstanding. He threw 54 innings and 740 pitches – which is on average 13.7 pitches per dig. Of those pitches for the season, he threw 74.1% of those pitches as Strikes. He threw 48 Ks and gave up only 10 walks or HBPs, and also only gave up 49 Hits.

I'd like to firstly thank our support team in Vicki Williams as scorer and Deb Rollins as Team Manager. Thanks so much for making it easier for us to just concentrate on playing baseball. I'd also like to thank all the partners and families, and friends for coming out week in and week out. It's so great to have people to support us and cheer us on. The WAGS and PAGS took it to a new level this season.

I'd like to thank the Committee and Grounds team for putting in the effort they do to get all of our teams on the park each week.

And to my team, I'm definitely not the coach of this team, rather the snake wrangler and cat herder, but you guys have formed a special bond, the banter is brutal and mainly from a place of love. For this current era, we have won 4 flags in 6 years and 6 of us have been there through all of them, let's hope we can break the Div 6 hoodoo and win three in a row.

Chappy



No report submitted



# **UNDER 17 - Senior League**

The 2024/25 season for the East Torrens U17 Red Sox was one of grit, growth, and plenty of action- packed baseball. The team showed flashes of dominance, fought hard in tight contests, and demonstrated resilience even in tough losses. Across the board, players stepped up, roles expanded, and strong foundations were laid for the future.

#### Fast Start – Statement Wins

The season opened with an 11-2 thumping of Sturt, setting the tone early. James Cross was electric throwing 4 innings with 4 strikeouts and adding 3 hits at the plate. Jack Wilton thrilled with an inside-the-park home run, Owen Couzner collected three hits, and Nate Williams made a memorable U17 debut, scoring four times after reaching base in every plate appearance. Defensively, Harlan King was rock solid behind the dish, and Owen Couzner and Logan Arnold turned heads with slick plays.

Week two was a run-fest as the Sox smashed Henley & amp; Grange/Port 28-8. Archie Carman led with 3 hits, positivity, and poise, while Lucas Norsworthy delivered 3 hits including a double. Owen Couzner launched a grand slam, and 12 team hits proved the Red Sox could pile on runs quickly.

#### Middle Season – Mixed Results, Strong Individual Performances

The team showed resilience in a narrow 9-7 loss to Golden Grove. Owen Couzner threw 3 strong innings with 6 strikeouts and chipped in two hits. The next week, despite a heavy 16-0 loss to Goodwood, Archie Carman stood tall in centerfield with five defensive outs and added a hit. A 12-10 win against Kensington was a season highlight. Couzner tossed 3 scoreless innings, and Wilton smashed his second triple of the season. The team led 12-2 at one point, thanks to patient at-bats and contributions from Samuel Norsworthy and Lincoln Page stepping up from U15s.

#### Late Season – Learning and Leadership

In a tight loss to Woodville (5-4), the Sox led all game before heartbreak in the 7th. James Cross was outstanding with 6.1 innings and 9 strikeouts. Jack Wilton batted a perfect 4-for-4 with two doubles and showcased strong leadership.

Other matches saw gutsy efforts in the face of tough opponents:

- Against Henley & amp; Grange, Matt Cicchiello went 2-for-3 and held strong behind the plate, while Logan Arnold impressed in his first outing on the mound with two scoreless innings.
- Against Adelaide Red, Harlan King held a strong side to 4 early runs, with Couzner again anchoring 3B like a pro.
- In a hard-fought 11-9 loss to Southern Districts, Wilton and Couzner again led with two hits each, and the team rallied from a 7-2 deficit to briefly take the lead.

The season ended with a tough 17-3 loss to Henley & amp; Grange, but there were silver linings—Harlan King reached base in every plate appearance, while both Logan Arnold and Lucas Weldon made their first U17 starts on the mound, showing courage and growth.

# **UNDER 17 - Senior League**

#### Player Highlights

- James Cross Consistent ace and power bat. Dominant on the mound in big games.
- Owen Couzner Reliable starter, power hitter, and defensive wall at third base.
- Jack Wilton Offensive standout and leader, several multi-hit games and extrabase power.
- Archie Carman Energizer and clutch performer, with strong defense and batting.
- Harlan King Key catcher, cool-headed reliever, and on-base machine late in the season.
- Lucas Norsworthy Consistent hitter with extra-base ability; stepped up on the mound when needed.
- Matt Cicchiello Tough, reliable catcher with timely hits in clutch moments.
- Logan Arnold Grew into pitching role and showed speed and range in the field.
- Nate Williams Exciting addition to the lineup, energetic baserunner and onbase threat.
- Lucas Weldon Reliable contributor who embraced challenges, including lateseason pitching debut.

