

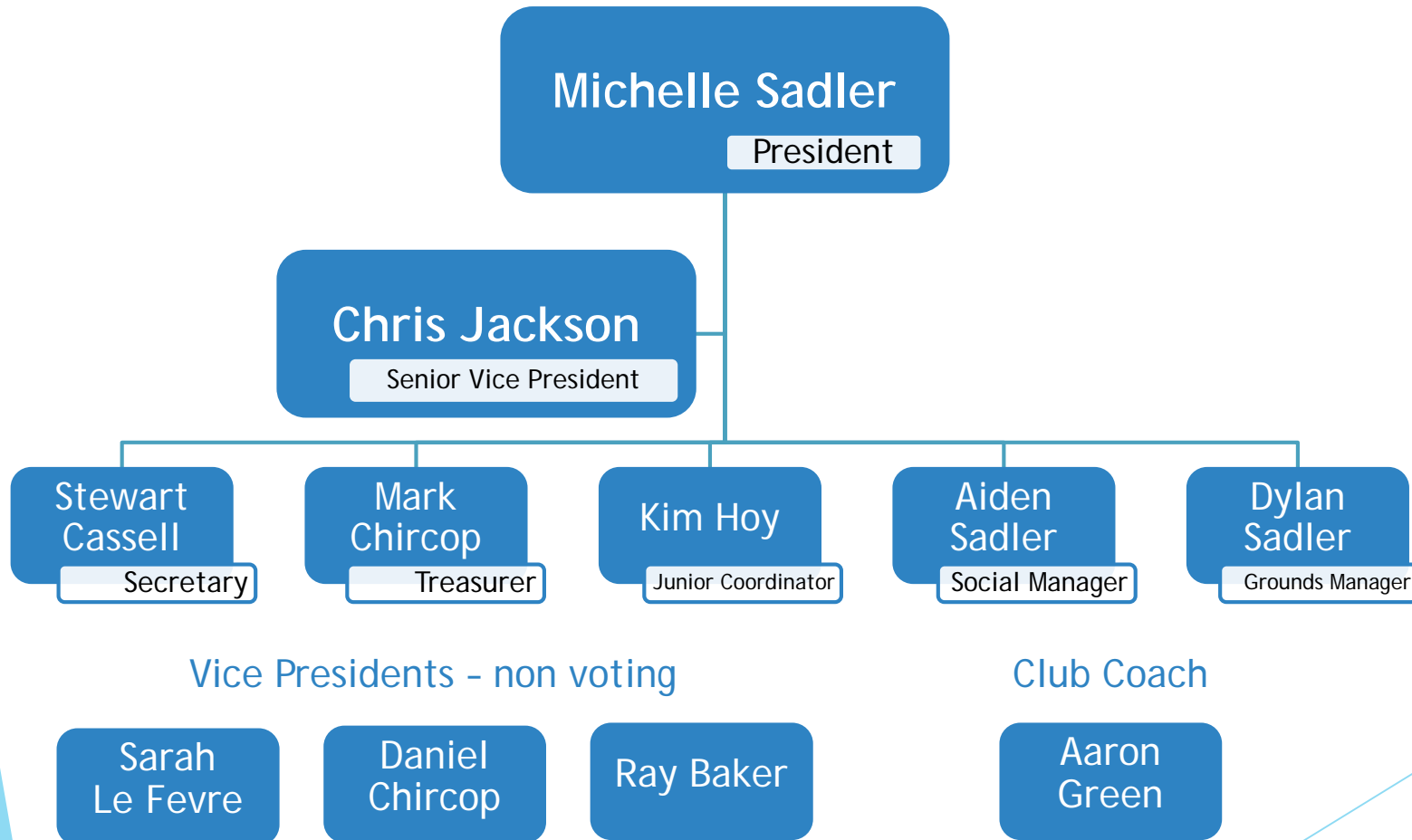


Williamstown Baseball Club

Annual Report 2019 - 2020



Committee and Office Bearers



President's Report



In May 2019 the Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club was in fine shape when I became President. The outgoing President was Daniel Chircop, who had served three years at the helm. Thankfully Daniel remains a dedicated member of our club's leadership group and has continued to manage the sponsor portfolio and our international players. It takes a lot of work to run a happy well-organised club and we are fortunate to be in the position where there is no shortage of volunteers with a huge array of skills to contribute. Our club has an amazing culture and our dedicated volunteers reign from not only our current playing group and their families, but equally from our past players and their families, many of which are Life Members. We were able to acknowledge and celebrate our Life Members and our sponsors at our Life Members Day in February with a great attendance and plenty of sunshine. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with everyone at WWBC and contribute to a club that was established way back in 1908. While our current committee members have all agreed to be available for re-election for this coming season, we all acknowledge that our custodianship is only temporary and so one of our ongoing projects has been to put in place systems and policy to facilitate a clear and easy transition plan for future committees. Initiatives in this plan include position-based generic email addresses, online accounting software, and a new club website with comprehensive functionality on an easy to use platform. The website will also become a secure container for our clubs recorded history.

