

# ANNUAL REPORT

## SEASON 2014-15

NEWPORT RAMS BASEBALL INC.  
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## LIFE MEMBERS

1934 H. Johnson (dec)	1966 Mrs A. Gansberg ** (dec)	2001 R. Penrose
1937 J. Marx (dec)	G. Williams ** (dec)	D. Wood
1940 G. Edwards (dec)	1967 Mrs J. Bourke **	2002 Mrs V. Stott
1945 G. Carroll (dec)	Mrs L. Ruby ** (dec)	2003 Darren Malthouse
1946 L. Duggan (dec)	Mrs C. Grubb **	A. Howard
1949 J. Cornish (dec)	Mrs R. Bennett **	2004 S. Cleary
L. Fraser (dec)	Mrs G. Williams **	2005 S. Comben
M. Ryan (dec)	1968 B. Shields (dec)	2007 M. Jowett
S. McKay (dec)	1970 C. James	S. Centurino
1952 J. Richardson (dec)	J. Dunstone (dec)	2008 A. King
L. Cosway (dec)	Mrs A. Whiffen (dec)	D. Riches
1953 W. Gledhill (dec)	1971 R. Thomas **	2009 Mrs B. Malthouse
1954 R. Briscoe (dec)	1972 B. Cleary	Mrs K. Pengelly
R. Davies (dec)	1974 G. Murdoch	2010 J. Pengelly
W. Thom (dec)	1976 D. Cornish (dec)	2014 T. Curwood
1956 A. Herring (dec)	G. Butlin	B. Portelli Jnr.
H. Douglas (dec)	1977 J. Taylor ** (dec)	
H. Johnson ** (dec)	1978 J. Merriman	
R. Bennett ** (dec)	W. Minett	
W. Gledhill ** (dec)	Mrs B. Bunting (dec)	
L. Fraser ** (dec)	1980 J. Smith	
1958 L. Milne (dec)	1982 P. Murdoch	
N. McKenzie (dec)	1984 David Malthouse	
I. Christie ** (dec)	J. Armstrong	
J. Bourke ** (dec)	J. Lynch	
L. Duggan ** (dec)	1986 C. Smith	
1960 L. Richardon (dec)	G. Walshe (dec)	
1962 G. Williams (dec)	J. Comer	
Mrs J. Cornish (dec)	R. Scott	
Mrs M. Ryan	1988 S. Bunting	
Mrs D. Thom (dec)	1990 I. Middlemass	
J. Cocks ** (dec)	1992 G. Bunting (dec)	
F. Evans ** (dec)	R. Simpson (dec)	
A. Gansberg ** (dec)	1994 A. Harris	
1964 W. Milne (dec)	P. Cassell	
1965 G. Cleak ** (dec)	1996 D. Mildenhall	
C. Grubb ** (dec)	T. Williams	
1966 D. Sturrock ##	1998 B. Portelli Snr.	
Mrs J. Richardson (dec)	2000 R. Stott	
W. Thom ** (dec)	C. Dey	

\*\* Cricket Life Member

## Cricket & Baseball  
Life Member





## **COMMITTEE & OFFICE BEARERS**

### **President**

Trent Curwood

### **Secretary**

Paul Walshe

### **Club Manager**

Peter McNish

### **Treasurer**

Reece Sutton

### **Junior Manager**

Caron Condie

### **Playing Manager**

Mark Jowett

### **Activities Manager**

Jacinta Edwards

### **Junior Sub-Committee**

Caron Condie – Chairperson

Todd Grego

Jacinta Edwards

Paul Walshe

### **Club Coach**

David White

### **Assistant Secretary**

Ben Portelli Jnr.

### **Masters Representative**

Alan Bunting

### **Life Members Sub-Committee**

Peter Cassell

Ben Portelli Snr.

Darren Malthouse

Anthony Howard

### **Facilities Manager**

Roland Stott

### **Bar Manager**

Steve Cleary

### **Bob Milne Trust Sub Committee**

Dick Murdoch

Peter Murdoch

David Malthouse

Ben Portelli Jnr.

### **Kitchen Manager**

Karen van Wyngaarden



## **CLUB PRESIDENT**

My second year as president has continued on from last year with the club performing well in a number of key areas. With a settled committee we have continued to look forward and make many improvements.

Financially the club continued a sustainable model posting a small profit. If we are to position our fees as some of the lowest, in many cases the lowest, in baseball we have to continue to support other revenue streams such as events and sponsorship. We continued to receive the early payment discount from baseball Victoria and continued to invest in our infrastructure, such as the bar refurbishment, remedial work on our grounds and new warm up tops for all senior players.

On field we had a change of head coach and welcomed back Dave White. Our senior numbers improved with our thirds and fourths having 11 or 12 players regularly, however unfortunately, with the exception of our firsts, we struggled to be competitive.

The club continued its focus on getting 'old' players back and retaining our current players. With such good junior numbers and talent if we continue to focus on player retention we will continue to grow our competitiveness across all teams while maintaining the "Home Grown" ethos of the club that we are all so proud of. Mark Jowett took over the role of Playing Manager this year and excelled. He worked tirelessly in managing the coaching staff, trying to motivate a playing group and trying to coordinate the off field including chasing players and umpiring rosters.

We also added a senior team this year, a very senior team. The RAMS fielded two masters' teams in the new over 38 and over 45 formats. As with many new teams we struggled at times for numbers but are placed to build on this year and continue to have two teams in subsequent year. Thanks Chad and AB.

Junior's continue to be the 'jewel' in our crown. Thorough the hard work of Caron, the junior committee and a team of dedicated parent's participation numbers continue to grow. I was delighted to see up to five games (plus T-batters) being played on Friday nights at the RAMDOME continuing the family club feel that we are striving to achieve.

We continued the process of having junior coaches apply for coaching positions with us having the luxury of having more coaches applying than positions available. I thank Caron and her committee for their continued hard work. The club continues to grow the "Family Club" environment which the club had built its foundations on.



## **CLUB PRESIDENT**

Events, Marketing & Sponsorship continued from where it left off last year. With new events aimed at both families and senior players Jacinta and her team have strived to keep things fresh and innovative which included new events such as Mouse Races and Bogan Bingo. Other successes were the Christmas party (with the jumping castle getting bigger each year), major draw and Gold Merino Club.

We have had continued success in government grants with our T-ballers looking magnificent in their playing tops. Peter McNish also put together our Holden grant application with a you-tube video being a great way of showing the club off.

We are continuing our lease negotiations with Hobsons Bay City Council which is progressing well and are near finalisation.

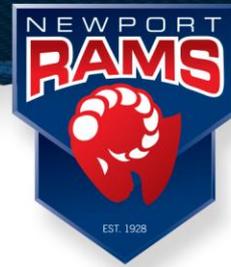
Congratulations to new Life Member Benjamin Portelli, I can think of no greater honour than to be a life member of a club where you father is also a life member. The honour is overdue and thoroughly deserved and I am delighted that you have put your hand up to continue the hard work.

I'd like to individually thank Paul Walshe for his assistance over the last two years. The passion Paul has for this club knows no bounds. He, like many past members, has dedicated any free time he has to help improve our club. I am constantly surprised at the time Paul puts in.

Finally I'd like to thank Spencer, Anthea and Willem for their help and support this year. You may all be small but you have been a big help this year.

I feel as a club we have continued to improve both on and off the field. We now need to focus our attention on what we want to achieve, both short and long term. I am so proud to be a member of a club which is such an outstanding club in our community.

**Trent Curwood**  
**President**



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## **CLUB MANAGER**

A huge thank-you to my fellow committee members and section managers for the tireless effort you all put in to make our club as great as it is. During a recent rep team tryout I was sitting amongst parents from other clubs who were nothing but complimentary of our clubrooms and baseball fields, we should be very proud of the great facility we have.

