



# **Williamstown Baseball Club**

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

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# COMMITTEE & OFFICE BEARERS

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*President*

Michelle Sadler

*Senior Vice President*

Chris Jackson

*Vice President*

(Non Voting)

Daniel Chircop & Ray Baker

*Secretary*

Stewart Cassell

*Treasurer*

Mark Chircop

*Club Coach*

Aaron Green

*Uniform & Merchandise  
(Grounds Manager)*

Mitch Clement

*Events Co-Ordinator*

Nick Gray

*Junior Co-Ordinator*

Sarah Le Fevre

*Junior Coach*

Craig Evans



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The summer season of 2021/2022 was again affected by social lockdowns due to the COVID19 pandemic. If anything, the season warranted a longer preseason than in previous years to reactivate our sport and recruit juniors and women, the later for what we hoped was a new women's program. Instead, social lockdowns meant that preseason was delayed and reduced to just two weeks. The decision to reduce preseason was to avoid cutting games from the fixture, as confidence abounded that the lockdown leading into the season would be the last, attributed to the achievement of widespread vaccinations. To comply with insurance stipulations with regards to avoiding injury of players due to the reduction of preseason training, all senior games prior to Christmas were limited to just seven innings but returned to normal in the New Year.

We were unsuccessful in fielding an inaugural women's team (in recent history), failing to register enough players to warrant a team, despite initial interest being at level that suggested otherwise. The lack of a meaningful preseason and inability to host a come and try day are factors in this outcome. Those that were interested were not prepared to play in a combined team, preferring to play for Williamstown only, mainly due to past connections with the club. The committee is motivated to try again and succeed in this endeavour for next summer.

Another significant aspect to this summer was the complicated dispute between the Baseball Umpire Association of Victoria and Baseball Victoria, which meant the absence or severe shortages in paid umpires for senior games. Many thanks to Justin Charles and Daniel Chircop for their willingness to umpire senior games on a volunteer basis. Fortunately, the dispute between the governing bodies, which revolved around insurance, was resolved by seasons end, so we can look forward to next season, relatively free of not only COVID19 complications but also from the lack of umpires.

Once the season was underway Kim Hoy resigned from her position of Junior Coordinator, as planned, and handed the reigns over to Sarah Le Fevre, along with establishing a Junior Sub Committee, with a smooth transition. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kim for her exceptional sports administration support. We live in hope that Kim and her daughter Caitlin return to the Wolves at some point in the future. Significant contributors to the subcommittee, along with Sarah Le Fevre, are Jo Tyers, who has mad graphic design and procurement skills, Michelle Coote, who has a strong interest in coaching, and Sarah Bergin, who is a past Junior Coordinator and is involved in the Twins Charter.

Our supply of uniforms contract with Viva Global expired during this year and we negotiated to buy the remaining stock at a discount of 60%. We have already recouped a significant part of our outlay. With the help of Mitch Clement, we introduced a uniform and merchandise store on the club's website, offering a couple a modest discount on targeted items. The next step will be assessing the need to replenish stock and finding new suppliers.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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While player numbers were down slightly, this year we hosted several events, once the season was underway, with very good attendance. These included a Bunnings fundraiser BBQ, a Movie Fundraiser night at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville, and A Horse Racing Carnival Fundraiser at the club. Purely social events social events included a virtual golf night at Epic Arena and an International Beer (and pizza) Day. A highlight of our social events calendar, as always was our Life Members Day. This year attendance levels were unprecedented, with vintage uniform paying homage to our team of the century a huge drawcard. Past players and Life Members alike appreciated the effort our seniors went to in facilitating this initiative. Special thanks to Aaron Green, Club Coach, for his part in managing this successful contribution to a great club day.

This year we have had walls installed in our Hitting Tunnel, improving the protection from bad weather for its users. We have also purchased a new upright timber and glass display cupboard to house and display the club's perpetual trophies.

The committee has recently ratified a Strategic Plan, the development of which was facilitated by a collaboration with Leisure Networks, and supported by Moore Australia, an initiative of the Hobson's Bay City Council (HBCC). The Strategic Plan document is attached as an appendix to this annual report. It will serve as a guide for enhanced operations the incoming committee can follow to solidify and demonstrate the strength of our club's administration, imbuing confidence in the club by HBCC and other external partners.

While Wolfpack membership was down this year, we welcomed Luke Lawry of LL Installations as a major sponsor. Luke returned as a player in the Masters also and we thank him for his generous support. Part way through the season, Epic Arena, an indoor entertainment venue offering virtual golf amongst other amusements also sponsored our club, offering an indefinite supply of \$45 junior vouchers to hand out as encouragement awards each week to a player in each junior team. This is a wonderful initiative, and I would like to thank Nick Gray our Social Manager for his integral role in this outcome. Second Avenue Grocer continues to be a major support supplying all the club's bread roll requirements free of charge, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them profusely for their long-term support they have shown our club.

Lastly, I would like to thank the committee, our volunteers, our players, and families, for their adaptability and resilience in these extraordinary times. Even amongst our small community the difference of opinions on matters outside our control regarding the pandemic and the umpires dispute are varied, and yet our members have demonstrated extreme respect and consideration to each other in all instances. I am very proud of the culture at WWBC, and the recent challenges have only strengthened our club.