We have achieved a lot in the past year both on and off the field. We have received \$6000.00 in a series of small grants from Hobsons Bay City Council and the State Government and have hosted three successful (and fun) club fundraisers; a Bunning's BBQ, a movie afternoon at The Sun Theatre in Yarraville, and a (wooden) Horse Racing Carnival at our clubrooms. A small profit was achieved from the sale of masks and gators in team colours. We have introduced EFTPOS in our canteen, and will be launching our new website in September. Our club has registered with the Australian Sports Foundation to enable tax-deductible donations to our club and we intend on launching a fund raising campaign shortly to assist with equipment and the purchase of a second pitching machine for the new hitting tunnel. We were hoping this initiative would be firmly embedded within in-season play though like all plans we have had to adjust.



President's Report continued...

The end goal of our Club is to be promoted to Division 1 and we came very close this year. A Division 2 club is eligible for promotion if they field six junior teams, which we did, and then the 1's achieve either top spot on the home and away ladder or win the premiership flag. We finished second after spending many weeks on top and undefeated, and while all four senior teams made finals, which is a fantastic result, none brought home their respective premiership flags. Even so our playing group is in a strong position under the stewardship of Club Coach Aaron Green who celebrated 400 games mid season and we are very pleased Aaron is staying on for his third consecutive summer as a playing Club Coach. In the past we have missed promotion because we struggled to field the required number of junior teams. This year our Junior Coordinator Kim Hoy, who was awarded our Club Person of the Year, along with Sarah Le Fevre and Ray Baker, ensured we had a strong junior program alleviating this concern. A major initiative of our junior program was our inaugural winter junior participation, which Kim and Sarah introduced with great success. The winter program has proved to be an important factor in underpinning our summer juniors.

Like everyone I am greatly looking forward to getting back to baseball and we have a lot to look forward to.

Michelle Sadler - President





Baseball and the COVID-19 global pandemic

It would be remiss of me to not acknowledge the significant impact the COVID-19 global pandemic has had on our club and our sport. Summer season was completed and we were fortunate to hold a slightly modified Junior Presentation Day just a couple of days prior to the first social lockdown that was put in place by the State government. Our Senior Presentation Day was postponed and then held in digital instalments during July and early August. With a great deal of conjecture surrounding the unfolding pandemic by Baseball's peak bodies and local and state governments, the Winter 2020 competition was eventually abandoned altogether. While WWBC does not participate in senior winter baseball many of our senior players move around to other clubs during winter so this has impacted their baseball life significantly. Last year was WWBC's junior inaugural winter competition and with two teams of fifteen players each we were confident in fielding three teams this year. Our juniors managed to return to training for just three weeks mid year before further lockdowns, where around forty children participated and were able to reconnect with their friends and make some new ones, albeit for a short time. It may well be that this coming summer is impacted by COVID-19 in some manner yet to be realised but we are well placed to meet these challenges. Kristie Middleton the Chief Executive Officer of Baseball Victoria has done a wonderful job during these unprecedented times supporting our club and the league with a comprehensive and timely approach to our current environment, with a view to facilitating a return to activity as soon as it is possible to do so. At a club level Vice President Sarah Le Fevre has been appointed our COVID-19 Compliance Officer and has all of our support to navigate a return to activity in line with government directives as they unfold.

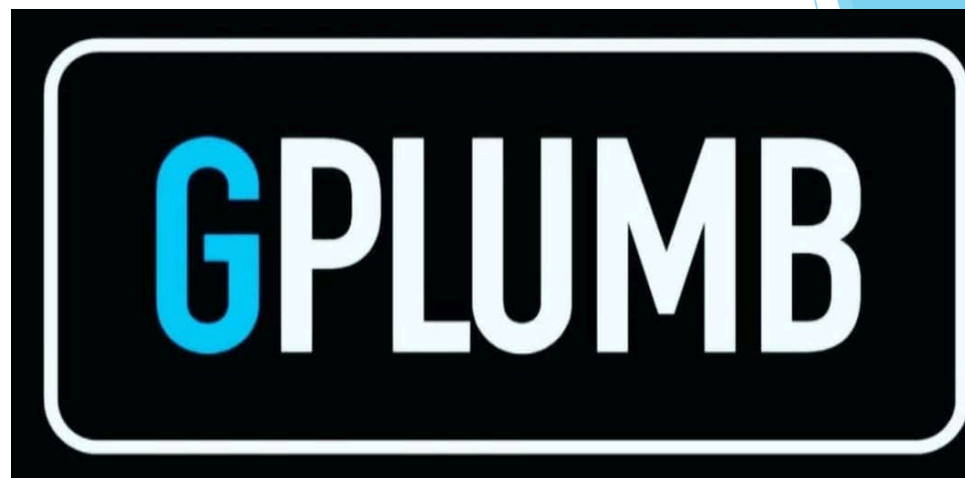
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Wolf Pack membership costs \$250 annually and entitles the member a free drink of their choice at home games, a team cap, and a ticket to the Senior Presentation.

Members

Murph Le Fevre
Mark Chircop
Les Flower
Alan Moloney
Jennie Moloney
Stewart Cassell
Glen Hardy
Ray Baker
John Humphries
Roger Twist
Michael Gwin
Ernie Poole
Laurie Treadwell





Secretary's Report

This year we welcomed some new members to the committee. So, I would like to welcome Michelle Sadler (President), Chris Jackson (Senior Vice President), Mark Chircop (Treasurer), Kim Hoy (Junior Coordinator), Aiden Sadler (Social Manager) and Dylan Sadler (Ground Manager). We also welcomed as Vice presidents Sarah Le Fevre, Daniel Chircop and Ray Baker. They have become a real dedicated team to take our club forward. While we welcome the new members to the committee, I would like to give my thanks and say it was a pleasure working with Daniel Chircop as president.