To players, parents and coaches another thank-you for your commitment which enables us to field as many masters, senior and junior teams as we do. Although mixed results in our senior ranks our young juniors continue to develop. It is so nice to see Newport so well represented by coaches and players in our junior state teams but also Jeremy and Eric suiting up for the Melbourne Aces.

This past season has seen many members contribute their time, funds and expertise to assist the club in many ways to manage, maintain and upgrade our facilities. This includes:-

- Supply and installation of new heaters
- Supply of materials and labour for bar renovations
- Supply materials, labour and equipment for infield repairs
- Bar Management and Volunteers
- Kitchen Management and Volunteers
- Supply of materials and labour to Paint the clubrooms
- Memorabilia
- Upgrade of clubroom security
- Replacement of our Audio system
- Cleaning

Sponsors have also been pivotal in maintaining our club and our onfield success. Please refer to our Sponsors wall and support them when and where ever possible.

Funding wise we where fortunate to receive funds from the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure Sporting Uniform Grant. We were able to use these funds to purchase uniforms for our young tee-ballers. Without a doubt they look fantastic on the field.



## **CLUB MANAGER**

Another funding project was the 'Holden Home Ground Advantage' grant. Part of the submission was to produce a short video outlining our needs and incorporating club characters. Josh Walshe did an outstanding job filming and publishing our submission for a new scoreboard. Thanks to Josh and all of our colourful club characters who have now been immortalised on You-tube. Regardless of the success of our submission I think we should continue to produce a similar video each year for presentation night or social media, it was certainly a fun exercise which everybody enjoyed participating in.

Thanks should also go out to our Local Councillors and the HBCC Recreational Facilities Department for their continued support in assisting us to provide a facility for the benefit of our members and local community.

In closing, to all members, thank-you for your contribution whether it be your support at social functions, raking the infield, scoring, coaching, umpiring or helping in the Kitchen. Every little bit helps as we strive to be a force in Victorian Baseball.

**Peter McNish**  
**Club Manager**



**Hobsons Bay**  
CITY COUNCIL





## **CLUB TREASURER**

It's been a solid financial performance for the 2014/2015 Rams financial year based on all of the hard work done in establishing the Bob Milne Investment fund and the growth in our Junior program by the current management committee.

The investment fund provides a solid foundation for the Rams baseball club to continue to expand the club and its member base.

The financial performance can be split in two with the investment and operational performance as follows:

### **Investment Performance**

The Club has achieved an investment return of 11.81%. The Club looks to reinvest at least \$15,000 per annum from the investments in to capital works at the Rams and further detail will be provided at the AGM.

### **Operational Performance**

The club is expected to make a small operational profit of less than \$2,000 which will be confirmed by the AGM and is made up of the following three main areas that effect the operational income as follows:

#### **Pricing**

The club pricing strategy has to be the most competitive in the competition to make it a very affordable family sport and price competitive for students and seniors. This has assisted us in building a very solid Junior & Senior lists which will continue to grow with further marketing.

#### **Volume of Members - Volume of Sales from Functions / Food & Beverage.**

As the membership grows the sales from the Food /Beveridge & Functions continue to grow as we have great entertainment facilities which will continue to develop and create more revenue opportunities for the club.

#### **Fixed Expenses.**

The Club has successfully renegotiated some key supplier contracts to assist with reducing the fixed costs of the club to assist with more money going in to Club equipment than in to suppliers. There are still further opportunities available for the new Treasurer to review outsourcing club merchandise which takes up considerable capital and management.



## **CLUB TREASURER**

### ***The Future***

#### **New Lease**

In addition to managing the financial management of the club we have been involved with negotiating a new lease /licence for the Rams club as the previous lease expired during the year.

We are still in progress with finalising this licence after extensive lobbying of Council and State Government and have now been provided with a 9 year licence at the time of writing this report. This is a major achievement from the initial 12 month seasonal agreement presented to us at the middle of last year. The new lease will allow the club to continue the proposed capital works program that will be outlined at the AGM.

#### **New 5 Year Strategy**

The club has spent considerable amount of time developing a new 5 year Club Strategy which incorporates capital expenditure, new coaching structure and a player development program.

This will be outlined by the new committee once the new Coaches /International recruit have been appointed for the 2015/2016 season.

#### **Sponsorship**

There will be a larger focus of my time moving forward to further develop the Rams sponsorship program. This will assist us with increasing the operational income required so that we can continue to buy the best equipment for the club and retain and attract the best coaching team.

#### **Management Committee & Rams Culture**

I would like to thank the support of the Management Committee in my first year as Treasurer of the Rams and for a Non baseball player it has been a steep learning curve but have been provided with incredible support and an amazing committee culture.

I would like to encourage all members to get involved in some way with the Newport Baseball Club as I have had a great first year experience and looking forward to further assisting the club as Club Manager in 2015/2016.

**Reece Sutton**

**Rams Treasurer 2014/2015**



## **RAMS HISTORY AT K.C. WHITE RESERVE**

**As told by John Merriman, Barry Howard & John Armstrong - March 2015**

From its formation in 1928 until the early 1960's The Newport Baseball Club played its home games at Newport Oval (across the road from the Substation), now known as Bryan Martyn Reserve. In those days baseball was a winter sport and our games were played before football games. In the late 1960s Williamstown City Council told us we could move to KC White Reserve but stated we would have to fund and construct any club rooms or fields to play on. Until then the reserve was used by locals for shooting rabbits as it was overgrown with large thistles and had extensive cracks throughout the reserve.

Months were spent by NBC members clearing thistles, digging out a large number of large rocks ("bluestone floaters") that littered the reserve and countless loads of soil and loam were paid for by the club and its members to fill the cracks that "could swallow a small child" according to John Armstrong. Barry Howard added "If we did not pay for and physically clear the reserve it would never have been done, the council wanted us to move there but provided no money or assistance to do so."

NBC also started a cricket team to play in the summer as baseball was originally a winter sport. NBC thought the best way for players to develop and stay in shape to get the club to division 1 baseball was to play year round. NBC members paid for and undertook the construction of the turf cricket pitch for members to play on. John Armstrong added "we used women's bobby pins to sew the turf one blade of grass at a time by hand to get it right."

A building fund was created that members could contribute to. NBC members would hold second-hand sales near Newport train station to raise money for the project. Work was undertaken by club members to fund and construct the original club rooms in late 1960's, substantial growth meant this was quickly outgrown so discussion started about a large extension.

Plans were drawn up by NBC member Geoff Butlin and a model of the proposed construction was built by John Merriman for planning meetings with the Williamstown City Council.

In early 1970's NBC obtained a low interest loan from the Council for \$25,000 for the construction of the large rooms extension (the main section of today's rooms), which was paid off some years later. NBC members excavated and set out the slab for the large clubrooms extension and a concrete layer was contracted by NBC to lay the slab. All plumbing had already been paid for and installed by NBC plumbers The Howard Cleary and Cornish families were instrumental in this part of the process.



## RAMS HISTORY AT K.C. WHITE RESERVE

The large extension was finally opened in the late 1970's and was constructed by club members including; architect (Butlin), building coordinator (Terry Forrester), plumbers (Cleary, Howard, Pinney, Cornish), carpenters (Merriman and Sturrock) and bricklayers (Floyd) and an army of volunteer labourers (Armstrong, Williams, Milne, Douglas...)

