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CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

**Annual Report
2002-2003**



Agenda

1. To receive, consider and accept the minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive, consider and, if approved, accept reports from:
 - The President
 - The Treasurer
 - Junior Teams' Coordinator
 - Senior Teams' Coordinator
 - The Koala League, and
 - Any Committee Member or Office Bearer who may wish to table a report.
3. Election of Executive Committee Office Bearers for the position of:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Junior Teams' Coordinator
 - Senior Teams' Coordinator
4. Election of General Committee for the position of:
 - Grounds Officer(s)
 - Equipment Officer(s)
 - Canteen Manager(s)
 - Uniforms Officer(s)
 - Social Committee
 - Fundraising Officer(s)
 - Umpires' Development Officer(s)
 - Coaching Development Officer(s)
 - Junior Teams Registrar
 - Senior Teams Registrar
 - Publications Officer
 - Junior Teams' Recorder
 - Koala League Representative(s)
5. Election of Public Officer
6. Election of Auditor
7. Election of H.B.L. Delegates (Juniors & Seniors)
8. General Business

NSW JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE VOLUNTEER MEDAL, 2002

Craig Cusbert received the Volunteer Medal on Tuesday 10th December, 2003 while coaching the 16 Cardinals. Here a sample of what can be said for and about one of Carlingford's sons.

Craig Cusbert has offered baseball 23 years of unbroken service. All these years, he has been a member of Carlingford Baseball Club, as a player or coach and in 1998 his positive participation was acknowledged with Life Membership.

In his junior career, Craig played as a representative player for Cumberland Allstars and later, the Hills District. He represented NSW as an U15, travelling to Perth and again as an U16 competing in Brisbane.

As a 15 year old, he played for Manly in their U18 side and one year later, played in the 1st Grade side, earning the Major League's highest batting average for the season.

As a 17 year old, Craig first became a NSW Patriot. Twelve months later, the Patriots were renamed the Blues. Craig stayed with them until 1996 when he retired from a winning Sydney Blues team.

While a member of the Blues, he travelled as a member of the U19 National Team to USA in 1992. He also took part in the Amateur World Series in 1994-95 and was an Olympic trialist in 1995.

Baseball has offered Craig opportunities to work with and for some outstanding players and coaches.

For 12 years as a coach, Craig has offered Carlingford players the opportunity to share his love of the game. He presents as a role model and mentor. He has the skills and knowledge of the game to support the development of younger players into Major League and Grade Teams. He presents baseball and the opportunities it offers, as a sport for life. He has shared his love of the game with many players from Carlingford and it is with great pleasure and without hesitation that the Committee of Carlingford Baseball nominated Craig Cusbert for the Volunteer Medal.

Canteen Report

Another year without a Canteen Manager, so I again stepped into this position to ensure that we had a canteen running each week. I am pleased to report a net profit of just over \$3,800 – an amount similar to that of last year. Thank you to all the team helpers who gave up their time willingly each week to ensure the smooth running of the canteen.

We started the season without a working freezer. Cadbury Ice-creams graciously provided us with one free of charge stocked with several boxes of ice-creams and large enough to cater for all our freezer needs.

Thank you also to Coonara Bakery for always having our fresh bread ready to pick up early Saturday morning and to Barry's Tender Meats for a good deal on our sausages.

Thanks also to the McDonald family for giving the Club a BBQ to use when our "old faithful" finally gave up the ghost.

This is not a job that requires an enormous amount of time, but it is one that would be best done by several people working together so that responsibilities could be shared and distributed over alternate weeks. I will not be available for this position next year and hope that the role will be filled so that the responsibility will not fall to the already overburdened committee.

