

**ST JOHN BOSCO
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
CLUB**



**-YEAR END REPORT-
SEASON 2017/2018**



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2017/18 season has been one of our most successful seasons with regards to teams participating and registered player members for a long time. Now the largest club in the CSJBA competition, it has been a pleasure to be involved with all of the parents, friends and players that have had a wonderful season yet again this year.

With the current Executive now into their 8th season, it is again a pleasure to thank Mike, Rod, Andrew and Liz for their continued support and their individual efforts this season yet again.

Mike Parker's consistent efforts in managing the day to day communication within and outside the club is outstanding. His love for the game and our member's interests each week is there for all to see and we would struggle to operate as well as we have done without his continued efforts.

To Liz Quigley, again thank you for your work with the clubs finances and our compliance with the Youth Club and the various associations. Your years of service are a big help and we couldn't do it without you

Thank you to Rod, for his continued work each week during the season and his efforts coaching two sides and I'm sure everyone will agree that the gifts for the players, coaches and managers this season are fantastic.

With one of the best results in the clubs history, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Kyle Kinchela & her family for their efforts in the Canteen this season. I'm proud to say that the Canteens results this season provided more funds to the club than ever before. Well done Kyle and thank you for all of the time and effort.

Thank you to our Uniform Coordinator Samantha Robertson and her husband Doug. Not an easy role to handle during registration periods and at the start of the season with everyone needing items of clothing, hats, socks etc. Thanks for all of your assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

As in previous seasons, our ground looked as good as it ever has. Thank you to Scott Ingwerson and his helpers, Daniel Gaut, Simon Parker and Mike which assisted each week before and after games on Saturday and Sunday to ensure the ground was in the best condition it could be each week. Well done.

Thank you to Dave Kennedy for the work he has continued to put in with the clubs Junior Umpires this year. We have had a number of new Umpires this year all of which did an awesome job under Dave's guidance. Well done to all of our umpires who continue to umpire at the highest standard making us proud each week.

Thank you to Michelle Dowling, for your work with the clubs Website and Facebook page again this season, along with Deb and Sam. The communication and advertising of our events and weekly updates has been fantastic.

To Craig Bowron from Sportszone, thank you again for the kind donation of your time and machinery to assist us with getting our ground ready for the season.

Thank you to our major sponsor Club Engadine. The kind donation is not taken for granted and much appreciated assisting us to provide new equipment each and every year to all of our teams. Thanks again to Speedy Keys for the weekly Trophy awards for the teams and to McDonalds for the weekly encouragement awards.

Thank you to Deb, Sam, April, their partners and to all those that assisted them in putting together the Clubs Trivia Night that was one of the best fundraising events the club has had for many years. The work and time that went in to obtaining the sponsors and prizes for the evening along with the advertising and management of the event was first class. Everyone had a wonderful evening and they should be extremely proud of their efforts in not only providing a fun night but for the funds they raised for the club.

Lastly and by no means least I would like to thank Jason Chabi, Dave Weekes, Paul Sweetland, Colin Bowmaker, Belinda Parker, Kerry Fielding, Doug Robertson for all of their efforts in their respective roles. Without their continued efforts and support in the various roles the club wouldn't function.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers for the time they have volunteered this season. I hope you enjoyed your season and we look forward to your continued support in these roles in the immediate future.

Well done to all of the boys & girls, young men & women and our senior members for playing the game of baseball this year. We look forward to another season next year with your involvement.

Yours in Baseball,

Darren Hart

President – St John Bosco Baseball & Softball Club

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well it's certainly been another busy and interesting past 12 months as Secretary of the St John Bosco Baseball. This season our club entered 14 teams into the junior competition, which made us the largest club in this competition this year and this is a result of some good recruitment policies and also great work from our coaches, managers and committee members in getting our players to return each season. Congratulations to everyone on a great achievement and its great to see the Bosco Braves in such a strong position. But it would be great to be able to get more people involved on the committee, especially in the executive roles as the current committee has been in place for the past 8 seasons and its well past the time for a change.

I would really like to thank all our coaches, assistant coaches, managers, scorers and pitch counters that took on these roles and without your input we wouldn't have any teams on the diamond. Your time and effort is certainly appreciated by the club and hopefully you had an enjoyable and rewarding season with your team. Also, thanks to all the parents and players that helped out with ground set up, canteen, BBQ and packing up each week and it was great to get this support again this season.

Once again I would like to pass on special thanks go to Scott Ingwersen for doing such a fantastic job of looking after our field again this year and it was consistently one of the best grounds to play on all season. Thanks also to Simon and Daniel who assisted with the set up of our fields each week, as well as coaching our U9's team and then umpiring all our home games in the afternoon.

Congratulations to our Big League Navy and our 3rd Grade Seniors team on winning their Grand Finals and special mention to our Intermediate League, Senior League Div 1 and Big League Sky teams on making the Grand Finals. Bosco Braves had a very successful season this year with both our U9's getting silver medals and we had 7 of our junior baseball teams make the semi finals, so congratulations to the players and coaches on a great achievement.

Must also mention our umpires, as they were outstanding again this season and a big thank you to Dave Kennedy for taking on this role and for training and supervising our umpires so well again. You did a really great job Dave, as they didn't just look good, they all acted very confidently and professionally and they handled each of their games in an excellent manner. Our umpires were also noticed by other clubs and by the Association and we received many compliments regarding how professional they were and how well they umpired.

I would really also like to make a special thank you to Kyle Kinchela for taking on the role of the canteen manager again this season. This can be a difficult role at times and she did a great job keeping our canteen running so smoothly and efficiently and the committee certainly appreciated her efforts along with the help and support of her family. This season has been our most profitable for the canteen and this is largely due to all the time and effort that Kyle has put into this role and she should be congratulated on an outstanding job.