We had a good association with local MP; Larry Floyd and Williamstown City Councillor; Ron Dawes both of whom were very supportive of sporting clubs in the area around that time. Both provided guidance to our club along the way. Most jobs were done by club members/volunteers who worked under the guidance of the clubs tradies to complete the work such as tiling of bathrooms (Armstrong & Pinney)

In the late 1980's club member George Williams started working with the Williamstown City Council and lobbied his boss for the council to assist in maintaining the grounds, this came in the form of unofficial permission for George to use council equipment in his own time to cut the grass. (At the time the WCC depot was on the corner of Park Cres & Champion Rd)

For the first 10-15 years the main diamond was grass only and it wasn't until about 10-15 years after starting at the ground (in the early 1980's) did NBC fund and construct the en-tout-cas ground as we know now. The 2nd ground was also cleared and built by NBC but never got the funding and time the main ground received due to limited resources at NBC disposal. It wasn't until 2009 that NBC funded the construction of the second ground with HBCC contributed with the excavation.

Now the club is financially placed to continue to contribute substantial sums on an ongoing, long term basis to improve on the legacy of hard working past dedicated members.





## JUNIOR TEAMS

	<b>Friday Junior Teams</b>	
T-Ball (4-8 Yrs)	Coordinator	Lyndon Hockey
	Assistant Coach	Shane Comben
	Assistant Coach	Tyler Comben
Little League Minor (R)	Coach	Roland Stott
Little League Minor (P)	Coach	Todd Grego
	Assistant Coach	Ayden Norman
Little League Major	Coach	Craig Gorman
Junior League (A)	Coach	Steve Cleary
	Assistant Coach	Peter Kilbourne
Junior League (B)	Coach	Brian Anderson
Junior League (C)	Coach	Jack van Wyngaarden
	Assistant Coach	Eric Kline
	<b>Sunday Junior Teams</b>	
Under 12 RAMS	Coach	Todd Grego
	Assistant Coach	Anthony Howard
Under 14 RAMS	Coach	Greg Wray
	Assistant Coach	Peter Kilbourne
Under 16 RAMS	Coach	Jordan Young
	Assistant Coach	Graham Norman
Under 18 RAMS	Coach	Shane Comben



## **JUNIOR MANAGER**

This year Newport again had more than 100 Juniors take the field on a weekly basis; t-ballers each Friday night, Under 12's and 14's playing in the local and charter competition and our higher level junior teams competing on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to all the families for not only bringing their children down to play, but supporting the club by working in the canteen and attending the club functions. The past year's T-Ball program was again run by Lyndon Hockey, with help from Shane and Tyler Comben and many of the parents. Thanks to Peter McNish for securing the grant to purchase the fantastic T-ball tops, the children looked so professional at the recent gala day.

This year saw the introduction of the Under 12 minor league competition. Allowing children to play baseball from the age of 7 – the competition is designed to be a level in between T-Ball and the original Friday night level of competition. Entering two teams coached by Todd and Roland, the children had a great time and definitely got to try their hand at all positions.

Our Under 12 Friday night major league charter team took out the premiership congratulations to Craig Gorman and his team on the great win.

The club was certainly a busy place to be on a Friday night – having three Under 14 Junior League teams entered in the charter competition meant on many occasions we had five games and T-ball all happening at once – great atmosphere. Win or lose games throughout the season, it is these nights and events such as the Rams Christmas Party that make me happy to be part of Newport Baseball Club.

Last Winter Newport joined the Melbourne Winter Baseball League – with great success with the Under 13's winning the Ringwood League premiership and the inaugural cross river championship.

## JUNIOR MANAGER

### Year in Review

- Over 20 children participated in the T-ball program
- We had 10 Junior teams entered in the summer season competition
- Two Under 12 teams in the Friday night (Minor League) competition
- One Under 12 team in the Friday night (Major League) charter competition – PREMIERS
- Three Under 14 (Junior League) teams in the Friday night charter competition
- One Under 14 team in the Sunday competition
- One Under 16 team
- One Under 18 team
- To all the coaching staff this year; thank you and we appreciate all the time you gave to the kids and the club.

**Thank you to all our scorers** – it is so much appreciated. Hard role to fill but yet so important.

This Winter Newport made the decision not to enter any teams but rather coordinating a winter training and development program. This meant many of the players have ventured elsewhere for winter and we hope they gain a lot from this change; different faces to coach them and new friends to make. Look forward to seeing them and their families back later in the year ready for summer and another successful year.

### **Caron Condie** **Junior Manager**



## JUNIOR STATE & ELITE TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Jamie Young	Under 16 Victorian Team Blue
Kyle Morrison	Under 16 Victorian Team White
Nathan Bezzina	Under 16 Victorian Team White
Ayden Norman	Under 16 Victorian Team White
Jaidyn Wilson	Under 14 Junior League Western Mets
Connor Young	Under 14 Junior League Western Mets
Ryan Morrison	Under 14 Junior League Western Mets
Max Leuga	Under 14 Junior League Western Mets
Keenan Spence	Under 14 Junior League Western Mets
Harun Pelja	Under 14 Junior League Western Mets
Connor Schibeci	Little League Western Mets
Bond Leuga	Little League Western Mets
Pharell Peni	Little League Western Mets
	2015 Japan Touring Team
Beau Buckley	Little League Western Mets
	2015 Japan Touring Team



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## **JUNIOR AWARD WINNERS**

### **Sunday Little League (State)**

**Most Improved Player** – Zachary Gorman  
**Batting Award** – Pharrell Peni (Avg 0.471)  
**Most Valuable Player** – Nikau Pouaka-Gregg

### **Friday Junior League (A)**

**Most Improved Player** – Jonathon Baldacchino  
**Coaches Award** - Emma Aquilina  
**Most Valuable Player** – Brock Gourlay

### **Friday Junior League (B)**

**Most Improved Player** – Charlie Barnes  
**Coaches Award** - Reece Murdoch  
**Most Valuable Player** – Connor Young

### **Friday Junior League (C)**

**Most Improved Player** – Max LeGrand  
**Coaches Award** - Zachary Holloway  
**Outstanding 1st Year Player** - James Bergman



### **Sunday Junior League (State)**

**Most Improved Player** – Mason Wray  
**Batting Award**– Max Leuga (Avg 0.444)  
**Most Valuable Player** – Ryan Morrison

### **U16 RAMS**

**Coaches Award** - Jaidyn Wilson  
**Batting Award** - Ayden Norman  
**Most Valuable Player** – Jamie Young

### **U18 RAMS**

**Most Improved Player** – Luke Murdoch  
**Batting Award** – Harley Goss  
**Most Valuable Player** – Jack van Wyngaarden

### **PERPETUAL AWARDS**

**Best U14 Player**  
**Stan McKay Award**  
Ryan Morrison

**Best U16 Player**  
Ayden Norman

**Best Junior Player**  
**W. Thom Award**  
Tyler Comben





# JUNIOR SNAPSHOT



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## **PLAYING MANAGER**

Season 2014/15 season saw Newport suit up for another year in Division 1 with our new coach David White. The off season had its challenges. Firstly securing a new coach and having 4 competitive teams in Division 1. This became more of a challenge with 4 of our regular first players not playing for a number of reasons. This challenge, as it always does, provides opportunities for our young playing group to gain much needed experience in higher grades. This experience will hopefully give guys confidence to work harder next season and continue to become better players.

In Summary our 4 senior teams had some mixed results.

The firsts were able to play some good baseball and were always competitive when their best team was on the field. However when we had a few players missing we did struggle. They did however finish equal sixth with 11 wins and 1 draw. This was a solid performance for such a young team.

The seconds did struggle through the year, playing against a more experienced opponent. The younger players who got an opportunity to play at this level will benefit from the experience.

The thirds showed some good improvement during the season, having a positive record in the second half of the year. The junior players will be better players for the experience.

The fourths, although they didn't win a lot of games for the year, remained competitive in most of their games. The guys seemed to really enjoy themselves which was great to see.

Overall our player numbers increased on the previous year. This was evident by the thirds and fourths regularly having 12 players. Also there were only a few occasions when we had to call on fill-ins to make up the numbers. This increase in numbers should continue into next year as more juniors become available to play seniors.