WENDY SPENCER

*You start chasing a ball and your
brain immediately commands your
body to run forward! Bend!
Scoop up the ball! Peg it to first!
Then your body says who me?*

Joe DiMaggio

Minutes of 2002 Annual General Meeting

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC

Held at Carlingford Bowling, Sports & Recreation Club

Wednesday April 10, 2002

In attendance

Moya Muller, Ed McCue, Leslie Warren, Helen Toy, Andrew Borg, Mark Highfield, John Butt, Wendy Spencer, Judy Major, Garry Butler, Matthew Spencer, Michael Lock, Mikael Desaix, Ross O'Shannassy, Gail Cashmore, Brian Cashmore, Matthew Cashmore, Myra Gurney, Alan Jones, Ian Cummerford, Bill Gurney, Sally Cooper.

Apologies

Heinz Muller, Garry Essenstam, Dianne Starling, Glen Ettridge, David Major, Craig Cusbert.

The meeting was opened at 7.53pm.

All attending were welcomed and thanked for their attendance.

Wendy Spencer read the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting and minutes of 2001 Annual General Meeting held on 11th April, 2001.

Motion was moved that the minutes be accepted.

Moved: Ross O'Shannassy Seconded: Leslie Warren

Business arising from the minutes

It was agreed that minutes be amended to include date meeting was held – 11th April, 2001.

Discussion took place as to "Seniors being costly to the Club".

This was deferred to be discussed during the reports or General Business.

The President's report was read by Moya Muller, as published.

Wendy Spencer gave an overview of the Treasurer's written report.

Moya Muller thanked Wendy Spencer and Mark Highfield for their help during the season and also thanked Mikael Desaix for his help in chasing up the senior registration monies.

Michael Lock asked why there was not a "provision for liability" for replacement of uniform cost. Discussion took place and it was advised that Mr Zucconi can give information upon request on this issue. We were advised that an inventory is kept. It was advised that it was not an insurance issue. Ed McCue advised that it would cost approx. \$1,000.00/kit per team, for replacement purposes. The Club does not store all its gear in one storage space at present.

It was noted that the "Equipment Levy Refunds" was for actual levy refunds, whereas for 2001 the amount given was for refunds only.

A big "thank you" goes to Pritchard Adams, Chartered Accountants, for preparing the independent Auditor's report at such short notice. Their effort to have them ready for us in time for the AGM is appreciated.

Matthew Spencer read the Registrar's report.

Moya Muller thanked Matthew for his input during the season and advised that he has now got a database up and running on club membership. This data was not previously available and will be great when looking up historical information in the future.

Michael Desaix gave an overview of the published Senior Teams Coordinator's report. He advised that home ground for the upcoming Winter season would be Upjohn Oval,, with some access to Aquilina at Blacktown because of the number of teams registered.

It was noted during discussion that the District we play in be referred to as the "Hills Baseball League", not the "Hills Junior Baseball League" – it's all one in the same.

Moya Muller thanked, on behalf of the committee, Michael for his efforts during the season.

Leslie Warren gave an overview of the Junior Teams' Coordinator's report.

As the Hills' Junior delegate, Leslie advised that although we were down in numbers this year for our summer competition we faired relatively well in retaining our numbers compared to other clubs in the district. Carlingford Baseball Club is seen as one of the bigger clubs in the district. It was discussed that more advertising of our sport/club needed to be done to retain the numbers we have as well as encourage new players.

"Blast Ball", a development of T-ball was discussed. The District is looking at encouraging the younger players and is looking at developing a game that the younger ones will not become bored with.

Wendy Spencer advised that the biggest loss in numbers was found to be in this year's U14 age group. It was advised that the Hills District is trying to get people and information into primary schools to encourage participation.

Moya Muller read Canteen report and gave overview of workings during the year.

Thanks were expressed to Wendy and Matthew Spencer and Mark Highfield in helping in the running of the canteen as well as a big thank you to Wendy Spencer for organising stock, etc. during the season.

Leslie Warren gave an overview of the Equipment Officer's report as published. Leslie advised funds would need to be spent before next season for both Junior and Senior kits.

Moya Muller proposed the motion for the reports to be accepted as read/discussed.