Just after the summer season finished the state was put into lockdown due to COVID19 so as a consequence we were unable to hold our senior presentation night. This was subsequently done digitally with the videos posted on our Facebook page. My congratulations go to all the winners.

While we haven't been able to meet in person, our committee has been meeting each month by Zoom to keep the club functioning.

With another season come and gone and much discussion the committee decided to re-appoint Aaron Green as club coach. With the influx of new players, we were able to select full teams every week and not expect players to play 2 games in one day. And for the first time that I can remember all 4 senior teams played finals.

The 1sts, 2nds and 4ths all made the Grand Finals but unfortunately, we were unable to take out the premierships. Unfortunately, the 3rds were knocked out in their 1st finals game. As a consequence, the club will remain in division 2 again next season. The club still endeavours to gain promotion to Division 1. We had a great import in Kevin Desmedt. Dennis Neal was able to extend his visa and play with us again as a local. This gave us 3 quality pitchers along with Jayde Thorne.

I would like to thank Kim Hoy and Sarah Le Fevre for their time and efforts in running our junior program during the winter season. We had hoped to continue it this winter but the pandemic put an end to that. Kim and Sarah were able to run a few junior training sessions on a Saturday morning with an excellent turn out of junior players.

Special thanks to Les Flower for all his work keeping the ground well maintained. And also the OFC with all their work in improving facilities around the ground. Special thanks to Ray Baker for his hard work with seeing that a new batting tunnel will be built and ready for next season.

Personally, I would like to thank everyone who supports the training night bbq's and all the profits from the bbq's were transferred in to the club account. Going forward we need players to honour the canteen and umpiring rosters and not leave it to others to fill in for your non-attendance.

Stewart Cassell - Secretary

Treasurer's Report



The 2019/2020 season saw the club maintain the strong financial management and momentum gained last year with a reported Net Profit of \$11,658. This was a \$1,123 increase over the previous year (\$10,535).

This momentum is underpinned from continued strong support through both financial donations and general maintenance around the Club. The financial performance excluding donations was still a profit of \$1,170 meaning our Club has continued from last year in being self-sufficient, which is our minimum aim.

Overall income for the club went up from \$61,552 in 2018/19 to just over \$69,000 in 2019/20 (excluding Grants). Expenses also increased by about the same amount; expenses in 2018/19 were \$51,0166 and in 2019/20 expenses were \$58,677.

Player Fees continue to be our single biggest source of income so maintaining a strong full playing list is essential to club finances. The Canteen/Bar returned a profit of \$12,938 against a turnover of \$19,237. This is a significant increase over last year which is attributed to the introduction of EFTPOS payments being accepted at the canteen. Sponsorship continued to be an important source of income with a profit of over \$7,000 after expenses.

This year saw the first running of a Junior Winter Program by the club with an exceptional effort being put in by the Junior Committee. While the club would have been happy to underwrite the program in its first year the Winter Program delivered a profit in excess of \$2,000.

This year also saw the continued work being done in progressing the building of the hitting tunnel. The Club has sourced grants and donations totalling \$87,000 against an estimated build cost of \$92,000. The Club has contributed an additional \$5,000 from surplus funds into the Building Fund. Additional funding is being sought through grants, sponsorships and donations to go towards equipment in the new hitting tunnel.

Our Club's strong financial position has never been more important with what could be a significant financial impact to the 2020/21 season due to the impacts of COVID19. This may present challenges in the size of the playing list, reduced sponsorship and reduced canteen/event income. Despite these challenges, due to the fiscal management of the Club, I'm confident the we can meet our expenses in the coming season and emerge in a sound financial position on the other side.

Mark Chircop - Treasurer

Social Report



This season we introduced kebabs for dinner on special home game days like our season opener and Christmas, with spit roast meat by Dylan Sadler.

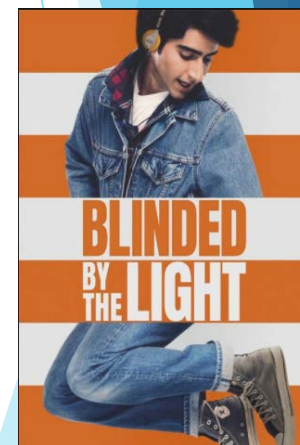
Our major social event was our Life Members day where we presented our major sponsors GPlumb and BMS Steel with framed jerseys. We held two fundraisers that also doubled up as well attended social events and these were a movie fundraiser at The Sun Theatre in Yarraville that included loads of door prizes and a Horse Racing Carnival organised by Life Member John Humphries and helped by the other members of the 'Old Farts Committee'.