Thanks to all the senior coaches for all their efforts during the season. Thanks to Dave White and Gavin Young for their efforts working with the firsts and managing senior training during the year.



## **PLAYING MANAGER**

Thanks to Brad Russell for managing the seconds. This was a challenging job with such a young group of players.

Thanks to Jordon Pengelly for managing the fourths again this year.  
Thanks also to all those players for their commitment during the season.

### **Juniors**

Our junior program had an outstanding year. A lot of work went into the preseason, with numerous come try days as well as putting in 2 winter teams. This combined with a lot of promotion of our program had our numbers increase to around 140 players. This was exciting prospect and a great job was done to get all the coaches and support required to manage all the teams. All teams were competitive and had their share of highlights. The big highlight for the club was the introduction of the Friday night home series, which had 5 games played all at once. These nights were massive events that were an outstanding success.

Congratulations and a big thanks to Caron Condie, Paul Walshe and the Junior committee for putting together another great season. Thanks also to all the junior coaches for their commitment to this season.

### **2015/16**

The 2015/16 season presents a new set of challenges. A lot of work has been put into securing new coaches to drive the club into the future. We are also working on our playing group to sure up commitment for new season.

I am excited about what the season will bring and looking forward to the Rams putting together 4 competitive teams next season.

Finally thanks to the committee for their efforts during the season.

**Mark Jowett**  
**Playing Manager**



## SENIOR TEAMS

	<b>Baseball Teams</b>	
1sts	Coach	David White
	Assistant Coach	Gavin Young
	Assistant Coach	Peter McNish
2nds	Coach	Brad Russell
	Assistant Coach	Heath Black
3rds	Coach	Mark Jowett
		Shane Comben
4ths	Coach	Jordan Pengell
Masters	38+ Coach	Chad Porter
	45+ Coach	Alan Bunting
	<b>Cricket</b>	
VOSCA (Over 60's)	Manager	Peter Cassell





## **CLUB COACH**

NBC CC Report 2014/15 "The Roller Coaster"

We had it all this season with the usual highs and lows involved with many sporting clubs I'm sure.

Negotiations for my appointment as club coach started last June and I was torn between coaching an old friend in the Newport Baseball Club and extra time to spend with my family, travel between Greensborough and Newport, along with the work commitments of running my own business. I was both pleased and excited to have chosen to accept the offer to "return home" and coach the Rams.

We started out with a pre-season throwing program in the cool nights in July which grew into more substantial training and eventually full club training.

Numbers started out very well as the new season approached. We were also examining our promising list of players and the idea of getting a non-national pitcher. The closer we got the season, our concerns regarding un-availability of several key players became more apparent. This movement at the top was both good and bad for the club. Bad, because we needed to change a large portion of the team structure all the way through our four sides. On the other hand, this was also good, because it gave further opportunity to players to play at a higher level that they may have anticipated.

However, the drawback for extended opportunity unfortunately shows up on the scoreboard with regard to wins and losses. This is apparent if you examine our club win/loss in each grade. In saying this, our scrappy first team was playing off for second spot on the ladder at Christmas, something that was rather unexpected early in the season.

Unfortunately, losing those two games prior to the holidays seemed to break our spirit. Returning in January, our import pitcher had health and injury issues, others had junior national coaching commitments, while others had extended holidays which saw our numbers dwindle even further. This made winning at a division 1 level quite difficult and culminated in a big losing streak before winning a crucial game against Williamstown to remain safe in division 1 next season. And, beating Waverley 8-0 in our final game is always a nice way to end the season.



## **CLUB COACH**

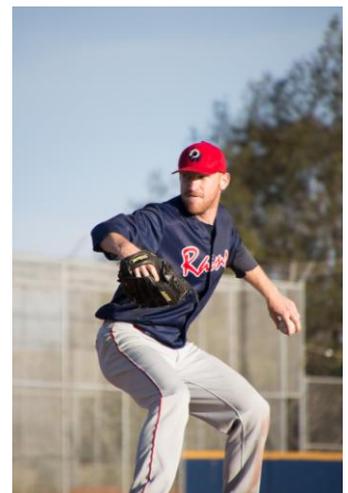
Moving forward, I believe a full season commitment by players is required to remain successful at this level.

In closing, I appreciate and would like to thank Gavin Young, Peter McNish, Jordan Pengelly, Shane Comben and all grade coaches for their assistance throughout the season.

Additional thanks to the committee and volunteers for their support throughout the season. Paul Walsh for his fantastic work around the grounds. With special mention to Mark Jowett whose tireless commitment in multiple roles at the club is certainly admired.

Finally, I wish the club all the best in all endeavours and express my deepest gratitude to the club for bringing me out initially to this spectacular country that I call home.

**Dave White**  
**Club Coach**





# 1STS BATTING STATISTICS

Firsts Batting 2014/15

BATTER	G	PA	AB	R	H	1	2	3	HR	RBI	SAC	BB	HPB	K	SB	CS	BAT AVE.	SLUG AVE.	OB AVE.
Scott MALTHOUSE	14	52	42	8	14	12	2	0	0	8	2	5	3	3	6	1	0.333	0.381	0.431
Jordan YOUNG	24	97	77	21	22	16	5	1	0	6	3	17	1	12	18	1	0.286	0.377	0.417
Eric KLINE	16	56	53	6	12	7	5	0	0	5	1	2	0	13	0	0	0.226	0.321	0.250
Heath BLACK	25	90	77	5	17	12	5	0	0	5	0	5	8	12	6	2	0.221	0.286	0.333
Jeremy YOUNG	21	77	68	7	15	14	1	0	0	5	0	8	0	3	5	1	0.221	0.235	0.303
Tyson FOREMAN	25	92	83	7	17	12	5	0	0	10	2	5	2	12	0	1	0.205	0.265	0.261
Liam VICORY-LOVEGROVE	21	81	66	11	12	10	2	0	0	7	3	11	1	12	9	2	0.182	0.212	0.308
Zac SEIPILOT	24	81	70	3	12	11	2	0	0	5	1	10	0	14	4	1	0.171	0.214	0.275
Griffen WEIR	16	31	27	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	0	0.148	0.185	0.258
Stephen PENGELLY	22	66	57	5	8	8	1	0	0	2	0	8	1	12	0	1	0.140	0.175	0.258
Andy REDEVSKI	4	14	13	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.231	0.231	0.286
Jack Van WYNGARDEN	11	29	25	1	4	4	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	8	0	0	0.160	0.160	0.250
Sean PENGELLY	9	20	19	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	1	1	0.105	0.158	0.150
Sam FRASER	11	22	22	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0.045	0.045	0.045
Ayden HAM	18	36	35	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0.029	0.029	0.056
Cameron McNISH	6	11	11	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0.091	0.091	0.091
Josh WALSH	3	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.200
Brent TULLIO	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cory WILSON	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Troy MALTHOUSE	3	14	10	3	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0.400	0.600	0.571
Angus EDWARDS	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Jamie YOUNG	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>11</b>			



# 1STS DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Firsts Fielding 2014-15					
FIELDER	G	PO	A	E	Fld Ave.
Eric KLINE	18	80	9	1	0.989
Liam VICORY LIVEGROVE	21	52	2	1	0.982
Tyson FOREMAN	25	143	14	4	0.975
Jeremy YOUNG	22	28	40	5	0.932
Scott MALTHOUSE	14	14	23	3	0.925
Jordan YOUNG	24	46	88	11	0.924
Griffen WEIR	20	24	12	3	0.923
Zac SEIPOLT	24	58	1	5	0.922
Ayden HAM	17	43	10	5	0.914
Heath BLACK	25	43	4	5	0.904
Stephen PENGELLY	23	31	34	9	0.878
sam FRASER	11	11	7	5	0.783
Cameron McNISH	13	3	0	0	1.000
Jack VAN WYN-GARDEN	11	8	12	1	0.952
Jamie YOUNG	4	4	1	0	1.000
Andy REDEVSKI	6	10	1	1	0.917
Josh WALSH	3	2	3	0	1.000
Sean PENGELLY	9	14	5	3	0.864
Mark JOWETT	1	1	0	0	1.000
Brent TULLIO	1	1	0	0	1.000
Corey WILSON	1	1	0	0	1.000
Andus EDWARDS	3	3	4	1	0.875
Troy MALTHOUSE	3	25	3	0	1.000
David LAND	1	1	0	0	1.000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0.936</b>