Also, I especially need to thank the rest of the general committee that helped out so much with many of the required tasks and it was certainly great to have their support. Big thank you to Dave Weekes who helps with just about everything relating to seniors and a special thank you to Samantha, who did a great job with our uniforms this season. Also, a huge thank you to Jason & Michelle Chabi, as they've been a massive help to me and the rest of the committee, as they do so much work behind the scenes on all sorts of roles for our club, especially as our registrar and our web site officer. Also, I need to make mention of Deb Delanie, as she organized our Trivia Night his season and she did such a fantastic job arranging this event and it was a huge success for our club. Thanks Deb to you and your group of helpers for this great fundraising effort for our club.

Lastly, I would just like to thank the excellent committee we had this season and it was great to have such a friendly and easy group to work with once again with someone always willing to help out

when needed. It was also good to see everyone at our meetings each month with such a positive attitude towards moving the club forward.

But special thanks to our below Executive Committee for another outstanding job of running our club for another season and your work and effort is certainly appreciated by us all.

- Liz Quigley, for doing such a great job as our treasurer, she does a terrific job with the books and all our finances are looked after in a very thorough and professional manner each season.
- Rod Hart, for helping out with everything as our Vice President for Baseball and especially for doing such a great job organizing our Christmas party again this year as well as the end of season giveaways.
- Andrew Tillett, it was great to have Andrew join the committee this season and it was certainly good to have his assistance and input on any issue that came up during the season.
- Darren Hart, for taking on the role as President again and for doing such a great job to keep our club going and for handling any and all issues in such a controlled and positive manner.

Thanks to everyone involved and hope to see you all back again in a few months for another fun season.

Mike Parker

Secretary - St John Bosco Baseball Club

TREASURER'S REPORT

Another successful season and the planning for next season has started already.

Thank you to Kyle, our Canteen Manager and thank you for all your assistance with the financial side of the canteen. The work you are putting in has made my role and the clubs account reconciliation better than ever.

Please support Club Engadine when possible as again they were our major sponsor.

Financially we have had a strong year again which is only made possible by a small band of dedicated volunteers who help throughout the year.

Extra assistance is always needed and welcomed however small.

Look forward to seeing you all back next season.

Thanks again.

Liz Quigley

Treasurer - St John Bosco Baseball Club



REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

2017/2018 SEASON

Rookie Reps

Campbell Tillett

Gerard Keats

Patrick Donkin

Dash Delaney-Fielding

Mikah Targett

Senior League

Haydn Parker

Chet Lister

Myles Chabi

Little League Minors

Mikah Targett

Little League Majors

Jayden George

BBALL NSW Girls Rep

Brooke Campbell

Hayley Sweetland

2017/2018

-CLUB AWARD WINNERS -

Senior Baseballer: Simon Parker

Junior Baseballer: Myles Chabi & Haydn Parker

Coach of the Year: Michael Ibbotson

Club Person of the Year: Kyle Kinchela

Life Members 2018:

Adam Quigley and Tash Cuddy

What is required for Life Member Nomination?

To be nominated for Life Membership a member of the Club must have completed at least ten (10) years continuous membership and have in the opinion of the Executive Committee rendered outstanding service to the Sub-Club; and to be eligible for nomination as life members, a nominee must have served at least seven (7) years as a committee member or as a Coach or Manager, or seven (7) years combined service in two of more of these capacities

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CLUB PERSONS OF THE YEAR

KYLE KINCHELA

The Club person of the Year award acknowledges a person or persons who during a particular year have given great service and made significant contributions to the club in that year.

This season we had a number of very good nominations and the Executive has awarded the Club Person of the Year to Kyle Kinchela.

Kyle took over the role of Canteen Manager only 2 seasons ago and in a very short time has turned our canteen into one of the best, if not the best, canteens to visit in the Shire.

Managing the stock levels, implementing new pricing structures, provided new items and different ideas and helped Kyle improve not only the sales but dramatically improve the profits of the canteen as well.

Visiting the canteen at times daily during the summer season Kyle, with the assistance of her family, has inspired the committee and the executive to continue to look for improvement and new ideas in an effort to ensure the club continues to grow and get better each season.

Kyle set up the canteen each Saturday, and Sunday at senior games, as well as close and manage the banking and reporting of the canteen takings each week.

It gives us great pleasure to congratulate Kyle as our Club Persons of the year for 2017/2018 season and we look forward to having her continue on with us for many years to come.

Liz, Mike, Rod and Darren

Executive Committee

UNDER 7 SKY - TEE BALL



2017-2018 was a great season for a great bunch of u7 kids. We had plenty of wins, got lots of hits and made heaps of ours.

The most satisfying and encouraging thing to come out of the season was the tenacity, confidence and spirit showed the players. We started the season with only eight registered players and not everyone was around every weekend but the kids fought on. Without a full team of fielders, they simply ran harder, threw farther or were more alert than they would have been normally. We won a game with five players. A fantastic effort for such a young side. Overall all our kids tried hard. They made an effort at training and were proud and upstanding at game time. It was an honour for me to be part the kids lives and I hope my positivity reflects in the kids lives.

Thank you to Mike, Helen, Tracy and all the parents and relatives who pitched in helped the team through a successful season.

Thanks to the club and committee, grounds people and canteen.

It's a pleasure to be part of this club and it was a pleasure to meet and to be part of the kids lives.

Alex Sweeny - Coach

UNDER 7 NAVY - TEE BALL



It was an absolute pleasure to be involved in managing this team.

What a great little group we had !

Our Navy team started the season with a combination of players; some new to the sport along with some who have had experience through older siblings or parents.

Irrespective of experience level, our wonderful coaches; Adam and Dan did a great job in supporting our team and imparting their skills. Both coaches built great rapport with all of our players, which helped build all of our boys confidence in playing a team sport.