Moved: Andrew Borg Seconded: Brian Cashmore

Junior Teams' Coordinator's Report

Spring arrives and a new season begins. I trust that yours was an enjoyable 2002/03 season with stories to tell of achievements and friendships made. By the enthusiasm on the players faces they were out there having a good time!

A special "thank you" to all the Coaches and Managers who willingly volunteered their time to the teams throughout the season. I would also like to thank the willing parents who took part in their child's development by getting involved at training, being there on Saturdays to base coach, score, umpire or do canteen duty. At Carlingford we like to foster an atmosphere in which everybody can get involved and have some fun. We need your input and appreciate your efforts.

This year we fielded 11 junior teams. The U10 Braves were Premiers and the U10 Cubs were Runner's Up in their leagues. We had three teams make it through to the semi-finals. The U16 Braves bowed out in the semi's, the U12 Cubs made it through to the finals and the U14 Braves went directly to the Grand Final which they won! A "well done" to all our players in making it a successful season.

Players from our club have been picked in representative teams. Daniel Woodbury (16 Cardinals) was a Hills U16 Youth League (State Cup) player, Adam Spencer (14 Braves) went to Melbourne last Easter (2002) and to Japan in July 2002 with the NSW U12 team and Mark Trau (12 Cardinals) was a Hills State Cup U12 team member. Congratulations boys!

The Club held Development Clinics during the October and January school holidays for our players which proved to be both well attended and very worthwhile.

Summer ends, autumn begins and our season comes to an end. We nearly made it through without a "wet weather" day of play ... it was the last round of the season for some!! Nevermind, we needed the rain and had a spare week up our sleeves (didn't we)!

I look forward to the seeing the familiar faces as well as lots of new ones too next season where we can continue to focus on development and enjoyment of the game of baseball.

HELEN TOY, JUNIOR TEAMS' COORDINATOR

Senior Teams' Coordinator's Report

Winter 2002

This season the club entered 5 teams in the Hills Senior Baseball competition. Of the 5 teams, one of the G grade and one of the H grade teams made the grand-finals. The H graders finished runners up but the G team won the Premiership. It was a good season in all with many good games.

Summer 2002/2003

In this past summer season the club once again entered teams in the Metropolitan League. 5 teams to be exact. The same H grade team once again was right up there all through the season. They made it to the semi finals and played right through to the Grand final where they got beaten by Holroyd. The two teams in F grade also had a very steady season, staying on the top for most of the season. These two teams ended up playing each other in the semis and due to the fact that these two teams finished the comp first and second, they clashed again in the Grand final. Needless to say, a very good year for Carlingford Baseball's senior players.

Although we did not have sufficient interest to field an Under 19s side this season, please note that there are still opportunities for all juniors, 14 and up, to play with the seniors in whichever grade is appropriate. There are a few out there playing with their dads this winter.

Before this past summer season the Club sent out a letter inviting "old" juniors to come back and play in any appropriate grade. This invitation is still open as Carlingford Baseball Club still hopes to put high quality teams in summer and/or winter competitions.

Winter 2003

Another winter season has just begun. The Club is fielding 5 teams in the Hills Senior Baseball Competition, which is once again run by the Hills Baseball League. Our home ground is Upjohn Park and with an extra team this winter compared to last, all teams will have to play several extra away games this season.

We have an A grade side this winter which is a welcome addition to the Club. They will provide some good action down at Upjohn. When they have a home game there, the game starts at 2.45.

I wish them and our other 4 teams an enjoyable, and hopefully successful season this winter. Please give them your support

I would also like to thank the president Moya Müller and the Committee for all their assistance in the past year.

And don't forget! All you Dad's out there who play baseball, give your kids your support next summer by becoming a coach or pitch in (pardon the pun) in some other way for all our baseball kids. See you on the diamond!