Firsts Catching 2014-15				
CATCHER	INN	PB	SBA	CCS
TYSON FOREMAN	191.66	4	37	7
HEATH BLACK	15.00	1	5	0
JAMIE YOUNG	2.00	0	0	0
BRENT TULLIO	2.00	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>210.66</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>



Firsts Pitching 2014-15																				
PITCHER	GS	GR	CG	INN	H	K	BB	HPB	RS	ER	WP	BFP	BLK	PIT	B	S	ERA	W	L	S
Eric KLINE	5	5	0	42.66	26	52	15	2	10	9	8	177	1	645	240	405	2.11	4	2	2
Jeremy YOUNG	2	13	0	36.32	39	37	10	1	16	8	10	164	0	562	199	369	3.96	3	2	0
Griffin WEIR	17	0	0	86.29	104	45	50	4	76	56	11	429	0	1484	634	850	7.93	3	8	0
Cameron McNISH	0	11	0	13.66	27	5	10	5	21	14	3	90	0	319	132	187	13.84	0	0	0
Stephen PENGELLY	2	3	0	14.99	23	6	15	4	16	19	4	86	0	288	106	162	9.61	1	2	0
Liam VICORY-LOVEGROVE	0	4	0	6.66	12	7	9	2	12	11	1	41	1	159	78	81	16.22	0	0	0
Andy REDEVSKI	1	3	0	8.32	13	4	9	1	11	11	2	52	1	218	122	96	11.90	0	1	0
Scott MALTHOUSE	0	1	0	0.66	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	14	8	6	0.00	0	0	0
Jordan YOUNG	0	2	0	4.00	4	1	2	1	3	2	0	21	0	77	33	44	6.75	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>213.56</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1064</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3766</b>	<b>1552</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>6.95</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>



## **2NDS COACH**

This year was the year of opportunity for the seconds with a number of young juniors getting a taste of senior baseball and facing some strong quality opposition. We started the year strong with a win first up. A few of our experienced seconds players got the call up into the first squad during the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately we then struggled with hitting and found ourselves getting overpowered by opposition pitchers. We were very solid in the field most weeks and in most games it was only one inning that got away from us which made it tough to come back, we ended up finishing the season with two well fought wins.

With spots available in the seconds we decided to give the young rookies their first taste of senior baseball throughout the season - Tyler Comben, Angus Edwards, Lachlan Condie, Jamie Young and Ayden Norman all made their debuts and contributed well towards the team, they all showed they have what it takes to play senior baseball and I hope they take this experience and knowledge and apply it to their junior baseball.

Alternating our starting pitchers with their duties in the firsts Cam Mcnish, Stephen Pengelly and Andy Radevski stood up to the task throwing 65 stikeouts between them from 70 innings. In relief we called upon the young rookies Tyler Comben and Angus Edwards throwing 10 strikeouts from 15 innings between them they also pulled their weight in the batting line up which saw Tyler awarded with the MVP and Angus awarded with the Reg Simpson Memorial Trophy (Best junior playing seniors). Brad Russell topped the batting average hitting .233, Brent Tullio was solid behind the plate and also hitting 2 triples for the year which saw him awarded best defensive player.

Our young players will be stronger with the experience they have gained throughout the season and will drive them on to strive for success in the upcoming senior seasons.

I would like to thanks Kaylene doing a great job scoring for the seconds this year.

I would also like to thank Peter Mcnish for assisting me with the coaching duties throughout the season, to have such experience and knowledge sitting on the bench to turn to for advice was a valuable asset to have.

**Brad Russell**  
**2nds Coach**



## 2NDS OFFENSIVE & DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Seconds Batting/Fielding 2014-15																	
BATTER	G	PA	AB	R	H	RBI	SAC	BB	HPB	K	SB	BAT.AVE.	On Base	PO	A	E	Fld Ave.
Troy MALTHOUSE	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	4	0	0	1.000
Andy RADEVSKI	6	17	16	1	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	.250	.294	10	5	3	.833
Stephen PENGELLY	3	9	8	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	.250	.333	2	2	1	.800
Ayden NORMAN	1	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.250	.250	1	0	0	1.000
Brad RUSSELL	13	32	30	2	7	2	0	2	0	8	0	.233	.281	32	4	2	.947
Ayden HAM	8	24	23	2	5	2	0	0	1	6	0	.217	.250	36	1	3	.925
Brent TULLIO	12	37	28	4	6	5	3	6	0	12	2	.214	.333	59	7	2	.971
Sam FRASER	12	39	33	4	7	4	1	1	4	12	1	.212	.308	22	6	7	.800
Jack VanWYNGARDEN	9	28	24	3	5	0	0	4	0	5	0	.208	.321	6	17	4	.852
Angus EDWARDS	11	36	30	2	6	4	1	5	0	2	3	.200	.314	4	15	8	.704
Peter KILBOURNE	5	14	10	2	2	2	1	3	0	3	1	.200	.357	5	1	2	.750
Lachlan CONDIE	2	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.200	.200	6	0	0	1.000
Tyler COMBEN	16	51	42	5	7	2	0	9	0	11	2	.167	.314	25	6	3	.912
Corey WILSON	5	16	15	1	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	.133	.188	11	3	1	.933
Shane COMBEN	3	9	8	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	.125	.222	14	2	0	1.000
Sean PENGELLY	4	13	10	1	1	0	0	3	0	5	1	.100	.308	6	5	0	1.000
Cameron McNISH	13	33	31	3	3	1	0	1	1	16	0	.097	.152	7	4	3	.786
Jamie YOUNG	6	18	16	1	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	.063	.167	21	9	2	.938
Josh WALSHE	15	39	36	1	2	1	0	3	0	10	2	.056	.128	15	17	9	.780
Daniel MASON	2	6	4	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	.000	.333	4	2	0	1.000
Stewart JEFFRIES	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	.000	.333	2	3	1	.833
* Tyson FOREMAN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0	0	0	.000
* Liam VICARY-LOVEGROVE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0	0	0	.000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>.170</b>	<b>.270</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>.887</b>

\* Designated Pitcher



## 2<sup>ND</sup> PITCHING & CATCHING STATISTICS

Seconds Pitching 2014-15														
PITCHER	GS	GR	CG	INN	H	K	BB	HPB	RS	ER	ERA	W	L	S
Ayden HAM	0	1	0	1.00	1	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Jack VanWYNGARDEN	0	1	0	0.33	2	1	0	1	1	0	0.00	0	0	0
Tyler COMBEN	0	5	0	6.33	8	3	13	1	7	3	4.26	0	0	0
Stephen PENGELLY	4	3	0	17.67	22	22	20	3	26	9	4.58	1	2	0
Shane COMBEN	0	1	0	1.67	3	0	0	1	2	1	5.40	0	0	0
Angus EDWARDS	0	6	0	9.00	15	7	7	0	10	6	6.00	1	0	0
Tyson FOREMAN	0	1	0	3.00	3	0	3	0	4	2	6.00	0	0	0
Andy RADEVSKI	4	2	0	21.67	27	17	20	1	36	20	8.31	0	4	0
Cameron McNISH	7	1	0	31.33	51	26	31	7	46	37	10.63	0	7	0
Ayden NORMAN	0	1	0	2.00	1	1	3	0	3	3	13.50	0	0	0
Peter KILBOURNE	0	1	0	1.00	1	0	2	1	2	2	18.00	0	0	0
Liam VICARYLOVEGROVE	1	1	0	2.00	7	2	4	2	11	11	49.50	0	1	0
Sam FRASER	0	1	0	0.33	1	0	5	0	6	3	81.00	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97.33</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>8.97</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>

Seconds Catching 2014-15				
CATCHER	INN	PB	SBA	CCS
Brent TULLIO	65.33	6	30	1
Daniel MASON	6	2	3	1
Jamie YOUNG	19	1	6	0
Lachlan CONDIE	7	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>97.33</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>



## **3RDS COACH**

The 2014/15 season was an exciting one for the thirds with a number of junior players embarking on their first season of senior baseball. This is an important time in player's transition to senior baseball and needs to be a positive experience.