Daniel Chircop, Mitch Clement, Ed Polinski,
Kim Hoy, Mark Chircop



Dylan Sadler



Life Members Day 23rd February 2020



We had a fantastic turnout with many of our Life Members and their families in attendance. Our Life Members are not only our history, they are our present and our future. Special mention to Les Flower for ensuring our field is one of the best in the league and the only club that has a junior field with a pitchers mound; Ray Baker for all of his work in getting our new hitting tunnel realised, John Humphries for running our Horse Racing Carnival, our most profitable fundraiser for the year, Jennie Moloney our guru scorer for taking best practice to the world stage, and Laurie Treadwell for his custodianship of our club's recorded history soon to be made accessible on our new website. Life Members Day is a great time to give gratitude to the Murray family and our long serving Secretary Stewart Cassell for all that they do. This year we also had two special guests and their families, Lee and Shae Gill from GPLumb and Mark Agar from BMS Steel who were presented with framed jerseys. Many thanks to Mark Chircop and a bevy of helpers for putting together the event and to Alex McCulloch for the photography.



Lee Gill from GPLumb



Mark Agar from BMS Steel



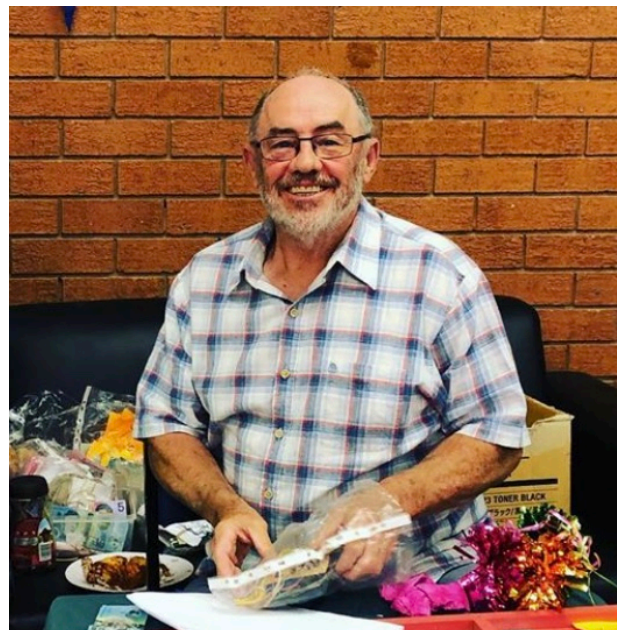
Les Flower, Ray Baker, Roger Twist



Life Members



1946 William (Bill) Gravell	2000 Alan Moloney
1946 Albert (Bert) Colvin	2003 Jennie Moloney
1948 Samuel Martin (Marty) Bowyer	2003 William (Bill) Hardy
1951 Colin Milne	2008 Alan Kinnaird
1953 James (Sam) Thompson	2013 Stewart Cassell
1954 Keith (Tiger) Eddy	2013 Glen Hardy
1956 Alan Woods	2019 Moira Hardy
1957 William (Bill) Humphries	2019 Murray Hardy
1960 Robert (Pinto) Wilson	
1963 Ken Addison	
1963 Ken Gunn	
1963 George Halley	
1963 Norman (Nozza) Thomson	
1970 Max Wainshtein	
1974 Paul Collins	
1978 Les Flower	
1979 Ray Baker	
1979 Rhona Pedretti	
1980 John Humphries	
1987 Norma Kinnaird	
1987 Neil Pedretti	
1989 Laurie Treadwell	
1994 Ernie Poole	



Laurie Treadwell

Horse Racing Carnival



This was the second year WWBC held The Horse Racing Carnival and everyone that attended had such a fantastic time; it has now cemented itself into the permanent Wolves calendar. Thanks again to John Humphries.



John Humphries



Grounds and Facilities Report



I am pleased to report on the maintenance of the Martin Bowyer Senior Field, the Ray Baker Junior Field, and associated facilities for the 2019-2020 year.

With the club's great promotion numerous junior teams were nominated which required more diamonds to be marked weekly. This was duly completed and thanks to the players and coaches who assisted in the clean up after games.

Many may know of the Old Farts Committee this is a group of ex-players; Ray Baker, Laurie Treadwell, Roger Twist, Alan Moloney, John Humphries and myself. This group spends countless hours maintaining the fields, equipment and facilities throughout the year. Without their expertise and labour our diamonds would not be in the pristine shape you see them each week.

During the year we purchased a new Hack Attack pitching machine. These devices are reported to be among the best pitching machines in the world and will be a great asset to the club now and in the future, particularly when the new hitting tunnel is completed. We also purchased a new cylinder mower similar to those used on golf/bowling greens this also has enhanced the grass and presentation of the fields.

Other major works were completed on the existing hitting tunnel ensuring it was safe and secure for this year. We look forward to continuing the effort in the forthcoming season. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in diamond marking etc during the week for junior diamonds. Please contact the Junior Coordinator if you have sometime. Training will be provided. It is not hard work but as us Old Farts are not getting any younger and we need to ensure there is backup as required in the future.

Les Flower



Les Flower, Ray Baker, Roger Twist

Hitting Tunnel Project

Our major project for the past year has been the planning and construction of a new hitting tunnel at Greenwich Reserve adjacent to our clubrooms. In 2018 Ray Baker, Mark Chircop our Treasurer, and myself first pitched to the Hobsons Bay City Council for funding, so to see it finally taking shape is wonderful. This is the first major building project our club has seen since the 1970's, when our clubrooms were first built and Ray was just a young baseball player. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Hobsons Bay for their contribution of \$20,000, and to the Victorian State Government for their subsequent \$20,000 contribution. This project has also already benefited from many hours of volunteer labour and the donation of materials. The project group is managed by Ray Baker, who is supported by the other members of the self named 'Old Farts Committee' (they even have their own logo and uniform), being Leslie Flower, Alan Moloney, Roger Twist, John Humphries, Laurie Treadwell along with Izzy Finn (architectural drawings), David (Murph) Le Fevre and James Harrison (geotechnical investigation and report), Rob Di Blasi (engineering and structural drawings), Steve Benic (excavation), Chris Jackson (lighting), and Andrew Sadler (concreting).