#### Final Word

While the win-loss column didn't always reflect the effort, the Red Sox U17s showed resilience, development, and team spirit all season long. The squad demonstrated strong leadership, welcomed pressure, and leaned on each other in every game. With a core group returning and exciting talent emerging, the future of East Torrens baseball is bright.

#GoRedSox #BuiltNotBought #NextUp

Lindsay Barbary

# **UNDER 15 - Junior League**

We were fortunate to have Club import, Jude Ard, coach the team this season. Jude from South Georgia in the USA has all the attributes of a great junior coach – calm, composed, respectful, fair, knowledgeable and a great teacher of baseball. The kids have learned a lot from him this year. Winning wasn't everything but giving kids opportunities and seeing them improve was.

Our squad initially consisted of 12 players and then 11 after we had a withdrawal during the season. Only 3 players had previously played Under 15's – Samuel Norsworthy, Lincoln Page and Hudson Thomas. 7 players came up from Under 13's – Marcus Cicchiello, Sam Clarke, Jack Delloso, Lachlan Elliott, Seb Haskett, Will Page and Hunter Petersen. We were also fortunate to have Nate Williams travel down from Mildura each week and James Mackenzie who was new to the Club.

The inexperience in the team was probably reflected in the results, finishing 9th of 14 teams with 5 wins and 7 losses. This record could have been better if not for 3 winnable games being affected by the heat policy.

We had 7 players who regularly played in the Under 14 team. After the first month we cut the roster down to 10 players per game which allowed us to rotate these boys to make sure they all qualified for finals. While this gave every one more game time it did impact on us fielding our best team on occasions, but it was in the best interest of the Club and the boys development.

We used 6 pitchers with Samuel, Nate and Will shouldering most of the load, with support from Hunter, Lincoln and Hudson. Samuel was exceptional, pitching the most innings, pounding the plate every outing and ending with an era of 1.5. He also played great defence at second.

We used 4 catchers – Lincoln, Marcus, Hunter and Nate all doing a great job behind the plate. Lincoln also pitched in one game throwing 4 great innings.

There were some good batting performances but overall we probably lacked consistency to score enough runs, also leaving a lot of runners on base in many games. Hudson, Will, Nate, Marcus and Hunter all had good seasons, but we fell away after that. Hudson was the standout with a batting average of .481 (compared to the team average of .233), also being very reliable at first making some great outs.

Congratulations to our Team Award winners: Sam Clarke – MVP Samuel Norsworthy – Golden Glove Award Hudson Thomas – Batting Award + Max Trengove Junior Batting Trophy

Special mention to Nate Williams who travelled down from Mildura each week and also helped the Under 17's out a number of times (as did Samuel, Hudson & Lincoln). Pitch, catch, infield, outfield – this kid could do it all and was also a popular member of the team.

# **UNDER 15 - Junior League**

Thank you to Harlan and Kason King who assisted with coaching at some trainings and game days. The boys did a great job given their other commitments, but as with all teams, it would have been good to have a permanent assistant coach.

Thank you to our main scorer, Matt Haskett, and to Vicki Williams who was only too happy to step in when Matt was unavailable. Vicki also did an amazing job compiling all the stats at the end of season.

Thank you to Karen Mentha and Tony Probert in their respective roles as Junior Coordinator and Operations Manager. Both thankless jobs done very well and were always there to help.

Lastly, thanks to a great bunch of parents who willingly got involved with canteen duty, ground preparation and most importantly being committed in running your kids around, especially those who were juggling 2 games a day.

All in all, a good season with some outstanding plays and plenty of fun.

lan Thomas Team Manager

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# **UNDER 14 - Intermediate League**

Our under 14s team was a relatively new team comprised of players from our under 15s, under 13s div 1 and under 13s div 2 teams who were wanting to participate in extra games.

Thanks to all the players who helped fill this team throughout the season and to all the parents who were often driving from one ground to another (in a very short time) to get the kids to their second game just in time.

We started the season with only 7 players in the first game and ended up with many players fighting for spots in this team by the end of the season.

Players who made up this team:

From the 15s – Sam, Seb H, Marcus, Lachy, Jack, Will, Hunter 13s div 1 – Aaron, Eli, Seb G, Zac, Flynn, Josh, Hamish, Oscar 13s div 2 – Cooper, Leonardo, Leo, Teo

Sam did the majority for the pitching, starting most games. He was well supported by Jack, Marcus, Josh, Aaron, Hamish, Lachy and Flynn in relief. Seb H did a great job behind the plate, supported by Oscar and Marcus when he was unavailable.