MIKAEL DESAIX, SENIOR TEAMS' COORDINATOR

Moya Muller read a letter from Garry Essenstam. It included his apologies for not attending the AGM as well as a thank you to this year's committee for a job well done.

The President then declared all committee positions vacant for 2002 and called for a returning officer.

Brian Cashmore was nominated by Leslie Warren and seconded by Mikael Desaix as the Returning Officer. Brian accepted the position and took the chair.

The Returning Officer thanked the outgoing committee. The Returning Officer then asked for any nomination that had been received in writing. None had been received.

The election of the committee followed (see following page).

Brian Cashmore congratulated and thanked the new committee for their willingness to take part in the Club. The chair was then passed back to the President for 2002-2003.

Moya Muller thanked Brian Cashmore for acting as Returning Officer for the election of the Carlingford Baseball Club Committee. Moya told us of Brian's involvement and dedication to the Club over the past years and also the naming of and honour of having one of the U16 baseball league conferences dedicated to him for his efforts.

Moya also thanked Life Members for attending and their support over the years. Jacqui Cashmore was also mentioned for her input over the years too.

The President called the new committee to the front table to be introduced

Motion was put forward that there be two signatories for the purposes of the Department of Fair Trading. It was agreed to be the persons as follows:

1. Public Officer

2. Committee nominee, as acknowledged.

Moved: Moya Muller Seconded: Brian Cashmore

General Business:

It was advised that N.S.W. Baseball had planned a baseball expo at Darling Harbour during the first week of the school holidays. There was a request for volunteers to man the activities for a couple of hours each day. There is to be a batting cage, mini field, etc. Please let Mikael Desaix know if you're available and he'll pass the information on.

U12 Winter Development will commence at Castle Glen on 21st April, 2002. Be there at 9am for 9.30am start.

We were advised U18 and U16 Development was by invitation only.

A motion of special thanks to Ed McCue and the other "able bodies" of the Grounds Committee who have Diamond 4 especially looking great due to bobcats, levelling, etc. Garry Butler too was made special mention of, to thank him for his continued efforts.

Moved: Mark Highfield Seconded: Wendy Spencer.

It was brought to our attention that, as we know, Ed McCue is moving on (to the Central Coast) and Garry Butler will be the parent of an U16 year old in the coming summer season. New recruits are needed.

A thank you went to Graham Cooper who did not miss a morning set up last summer season. His efforts are appreciated.

Parents will be asked to put their names down for Working Bees on registration day on a clipboard, much the same way as coaches and managers help is requested on the day.

John Butt proposed that dates be set for working bee. Discussion took place. It was advised that problems arose with setting dates and having the people with the know-how being available – people have trouble committing to dates well in advance and forget date once committed.

Brian Cashmore brought up the option of increasing fees by \$11.00 to enable sponsorship payment to the club from the Carlingford Bowling, Sports and Recreation Club. This was met with disdain.

It was brought to Brian's attention that we have had members register at previous coaches and managers meetings with no response from the Carlingford Bowling, Sports and Recreation Club.

We have had registration forms presented to us on more than one occasion at meetings held at the Bowling Club and encouraged attendees to sign up - for what?

Mark Highfield proposed this be a motion for discussion at a committee meeting.

Moya Muller advised that she had sent a letter last October to the effect of what was happening with our sponsorship for members registered with the Carlingford Bowling, Sports and Recreation Club and has had no response.

Moya advised that she had recently spoken to Steve from the CBSRC after them asking us if we were interested in sponsorship! At our last committee meeting delegates were elected to meet with Steve and find out about his proposals.

It was advised that with new bank regulations, there has to be three people nominated as signatories for the Club's accounts.

Motion: That the President, Secretary and Treasurer be signatories on the Club's accounts.

Moved: Wendy Spencer Seconded: Garry Butler

Committee meetings are to be held on the second Wednesday of the month (after the second Tuesday of the month being the Hills Baseball League meeting night).

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Next Committee Meeting at Carlingford Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th May, 2002.