As our team progressed through the season, we watched the development of each boys batting and fielding. Each week the boys built upon their skill set as our little players merged into quite a formidable team.

It was fantastic to see the joy that the boys derived from individually developing their own batting and fielding skills and translating that into a team sport. Our boys each developed into big confident hitters and sharp fielders - exceeding their tender ages of 5 and 6. However, the most important skills we hope each player took from the season were; friendship and good sportsmanship.

Our season would not have run as smoothly as it did without our wonderful coaches who both gave up their time to train our boys. Nor, without the support of each players parents or grandparents who helped with ; scoring, completing club duties and who were present to cheer our team on each week and provide the boys with encouragement. Thank you!

We had a great first season U/7 Navy and I am so proud of each and every player.

I look forward to watching you all play again next season!

Alisa Flint

UNDER 9/2 - TEE BALL



Bosco are well positioned for the future with players and families as good as those in our 9-2 team, we started the year with only two players having any experience of baseball, some really young players and finished the season with the silver medal and a line-up of real talent.

Every player improved their skills throughout the season and developed a love for the game. We saw each player develop as hitters and their fielding was exceptional often turning doubles and on occasion a triple play.

We enjoyed coaching this team and hope that all the players are back next season.

ARCHIE RAUDASCHL – One of the youngest players in the team Archie came every week to listen and ready to win. Archie's speed helped him beat out infield hits and make good plays. Archie made huge improvements throughout the season and will be a real asset next season.

OSCAR RAUDASCHL – With a twin brother in the team, there was always competition during the game, this pushed Oscar every week and saw him realise his potential during the season and made him a much better ball player.

JAI JOHNSTON – Jai was our quiet achiever this year, he worked hard, listened and took in all the information at training, at each game Jai would put in all his effort, he was good with the bat and his fielding really improved each week.

JAMISYN TILLET – Jamisyn had a great season, she started the year with good baseball IQ having already played and she improved a lot throughout the season to be one of our most reliable players at the plate and a real team player.

KAI LAKER – One of the most enthusiastic players in the team, Kai L loved to have fun every week at training, getting involved in all the drills. Kai had one of the strongest arms and always threw the ball with real intent.

JORDANA DRYLAND – It was great having two girls in the team and Jordy loved a good chat at training but she always gave 100% effort and always wanted to learn. Jordy was a great team player and a pleasure to coach.

TALLIS DOYLE - Tallis hit the first homerun for our team in the last few rounds. He consistently hit the ball cleanly to the outfield and occasionally cleared the whole field and got a homerun. Tallis was also an exceptional fielder who always had his head in the game and wanted the ball every time.

LUCAS PRESTON - Lucas loved to have a bit of fun and we really enjoyed coaching Lucas and getting to know his sense of humour. His fielding improved out of sight after the Christmas break and he was always there to make the vital outs for the team. Lucas' batting was very consistent and he always hit the ball sweetly.

DARCY ZAMMIT - One of our tallest kids who by the end of the season was really utilising his height in his batting. Darcy got extra bases each and every game and was one of our strong fielders. Darcy would always give 100% and encourage all his other teammates to try their best.

ARLEN DAVIES - There was great sibling rivalry between Kai and Arlen which helped the team to win games as they tried their best each week. As one of the youngest in the team he has a promising future ahead. He was one of the fastest in the team and used that to his advantage making great plays in the field for the team.

KAI DAVIES - Kai is a really good player with lots of natural ability. He was an attentive listener and could play any position with great competency. Kai's batting was very good when he swung flat and hit through the ball. We really enjoyed helping Kai to improve his skills and we hope that he continues to play and furthers himself in baseball.

COACHES -Myles Chabi & Haydn Parker

UNDER 9/1- TEE BALL



Another exciting and successful season for the team this year.

With many of our players returning after a great season last year, we started to see a lot of improvements and our players begin to gain a feel for the game. We also had a few new players to the sport join our team this year, these guys all experienced great improvements to their skills this year and were quick to pick up the rules of the game, due to their commitment and willingness to learn. We hope to see them all again next season.

We would like to thank the parents of the kids for always helping out when needed and our manager, Helen. Putting in countless hours' worth of emails text messages and helping keep the team functioning on game-days. Also a massive thanks to Bruce and Caleb for helping us out when we needed it, and to Fiona for helping sort out the bench every game day. Thanks also to Vickie who scored most, if not all of our games this season, we would've been lost without all of you.

We began our season with great promise, winning our first two games. Over the course of the season, our toughest games were often against either Giants or Illawong. This quickly led to a tight 3 team group atop the ladder. Throughout the season we shifted among the top 3 spots as our kids worked hard, listened and all improved their skills. This season, a lot of our players achieved a greater understanding of the game, leading to more enjoyment and an overall fun and exciting year. We finished the season with three straight wins, however this wasn't quite enough to get the gold medal, as we finished equal second, just 1% from first. It was great for the kids to be rewarded for their hard work and commitment with a silver medal on grand final day.

Our outstanding team consisted of:

Austin: Being an extremely consistent hitter, Austin would often find himself at the top of the batting order, as we could always count on him to get on base. A very solid defender, he was also one of our most trusted infielders, occupying a fair amount of his time at second base, where he produced outs every game. We hope to see Austin back at Bosco next season, taking on the Zooka machine, and improving each week.

Flynn: One of the quickest players in the team, Flynn was almost guaranteed to be safe at first base. One aspect of Flynn's game that saw massive improvements over the course of the season was his hitting. This was due to his ability to listen to our instructions and incorporate them into his game. If Flynn stays concentrated, he can continue to see more improvement next season.

Jack: One of our best players from last season, Jack continued to play extremely well this season, hitting a number of home runs, and continuing to improve at an incredible rate. His partnership with Nick, whether it be at shortstop or first base was unstoppable, producing outs almost every play. Jack can be very proud of how he played this season, and we look forward to seeing what he can produce in Zooka.