This team was coached by Charlie Leask in his first season as Head Coach and supported by Matt Cicchiello in his first season as assistant coach. They both did a fantastic job to inspire the players to preform their best each week and even make it through to the finals. They ended up 5 th after the minor round (played 12 games – won 6, drew 2, lost 4). Going up against a tough Goodwood side (who had sat top all season) in the first round of finals was always going to be tough, but our boys performed well above expectations, making easy work of Goodwood beating them 14-4 in the Elimination Final and progressing through to the Semi Finals. They unfortunately went down to a very strong Port side in the Semi Finals but had a great season.

MVP – Sam Clarke Golden Glove – Jack Delloso Silver Slugger – Seb Haskett

Thanks to Matt Haskett and Jess Patman for scoring (and also Matt Pike and Eric Lacroix who scored a couple of games too)!

Karen Mentha

# UNDER 13/1 - Little League

No report submitted



# UNDER 13/2 - Little League

The majority of this team had either just moved up from under 11s or were completely new to baseball, with only 2 players who had played in under 13s last season. They completely blew me away with how well they performed throughout the season, playing 12 games, winning 10 and only losing 2 games all season. They ended the season as Minor Premiers.

Leonardo, Leo, Cooper and Teo shared the majority of the pitching duties. Most of these players were relatively new to pitching only just learning to pitch last season, and did a fantastic job. They were helped out by younger players from our "extensive under 11s ballpen" – Ryder, Alessandro and Armando, who were very keen to get a second game and fill in for our under 13s team when needed. We were joined by Mandel late in the season who was a great asset to our pitching roster and kept the opposition bats quiet.

Highlights included – Oscar T hitting a couple of home runs including a Grand Slam in his first ever season of baseball then sitting back down on the bench like it was no big deal, Leonardo hitting his first ever home run, Archer, Leo, Nivedh, Cooper and Teo smacking multiple extra base hits, and Elijah, Ryan and Hamish also getting a number of great hits in their first season of baseball.

MVP – Leo Pike 30 – votes Runner Up MVP – Leonardo Vadagnini – 26 votes Batting Award – Oscar Trudgen – 0.724

Thanks to my assistant coaches – Nick Vadagnini and Matt Kenny who did most of the hard work setting everything up and warming up the team while I was running between games. Thanks to Matt Pike for scoring and Vishnu for pitch counting.

Karen Mentha



# **UNDER 11 - Minor League**

Under 11s played 13 games and ended the season with 12 wins, 1 loss. They scored 116 runs for the season and only had 17 runs scored against them all season which was a testament to some really strong pitching and great defence by our young ET players. They had some very exciting games throughout the season and were a great little team to coach.

Our Minor League team ended the season as Minor Premiers but unfortunately went down to Adelaide 4-2 in the Semi Final.

MVP – Will Miles – 60 votes Batting Award – Jacob Smith – 0.800 Most Improved – Armando Cerquozzi-Rodriguez

Thanks to my assistant coaches – Nick Vadagnini and Christian Miles, and scorers Amber Nobes and Jess Vadagnini, and all the parents (especially Armando, Mitch, Rick, Ben, Matt) who helped out at training and games throughout the season. Thanks to the girls who helped in the canteen each week.

Karen Mentha



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### **T-BALL**

# CHARGRILLED BURGERS

The season started really well with our 3 come and try days. We had a great turn out from continuing players, but also a really strong turnout of new players to the club who were giving baseball a go. From the Come and try days we moved to our season program where we had a consistent 8 teeball participants, along with the Peewee players that came along as well.

We focused our nights again on the basics of baseball – learning the positions on the field, both when on offence and defence, baserunning, throwing and catching, but most of all having fun! Our youngest participant was 4 years old with our oldest being 7, and a variety of skill levels and athletic abilities. We started our sessions with a warmup run, then diamond familiarisation, throwing and catching, a focus drill/game of the evening before finishing with a teeball game for the last 30 minutes of the session.

In the second half of the season we combined with our Yard-ball program's Mighteeball arm which brought in a number of new players as well as a change in how the nights were structured. It was an excellent experience for the kids as they adapted really well to the new structure, the additional coaches and buddies, and I also learned a lot about structuring training sessions and ways to 'gamify' skills development.

Stef Gratton

## PREMIERSHIPS

#### **Division 6**



# **SENIOR GAMES MILESTONES**

#### 50 Games

Angus Gniel Haru Riley Noah Rogers Ben Anderson Imogen Gray Pip Spence Damon Ashworth Kason King Tam Delloso Declan Overton Kelly Sykes Denise Mourtzios

#### 100 Games

Ash Ng Connor Yeatman Jack Williams Will Couzner

#### 150 Games

Braeden Ashworth Dwayne Cummins Stef Gratton

#### 200 Games - Player Mug

Colin Stovell Jarrad Laws

#### 300 Games

Dalton Probert Troy Chandler

#### 350 Games

Luke Chandler

**400 Games** Kane Galloway

**450 Games** Jay Sanderson