To help with the experience Shane Comben, Alan Condie and David Land joined the team. All three provided a valuable contribution to the team during the year.

The season had some great highlights, including some competitive early games against some quality opposition. A game to remember was a mid-week game at Altona against Melbourne, who finished the home and away season on top of the ladder. It was great to see how excited the young players were to play at Altona for the first time under lights and how they stepped up to put in an outstanding performance. We remained in the game for whole 2 hours with some outstanding pitching from Angus Edwards and some great defensive work from the team. This early season form from Angus brought about his promotion to the seconds.

Another highlight of the season was getting our first win in round 9 against Cheltenham. This started a 4 game winning streak. We also finished the season winning 5 of our last 8. The most important highlight of the season was the improvement of all our young first year players.

Thanks goes out to all those who helped out during the season;

- Shane Comben, whose experience was very important in helping organise the guys on game day.
- Al Condie, for his help on and off the field. Al also helped with umpiring a number of home games for the fourths as well as doing a few game for the thirds as well, which was greatly appreciated.
- David Land, who played half the games for us and passed on his experience to the young guys. This really helped the young guys understand the game that little bit more.
- Jordon Pengelly umpired a number of games as well as helping to organize umpires remaining home games.
- Roland Stott helped out with scoring a number of games late in the season. Roly also did a great job working out the stats for the thirds which was greatly appreciated.
- Also thanks to Caron Condie, Julie Mason, Mark Mason and Amelia Peni who all helped with the scoring during the season.

**Mark Jowett**  
**3rds coach**



## 3RDS BATTING & FIELDING STATISTICS

Thirds Batting/Fielding 2014-15																	
BATTER	G	PA	AB	R	H	RBI	SAC	BB	HPB	K	SB	BAT AVE.	On Base	PO	A	E	Fld Ave.
Shane Comben	10	29	25	6	10	5	1	3	0	4	2	0.400	0.448	31	13	3	0.936
Mark Jowett	17	45	32	12	11	7	0	11	2	2	4	0.344	0.533	55	17	3	0.960
Kevin Peni	15	44	37	5	12	3	0	5	2	7	1	0.324	0.432	15	17	4	0.889
Ayden Norman	14	37	33	8	10	5	1	3	0	1	5	0.303	0.361	6	25	6	0.838
Alan Condie	13	37	34	6	9	8	2	1	0	5	4	0.265	0.270	15	5	4	0.833
Lachlan Condie	16	50	39	10	10	1	0	11	0	8	1	0.256	0.420	64	10	8	0.902
Daniel Mason	12	34	31	3	7	4	0	3	0	15	2	0.226	0.294	17	8	3	0.893
Peter Kilbourne	10	30	25	4	4	5	2	3	0	6	6	0.160	0.241	22	4	0	1.000
Christian Lakovic	13	31	28	1	3	2	1	2	0	18	3	0.107	0.161	9	8	5	0.773
Luke Murdoch	15	42	37	2	3	3	0	5	0	10	3	0.081	0.190	14	17	5	0.861
D'Antre Peni	15	35	33	1	2	1	0	2	0	19	1	0.061	0.114	6	0	0	1.000
David Land	7	21	18	3	8	6	0	3	0	0	2	0.444	0.524	27	4	1	0.969
Angus Edwards	4	11	9	2	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0.333	0.455	2	11	0	1.000
Rory Gibson	2	6	6	1	3	1	0	0	0	3	0	0.500	0.500	0	0	0	
Adam Simpson	1	4	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.500	0.500	2	0	0	1.000
Chris Bramwell	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.333	0.333	3	4	0	1.000
Matt Brick	1	3	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.333	0.333	0	0	0	
Tyler Comben	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000	0.000	2	0	0	1.000
Sean Pengelly	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.500	0.667	1	0	1	0.500
Tai Green	1	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0.000	0.333	1	0	0	1.000
Andy Radevski	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0.000	0.000	2	1	0	1.000
James Walshe	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.000	0.333	2	5	0	1.000
Paul DeKiezer	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000	0.000	1	0	0	1.000
Roland Stott	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.500	0.500	2	0	0	1.000
Keanu Touiwi	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.500	0.500	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.246</b>	<b>0.339</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0.912</b>



## 3RDS PITCHING & CATCHING STATISTICS

Thirds Pitching 2014-15														
PITCHER	GS	GR	CG	INN	H	K	BB	HPB	RS	ER	ERA	W	L	S
Mark Jowett	4	9	1	34.00	46	23	25	7	42	28	7.41	2	3	0
Ayden Norman	5	1	0	16.67	33	12	15	6	31	24	12.96	1	4	0
Shane Comben	1	4	0	15.33	18	7	5	5	10	9	5.28	1	0	0
Angus Edwards	3	1	0	12.67	13	10	12	1	10	7	4.97	0	1	0
Peter Kilbourne	3	1	0	7.33	10	6	19	3	16	14	17.18	0	3	0
David Land	1	2	0	6.00	2	3	1	0	1	0	0.00	0	0	0
Chris Bramwell	0	1	0	2.00	4	4	0	0	4	4	18.00	0	1	0
Sean Pengelly	0	1	0	2.00	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Andy Radevski	0	1	0	2.00	1	4	1	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	0
Alan Condie	0	2	0	1.33	3	0	2	0	3	2	13.50	0	0	0
Daniel Mason	0	1	0	0.33	2	0	2	1	3	3	81.00	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

Thirds Catching 2014-15				
CATCHER	INN	PB	SBA	CCS
Lachlan Condie	93.67	8	53	2
Daniel Mason	4.00	0	4	0
Peter Kilbourne	2.00	0	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>



## **4THS COACH**

With another season under our belts the Fourths struggled to get over the line, only posting one victory.

While being competitive in most of our games for the first hour, age and experience played its part and we could not contain our opposition.

I would like to thank Sam Aldenhoven for his efforts while several of the more senior team members went to the Gold Coast for the Pan Pacific Masters tournament. Sam managed the team as well as pitching in both games.

I would also like thank Roland Stott for scoring for us from the bench whilst still playing in the game. Thanks also to Karen Gould for scoring when she was available

A special mention to Alan Condie for umpiring most of our home games.

I wish to recognise the tireless work of Mark Jowett this season to get the four senior teams on the ground each week.

Finally to all the players that made up the fourths this past season I thank you for your efforts and hope to see you all next season.