Registrar's Report

Registrations for the 2002-2003 Season were up slightly on the previous year. This was in contrast to most clubs across the Hills (and other regions), which generally experienced a decline in numbers. We fielded the same number of junior teams as last year, whereas the overall Hills junior competition was smaller by some 20 teams. Some clubs, (Schofields and Hills Hawks, for example), were not able to field full teams in some divisions and were forced to put in joint teams.

Our growth this year can be attributed to an increased effort in recruiting new players from the local schools, some recovery of players who had previously left the club, and higher retention rates compared to previous years. Senior numbers in particular were up on last year.

Comparative numbers for this season and last are as follows:

	CURRENT SEASON	PREVIOUS SEASON
Junior registrations	123	118
Junior teams	11	11
Senior registrations (Summer)	59	47
Senior teams (Summer)	5	4
Senior registrations (Winter)	54	46
Senior teams (Winter)	5	4

The breakdown by age group (previous year in brackets) was:

AGE GROUP	PLAYERS	FEMALES	TEAMS
Under 8	25 (32)	4 (6)	2 (3)
Under 10 *	24 (32)	0 (2)	2 (3)
Under 12	32 (30)	1 (3)	3 (3)
Under 14	21 (12)	0 (0)	2 (1)
Under 16	21 (12)	0 (0)	2 (1)
Total Juniors	123 (118)	5 (11)	11 (11)
Seniors (combined)	93 (84)	1 (2)	10 (8)
Total	216 (202)	6 (13)	21 (19)

* This season the U/9 and U/10 age groups have been combined into Under 10s.

Clearly the overall trend is that we have lost players from the youngest age group (Under 8), but retained players from the U/10 and older grades, who have progressed into the older age groups. There also appears to be a move away from baseball (presumably to softball) by female players.

To ensure the current and future growth of the club, there needs to be a continued effort at recruitment and retention next season, especially in the t-ball age groups.

MATTHEW SPENCER, REGISTRAR

Income and Expenditure Statement

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC

For the year ended 31 March 2003

	2003	2002
Income		
Registrations – Junior	14,698.00	12,680.00
Senior	16,365.20	16,355.00
Canteen takings	9,336.13	5,329.75
Uniform sales	3,406.75	3,497.70
Raffle takings	150.00	1,222.00
Sponsorship	3,950.00	990.00
Social functions	–	408.00
Interest received	718.61	496.46
Sundry	242.50	1,102.34
Coaching clinics	1,115.00	–
	<u>49,982.19</u>	<u>42,081.25</u>
Expenditure		
Affiliation fees	10,051.80	9,071.50
Bank charges	287.12	271.63
Christmas party	2,056.40	1,921.02
Coaches & managers night	110.00	80.00
Clothing & uniform	6,293.55	2,079.00
Canteen goods	5,486.36	1,189.81
Equipment purchases	12,251.20	2,215.10
Ground expenses & equipment	3,242.01	6,342.41
Printing, postage & phone	1,116.45	815.13
Senior umpires	–	1,236.00
Trophies/badges	541.30	3,420.90
Electricity	1,000.61	515.73
Insurance	–	1,914.61
Equipment levy refunds	–	330.00
Function expenses & catering	160.00	815.73
Donations	–	300.00
Sundry expenses	772.00	383.47
Coaching clinics	1,905.00	–
	<u>45,273.80</u>	<u>32,902.04</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>4,708.39</u>	<u>9,179.21</u>