Jono: A new player to our team, Jono was a very enthusiastic teammate, and a very important part of our lineup. Jono saw most of his defensive time at third base, where he made many crucial outs. He also made outstanding progress when at the plate, as we could count on him to come up with a hit when we needed it. We hope Jono comes back next season eager to improve upon the many skills he learnt this past season.

Josh: The most coachable player on the team, Josh was invaluable to our team's success this year. An extremely polite young man, Josh made huge strides in his development this year, both at the plate and in the field. He was one of our most trusted first basemen, playing there most games and catching almost every ball that came his way. We loved having Josh in our lineup and can't wait to see him back next season.

Lexi: Our leadoff hitter each week, Lexi saw her commitment to training pay off, as her ability to hit the ball harder and harder grew each week. Another extremely polite young lady, Lexi was a joy to have in the team next year, and she didn't let the fact that her being the only girl in the team hold her back. We are very excited to see how much more Lexi improves when the next season comes around.

Liam: Another of our new arrivals, Liam quickly established himself as a very powerful hitter, easily belting the ball to the outfield each game. As the season progressed, it was easy to see that Liam had been listening to us during training, as his fielding ability began to grow and grow, which resulted in time predominantly at third base. Liam's positive mentality was an asset to the team this year and we look forward to seeing him back in the game next season.

Nick: This was Nick's breakout year in the game, having set a solid foundation last year. He came back ready to improve, and he did just that. Nick's hitting and fielding was on a whole new level this season. Week in and week out, those who watched our games would see Nick smacking the ball well past the outfielders, which resulted in a number of home runs, and contribute a number of outs every game. We are so excited to see just how much better Nick gets next season.

Ryley: Last season, Ryley predominantly played first base, but this season saw him expand of his fielding capabilities, which saw him deservedly earn some time at both second base and shortstop, where he formed lethal partnerships with both Jack and Nick. Ryley's trips to the plate were also outstanding, and by season's end, he was consistently hitting line drives to and past the outfielders. We look forward to seeing how much he can contribute again next season.

Coaches – Simon Parker & Dan Gaut

LL MACHINE PITCH DIV 1 – ZOOKA



Well! What a season 2017/18 was for the Braves only Zooka team.

After a few training sessions, with all the kids, coaches and parents getting to know each other, it was time to play ball for another Summer.

We started out in Division 2 and won our first game 5-0 on a warm Saturday morning out at Chipping Norton. 4 games later, the undefeated Braves were sitting on top of the table at 5-0 and were promoted to Division 1.

I will admit, the coaches were worried. None of our early wins were dominant and with the promotion to Div 1, we were going to be up against some strong teams.

What followed, no-one could have predicted. These little champions just kept finding a way to win. We became the shock of the tournament and drew the attention and respect of everyone within the association (including our opponents).

We had 2 bad days and lost games to St Pats and a strong Giants team. We managed to hold the undefeated league champion Scots to 2 draws in our 2 match ups (the only games they dropped against any team all season).

By the end of the season our record was an impressive 13 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses.

Most pleasing (along with the results) was the fun, effort and enthusiasm that all the kids brought to each game and training session.

Patty – You'll struggle to hear a word from him. But this kid can play ball. Patty was our lead-off batter who regularly got on base and set the tone for the attacking onslaught that was to follow.

Lincoln – In his first year of Zooka, Lincoln adjusted very well to the moving ball, often recording base hits. He was also a pleasure to coach. Lincoln seemed to enjoy being around his team-mates and even donned the catching gear in our final game of the season.

Campbell – As one of our few players who had Division 1 and rookie rep experience, Campbell was a really crucial influence on the rest of the team. He hit extremely well all year (clocking a number of home runs) and made some outstanding fielding plays at 3rd base.

Dash - Meant as a compliment but Dash is just a freak! He's the youngest player in our team and (by age) really should have still been playing tee-ball. Dash's hitting saved us in several games and in the field he made some unbelievable catches and throw outs.

Skye – One of the smoothest batting swings of any young baseballer I've seen. When Skye connected with the ball, it went flying! Skye was one of our 2 catchers and the improvement in her catching throughout the year was dramatic. She deservedly took the Coaches' award for player of the year.

Rhys – Rhys had a very strong season, constantly hitting the ball and holding his own as a catcher. His speed was another asset when base-running. The improvement at catcher (particularly in his blocking of the ball and urgency to throw out base runners) was pleasing to see.

Gerard – He made 1st base his own and regularly entertained with his diving catch attempts (many of which were held). Gerard's batting improved as the season wore on, even managing to record a home run in the 2nd last game.

Sam – Sam turned up for every training and every game, ready to play and ready to have fun. In his first season of Zooka, Sam had some struggles early adjusting to the moving ball. But as he got his eye in, his hitting improved. He took 1 or 2 outstanding catches in the outfield drawing applause from the spectators.

Jacob – Holy Smokers! Jacob seemed to enjoy every minute playing with his mates. As our only left-hander, Jacob started the season pulling the ball straight to 1st base and being run out. However, to his credit he found a way to adjust his batting style and push the ball out toward 3rd base. From this moment on, he never looked back. Regularly getting on base and rounding the bases.

Alice – Coming from a baseballing family, Alice was a great addition to our team. As the season wore on her batting improved beyond belief and she even managed to steal a few bases & make a few throw outs in the infield.

Lily – Lil was a positive contributor in training and in games throughout the season. She consistently managed to put bat on ball and get on base. And in an unusual one, with 4 catcher's interference at bats during the season, she must surely lead the club in this stat.

A big thanks to all the parents and siblings who assisted at training, warm ups and throughout the games all season. It really is appreciated.