**Jordon Pengelly**  
**4ths Coach**



## 4THS BATTING & FIELDING STATISTICS

Fourths Batting/Fielding 2014-15

BATTER	G	PA	AB	R	H	RBI	SAC	BB	HPB	K	SB	BAT AVE.	On Base	PO	A	E	Fld Ave.
Veegan McMaster	14	47	43	12	13	3	0	4	0	4	9	0.302	0.362	19	36	12	0.821
Sam Aldenhoven	17	57	45	4	13	9	0	12	0	10	0	0.289	0.439	47	9	12	0.824
Roland Stott	14	44	37	3	9	5	0	7	0	6	0	0.243	0.364	26	5	3	0.912
Brian Anderson	14	43	35	3	8	4	0	6	2	3	1	0.229	0.372	16	11	4	0.871
Paul DeKaiser	11	38	29	4	6	3	1	6	2	15	0	0.207	0.368	24	3	3	0.900
Matt Brick	9	26	24	1	4	1	0	2	0	6	0	0.167	0.231	7	2	4	0.692
Jordon Pengelly	10	26	20	3	3	1	0	6	0	6	1	0.150	0.346	9	5	3	0.824
Sam Galofaro	14	44	42	2	6	1	0	2	0	3	0	0.143	0.182	18	11	4	0.879
Drew Donnelly	15	43	37	4	4	5	0	6	0	15	2	0.108	0.233	16	3	2	0.905
Tony Wyhatt	12	33	28	1	1	2	0	5	0	8	0	0.036	0.182	37	6	1	0.977
Trent Curwood	5	16	12	5	3	2	0	1	3	3	1	0.250	0.438	11	12	7	0.767
Daniel Mason	4	13	12	3	3	1	1	0	0	3	1	0.250	0.231	1	7	3	0.727
Bruce Boucher	4	12	9	3	2	3	0	1	2	1	0	0.222	0.417	5	9	2	0.875
Rory Gibson	3	11	10	2	4	0	0	1	0	3	1	0.400	0.455	4	1	7	0.417
Kevin Peni	3	10	8	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0.125	0.300	6	2	1	0.889
Harley Goss	3	9	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0.111	0.111	14	0	4	0.778
D Antre Peni	2	7	5	1	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	0.200	0.429	0	1	1	0.500
Sean Pengelly	2	7	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0.200	0.429	13	2	0	1.000
Christian Lackovic	2	6	6	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	0.167	0.167	3	0	2	0.600
Todd Grego	1	4	3	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	2	0.667	0.750	11	0	1	0.917
Dean Anglin	1	4	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.333	0.500	8	1	0	1.000
Rob Vance	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0.000	0.667	0	1	0	1.000
Chayne Osbourne	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	1.000	1	0	0	1.000
Gavin Young	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.500	0.500	2	0	1	0.667
Peter Kilbourne	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	1	1	2	0.500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.207</b>	<b>0.331</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0.844</b>



## 4THS PITCHING & CATCHING STATISTICS

Fourths Pitching 2014-15														
PITCHER	GS	GR	CG	INN	H	K	BB	HPB	RS	ER	ERA	W	L	S
Brian Anderson	7	5	1	47.00	121	24	11	2	94	51	9.77	1	7	0
Sam Aldenhoven	7	2	3	32.67	35	24	39	11	58	25	6.89	0	7	0
Jordon Pengelly	0	5	0	8.67	10	2	1	0	5	1	1.04	0	0	0
Daniel Mason	3	0	0	6.33	17	4	8	4	17	14	19.89	0	2	0
Bruce Boucher	0	1	0	1.67	3	0	0	0	2	2	10.80	0	0	0
Paul DeKaiser	0	1	0	1.00	1	0	1	1	2	2	18.00	0	0	0
Sam Galofaro	0	1	0	1.00	1	0	0	0	3	0	0.00	0	0	0
Dean Anglin	0	1	0	1.00	1	0	2	0	1	1	9.00	0	0	0
Sean Pengelly	0	1	0	0.33	1	0	6	0	5	5	135.00	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>9.12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>

Fourths Catching 2014-15				
CATCHER	INN	PB	SBA	CCS
Tony Wyhatt	62.00	4	59	0
Paul DeKaiser	26.00	3	17	0
Trent Curwood	11.67	0	5	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>



## MASTERS

Thank you for the chance to report on the Masters Season for 2014/2015.

The MASTER RAMS expanded this season to have 2 teams in the competition. The YOUNGSTERS, who played in the 38+ North West Division, and the ELDER STATESMEN who played in the 45+ Division. To account for unavailabilities and Injuries, we probably didn't have quite enough players for the two teams and had to give a couple of forfeits during the year.

However, despite some troubles getting full teams, our Youngsters, (many in their first year of competition), performed well first up, culminating in a Semi Finals berth against the eventual Premiers, Geelong. Our Elder Statesmen didn't fare as well, winning only two games for the season. We played Fitzroy in the second last game of the season for last place and lost a close game 4-2 in a shortened game at Fitzroy due to the Sun.

But again, as we do in the Masters, we had a refreshment (or three) after the game, smiled to ourselves that we can still take the field, and we are waiting in anticipation for the next season to begin.

The MASTER RAMS then sent a side to the Victorian Masters Championships at Ballarat, where we played in the Over 45's Division 2. We managed to play all 4 games (which is an achievement in itself). We beat Werribee in the first game 9 – 0, and were a little worried that we might make the final, however that didn't last too long as we lost our next 3, (the last two in the last Innings). Once Again, we weren't too upset about missing the final and sat down to enjoy another refreshment (or three).

Many Thanks to these Old fellas that keep the Newport Name alive in the Old Man's League.

### YOUNGSTERS

Peter Cornock  
Ray Hannan  
Linc Porter

Trent Curwood  
Anthony Howard  
Paul Walshe

Warren Gillan  
Benny Portelli Jnr  
Craig Gorman  
Chad Porter

### ELDER STATESMEN

Darren Anderson  
Steven Cleary  
Greg Griffith  
Jordon Pengelly

Brian Anderson  
Alan Condie  
Darren Malthouse  
Roland Stott

Alan Bunting  
Terry Freeman  
Chris McDeed  
Lewis Thompson  
Peter Cassell  
Sam Galafaro  
Greg Minett

## MASTERS

And for those additional players that joined in for the VIC MASTERS

Peter Eckhardt  
John Martin

Bill Leropoulos  
Rob Vance

Brett Lloyd  
Tony Wyatt

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,

Many Thanks to Rachel Howard and Kaylene Pengelly who ensured both teams had a Scorer all year; Karen and Terry Gould for scoring at the Vic Masters; Paul Walshe for having the ground in superb condition each week; Our Umpires when we needed them – Sean Pengelly and Joshua Walshe; and Our Catering specialists – Steven Cleary and James Bunting.

As in the Masters Ethos – we don't play for Personal Glory and Trophies, we would rather have a Beer, Whisky, Rum or Bourbon after the game – and so we combine these two thoughts for the presentation night and give away cans of refreshments.

The following were our prize winners this year:

- Most Reliable award to the player who is never unavailable for a game or function; Jordon Pengelly, (Accepted by Kaylene Pengelly as Jordon was..... Unavailable!!)
- Best Debut Game by a Junior as a Senior – Paul Walshe
- Please put me on the Mound so I can stop making errors at shortstop Award – Brian Anderson.
- The Homer Simpson “Doh” Award for Turning a Triple Play into a Double – Darren Malthouse.