Michelle Sadler



Special Achievements

Jennie Moloney - World Baseball Scorer of the Year



In November 2019 the WORLD BASEBALL and SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION (WBSC) named our guru scorer and Life Member Jennie Moloney **Scorer of the Year** for her 'support in the global effort of scorers'.

Jennie is one of five members of the Scoring Commission and has recently worked with a Korean company to develop the software that will be used to score the baseball at the Olympics. During summer Jennie scored at the Premier 12's in Seoul and Tokyo. Jennie also attended a Scoring Commission conference in Switzerland, instructed at a three day softball clinic in Bangkok, and scored in Fukushima at an Olympic softball test event. The weekend of her return from Japan Jennie scored at a tournament in Geelong on the Saturday and for our 2's on the Sunday!



Congratulations Jennie!

During lockdown Jennie has developed a beginners scoring workshop and an intermediate one, which will be offered to our budding scorers or anyone interested in trying scoring.





Special Milestones

Stewart Cassell - 10 Years Service as Secretary

This summer's season marks Life Member (2013) Stewart Cassell's tenth year serving as Secretary for the WWBC. Stewart also scores for the 1's and cooks most of the clubs barbeques, as well as many other tasks too numerous to mention. Here he is manning the bar at our Horse Racing Carnival.

Thank you Stewart!





Special Milestones

Games Milestones

Mitchell Bardin - 100 games

Gerard Carter - 100 games

Justin Gourlay - 100 games

Caine Bergin - 150 games

Bill Millar - 150 games

Jason McDonald - 200 games

Ian Jamieson - 300 games

Daniel Chircop - 350 games

Craig Evans - 400 games

Aaron Green - 400 games

Ryan Camov - 450 games

Murray Hardy - 500 games

Congratulations to all those who
achieved special milestones!



Club Coach
Aaron Green

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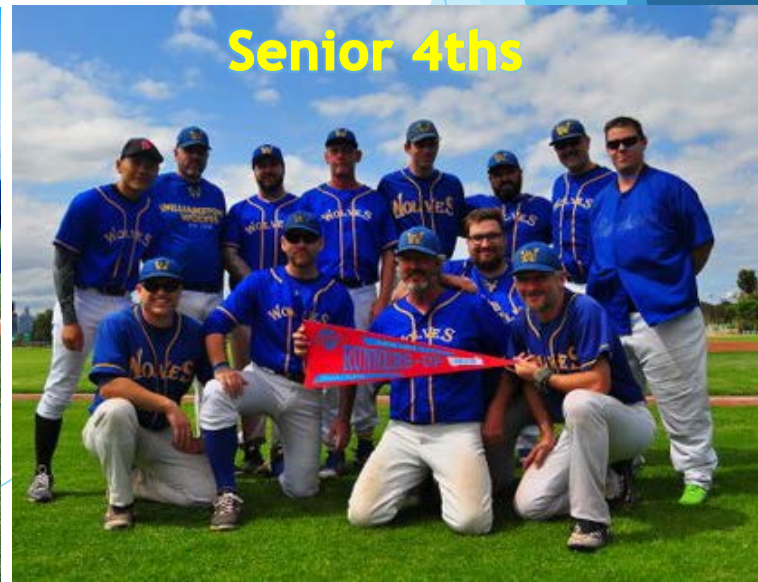
Senior 2nds



Senior 3rds



Senior 1sts



Senior 4ths

Senior's Report

Overall as a Club we had a very successful season. Participation across both the seniors and juniors was well up compared to previous seasons and this showed both on and off the field. For the seniors, all teams made the finals with the 1st's, 2nd's and 4th's all making the Grand Final. Unfortunately, we didn't get the desired results in those grand finals but it is a testament to everyone involved in the Club that we have the depth in our playing group to be competitive across all grades for the entire season. The senior coaching group would like to congratulate all teams, players and the award winners for the season.

We would also like to extend a huge thankyou to the Committee for doing all the hard work behind the scenes. There is a lot involved in running a baseball club and even more in running a successful one. The Committee works tirelessly all year around to ensure the Club is run successfully during the season, ensuring we have enough teams to field, coaches are appointed for all senior and junior teams, the Club runs in a strong financial position, large projects such as the new hitting tunnels currently being erected lead by Ray Baker (Vice President) and the list goes on.

To the best ground crew and general maintenance team going around "The Old Farts" we say it on a weekly basis but thank you for all the effort you put in to make sure we are playing on the best field in Victoria and continually improving our facilities. It is a mountain of work you guys do and it doesn't go unnoticed by the entire Club.

A big thankyou to all the scorers that give up time every weekend, without you we cannot play. You make our lives as coaches so much easier assisting with team line ups, lists of selected players, who is a junior and who isn't, what the juniors pitch count is...the list goes on, so again a big thank you.