*Michelle Sadler*

PRESIDENT



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

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During the year Kim Hoy decided to step down as Junior Coordinator but not before setting up a Junior Sub-Committee to help run the juniors. I would like to thank Sarah Le Fevre for taking over the duties of Junior Coordinator and Mitch Clement coming on board as Ground Manager.

The committee again decided to re-appoint Aaron Green as club coach. Although the start of the season was impacted by Covid again this year it wasn't as late as season it started in mid-November with the 1sts playing 21 games while the other teams played 14. Unfortunately, with injuries to our main starting pitchers early in the season and with midweek games every week after the Christmas break which took its toll on the pitching staff the 1sts & 2nds failed to make the finals again this year. But on the plus side both the 3rds & 4ths made the play-offs but were unsuccessful in winning the premiership. It was great to see so many juniors playing in the seniors.

We held the AGM via Zoom in May which was attended well & the committee continued to meet each month by Zoom.

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.

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.

This year we were able to have the Bunnings BBQ again with strict rules and guidelines in place we had a successful day. So, I would like to thank everyone who participated on the day especially a couple of junior parents who stepped in last minute to cover people who were unable to do their shifts due to Covid protocols.

I would like to congratulate all the trophy winners this year.

I would also like to thank Justin Charles who stepped and umpired 1sts games when we weren't supplied with official umpires. It made my job a lot easier knowing I could call on JC. While you have indicated that you have played your last game I sincerely hope we will still see you around the club whether it be to watch a game or in some sort of supporting role.

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

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The 2021/2022 was another challenging season with the start of the season delayed two months due again to COVID restrictions. This resulted in there being only 18 Senior games and 14 games for the 2s/3s/4s. Reduced games obviously impact our ability to raise revenue, and, to counter that, the committee reduced our expenditure accordingly.

Despite these challenges I can announce that we returned an operating profit of \$8,554.37 including Donations. The financial performance excluding Donations was a Loss of \$-818.93. While this is not ideal, we were still very close to being self-sufficient excluding donations which is the aim of the club (from a Financial perspective).

Overall income for the club went up from \$56,363 to \$58,964 while expenses were held even this year (\$50,410) compared to 2020 (\$50,515).

Combined Sponsorship (including the Wolf Pack Club) was down significantly from last year's record levels (\$14,000) to just (\$6,722). With our Major Sponsor, BMS Steel, not renewing for next year, the Club will need to concentrate significant effort in this area in the coming season. The Club continued to invest significant funds in our facilities with the addition to the Hitting Tunnel of Cladding around the walls at a cost of \$7,683. The Canteen continued to be our single biggest source of funds (outside of Player Fees) raising over \$7,000, while the highlight of our fundraising events this year was certainly the Willy Cup which was hugely successful as both a Social Function and in raising revenue for the Club.

Forecasts for the coming season have an expectation of increased coaching and import costs which will also present a challenge. Having said that, the Club is in a very strong position to be able to meet these costs while exploring new revenue streams.

This will be my last Financial Report as I step down as Treasurer and from the committee for the coming season. It's been a pleasure and an honour to work with this and preceding committees over the last 4 years. I thank them for their support and input to financial decisions made over that time. I am very comfortable in handing over to the incoming Treasurer as the Club is in the strongest position financially that it has ever been in.

*Mark Chircop*  
TREASURER



# WOLFPACK MEMBERS

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Stewart Cassell  
Mark Chircop  
Ray Baker  
John Humphries  
Ernie Poole  
Laurie Treadwell  
Jennie Moloney  
Alan Moloney  
Glen Hardy  
Les Flower

*Wolf Pack membership costs \$250 annually and entitles the member to a free drink of their choice at home games, a small gift from our merchandise store, and a ticket to the Senior Presentation.*

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Financial contributors to Vintage Uniforms

Daniel Chircop  
Sean Talbot  
Aaron Green  
Jason Macdonald  
Dianne DiBlasi  
Chris Jackson  
Mitchell Travis  
Dennis Neale  
Aiden Sadler  
Justin Charles

Total contributed was \$1,520.





# 2022 MILESTONES

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## 100 GAMES

Ed Popinski

## 200 GAMES

Mitch Clement

## 250 GAMES

Justin Charles  
Jason McDonald  
Luke Chircop

## 300 GAMES

Chris Jackson

## 400 GAMES

Daniel Chircop



## 450 GAMES

Craig Evans  
Aaron Green



# LEADER BOARD

## *Games Played*

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Laurie Treadwell - 850

Les Flower - 760

Glen Hardy - 581

Ernest Poole - 576

Neil Pedretti - 557

Murray Hardy - 531

Maxwell Wainstein - 488

Alan Moloney - 479

John Humphries - 465

Ryan Camov - 461

Aaron Green - 437

Craig Evans - 434

Michael Hurstfield - 400

Daniel Chircop - 400



# CLUB COACH

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Firstly I would like to thank all of the committee for their tireless work in working towards bettering our club and keeping it running smoothly behind the scenes.

To the OFC for their work on the grounds, facilities and doing everything in the collective power to give us the best ground to play on. They are always looking for ways to improve and upgrade things around the club to make it the best place to train for the seniors and juniors coming through the club.

Big thanks to all the junior coaches and all that helped out through the season. It's fantastic to see the level of coaching the juniors are receiving from senior players to better them and get them ready to play seniors when their time comes.