Last but not least, a huge thanks to our manager April. She worked tirelessly throughout the season to ensure that everyone was at the right place at the right time and that canteen and ground duty was organised. An often frustrating and thankless job, but April, we are truly thankful for all your efforts.

To all the kids – you should all be extremely proud of how you have played and performed this season. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach and mentor you. I sincerely hope that you all enjoyed it and that you will all be back next season to do it all over again!

Coaches Andrew, Mike & Kerry.

LL MINOR DIV 3 - BASEBALL



A really enjoyable season for everyone involved in the team. It was a pleasure for Mick and I to coach such a nice group of kids, with an equally fun group of families to help cheer the team along. We had a very competitive season, only just missing out on the grand final was a great result given the varied level of experience coming into the season. We should be proud of not only the effort we put in on the field, but also the way we went about it.

For some in the team it was another year of baseball, for others it was their first season on the diamond. Learning to pitch and hit in the 12's can be a difficult transition, and the pleasing thing for us coaches is that everyone in the team has taken great strides forward on both sides of the ball. I'm excited to see everyone continue their growth in baseball over coming seasons.

Mick and I would like to say a special thank you to Kate Sadler-Allenby for doing such a great job managing the team this year. Kate does a wonderful job keeping the families up to date, organising the kids in the dugout, leading the cheer squad, being team photographer, awards coordinator, and getting all of the other little things done. You're a champion Kate.

Also to all the parents who helped out on game days, scoring, at training, cheerleading - we couldn't run the team and have as much fun as we do without you. Thank you.

The Team in alphabetical order:

Micah Allenby - One of our most experienced players, Micah started to make some real progress towards the end of the season. Micah has started to realise that effort does bring reward - with work on his pitching at training and at home translating into good performances on the mound as the season went on. Well done mate.

Maximo Aranda - Max really started to show what he is capable of as the season progressed, putting together some good at bats as he worked on his pitch selection. Max has proved that work at training does pay off on the diamond. I can't wait to see what Max can achieve next season on both sides of the ball.

Thomas Benheim - One of the best hitters in the team, Thomas has a natural eye and could be relied on for a hit when needed. Thomas also took up catching as the season went on, showing that he has more than one aspect to his game. Keep up the good work Thomas.

Lachlan Burnett - Lachlan is a quiet achiever. As the season went on he had started to accumulate some great at bats, at times when his team needed him. His efforts at training each week didn't go unnoticed. With such a strong natural arm, Lachlan also did some great work at third base through the season.

Lachlan Harvey - He might be the youngest guy in the team, but he certainly proved he belongs in the 12's. One of our most valuable players. Whether it was pitching, hitting, infield, outfield, Lachlan showed his team mates through the season that effort brings reward in the game. Congratulations on a really strong season Lachlan.

Leny Legros - Our leading pitcher, Leny started most games in which he played. He also has a great eye in the batters box, showing us just how much thunder he has in his bat - the grand slam was awesome. Leny always has fun playing, and when he's switched on is a fantastic guy to have in the team.

Jamie Lyons - An all-rounder. Jamie had a fun season to watch from the sidelines. He pitched, he hit, and put in some great work in the field. Jamie shows really good potential as a pitcher so continuing to work on his mechanics will pay dividends over the coming seasons.

Teigan Mabon - Caught in almost every game, doing a great job each time. It was really pleasing to see how much her catching has improved through the season. She is tough as nails, dealing with the heat, getting hit with the ball, all the usual catcher stuff! She sets a great example for the rest of the team. Well done Teigan.

Charlotte Robertson - A natural shortstop, she pulled off some great plays through the season. Charlotte also took the mound on a few occasions and proved to be a strike throwing machine! Confidence is key!

Daniel Wainwright - His first season of baseball. Dan is a natural athlete so picked up the game quickly. Dan had some huge home runs through the year. He's also naturally suited to the infield and did a great job on the defensive side of the ball. I think he even learned through the season that the more you put into the game, the more you get back in return.

Anabelle Ware - Her first season of baseball. Through the season Anabelle developed into a reliable pitcher, and is as safe as houses dealing with dodgy infield throws at first base! Well done on a fantastic first season of baseball Anabelle.

Chris Ware
Mick Mabon
Kate Sadlier-Allenby

LL MINOR DIV 2 – BASEBALL



One of the most enjoyable seasons I have ever coached with a great bunch of boys that made it very special.

Thank you to Rod for co-coaching with me again this year. As my “little brother” I continue to learn from him each year and I’m lucky to be able to share the role with him coaching both our boys together.

Thank you to Angela for managing the team and to all of the parents who assisted with the bench, canteen, bbq, scoring and for being as excited as we were to see the boys progress both individually and as a team this season. We all had a great season.

In no particular order our team this season was made up of:

Bobby Hart – Tried very hard this season and improved in all areas of his game. Coaching your son can be challenging but in Bob’s case it was fantastic as he listened and learned and adopted what he was asked to do. A great season Bobby. Well done Champ.

Harrison Jones – A pleasure to coach this young man who always seems to find something positive out of everything. His smile is infectious and everyone enjoyed having him around. Harry has a very good season, and with more practice and a little more time, will be a very good base baller in the coming seasons. Way to go Harry.

Samuel Gilroy – Sam was an integral part of our infield this season cementing himself at Short Stop for his skill but more importantly his organisational skills with the team. Improving with the bat as the season went on, Sam is always polite, respectful and an absolute pleasure to coach. As Sam matures and grows he will be on eof the stronger players in any team. Good Season Sam.

Fletcher Tillett – Fletcher was our starting pitcher in all but a few games this season. His calmness on the mound and ability to throw strikes gave the team a winning opportunity in every game. Fletcher was our MVP for the season, which he well deserved. An anchor in the team, he’s well liked and a great kid to have around. On many occasions during the year we would have struggled against the top teams in

the competition had it not been for Fletchers performances on the mound. I look forward to hopefully coaching Fletch again in the future. Well done Fletcher.