To Kim and Sarah, we would like to thank you for all your amazing work with the junior program, this is the future of the "Wolf Pack" and the reason we continue to strive towards Division 1. It is a huge job and one that you have both dedicated so much time and effort to. The senior group loves playing and training with the juniors as they start to progress to seniors. You will see below a great example of the youth in the senior playing group in Craig's report (3rds).

Finally, we would like to thank all our amazing sponsors. Your contribution to our Club allows all of this to happen, new equipment, ground maintenance, junior uniforms, scorer's books and our biggest project ever the much-anticipated new hitting Tunnels. Thankyou very much and we hope to have your continued support going into the 20/21 season as we push towards Division 1.

Go Wolves!

Senior Coaching Group

Aaron Green, Glen Hardy, Chris Jackson, Daniel Chircop, Dennis Nealback, Craig Evans, Murray Hardy and Michael Gwin



Senior Firsts

2nd on the Ladder - 20 Wins, 7 Losses

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As a team the Firsts were leading the competition for most of the season with a little slip up along the way unfortunately probably costing us a promotion to Division 1. We had a lot of great individual performances through the season from both hitters and pitchers but what I'm most proud of is how we played every week as a team and got along off the field also. The culture at the Wolfdome is amazing.

To all the coaches and assistant coaches I would like to once again say thank you, for all your hours spent throughout the season with team selection which was a focus of ours at the start of the season. To get to training and help out where needed was greatly appreciated and helped not only myself but players improve their skills to grow as baseballers and improve their knowledge of the game.

A special mention to Rednut who came on as the Firsts Assistant Coach which was a massive help; it enabled me to continue as a playing coach and get my work in at training. His hard work behind the scenes getting stats of other teams and charting hitters on game day went a long way to the success of the Firsts team.

To all the players who played in the Firsts throughout the season I would like to thank you all. I could not ask for a better bunch of guys to be taking the field with and can't wait to go one better next season and get back to Division 1.

Moving forward to next season we aim to attract a few extra personnel to the club to strengthen the Firsts through to the Fourths. I look forward to coaching the younger players in the club as they strive to play in higher grades and become better baseball players and push a few of us old blokes out of a position and take the club forward successfully into the future.

Finally, a big thank you to Daniel Chircop for all his hard work throughout the pre-season with training and help with player recruitment. Your help is greatly appreciated and would go unnoticed by a lot, so again thank you for all your help.

Thanks, Aaron Green

Coach - Aaron Green
Assistant Coach -
Glen Hardy
Scorer - Stewart Cassell

MVP - Kevin Desmedt
Batting Award - Jayde Thorne
110% Coaches Award -
Jason McDonald

Home Runs
Kevin Desmedt x 3
Jayde Thorne x 3
Justin Gourlay x 3
Bill Millar x 2



Senior Seconds

2nd on the Ladder - 13 Wins, 6 Losses

We had another strong year in the 2's this year finishing second on the ladder and being competitive in all our games including the grand final, unfortunately we fell over at the last hurdle. We had two regular junior starters in the line-up in Xavier Woolley and Tyler Gwin both had exceptional years and their development is one of the things I am extremely proud of this season. It was great to see some old players back in the Wolves colours as well as welcoming some new players to the club. I would like to extend a big thank you to all the players who contributed to the seconds this season and I hope to see you all back next year to go one step further.

I would like to thank both Dennis and Daniel for all your efforts and help throughout the season. You both already contribute so much to the club and for you to put your hand up to help with the Seconds as well was much appreciated.

Thanks to Jennie Moloney one of the most qualified scorers in the world who just so happens to be the scorer for the Williamstown Baseball Club Seconds team, you make my life a lot easier than I make yours that's for sure!

Lastly, to the rest of the coaching group thank you for your help throughout the season, the selection meetings every week were difficult and it was nice to be constantly challenged on every decision made; a great indication of the clubs talent and depth, the senior group we have at the Club is stronger than I ever recall and I am genuinely excited for the future.

Thanks, Chris Jackson



Coach - Chris Jackson
Assistant Coaches - Dennis
Nealback and Daniel Chircop
Scorer - Jennie Moloney

MVP - Xavier Wooley
Batting Award - Sam Thompson
Home Run - Sam Thompson

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Senior Thirds

3rd on the Ladder - 13 Wins, 6 Losses

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The future is bright at the Woldome! This season we had 27 players suit up for the 3's, half of which played 8 or more games 9, of those 27 were under 20 years old and 4 were under 16!

It would be pretty easy to say from the numbers above that the 3rds had a good year on the field with a young core that will only improve. What the numbers don't necessarily say is just how close we were to being the best in the league while also being the youngest in the league. A couple of tight losses in the first series of the season against Doncaster was the difference between 3rd and 1st place.

I'll make continued references to the youth in the team because it cannot be undersold how vital they were to the success of the team, and how vital they will be to the future of the club. Often playing 2 games a day, they brought an energy and a thirst for knowledge every game that was contagious. For the first time in a long time, an abundance of available players sometimes led to limited playing time for the kids, but they all handled it with a maturity beyond their years and never dropped their head. If there is anything I could hope to teach a young ballplayer it's how to be a good teammate, and what I'm most proud of this season is the way Liam Simpson, Ashton Coote, Jett Popinski and Jacob Bergin grew as teammates. These kids will take the club far.