2002-2003 Committee Election

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secondor	Accepted	Elected
President	Moya Muller	Gayle Cashmore	Mikael Desaix	Accepted	Yes
Vice President	Andrew Borg	Ross O'Shannassy	Mikael Desaix	Accepted	Yes
Secretary	Michael Lock	Andrew Borg	Leslie Warren	Accepted	Yes
Treasurer	Wendy Spencer	Mikael Desaix	Helen Toy	Accepted	Yes
Junior Teams Co-Ord	Helen Toy	Ed McCue	Gayle Cashmore	Accepted	Yes
Senior Teams Co-ord	Mikael Desaix	Leslie Warren	Garry Butler	Accepted	Yes
Grounds Manager	Garry Butler	Ed McCue	Leslie Warren	Accepted	Yes
Equipment Officer	Leslie Warren	Gayle Cashmore	Matthew Spencer	Accepted	Yes
Canteen Manager	None received				
Uniform Manager	Mikael Desaix	Ed McCue	Wendy Spencer	Accepted	Yes
Social Committee	Judy Major	Gayle Cashmore	Ross O'Shannassy	Declined	
Fund Raising	Sally Cooper	Ed McCue	Moya Muller	Declined	
Umpire Dev Officer	Michael Lock	Leslie Warren	Andrew Borg	Declined	
Umpire Dev Officer	Ross O'Shannassy	Leslie Warren	Andrew Borg	Declined	
Coaching Dev Officer	Matthew Spencer	Ed McCue	Moya Muller	Accepted	Yes
Publications Officer	Myra Gurney	Bill Gurney	Sally Cooper	Accepted	Yes
Junior Teams Recorder	Helen Toy	Wendy Spencer	Leslie Warren	Accepted	Yes
Koala League Representative	None received				
Hills Delegate – Senior	Mikael Desaix	Mark Highfield	Leslie Warren	Accepted	Yes
Hills Delegate – Junior	Andrew Borg	Leslie Warren	Moya Muller	Accepted	Yes
Hills Delegate – Reserve	Moya Muller	Leslie Warren	Andrew Borg	Accepted	Yes
Public Officer	Michael Lock	Leslie Warren	Wendy Spencer	Accepted	Yes
Auditor	John Butt	Ross O'Shannassy	Andrew Borg	Accepted	Yes

President's Report

The year in review from this position is one of peaks and troughs.

Early in the season Baulkham Hills Shire Council made contact with our committee to inform us that Murray Farm Oval was to receive an 'upgrade'.

This information was received with anxious anticipation, as any improvements to Murray Farm and its facilities over the last 10 years, if not longer, have all been initiated and paid for by Carlingford Baseball Club. The nets and fencing were the most costly. The Club also paid for the awning on the Canteen even down to the Development Application. In 2001, the Canteen was made OH&S safe by the Council and the Baseball Club paid for the improvements which extended its size and modernised its facilities.

To date the final plans for the upgrade of Murray Farm Oval have not been presented, but the Club is anxiously looking for improved seating and cement slabs for our scorers, plus a batting cage to allow the safe use of the newly purchased pitching machine.

To ensure BHSC was aware of our support for their development to Murray Farm, the Committee, driven by our Secretary Michael Lock in this instance, applied for and received a Sport and Recreation Grant. These grants, offered to sporting clubs to improve facilities, are 'tied' funds. At Murray Farm, the funds will be used to improve drainage. This request was made as the drainage problem will be addressed in Stage One of the Master Plan.

Discussion regarding the disaffiliation of New South Wales Junior Baseball League from New South Wales Baseball League took up a huge amount of committee time. While this situation affects very few players from our Club, these are the players who will represent at State and Australian Levels. Carlingford is affiliated with the Hill Baseball League and as such will continue to compete in the Hills competition. Recent discussion leads to NSWBL being placed in the hands of an administrator.

We were not free from the world of insurance madness either. Over the year we were constantly aware of the changes and rising cost of coverage. The important information is simply that until November this year we will have coverage for all our volunteers and players. Difficulty will only arise if Carlingford Baseball Club pays its workers.

During the month of November, Westfield and Reebok offered local Sporting Clubs the opportunity to register and earn incentive points for shopping at their Centres. Carlingford Baseball Club members and friends earned for us, almost \$1000 of Reebok goods.