Thomas Johnson – Weather we won, lost or played our last game of the season, I could always count on Thomas for shedding a tear with me at the end of a game. One of the strongest boys in the team, Thomas had some good hits and improved in all areas of his fielding as the year went on. Congrats on a terrific season Tom. See you next year mate!

Campbell Roberson – Out for a good portion of the early part of the season due to injury, Campbell was a welcome site when he returned. Able to play in all positions as well as finishing the season having a few go's on the mound, Campbell was an integral part of our season as we closed in on a potential GF game. Cam's batting improved extremely well as the year went on and continued training and practice he's only going to keep getting better. Looking forward to next year Cam. Well played.

Ethan Lee – New to the game of Baseball, Ethan was a natural. Proving one of our strongest fielders Ethan shared the 3rd Base and Shortstop positions with Sam as the two of them proved a string left side defence against some of the stronger teams. Improving with his batting with each at Bat, Ethan was awarded the MOST IMPORVED award for the team this season and will only continue to get batter as he plays more Baseball in the years to come. Outstanding year Ethan. Well done.

Aidan Omeara – Keen to play in every position Aidan will I am sure have a terrific year next year as his love for the game and excitement to win continues to grow. Proving one of our better outfielders with a strong arm, Aidan had a terrific season. Whilst disagreeing with most strikes called ☺, Aidan will be better for this season and just needs to swing the bat when the ball is anywhere close. Well done Aidan.

Will Hart – Fletchers partner from behind the plate in most games, Will caught the majority of the season and did an enormous job from behind the plate. Batting as leadoff, Will also lead the stats for most of the year for “non-Strike outs” and walks and proved that patience with the bat can get you on base. An awesome season Will. Looking forward to next year already I bet.

Will Price – Like Ethan Will was also new to the game of Baseball this season and never looked out of place. Unable to train for the most part of the season due to rep touch commitments, Will performed well and improved with each game, particularly after the Christmas holidays when footy was over. Always polite and a pleasure to coach, I'm looking forward to seeing Will back again next year.

Lachlan Dries – A catcher in previous seasons and one of our most experienced and skilful players Lachy was asked this season to back up Fletcher and pitch in all but a handful of games. Awarded the COACHES AWARD this season, it was challenging but also rewarding to coach Lachy through the ups and downs of pitching, th mental strain and of course the disappointment with things don't go your way. Whilst at times disappointed and upset with himself, Lachy was always quick to shrug the demons off and shake my hand each week after the game and ask “can I pitch again next week?”. With Lachys strength he hit numerous home runs none more important that the two he hit late in the season to ensure a spot in the semi-finals for his team. It was a pleasure to coach Lachy this year and I hope to be able to coach him agaion in years to come, ether as a Pitcher or as a Catcher if that's how things turn out. Well done Lachy.

Coaches – Darren & Rod Hart

LL MINOR DIV 3 – BASEBALL



Reece Audibert, Cooper Bowden, Brooke Campbell, Jake Dover, Zinzan Delaney-Fielding, Jayden George, Caleb Lawson, Hayley Sweetland, Mikah Targett, Jonothan Wackwitz, Jordan Long

Coaches – Ben Targett, Paulk Sweetland and Bruce Lawson

Manager – James Wackwitz

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE - BASEBALL



Our team goals for the year were to have fun, improve every week and play as well as we can no matter what the opposition does. I honestly believe, as a group, we achieved this every single game. For that reason, I couldn't be happier with every individual in this team on Saturdays.

We started the season in 14/2's, after facing two very good teams and some outstanding pitching, we were moved to the IL competition. As I told the team before the season, I could not care less if we do not win a game, as we cannot control how good the opposition are or how they play. As a team, (except for maybe one game) we played as well as we could every week and based on that we did win plenty of games. If we played in the 14'2 all year, played the same way and only won a few games, I would still be very happy with how these guys played all year.

Huge thanks to all of the team staff- Meredith for being the manager and spending so much time communicating what was happening each week. Meredith and Vicki for scoring, pitch counting and dealing with me changing positions every inning. Greg and Mat for coaching every week, plus Scott and Mike when we needed to fill a gap. To all of our supporters, I have seen plenty in my time, you are the best supporters I have seen. Makes a big difference to the game when parents aren't complaining about umpire calls or getting into your sons when they make a mistake, based on how relaxed the team was all year, I'm sure they noticed it as well.

Lastly, to the Bosco executive, you all sacrifice so much time so our kids can play, thank you very much for all of your efforts this season.

Ethan Audibert- As the season progressed, Ethan was hitting the ball harder, throwing the ball harder and causing more and more havoc on the bases. Good listener and always keen to try what you ask him to. Hence the improvement

Jack Campbell- Jack is very good pitcher and always hits the ball hard. There is no consistency award, if there was Jack would win it for consistent quality play each week.

Louis Crammery- One of our best fielders and has plenty of power in his bat. Louis just needs to keep working on hitting the ball up the middle of the field, every time he did, there was smoke coming off the ball

Lachlain Doherty- From last year to the end of this season, Lachlan's improvement on defence and offence was great to see. Lachlan's pitching was excellent, including curveball of the year, resulting in an inning ending double play.

Oliver Featon- Oli moved into catching this year and loved every second of it, he kept improving every week. Oli was hitting the ball harder as the season went on, just need to stop hitting them all at the first baseman!

Clayton Forrest- Clay is Mr Utility. Plays all positions well, throws strikes and always hits the ball hard. Has plenty of energy, if Clay keeps using that energy to practice and improve, he might be surprised just how well he can play.

Sam Jefferson- First year in baseball and took two games to look like a 10 year catching veteran. Listens well, great team mate and always shows great sportsmanship. A pleasure to coach.