The support the 3rds received by all levels of the club was as good as I have experienced in my time as 3rds manager from the top down. It was fantastic to often have our President Michelle Sadler as a regular spectator, Aiden was a rock behind the plate and an important influence on the bench, and Andrew was never far away, always willing to coach a base or be an adult in the room (kids will still be kids after all), so thank you to the entire Sadler family. The entire coaching staff of the club can be credited with the growth of this team throughout the season - Greeny ran a club practice that was inclusive of all players, Dennis and Mike were always there running extra work specific to the juniors, and I'd like to make special mention of Jayde Thorne who we all know talks the talk, but the kids see he walks the walk and his passion for the game is evident for all to see. I'd also like to thank the 4ths squad for always being around to umpire, run the canteen or just be extra bodies off the bench for big games or whenever we needed a hand, Sarah Bergin for scoring and Caine Bergin for practically being an assistant coach.

Our coaching selection committee meetings were as difficult as they've ever been, but in the best possible way. Historically the difficulty has always been where to find the numbers each week, but this season it was where can we find everybody playing time. It's a testament to the hard work of the Committee, the dedication of the playing group and the engagement of the juniors that in years to come we may find ourselves in the position where we have to find a field for a 5th team to play. As active as the juniors were in senior baseball this past season, if juniors integrating into senior practice is anything to go by, we have plenty more coming, and I can only hope the current pandemic doesn't slow the momentum we're building as a Club.

Thanks, Craig Evans

Coach - Craig Evans
Scorer - Sarah Bergin

MVP - Toby Yamamoto
Batting Award - Say Singh
Home Runs - Toby Yamamoto, Aiden Sadler



Senior Fourths

1st on the Ladder – 14 Wins, 2 Losses, 1 Draw

A great season put in by the 4ths culminating in our 4th grand final appearance in as many years unfortunately being beaten by a better team on the day.

We had solid numbers every week, a nice change to some other years where sometimes we would be calling players on short notice to “fill in”, extra numbers also meant playing people in a variety of positions which is a luxury normally not seen in 4ths baseball, especially having multiple pitching and catching options. We also welcomed a few new players and this is a credit to the club and the environment created.

Some of the highlights for the year were Kenji’s walk off homerun and Troy Brown’s pitching where he ended up with walking/hitting more batters than the batters got hits off him, way to command the mound Brown.

A big thank you to Moira for again scoring the season.

We hope to see you all back again next year.

Thanks,

Murray Hardy and Michael Gwin

Coaches -
Murray Hardy and Mike Gwin
Scorer - Moira Hardy

MVP - Murray Hardy
Batting Award - Murray Hardy and Ben Turton
Home Runs - Kenji Chen, Mitch Clement



Senior Masters

8th on the Ladder – 2 Wins, 11 Losses, 1 Draw

A great season, perhaps ignoring the ladder and our results, we just had fun and played some good baseball this year. On a good day we were on fire and on a bad day, we still played okay and were still competitive in all our games.

Masters is about getting together and having fun, however, if you look at the teams in the Masters particularly, Sunshine, the two Essendon Teams and Newport, I believe their Masters teams would give some of the teams in higher senior division a good workout, so while it's fun we have some very good and competitive teams in our comp.

Thank you to everyone for the efforts over the season, great to see so many 2, 3 and 4th players from the Club come and play regularly with us. It made a big difference to the year and also brought us in Masters closer to the club and what is going on. Great to have good numbers this year, a great support crew every week to cheer us on, and have beer after the game. Thanks Tready, Al and Twisty for the support and also thank you to Jennie for your amazing scoring (at least we have one accolade in Masters, with the best of the best in scorers supporting us), let's hope for more green than red next year.

Special congratulations also to Muzza on 500 games and Snork's 400 games for celebrating these milestones with us in Masters and also a special thank you to Renut for coming and playing the year with us. Well done Muzza on the batting award and Gus a very close second and also to Muzza on the MVP.

Our goal next season (probably a rehash of our goal over the past years) is to play finals, and let's get underway hopefully COVID 19 dependent in October for the 2020/21 Masters season.

Please check out the short video on the clubs Facebook page (link below) and we'll see you down there.

Regards, Paul Detering

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Coach – Paul Detering
Scorer – Jennie Moloney

MVP – Murray Hardy
Batting Award – Murray Hardy



JUNIORS



Junior's Report



The Summer 2019/2020 season saw Williamstown field six junior teams! This is a fantastic achievement and much can be attributed to the success of our Winter program in 2019. There were 55 kids playing baseball this Summer (an increase of 66% from last summer); 26 kids new to Summer baseball (8 kids who started in the previous Winter season). Unfortunately due to COVID 19, the 2020 Winter Junior Season was abandoned however the juniors were able to commence a weekly Saturday training session which has attracted about 35 junior players, 2 of whom are new - this was subsequently suspended due to COVID restrictions being reimposed.

Two of the six teams competed in Summer season finals with the Friday Little League Minor team losing a Grand Final by the smallest of margins! The Little League Major team continues to build their squad and were knocked out at the Semi-Final stage.

Recruitment and retention remains the focus of the Junior Committee with a big push towards our next Summer Come and Try days (dates to be confirmed) and an emphasis on building T-ball and Rookie ball teams. We are keen to identify and develop new coaches within our parent group, as well as find ways to tap into our experienced senior playing group to continue the development of our junior cohort. We hope to again field six teams this coming Summer season plus the T-Ball program which would provide the Club with an opportunity for the Seniors to be elevated to Division 1.