Again a big thank you to all the senior coaches and assistant coaches. Mike, Snorks and Smacky and assistant coaches Muzz, Talbot and Daniel appreciate your support throughout the season. Team selections were not easy all season and all your input and suggestions were greatly appreciated.

Hiroshi, Daniel and Dennis for all your work this season with the infielders and pitchers was unbelievable and a huge help. You all made trainings run smoothly and helped better the players of all ages both seniors and juniors.

The firsts this season showed glimpses of being a Division 1 team but with injuries to the pitching staff and key players unavailable throughout the season we struggled to get the momentum required towards the end of the season to make finals. I feel like to take the next step and get back into finals and Division 1 the playing group in the firsts need to be doing the extra work required to be a Division 1 club and make more of an effort to make trainings to train as a team. I have made the decision to step aside from the club coaching position and hopefully a new voice will re-energise the playing group in wanting to play Division 1.

Thanks to Sean, Justin for coaching third base and Mitch, Nick and the second players for coaching first base you all made my job that much easier throughout the year.

To all the players that I have coached over my time I would like to thank you all for making it the most enjoyable experience and looking forward to doing it all over again next season.

Lastly, Disco for all your work you do around the club from scoring to cooking the BBQ and everything in between your amazing and a true legend of the club and I think I speak for everyone in saying thank you.

*Aaron Green*

CLUB COACH



# JUNIORS REPORT

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Williamstown fielded four junior teams in the Summer 2021/2022 season.

There were 42 kids playing baseball this Summer across 4 teams. We consider this a very good result during a Pandemic where the start date was unknown, then delayed and individual isolations interrupted the season. The Wolves were again competitive, supported by rigorous training sessions jointly run by all the coaches.

We were fortunate to have Seniors step forward to coach junior teams; thank you to Hiroshi Narasaki & Dennis Neal for coaching Twins Junior League, Mick Hurstfield & Craig Evans who coached the U16s. Caine Bergin continued his commitment to coaching the u18s State team and we had Eulise Silvera and Andrew Fisher step forward for a second year to coach the Little League Minors.

Thank you to our Team Managers and Scorers!! Having a Team Manager for each team who was able to coordinate things directly with their respective parent groups was fantastic. Being a Team Manager or Scorer for a junior team is not too difficult but does contribute significantly to the smooth running of the teams and club.

Congratulations to Jett Popinski, recipient of the Ned Baker Junior Clubperson Award. Jett was a popular choice after showing immense growth in his maturity both on and off the field in the last two years and his willingness to step in and assist others whenever he sees a need. Congratulations Jett!

The Winter season has been able to get underway with Williamstown fielding one U15 team with 14 kids in total with Andrew Sadler and Michelle Coote coaching the team.

The Junior Committee has been a real team effort over the past 12mths with Sarah Le Fevre, Michelle Coote, Sarah Bergin and Jo Tyers working together to get job done.

**BEST JUNIOR CLUBPERSON**  
G. E. (Ned) Baker Memorial Trophy

*Jett Popinski*

pictured here with  
Michelle Sadler & Ray Baker



*Sarah Le Fevre*  
JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR





# FRIDAY LITTLE LEAGUE MINORS

With 13 kids playing baseball, this was a new team again Coached by Eulise and Andrew. The team is a very young group playing in a competition where a number of the other clubs have top age kids playing. They were very competitive when playing kids their own age and were able to develop their skills and game knowledge throughout the season. Thank you Eulise and Andrew for stepping up to coach the kids this year!



## Coaches

Eulise Silvera &  
Andrew Fisher  
(Assistant Coach)

## Scorer

Renae Liddell

**MVP AWARD**  
OLIVER CHRIMES

**COACHES AWARD**  
HENRY LIDDELL



# JUNIOR LEAGUE

Junior League Wolves competed in a strong Twins Charter league. This was a team who took a few games to warm up and then hit a winning streak half way through the season and won 6 games in a row getting through to the Grand Final. We played Research at Research. They had to fight hard for the victory against the Wolves.

Coaches Hiroshi, Dennis and Rob really developed all the players on this team and the improvement over the season puts us in good shape for Summer 22-23. More importantly, the kids learned a lot and had fun.



## Coaches

Hiroshi Narasaki

Dennis Neal & Rob Di Blasi

## Team Manager

Rachel Woodney

## Scorer

Micky Stojanovski

**MVP AWARD**  
ROMAN COOTE

**COACHES AWARD**  
OLIVER BERGIN



# U16s METRO WEST

This is the first time that I have been involved as a volunteer with the club since a retired from the game 6 years ago, after 20 years playing ball for this great club.

It was a pleasure to coach all the the boys and girls in this side and it appeared that they gelled really well as not just players, but as a close knit group of friends as the season went on.

For a team that had a mixed range of experience, from first year players to players that had been playing for a number of years. I seen an improvement in all the players throughout the season and with that improvement, the team made the finals and were defeated in the first final by the eventual undefeated premiers, Preston.

I would like to thank a number of people assisting me with training the team due to my limited capacity after shoulder surgery in November. Craig "Snorks" Evans for assisting me with training sessions during the week on a regular basis. Hiroshi and Dennis for for assisting at the start of the season with their well thought out training drills and club coach, Greeny for his assistance during the year. Without all of your assistance throughout the year, the team would not be where they were by the end of the season.