Rainer McGowan- Played well in every position he played and has some great potential as a pitcher if he keeps working on it. His aggressive 'I came here to hit' approach, was great to watch every week.

Kurtis Hardie- Kurtis is a pleasure to coach, unfortunately struck down with ongoing injuries and had to withdraw from the season. Hoping Kurtis recovers and we see him back on the diamond soon.

Ring Ins- Due to having 7 or 8 players on a regular basis, a big thanks goes to all of our ring ins. Was great having you with us all year, special mention to Brook who played finals with us. Brooke, Reece, Fletcher, Lachy, Hayley (sorry if I missed any, we had a few!)

Coach – Michael Ibbotson

SENIOR LEAGUE DIV 2 SKY – BASEBALL



Our season (2017 -18) finished with a disappointing loss in the Preliminary Final.

Simply a case of errors at critical moments and being overwhelmed by good pitching.

I must acknowledge that the premise of trying to win comfortably during the regular season does not (very often) expose the players to as many game situations as was required. Some games, the outfield did not have to make a play. This was a mistake.

At risk of exposing our relief pitchers to a disheartening time on the mound, the fielders can get some varied and interesting decisions thrust upon them. There are situations you would never consider practising for, or even imagining!

Bring on the double Batting Cage set up I say. If one is to go to extent of completing DA's and much fundraising, why not build an arrangement like our neighbours at Illawong. Two Teams in the Cages and another live hitting or infield / outfield outside.

My thanks must go to Andrew Riding, who agreed to help an old teammate. He went out of his way to add his experience and insight to the team.

Meredith deserves many thanks, for the scoring expertise and organisational prowess.

Kelly also, for stepping into Meredith's role whenever asked.

Vicki, no one fills the Pitch Count chair with such relaxed composure.

Clayton Forrest helped on two occasions and it must be said, earned the respect from the Team that his performances demanded.

As a Club, we all rely, in some way on the collective endeavour of each other. So, to the parents that contributed their time to the duties of a Saturday, many thanks.

I shall attach an amended copy of the stats sheet I compiled. Please note that any players batting details that were beneath the average of .249 will be provided upon request.

Award Winners:

Coaches' Award - Jayden Helm. A delight to coach, both at training and in a game situation. Always listening and learning.

Most Valuable Player – Nathan Jordan. A fierce competitor, fine pitcher and very solid batter. A good team member, the numbers speak for themselves.

Leader in Defence – Alec Kennedy. Had a good year, batted well and very solid behind the plate. Little complaining on those 35C days. Worked with the pitchers independently.

Leader in Offense - Sam Campbell. An excellent athlete who's hitting was impressive. The base running equally. Some really courageous heads up stealing to home.

BATTING																					
PA	AB	R	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC	SAC	BB	HPB	CI	K2	SB	CS	OB	AVE	SL%	OB%		
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Jayden	Howell	26	22	8	9	2	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	8	13	0	16	0.500	0.591	0.600
Sam	Campbell	56	43	24	11	6	1	1	22	0	0	13	0	0	12	21	2	35	0.442	0.698	0.571
Nathan	Jordan	61	46	26	15	4	0	1	22	0	0	14	0	0	5	30	2	48	0.435	0.587	0.567
Alec	Kennedy	56	46	22	14	6	0	0	24	0	0	9	1	0	11	9	0	32	0.435	0.565	0.545
Brynn	Magson	49	38	18	12	1	0	0	11	0	0	11	0	0	12	16	0	32	0.342	0.368	0.490
Jayden	Helm	58	35	25	10	1	0	0	12	0	1	20	0	1	7	21	1	41	0.314	0.343	0.564
Lachlan	Forrest	54	46	11	9	3	0	0	13	0	0	8	0	0	10	11	0	25	0.261	0.326	0.370
Aden	Kennedy																				
Joel	Wymer																				
Reagan	Shields																				
Clayton	Forrest	6	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	5	0	4	0.250	0.250	0.500

PITCHING																	
IP	H	BB	K2	WP	HPB	BFP	BLK	APO	PIT	B	S	RS	ER	ERA	S%		
Sam	Campbell	5 1/3	5	11	10	0	2	31	0	1	151	80	71	8	2	3.38	47.02
Jayden	Helm	18 2/3	29	7	19	0	0	102	0	3	347	123	224	28	10	4.82	64.55
Nathan	Jordan	47 2/3	27	27	103	3	3	208	0	4	859	334	525	26	8	1.51	61.12
Aden	Kennedy	3 1/3	2	9	9	0	0	22	0	1	109	57	52	6	4	10.80	47.71
Brynn	Magson	1	1	2	2	0	1	7	0	0	32	21	11	0	0	0.00	34.38
Joel	Wymer	5	3	7	1	0	1	25	0	0	97	46	51	6	5	9.00	52.58

SENIOR LEAGUE DIV 2 NAVY – BASEBALL



Ryan Astbury, Jake Bonser, Brodie Booth, Tyler Coldwell, Mitchell George, Logan McKinley,

Ty Parkes, Nathan Horvath, Tom Clearkin, Sophie Clearkin

Coach – Wayne Watts

BIG LEAGUE SKY - BASEBALL



What a fantastic season we had again. All year we were very competitive and spent most of the rounds in the number one position. I was so proud of the entire team for their efforts and determination which saw us get into the Grand Final. We came up against the red-hot Bosco Navy who put it all together on the day to come away with the trophy. But hey 'Bosco won' so we weren't too disappointed. I would like to thank out awesome manager Bec Wells and assistant coach Stewart Wymer for all the help throughout the season. I would like to also thank all the parents who helped with scoring, BBQ duty, pack up and just showing so much support to all the kids and I. This team is the greatest and I have thoroughly loved every minute of coaching them over the past 10 years. We will now go on a new journey together into Senior Baseball next year where I will be able pull on the cleats and play. God help me if I get struck out or drop a catch!! Can't wait.....