Congratulations to Tyler Gwin, recipient of the Ned Baker Junior Clubperson Award (pictured here being presented the award by Ned Baker's grandson), for his commitment and contribution in assisting coaching the Little League Minors on Wednesdays and Fridays. I think he was involved in baseball almost every day of the week between his juniors, seniors and State trainings and games!

On behalf of the Club and the kids, thank you to all the Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Scorers and parents, particularly those who assisted with canteen and transport duties!

Thank you to the Junior Committee members who work hard in the background to pull everything together. Thanks to Jo Tyers for assisting with many little bits and pieces over the year. We are always looking for assistance so please let us know if you are interested in any role within the junior program...it could be as a Coach, Team Manager, Scorer or a member of the Junior Committee.

Junior Committee - Ray Baker, Sarah Le Fevre and Kim Hoy





Junior Representative Players

We congratulate the following junior Wolves players who made representative teams:



Victorian U16 State Team - Tyler Gwin

Victorian Youth Women's Team - Caitlin Hoy, Caroline Moustos



Twins Little League Development - James Dinham

Twins Little League All Star Team - Roman Coote, Jai Di Blasi, Walter Le Fevre

Twins Intermediate League Team - Rhys Hammond

Twins Senior League Team - Jacob Bergin, Tyler Gwin



U16 Kookaburras - Jacob Bergin and Ashton Coote

U14 Kookaburras - Oliver Bergin

Friday Little League Minors – Panthers

RUNNER UP



With 9 out of 10 kids new to baseball, this team did an outstanding job of going through the regular season undefeated. They lost the Grand Final to Sunshine who played very well in an extremely tight match. Thank you to Mike and Tyler for your coaching; the kids developed their baseball skills, love of the game and friendships. Thank you to all the parents who assisted throughout the season.

Coach - Mike and Tyler Gwin
TM - Sarah Le Fevre
Scorer - Sarah Le Fevre

MVP - Chris Woodney
Coaches Award - Luke Overington
Most Improved - James Dinham



Sunday Little League Majors

SEMI FINALS



The Little League Majors team was primarily made up of a group of kids who have played together for a few years now, some for over four seasons. Coach Caine Bergin has developed a culture of mutual support and encouragement amongst the team and it showed on the field week to week. Caine and his assistant Rob Di Blasi developed the playing group and led with integrity, teaching the players how to conduct themselves with class. This was a strong, competitive side made up of mates who are set up to enjoy baseball for years to come. The Majors team stayed in the top three on the ladder throughout the season and could have taken out the finals. It was neck to neck between Willy, Newport and Essendon. In the end, we were defeated in the semi's by Essendon. This is a team to watch.

Coach - Caine Bergin
Assistant Coach - Rob Di Blasi
TM - Sarah Le Fevre
Scorer - Micky Stojanovski

Joint MVP - Roman Coote
Joint MVP - Walter Le Fevre
Players Choice Award - Oliver Bergin



Sunday Intermediate League



The Twins League joined with the Eastern Athletics teams in this division which meant this newly formed team travelled to Malvern, Doncaster and Waverley occasionally for games! The team struggled to find consistency as many new players were learning the skills and game along the way whilst playing against some strong teams. Whilst they didn't record many wins, they had a great time and really enjoyed having Jayde as their coach. Thanks Jayde, Amanda, Natalie and all the parents for transporting the kids across town for games!



Coach - Jayde Thorne
TM and Assistant Coach - Amanda Hobbs
Scorer - Natalie Hammond

MVP - Rhys Hammond
Coaches Award - Edward Powick



Sunday Junior League



With a few relatively new players to baseball (having started in the previous Winter season), the team continued to develop their skills and were competitive throughout the season. They just drew or narrowly lost a few games which meant that they just missed out on playing finals. Thank you to Aiden for coaching and all the parents for helping where needed in the scorers box, canteen, transport and even at 1st base occasionally!



Coach - Aiden Sadler
Assistant Coach - Daryl Hoy
TM - Kim Hoy

MVP - Caitlin Hoy
Coaches Award - Rivi Zdraveski



U16 Metro West Team – combined with Port Melbourne



With insufficient numbers at each club, Williamstown combined with Port Melbourne to field the U16 Metro West team. Not being able to train together as a team meant there was a settling in period for the team. The team also faced the challenge of not always having enough players week to week as well as travel to Ballarat and Geelong for games. Despite this, the kids still enjoyed training and playing each week!

Coach - Kevin Desmedt
and parents

MVP - Caroline Moustos
Coaches Award -
Drew Giles-Manor



Caroline being presented with the MVP Trophy by Alan and Jennie Moloney (Life members)

U16 State League Team



With just 9 players and a 10th player added late in the season, the U16 State League team competed hard throughout the season in the top level competition for U16s. Juggling injuries and availabilities wasn't easy however they were able to be competitive most of the season winning a third of their games. The team will benefit tremendously from competing at that top level. Thanks to Dennis, Hiroshi and Mike for coaching and Sarah for scoring.

Coach - Dennis Neal
Assistant Coach - Hiroshi
Assistant Coach - Mike Gwin
Scorer - Sarah Bergin

MVP - Jacob Bergin
Coaches Award - Liam Simpson



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