Thanks you to Les Flower and the Old Farts for their continuous work on the ground and having it in the best condition I have seen week in week out, amazing work.

I would like to thanks all the senior players that umpired throughout the season, without your efforts, the team does not play.

Thanks to Ian Jamieson for being the assistant coach throughout the year and it was great to have his son, Rhys come over from Port Melbourne to play and will hopefully see him around the club for the rest of his baseball.

Jo Tyers has been an amazing team manager this year and we would be lost without her regular correspondence and organisation throughout the year, I thank you for what you done not just for the team, but for the Williamstown Baseball Club.

Thanks to all the parents of these great kids for your support and also to my wife, Jenni for being the scorer during the season. Jenni has been around baseball for over 30 years and didn't know how to score until this year, so well done.

Congratulations to all the players on a great year and hope to see you all around the club for many years to come.

Go WOLVES

*Mick Hurstfield*



### Coaches

Mick Hurstfield &  
Craig Evans  
Ian Jamieson

### Team Manager

Jo Tyers

### Scorer

Jenni Hurstfield

### MVP AWARD

ZACK HURSTFIELD

### COACHES AWARD

ATHENA KOULIS





# U18s STATE TEAM

The 18 state team worked hard on the field all season. A second year of a combined team with Newport, the cohesiveness of the team began to really show although not always in the results of the game. These kids have for the most part played together or against each other since under 12's. Most notably Jett Popinski, Liam Simpson and Jacob Bergin with Ashton coote moving up from 16's this season. Coaches by Caine Bergin and Craig Gorman they boys played both juniors and seniors with success.

Liam awarded the coaches award for his consistency on field, Jett developing and awarded the 3rds senior MVP and Jacob awarded MVP for 18's and a joint 2nds MVP for the summer season.

Special thanks to Newport and Marissa Gorman for managing the team, Andrew for Scoring and Caine and Craig for their continued coaching efforts - a bright future for our seniors as these juniors move onto a senior only pathway



## Coaches

Caine Bergin

## Team Manager

Sarah Bergin

## MVP AWARD

JACOB BERGIN

## BATTING AWARD

LIAM SIMPSON



# JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

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

Twins Intermediate Team – Oliver Bergin & Roman Coote

Twins Junior League Team – Jai DiBlasi, James Dinham & Walter Le Fevre

Twins Senior League Team – Rui Ota

Twins Intermediate League team finished 1st in the Victorian State Championships and will go onto complete in the National Championships.

Best of Luck to all involved!



*Oliver Bergin & Roman Coote*



*Di DiBlasi (EO), Jai Di Blasi, Walter Le Fevre,  
Cooper Carrison (Coach) & James Dinham*



# GROUNDS & FACILITIES REPORT

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The VSBL Summer season commenced on the 14th November a little later than normal. However, we were able to continue without hindrances from Covid this year. The diamond had plenty of use during the summer and held up well with more than 50 Junior and senior games on the main field together with numerous training sessions.

The batting tunnel had plenty of use which is great and I am sure all players appreciate the facilities that we have at Williamstown compared with some we see on the road.

During February we final achieved our goal of having "Privacy Screen" mesh installed covering the tunnel. This makes the tunnel almost wind proof and keeps the weather from interrupting indoor training all year around. The project is now totally complete and it look outstanding.

The "Old Farts "were again active during the year with regular working bees to repair the back nets on both fields, top up bases, paint the seating in the dugouts, poisoning of the warning track and general repairs required from time to time.

The new sprinkler system really assisted the field maintenance and the diamond maintained its rich grass cover in the hottest of weather in December and January.



*Les Flower*



# EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

With the commencement of season 2021/2022 we saw lockdowns ease and events returning, after around eighteen months of strict lockdowns. We had a full calendar of events that went ahead, and had good attendance.

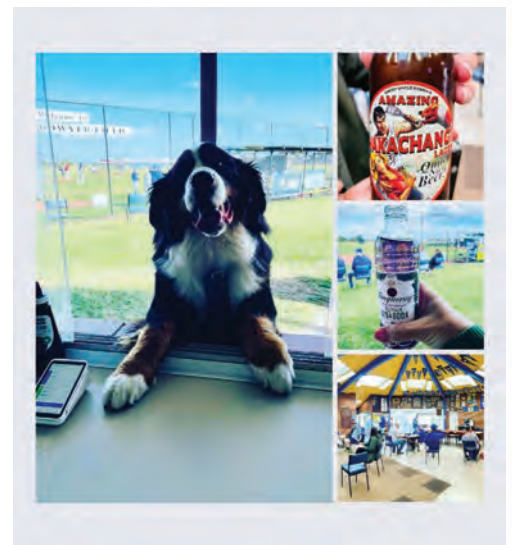
On November 26th we had a Movie Fundraiser at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville. The film on show was the new James Bond movie No Time To Die. A large contingent of the door prizes were donated by the Carrison family.

On December 19th we had an International Beer Day Fundraiser, where participants put a six pack behind the bar, and bought drinks as per normal. The day was finished off with a \$10 pizza dinner.

On the January 8th we had another successful Bunnings BBQ at Altona.

On February 1st we had a social night at Epic Arena, which culminated in a new sponsorship deal, and on March 4th John Humphries hosted the WBC Horse racing Fundraiser, which was the biggest yet. It takes a team to organise each event and WBC wants to thank everyone involved, in making the club, a great place to play, on and off the field.