Carlingford's Seniors Winter Competition, with Upjohn as Carlingford's home ground, had some good baseball, many memorable moments and a few injuries, plus a grand final win. Mikael Desaix, as the Senior Teams' Coordinator will elaborate more on the Seniors, during Winter and Summer, in his report.

The Junior Season, for the majority of players and parents, starts with grading in July but for a committee made up of mainly newcomers to baseball management, the season

Balance Sheet

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC As at 31 March 2003

	2003	2002
Accumulated Funds		
Balance 31 March 2002	30,282.46	21,103.25
Add: Surplus for the year	4,708.39	9,179.21
Balance 31 March 2003	<u>34,990.85</u>	<u>30,282.46</u>
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	22,802.73	18,634.64
Term deposits	12,090.37	11,550.07
Cash on hand	97.75	97.75
	<u>34,990.85</u>	<u>30,282.46</u>

Independent Auditor's Report 2002-2003

PRITCHARD ADAMS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.**

Scope

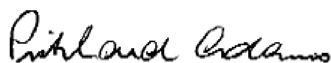
We have audited the accounts, being the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet of the Carlingford Baseball Club Inc. for the year ended 31 March 2003. We have performed an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Club.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts.

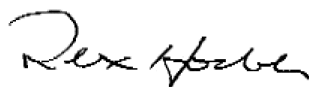
The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion the accounts of the Club are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the economic entity as at 31 March 2003 and of the Income and Expenditure Statement and of the economic entity for the year ended on that date.



PRITCHARD ADAMS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



REX HOEBEN

Dated at Sydney this 28th day of April 2003

Leslie Warren, in her second year as Equipment Officer, spent her time behind the scenes consolidating the task and developing a 'tracking system' to ensure the committee is aware of what equipment is distributed.

Leslie, a player herself, has worked for the committee and as junior coach since 1998. After being the Publications Officer, the Fund Raising Officer, on the Social Committee, Junior Teams' Coordinator and Equipment Officer, Leslie will finally hang up her Carlingford cap at the end of this season. At this forum, I'd like to formally thank Leslie, both on behalf of the committee and personally, for her efforts and application. Much of what Leslie achieved in the past will continue to support the club in the near future.

This year the summer season Newsletter was edited by Myra Gurney and distributed electronically. Myra has done an outstanding job, producing a weekly newsletter of a standard befitting a club like ours, with 35 years of history. She also took up the challenge and volunteered to be Minutes Secretary for the committee, to fill a need.

Carlingford Baseball used the **carlingfordbaseball.com.au** domain name to a greater degree this year, with Matthew Spencer at the helm, ensuring it was maintained and updated. Many sporting clubs use the World Wide Web as a means of information sharing. Matthew has refined and developed something that was started a year before he joined the committee. It is now easily accessible to our broader community.

Over the coming year, if plans are played out, several changes and developments will be noticed. The Murray Farm upgrade is the biggest. A Senior Winter A Grade side being added to our ranks, once again, is another. Some of our junior players earning Patriot Caps and being in contention for representative opportunities overseas is another. The planning for winter baseball for Juniors and the need for additional grounds is also another.

This is an exciting time for baseball and at Club level the basics need to be maintained. Our Club has always presented competitive teams in which ever competition they play. Sportsmanship and fair play are a focus.

The nature of the sport is competitive and to support this, the structure of the management needs be diverse, while maintaining a link to the past.

A huge number of volunteers with a diversity of skills drive a game like baseball. Policy and procedure in history and practice are all important to Carlingford Baseball Club. The finer points of baseball are obvious on the diamond and at committee level. In my final address as President, I would like to thank those who offered their support in the year in review and urge any participant, who can work as a team player themselves, to consider making him or herself available to join the committee for the upcoming season. Baseball is at a turning point and the way to be part of this and to stay informed is to be a committee member.

MOYA MÜLLER, PRESIDENT 2002-2003

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for the 2002/2003 baseball season. We have again finished the year in a sound financial position while accomplishing the goals set by the committee at the start of the year.