Brittany Barr – This was Britt's fourth year with the team and saw her go from strength to strength with both her batting and fielding. So safe at First base and she came up with some great hits in the big games toward the end of the season. Britt is the life of the party at training and the team would not be complete without her. Awesome car trips too Britt!!!

Zac Brookes – The big man continued to lead the team on the mound in most games. I lost count of the homeruns Zac hit but was continually in awe of his power. In all my years at Heathcote, I have never seen the ball hit the tball fence on the full. So unlucky it just went foul. Zac is an allrounder and just such a great young man. I just hope I'm on base next season when he hits one of his screamers. Great season mate.

Ben Campbell – Over the last 10 years, I would have to say that this was Ben's best season by far. Ben really stepped up and was a major factor in us getting to the Grand Final. He was so relaxed with everything he did and was probably our most consistent batter. Toward the back end of the season he was thrown the ball and asked to pitch. He blew everyone away. Nothing fazed Ben when he was on the mound and just threw strike after strike. His pitching was too good against Yarrowarra in the Major Semi which secured us a spot in the GF. I was proud to give Ben the title of MVP this year. Awesome effort Ben.

William Connelly – This was Will's first year at Bosco and 'what a find'. Will had an outstanding season and 9 times out of 10 got a safe hit with a few home runs thrown in. He would have crossed the home plate more than anyone over the year. Will also showed some great skill in the field often playing shortstop and third base. He also took some terrific catches in the outfield using his speed to chase down the ball. Will was voted 'Players Player' which is a testament to his commitment to his team. Well done Will.

Jye Cork – Another great season from Jye saw him '*knock the cover off the ball*' over and over again. With the use of his new bat, Jye put the ball into the outfield more times than not. He also came up with some great catches in the outfield and was very safe playing third base. Jye has been an integral part of the team for many years now and I know he just loves playing ball with his mates. Can't wait to see him do it all again next season. Great job Jye.

Chloe Hart – This was Chloe's 10th Season of baseball and I am so proud to have coached her in every one of them. I would have to say that Chloe matured greatly as a player this year and showed the effort at training and the games each week. Chloe was very versatile playing several positions such as catcher, 2nd base and outfield. She was safe anywhere she played, and it was awesome watching her make several tags at home against much bigger boys. As usual she got the hits in the big games and this year was awarded the 'Coaches award'.

Brennan Piggott – Brennan's forth year with the team saw him secure the catching position and improve every game. His throw overs to second were on fire and really made the other teams question the worth of attempting to steal. Brennan was also very good this year with the bat. Usually batting in the top three, he got on base more times then not. Brennan is such a great kid and a big part of the team. It is a pleasure to coach him and I can't wait play alongside him next year. Great effort Brennan.

Jacob Sweetland – This was Jacobs third season with the team and the big unit played out of his skin. Our number one outfielder saw him take some amazing diving catches. Jacob always puts in 100% and puts his body on the line in every play he makes. Jacob also came away with some massive hits punching out a number of home runs. He hit one of the biggest hits I have seen at Waratah Oval which bounced off the shipping container in the trees. Great season Jacob.

Lachlan Wells – One of the originals, Lach played his 10th Season and as usual got better with each game. He had a great season with the bat and was one of our safest second baseman. Lach also took some amazing catches at right field and took the winning catch to get us into the GF. I have loved coaching Lach for all these years and he is such a team man. Still with the 'coolest' hair and attitude, Lach is the man!!

Blake Wymer – This was also Blakes 10th year with the club and as usual he was one of the most reliable players in the team. From pitching to short stop or in the outfield, Blake can do it all. So relaxed he came up with some outstanding plays during the season which often set up the win. Blake also had a great year with the bat putting most hits into the outfield. It's been awesome coaching Blake for so many seasons and I can wait for his to show me up next year. Way to go Blake.

Coach – Rod Hart

BIG LEAGUE NAVY & SENIOR LEAGUE



Start of a new season and with some unfamiliar faces and some unfamiliar rule changes as senior league is now playing on a Friday night under lights, which would include a lot of travel for all teams involved. The bulk of the team now plays two games a weekend, We had a combined squad for training and this worked it would be better to train as a group. This showed to be positive and the group really came together to support each other and enjoyed playing each week.

Senior League (Friday night)

This year in senior league we had a four team comp so we were bound to make semis. The first week of the season was a reminder how hard we needed to train to get to the top of the competition and that we did. We finished the competition rounds in 2nd place, Confident that we could take this the whole way. We played a great grand final and the team put a great team effort and to go down by one run in the grand final was a great effort by everyone.

Players: Chet Lister, Copper Duffy, Daniel Cummings, Haydn Parker, Jacob Forster, Josh Pearl, Kobi Paynter, Mitchell Long, Myles Chabi and Steven Green

Big League (Saturday afternoon)

This year the Big League team, we would become the Minor Premier and then went on to become the eventual Premiers. The team was a supportive team that has played together for a few years now. The boys found the toughest competition all season was against the other Braves side as they had beat us in the first two encounters. It would come down to the two teams in the grand final and we happened to play our best game of the year on the day it counted most. Congratulations team you guys deserved it

Players: Chet Lister, Cooper Duffy, Haydn Parker, Jesse Donkin, Mitchell Long, Myles Chabi, Patrick Cartwright, Sebastian Featon, Steven Barnard and Steven Green

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Umpires

Back Row L-R: Dan Gaut, Corey Sweetland, Ben Campbell, Jacob Sweetland, Sam Campbell, Simon Parker
Front Row: Jayden Helm, Jack Campbell, Pat Cartwright, Dave Kennedy, Myles Chabi, Mitchell Long, Hayden Parker

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Well done to a great bunch of young men who did a fantastic job umpiring for us this season. A big thank you to Dave Kennedy for the ongoing support and training he provides.

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