*Nick Gray*



# UNIFORM & MERCHANDISE

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Due to operational changes at VIVA, the club was required to purchase all the remaining uniform stock in bulk at the beginning of the season. Majority of my efforts have gone into selling the VIVA stock to recoup costs for the club. This season the uniforms were sold online through the website for the first time. This was a great convenience to the club members for easy payments and access to inventory at any given time. An absolute life saver for me to help with stocktaking and keeping track of payments.

We will be seeking to build relationships with new suppliers for our uniforms and supporter wear. I'm looking forward to bringing back some retro designs such as the "Big Blue Wrecking Crew" and more off-field merchandise options.

A special thanks goes out to Kim Hoy for doing all the hard work at the start of the season, organizing all the sizing into tubs, setting up sample size kits and doing the initial inventory stock take.

Go Wolves,



*Mitch Clement*



# LIFE MEMBERS

1946	William (Bill) Gravell
1946	Albert (Bert) Colvin
1948	Samuel Martin (Marty) Bowyer
1951	Colin Milne
1953	James (Sam) Thompson
1954	Keith (Tiger) Eddy
1956	Alan Woods
1957	William (Bill) Humphries
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
2000	Alan Moloney
2003	Jennie Moloney
2003	William (Bill) Hardy
2008	Alan Kinnaird
2013	Stewart Cassell
2013	Glen Hardy
2019	Moira Hardy
2019	Murray Hardy
2020	Roger Twist
2021	Mark Chircop



Congratulations to Mark Chircop on his Life Membership, awarded at the AGM 2021. Here is Mark on the right accepting his pin from Alan Moloney Life Member. Mark has just completed his 4th term as Treasurer and has been volunteering at the club since his sons Daniel (VP & 1's player) and Luke were juniors. Mark's commitment to WBC is much appreciated and we were all pleased we could acknowledge him in this way.



# LIFE MEMBERS DAY

Life Members Day 2022 was a great success. The sun was shining and attendance by past players and Life Members was better than it has ever been. It was a special and emotional reunion for many. It was a chance for old friends to reconnect who hadn't seen each other since well before COVID-19 changed all our lives back in March 2020. And while the club hasn't performed as well on the field this season as we would have liked, impacted no doubt by a shortened preseason and injury, on Sunday all four senior teams had a win.

The senior playing group, headed up by club coach Aaron Green, organised and financed vintage-coloured jerseys featuring the names of the Team of the Century players on the back. This team was compiled by Life Member Les Flower for our centenary in 2008. The 1's and 2's played in these jerseys, and it was this initiative that drew the crowds to Greenwich Reserve on Sunday and set the tone for a wonderful day.

Between the games, as Club President, I welcomed everyone to our event and spoke about the importance of our club's history and then handed it over to Nick Gray a senior's player and our Club Social Manager. Nick did a wonderful job introducing the Team of the Century Players who were present on the day. These men and women were invited to come stand on the field where they were met by a current player wearing their jersey. We then had a ceremonial first pitch by Warren Smith who was standing in for his son Luke Lawry a Masters Player now and the owner of LL Installations, a club sponsor, along with Neil Pedretti a member of Team of the Century.

"It was wonderful to see so many supporters and Team of the Century members at the ground on Sunday. Great friends and memories. And good wins by the teams. A fantastic day all around."  
*Jennie Moloney - Scorer and Life Member*

Justin Charles is one of the few Team of the Century members, who up until Sunday, was still active. (Glen Hardy has been on the unavailable list most of the season due to injury and Jennie Moloney is still scoring even being invited to the last Olympics). Charles announced quietly to his team mates right before his game, that Sunday was his last. Charles has done it all, including a successful career in the U.S. playing baseball and here in the ABL and in the AFL. Charles now 50, says that, with the exception of a Division 1 championship for Williamstown, he feels he's done it all.

"I've just loved being back at the Wolves, now it's time to give back to my family, my daughters, and to the team off the field."  
*Justin Charles - Team of the Century*



Mark Chircop, Warren Smith,  
Michelle Sadler & Alan Moloney



# LIFE MEMBERS DAY

## *Team of the Century*



## *Life Members*





# SENIOR PRESENTATION

The 2021/2022 Senior Presentation was held at the Victoria Hotel in Yarraville on Saturday, 30th April. A highlight of this years presentation was when President Michelle Sadler, announced that the club was retiring jersey number 9, worn by Laurie Treadwell. Laurie's family (pictured) attended to witness Laurie's surprise. Laurie played a total of 850 games for Williamstown between 1970 and 2014. 329 games for the 1's, 126 games for the 2's, 104 games for the 3's, 90 games for the 4's, and 201 games for the Masters. In the lead up to Life Members Day in March of this year, Laurie donated two original jerseys to the club, which are now proudly displayed at the Greenwich Reserve rooms for prosperity.

This is only the second ever jersey retired by the club, with Les Flower's number 40 being the first to be retired in May 2019. Les played 760 games for Williamstown from 1962 to 2012. 212 games for the 1's, 214 games for the 2's, 205 games for the 3's, 8 games for the 4's, and 121 games for the Masters.