In response to the questionnaire conducted at the end of last year, we directed funds to player development through coaching clinics, the purchase of a pitching machine, the upgrading of junior, senior and umpiring equipment and, with a view to increasing club numbers, a more extensive advertising campaign through the purchase and distribution of banners and flyers. Seating and shade facilities were also high on our list of priorities and we have taken steps to ensure they are included in the Council's master plan for Murray Farm Reserve.

We have largely been able to accomplish the above through the acquisition of sponsorship and we thank Challenge Recruitment and Carlingford Bowling, Sports and Recreation Club for their support. We were also successful in our application for a capital works grant of just over \$9,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation, which will be used to jointly fund improvement to the drainage at Murray Farm Reserve with Baulkham Hills Council. This work should be completed by the start of the next summer season.

Income and Expenditure

The majority of income was again received from registrations, the sale of uniforms, hats, socks, shirts and sponsorship. Income from junior registrations was higher this year, even though our membership increased only slightly. The rise in fees was in anticipation of the increase in affiliation costs, due to the large jump in the cost of public liability insurance. Senior fees were also increased accordingly, however this is not reflected in the income comparison, since every year the payments for the winter season fall across two financial years.

Our term deposits continue to return just under 5%, which is very competitive in today's market.

The canteen has again provided a net income to the club of more than \$3800. This amount was similar to last year's income, and should therefore be a good indication of what we can expect in the future.

Our greatest expense this year was the purchase of equipment, including over \$3500 for the acquisition of the pitching machine. The remainder was spent on improving and maintaining the playing kits and umpires' protective equipment. Affiliation expenses increased as expected. Included in this expense is the cost of coaching accreditation courses, which I am pleased to report, several of our coaches undertook.

Our hard-working grounds crew ensured that the diamonds were kept in good condition throughout the season, without a high level of expenditure.

Uniform expenses were up on last year due to the change of the senior uniforms to the "major league" style. As these uniforms are sold this expense will be recovered. As

our junior numbers in the older age groups have increased, we have also had to purchase more larger-sized uniforms for them. As many of our uniforms are now approaching the end of their useful life, we also anticipate a large expense for uniform replacement next year.

The purchase of reusable banners to advertise registration day increased printing costs this year, as did the distribution of flyers to local schools and shopping centres at the start of the season. The club's mobile phone was switched to a cheaper plan part way through the year, which resulted in the costs falling by about 75% after the changeover.

Due to a later Presentation Day this year, trophies for this season were purchased after the end of the financial year, and the expense of approximately \$2000 will therefore appear in the 2003/2004 financial statement.

Electricity expenses are up significantly due to Integral Energy's practice of not reading the meter and underestimating the usage for last year. The extra amount owing was paid in the first quarter of this year. The problem of estimated accounts has now been rectified.

Sundry expenses include items such as the hire of our PO box, grading day expenses, gifts, catering, registering the carlingfordbaseball.com.au internet domain, statutory Incorporation costs and support of our NSW representative players.

Assets and Liabilities

The club has no material liabilities. Assets include grounds marking and maintenance equipment including the ride-on mower, uniforms and club clothing, baseball equipment such as bases, balls, bats, helmets, catching and umpiring protective gear, as well as canteen hardware such as fridges, barbeque and utensils. As many of these items have a short life expectancy (less than 3 years), it is of little benefit to try to accurately calculate the net asset position of the club.

Auditor's Report

Thanks to Glen Ettridge for again organising Pritchard Adams Chartered Accountants to perform the audit for us this year, free of charge.

As I am not intending to stand for re-election as Treasurer I would like to thank the committee for their support throughout the last three seasons and am grateful for the many friendships that have been developed through my involvement within the club. I wish the new Treasurer every success in this position and look forward to new faces bringing fresh ideas into the organisation and running of a wonderful baseball club.

WENDY SPENCER, TREASURER