**Chad Porter**  
**38+ Team Manager**



**Alan G. Bunting**  
**45+ Team Manager**

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## SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

### 1STS

**1sts Batting Award** – Scot Malthouse  
**1sts Best Defensive Player** – Liam Vicary - Lovegrove

### 2NDS

**2nds Most Valuable Player** – Tyler Comben  
**2nds Batting Award** – Brad Russell  
**2nds Best Defensive Player** – Brent Tullio

### 3RDS

**3rds Most Improved Player** – Ayden Norman  
**3rds Batting Award** – Shane Comben  
**3rds Best Defensive Player** – Lachlan Condie

### 4THS

**4ths Most Valuable Player** – Sam Aldenhoven  
**4ths Batting Award** - Veegan McMaster  
**4ths Best Defensive Player** – Drew Donnelly



### ONFIELD AWARDS

#### **Jack & Beryl Bunting Trophy**

**Most Valuable Player** – Jordan Young & Tyson Forman

#### **Reg Simpson Memorial Trophy**

**Best Junior Playing Seniors** – Angus Edwards

#### **Mackrell Trophy**

**Best Player Clubman** – Jordan Young

#### **Best Clubman**

**Currie Memorial Trophy** - Jacinta Edwards

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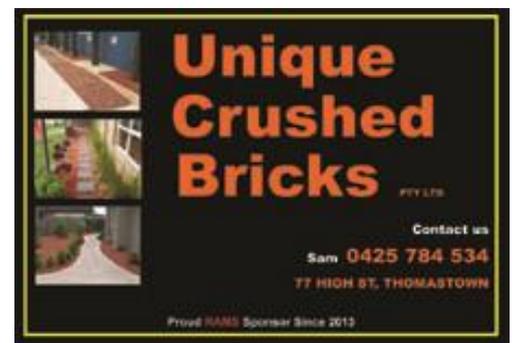
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## VOSCA CRICKET

Now into our 3<sup>rd</sup> season of Over 60's Cricket we are showing no signs of slowing down, in fact all the players from the past season are very keen to continue.

We had one player Storm Arnott who decided not to continue playing for the 2014-15 season but we were able to recruit 4 new players 2 of whom were former Newport Baseball Cricketers namely Norm Beer and Life Member Sam Centurino along with Joe Giansiracusa and Rob Vance.

After Xmas we were hit with a few injuries and unavailability but due to our healthy number of 17 players we were able to cover our shortages.

Colin Rich once again proved to be our best all round player with 122 runs and 9 wickets. Other players who contributed with the bat were Peter Cassell 140 runs, Ray Matters 113, Ted Sedgman 108 and special note to Colin Richardson who had knee replacement surgery half way through the season but still managed to score 117 runs from 5 innings.

In summary another very enjoyable season with our player numbers in a very healthy state we look forward to the new season in 2015-16.

The complete list of 17 players were as follows:

Norm Beer	Peter Cassell
Sam Centurino	Stuart Crossman
Brian Harvey	Joe Giansiracusa
John Klidomitis	Laurie Krepp
Graeme Lechte	David Malhouse
Ray Matters	Colin Rich
Colin Richardson	John Rogers
Rob Ryan	Ted Sedgman
Rob Vance	

**Peter Cassell**  
**VOSCA Coordinator**



## ACTIVITIES MANAGER

Highlights of this year at the RAMDOME were the Mouse Races and Bogan Bingo. Early in the season a small group of Mouseketeers ventured out to listen to race caller Whitey lead us in a fun night of fake money, underage gambling and lots of laughs. He was well supported by the Mouse Strapper & Trapper, Mason Condie, and a special guest appearance by Mickey Mouse himself. A great part of this night was the number of junior families who attended.

Bogan Bingo saw about sixty diehard eighties fans dressed in their very best bogan attire. The scary part, about the night, was that some admitted to having sourced said items of clothing from their own wardrobes! This was a fantastic night and bought back this eighties, wonderful memories of bad hair, worse clothes and some suspect music. Thanks to those who came along and really got into the spirit of the night.

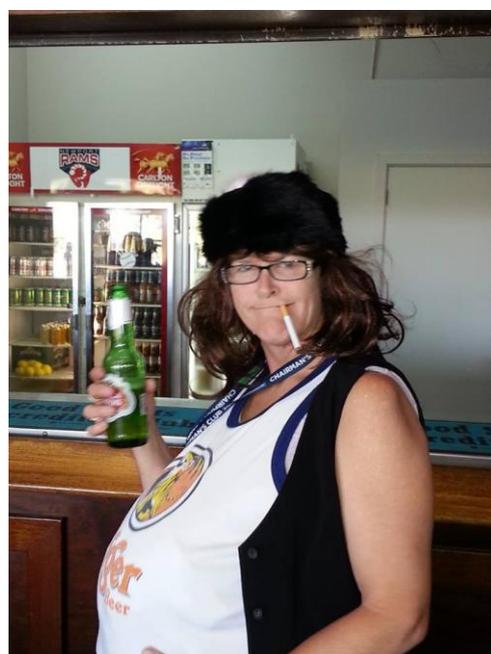
Other events over the 2014/15 season included,

- Christmas function
- Continuation of Tuesday night meals - Thanks again to Karen van Wyngaarden and her helpers
- Life Members Day
- Poker Nights
- Junior Movie Night
- Major Draw
- Chocolate Drive
- Junior Presentation
- Senior Presentation.

2015/16 season will see the implementation of an Activities Sub-committee to come up with some new and exciting events for the upcoming season, the sub-committee needs people to get involved, if you are interested or have a good idea please let the 2015/16 Activities Manager know at the AGM.

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to either help out or run an event this year, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Jacinta Edwards**  
**Activities Manager**



***RAMS Bogan Bingo***



## CONCLUSION

An important part of any organisation is to constantly strive to improve on the past and Newport Baseball Club is no different. Many of us, me included, allow our focus to be drawn to the things that may not be going well and therefore see things as a lot worse than they are. Whilst it is important to identify and attend to such things, it is just as important, if not more important to identify and celebrate the successes that we all continue to build on year after year.

NBC is a volunteer community level sports club where everyone at the coal face is doing all they can to enable the club to succeed and move forward. We all measure that success in different ways, whether it be how many junior players we have, number of junior teams, senior team match wins, money in the bank, or what division the club is competing in. All of these elements are important but with so much going on day to day, at the end of each year the one thing I look for is "Has NBC grown and continued to provide the quality baseball experience that was the vision set out in 1928?" In my opinion this has been achieved in season 2014/15.

In the past 12 months we have seen almost 200 Junior, Senior, Masters & Over 60 players take the field enjoying playing t-ball, baseball or cricket. A Committee of Management of seven people oversaw the running of the club, ably assisted by a mountain of volunteers undertaking all the roles necessary to keep the wheels turning and make our NBC the great place it is.

As Secretary I continue to learn the administrative and business side of the club and that involves dealing with many stake holders both within NBC, as well as many different organisations we deal with as part of the day to day running of the club. The Committee of Management should be proud of the work that has been done and NBC members should be proud of their committee who represents them. Everyone at NBC is important and no one person is any more important than another; from the Club President to the volunteer mum scoring a junior game on Friday night and then running inside to sell hotdogs. NBC is the place it is, because of the collective efforts of all of us.



## CONCLUSION

There is a lot covered throughout this report: our improved financial position, increase in fundraising, increase in function attendance, record numbers of meals served on Tuesday nights, increase in junior numbers, increase in junior coaches, a roller coaster senior season in Division 1, significant improvements to infrastructure and facilities, the continued honouring of Bob Milne's legacy and the list just keeps going. I am not going to name individuals as I will surely forget someone, no one does what they do for the pat on the back, they do it for NBC, that's what makes our club so great.

Earlier this year for work I was part of a research program looking at the benefits to children and young people when they have opportunities in life such as being involved in community sports clubs. Overwhelmingly the data shows the benefits to children and young people involved in sport (*regardless of the sport*), this was reflected in school results, personal health, success beyond school, social skills, work place achievements, less involvement in anti-social behaviour and improved family life. So the short answer is; being involved in sport is beneficial in so many ways on a bigger scale that some of the small stuff we get distracted by.

We have some major challenges ahead and I look forward to standing alongside everyone committed to ensuring NBC remains the quality family baseball environment that it has been for so long and well into the future. Lots of exciting projects are in the wings so keep an eye on things as there is something for everyone to help out with and then enjoy the fruits of our efforts, many hands make light work. GO RAMS !!!

**Paul Walshe**  
**Club Secretary**





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