# SENIOR PRESENTATION

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Another highlight of the evening was when Justin Charles made an unscheduled presentation of a prized bat to his junior coaches Ray Baker, Marty, and Neil Pedretti. Charles said he was proud that he started and ended his playing career at Williamstown, having played his last senior game this summer, and wanted to honour his junior coaches from Williamstown who instilled in him a deep and lasting love for the game of baseball.

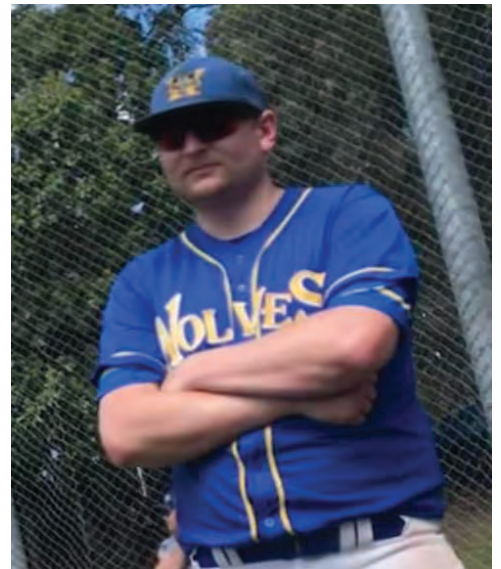
Club Coach Aaron Green awarded Mitch Clement the 110% award for his commitment to the club, on and off the field. Michelle Sadler awarded Aaron Green Club Person of the Year for 'bringing value to the club, for stepping up to the plate, and going over and beyond his promise to the club.'



Club Person of the Year  
Aaron Green



Justin Charles



110% Award  
Mitch Clements



# SENIOR FIRSTS



**Coach**

Aaron Green

**Assistant Coach**

Glen Hardy

**Scorer**

Stewart Cassell

**MVP AWARD**

AARON GREEN

**BATTING AWARD**

AARON GREEN  
(.446)



# SENIOR SECONDS

Another challenging year for 2nds this year unfortunately not making it to the finals. Whilst our best was good enough to challenge the top sides we lacked consistency across the course of the season. Again this year our depth as a club was challenged with a string of injuries in particular to the pitching group. Opportunities arose across the board as a result and it was very pleasing to see the progress of our junior players, Jacob Bergin, Liam Simpson, Ashton Coote and Jett Popinski. Aidan Sadler was great behind the dish for us all year and had a very strong season with the bat as well. Despite the challenges we remained in the hunt most of the year and were competitive in most outings. Unfortunately, it was not enough to secure a finals berth. Congratulations to the award winners for the season Justin Charles and Jacob Bergin splitting the MVP and JC also taking out the hitting award. A big thankyou to all the players for the year, in particular the senior guys who offered alot of support and guidance to the younger guys throughout the year. Lastly, I would again like to thank the entire coaching group many hours were spent each week selecting teams and discussing our options. I look forward to a strong uninterrupted pre-season and season this year.

Thanks,



#### **Coach**

Chris Jackson

#### **Assistant Coach**

Daniel Chircop

#### **Scorer**

Jennie Moloney

#### **MVP AWARD**

JUSTIN CHARLES  
& JACOB BERGIN

#### **BATTING AWARD**

JUSTIN CHARLES  
(.455)

#### **HOME RUNS**

MITCH CLEMENT  
AIDEN SADLER

*Chris Jackson & Daniel Chircop*



# SENIOR THIRDS

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Another successful season for the 3rds, fighting our way into the finals for the 3rd consecutive year but just falling short against our nemesis Newport in another hard-fought semi-final.

While we didn't achieve the ultimate success in bringing home a flag, the 3rds saw another batch of juniors graduate to become regular 2nds players and also saw the senior baseball debut of 4 more under 16 players, 3 of whom look to be contributors for years to come. The 2021/22 season also saw the return of Mick Hurstfield to the club to play alongside his son Zack, which is special in it's own right, but the experience Mick bought to the team even when he wasn't able to play was of great assistance.

A very special thanks and congratulations to Jett Popinski for being awarded both MVP of the 3rds and Best Junior Clubman for his contributions both on and off the field this season. Both awards thoroughly well deserved and illustrative of his growth as an athlete and a person. I'd also like to thank Ed Popinski for backing up after the 4ths to score for the 3rds again every week.

Looking forward to the next crop of juniors stepping up to play senior baseball next season! The fruits of the labor that has gone into the club's junior program is now having an impact at a senior level, and with continued investment and development, it'll be the players coming through our junior program that will lead us back to division 1.

## **Coach**

Craig Evans

## **Scorer**

Ed Popinski

## **MVP AWARD**

JETT POPINSKI

## **BATTING AWARD**

CRAIG EVANS (.462)

## **HOME RUNS**

TYLER GWIN

*Craig Evans*



# SENIOR FOURTHS

So another season down for the 4s, another finals appearance but yet a loss in the grandfinal which is disappointing.

Thanks to Les for having our ground ready and looking sensational every Sunday, the "Old Farts" for their tireless work. Moira for scoring, Mike, snorks and the other coaches for their work with training & selections.

We welcomed Matt into the 4s and a bug highlight was his 1st homerun.

We also had my boy Jasper as our bat boy / mascot nearly every week keeping us entertained and on our toes.

Congrats to Mike on the MVP and batting award.

See you all next season

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## Coaches

Murray Hardy &  
Mike Gwin

## Scorer

Moira Hardy

**MVP AWARD**  
MIKE GWIN

**BATTING AWARD**  
MIKE GWIN (.639)

**HOMERUNS**  
KENJI CHEN  
MATTHEW IRWIN  
TYLER GWIN  
JEFFREY LAWRENCE

*Murray Hardy*



# MASTERS

Overall we had a fun season with some great baseball games and a positive season. We had the best player numbers in a long time and everyone who turned up got to play. We didn't make the finals this year, and finished 5th on the ladder.

Thanks for Mike and Gus for their regular efforts on the mound throughout the season. Special thanks to Tready, Al and Twisty who showed up each week to help us out and cheer us one, thanks to Stewie for the meals and Jennie for the amazing scoring throughout the year.

We would love to see everyone back again in October this year for another season.



**Coaches**

Murray Hardy  
& Mike Gwin

**Scorer**

Moira Hardy

**MVP AWARD**  
MIKE GWIN

**BATTING AWARD**  
IAN JAMIESON (.643)

*Paul Detering*



# STAN CAMOV MEDAL

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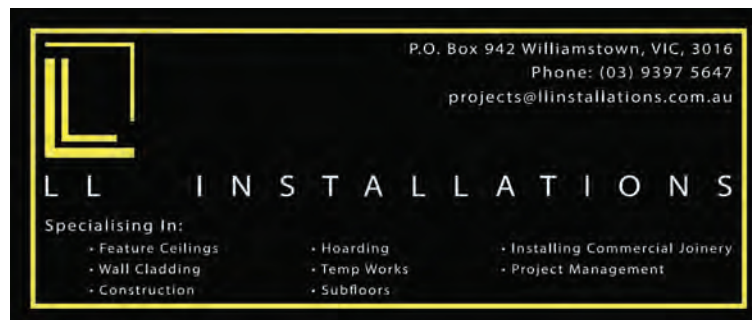
Congratulations Dennis Neal  
for being player of the Match v Port Melbourne  
and being awarded the Stan Camov Medal

5th December 2021.





# SPONSOR'S



# STRATEGIC PLAN

## Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club

**May 2022 – April 2023**  
*(including long-term sustainability actions)*



<b>Developed by:</b>	David Spark & Jesse Drever
<b>Date:</b>	26 August 2021

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## Club Background:

The Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club was established in 1908 and is located at Greenwich Reserve, The Strand, Newport. Our club is proud of its long history, and nurtures not only its players, but also its volunteers. Acknowledging the contribution of our volunteers, Life Members, and Sponsors is always one of our priorities. The WWBC is proud of it's great culture.

## Mission:

To be a successful, sustainable and dynamic club where people want to *come and play*.

## Values:

- Inclusive community.
- Integrity and respect.
- Skill development .
- History.
- Volunteer engagement.

## Planning Group Participants:

Name	Role
Michelle Sadler	President
Stewart Cassell	Secretary
Mark Chircop	Treasurer
Sarah Le Fevre	Junior Coordinator

Infrastructure:

<p><b>Total Number of Members</b></p>	<p><u>Adult Male Members</u> – 90  <u>Adult Female Members</u> – 5  <u>Junior Boys Members</u> – 64  <u>Junior Girls Members</u> - 8</p>
<p><b>Number of Committee Members</b></p>	<p>Nine (9)</p> <p>Michelle Sadler – President  Chris Jackson – Senior Vice President  Stewart Cassell – Secretary  Mark Chircop – Treasurer  Sarah Le Fevre – Junior Coordinator  Nick Gray – Social Manager  Mitch Clement – Grounds Manager  Daniel Daniel Chircop – Vice President (non-voting)  Ray Baker – Vice President (non-voting)  Craig Evans – Vice President (non-voting)</p>
<p><b>Number of Teams</b></p>	<p><b><u>Junior:</u></b> 7  <b><u>Senior:</u></b> 4  <b><u>Womens:</u></b> (proposed)  <b><u>Masters:</u></b> 1</p>
<p><b>Number of Games per week</b></p>	<p>11 games + womens</p>
<p><b>Club Website? Host, Traffic Estimates?</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.williamstownbaseball.com.au">www.williamstownbaseball.com.au</a>  <b>Host: Havealook</b></p>
<p><b>Affiliated with State Body?</b></p>	<p>Baseball Victoria</p>
<p><b>Club Newsletter</b></p>	<p><b>Presidents Communique - on an ad hoc basis</b></p>
<p><b>Social Media Details</b></p>	<p>Facebook, Instagram  Team App (Juniors)</p>

## Moore Australia Summary of Financial Review:

- Document and minute the committee's assessment as to whether the club qualifies for the income tax exemption provided by section 50-45 Item 9.1(c) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997;
- Ensure all bank transactions over a certain minimum threshold (i.e. \$100) require authorization from at least two committee members;
- Prepare a 'one-page' summary for each committee role which outlines the key responsibilities of the role, where useful resources can be found, the commitment required and other aspects critical to the role;
- Pursue the establishment of a junior sub-committee to ease the workload on the current committee, and provide a potential succession pathway for committee members to move from the sub-committee onto the executive board;
- Consider implementing an expense reimbursement policy, which requires at least two committee members to sign off on the reimbursement prior to any funds being paid;
- Consider introducing an 'occupation' field onto both junior and senior registration forms to assist with the identification of individuals with specialized knowledge which may assist the committee or be a benefit to the club as a committee member (i.e. accountant, lawyer etc.);
- Ensure all coaches, players and umpires that are paid directly by the club have completed and signed a 'statement by a supplier' <https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Content/MEI/downloadsStatement%20by%20a%20supplier.pdf>;
- Consider approaching members and their family for sub-committee roles to assist the club without bearing the risk of personal liability (i.e. a legal professional); and
- Ensure all signatories for bank accounts are current – minimum of 3 committee members listed on bank authority.

# 12-MONTH FOCUS AREAS

## 1. Player Recruitment & Retention

To establish a women's program to provide a pathway for new and existing junior girls, and encourage women's participation in sport.

To use the required amount of teams in order to be eligible for promotion if our success on the field warrants it, as a benchmark for the minimum amount of teams.

## 2. Facility Improvements

To replace our clubrooms as they do not meet the needs and requirements of our club. Recognise existing and future 'hub' opportunities that

## 3. Canteen Operations

To improve the club canteen's processes and systems, and realise its potential to maximise fund raising.

# 1. Player Recruitment and Retention

Actions	Lead	Due	Done
School holiday training program camp for new and existing players for ages 8 to 18 years, 2 days in term 3 school holidays.	Junior Coordinator and Senior Coordinator	September holidays 2022	Y/N
Field an inaugural women's team with a 6 week preseason training program.	Club coach.	August 2022	Y/N
Provide school incursion clinics to targeted schools in Term 1, 2023.	Junior Coordinator and Senior Coordinator	September 2022 (planning).	Y/N
Update Club website to provide dynamic information.	Senior Senior Coordinator and President	August 2022	Y/N

\* Covid-19 restrictions allowing



## 2. Facility Improvements

Actions	Lead	Due	Done
Installation of shade cloth to be installed on the interior of the hitting tunnel training facility.	President	December 2021	Y
Explore and identify financial opportunities for the club (grants, sponsorship, income stream or fundraising) to assist to improve the facilities.	President	August 2022	Ongoing
Develop facilities proposal for club rooms to investigate and evaluate the options for potential improvements (considering whether it is a renovation of the current facilities, or a complete rebuild).	President	August 2022	Y/N

### 3. Canteen Operations

Actions	Lead	Due	Done
Undertake an operation audit and review of the canteen in terms of the processes and systems, and identify potential gaps or areas of improvement.	Treasurer	September 2022	Y/N
Create a duty statement for the position of Canteen Manager in terms of key responsibilities and performance indicators.	Treasurer	November 15 2022	Y/N
Appoint a Canteen Manager based off the duty statement prepared.	Treasurer	August 2022	Y/N

# EVALUATION/REVIEW ACTIONS

Review Date: 30 April 2022

## 1. Player Recruitment and Retention

ACTION	NEXT STEPS (SUSTAINABILITY)
Assess what the participation levels looked like in terms of recruitment and retention of players.	Based on what did/didn't work well in terms of recruitment and retention, put in place plans that can be rolled into the next season to ensure current participants can be retained, and there are initiatives in place to attract new participants.
Assess whether events were held as planned, or whether they were adapted to fit the circumstances at the time of the event.	Consider what learnings can be taken from the types of events held, and the way in which they were planned, and prepare a calendar of events for the 2022 season.
Ask the question - <i>what changes do we need to make to our strategy?</i>	Prepare a revised action plan for the 2022 season based on the learnings from the current plan.

## 2. Facility Improvements

ACTION	NEXT STEPS (SUSTAINABILITY)
Assess whether additional funds were secured through various sources.	Consider where further funds are required, and agree on a strategy to obtain – whether that be revisiting a successful source, or approach a new opportunity, and assign responsibility.
Assess the relationship, and status of discussions, with Council around new facilities.	Consider what is required from Council level to obtain facility improvements, and devise a brief strategy around what needs to be done, and who will do it.
Ask the question - <i>how many grants are we eligible for in comparison for how many did we apply for?</i>	Prepare a strategy around grant opportunities, in terms of what will be applied for, and who will be responsible for both sourcing the opportunities and submitting applications (with appropriate evidence needed).

# EVALUATION/REVIEW ACTIONS

Review Date: 1 April 2022

## 3. Canteen Operations

ACTION	NEXT STEPS (SUSTAINABILITY)
Review the Operations Audit	Update the Audit for any changes / improvements / adaptations over the last twelve months to ensure it reflects the current operations.
Review the Duty Statement for Canteen Manager	Based on the Operations Audit, assess whether it reflects the current key responsibilities for the position, and ascertain where changes could be made to further make the most of the role (if employed). If person is not appointed under this position, consider where shortcomings might be within the Duty Statement itself, and where it could be moulded.
Assess whether a Canteen Manager was appointed	Review whether an individual was appointed to the position. If so, consider what role they can play in terms of potential improvements/gaps under the updated Operations Audit to continue to make the most of this important revenue source. If not appointed, review the reasons why not, and make a plan to address if possible.

# LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY ACTIONS

## 1. Review Uniform Supply Chain

Ensure that our uniform supply chain is currently meeting our requirement in terms of product, price and timeliness

## 2. Review Coaching

Ensure that coaching practices are in line with sustainable and best practices.

## 3. Pavilion Review

Continue to promote the need for new clubrooms with Council.

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