



**CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2007-2008**

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**MINUTES OF 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC**  
West Pennant Hills Community Centre  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007

In attendance:

Andrew Borg, Mikael Desaix, David Perger, David Aiston, Jane Carpenter, Stephen Gosper, Gai Trau, Stewart Lawson, Nicole Lawson, Kerry Tremaine, M Muller, A Muller, S Murray, A Murray, Troy Coleman, Brian Nelson, Ivan Turnbull, Anthony Zammit, Kerri O'Shannassy, Peter Woodbury, Gary Butler, Robyn Gosper, Neil Roach, Bill Fowler.

Apologies:

John Gibbons, Mark Highfield, John Butt, Carol Barton, Karen Aiston, Craig Cashmore, Mathew Cashmore, Gayle Cashmore.

The meeting opened at 2.05pm. The President welcomed members, life members and all attending.

The minutes of AGM 2006 were read as published.

**Motion that the minutes be accepted as published and amended.**

Moved: Ross O'Shannassy.      Seconded:    Steve Gosper.....carried

President's Report was read by Andrew Borg as published.

Andrew Borg congratulated the club and players for a great season.  
He commented on how well the competitive teams did.

With 5 out of 7 reaching semi-finals

3 reaching Grand Finals

2 teams winning their Grand Finals      17/3's and 14 Cubs.

Andrew Borg thanked the junior co-ordinator – Carol Barton for a big effort in getting the teams onto the field.

Andrew spoke about Carlingford finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the association ladder behind Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill.

He thanked the ground staff Neil Roach, Dave Aiston and Jason Ettridge for their tireless effort in getting the grounds set up each Saturday morning

**Motion that the President's Report be accepted.**

Moved: Ross O'Shannassy      Seconded:    Steve Gosper.....carried

Treasurer's report as published, was spoken to by Andrew Borg.

**Motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.**

Moved: David Perger    Seconded: Ross O'Shannassy

Andrew Borg presented the Junior Team's Co-Ordinator's Report.

Carol wanted to congratulate all teams on how well they went this season.

Congratulations go to the boys that made representative teams they are:

Mark Trau    -   Hills U16's team

Victor Woo    -   Hills U12's team

Travis McDonald   U16 / U17's NSW team & U16 Australian team

Moved: Ross O'Shannassy    Seconded   Steve Gosper

Mikael Desaix presented the Senior Team's Co-Ordinator's Report.

David Perger presented the registrar's Report.

Dave Aiston presented the Equipment officer's report.

Other committee members who did not publish reports were invited to make brief comments on their roles.

The President declared all committee positions vacant for 2007 and asked Duncan Coles to act as returning officer.

Duncan assumed the chair and thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts and a job well done.

Election of the new committee followed ( see following page). There were a few unfilled positions including Hill's Delegate.

**Motion that the unfilled positions be considered at the first meeting.**

Moved:    Ross O'Shannassy        Seconded:    Bill Fowler

After the election, The president Andrew Borg resumed the chair. Andrew thanked Duncan for acting as Returning Officer.

Noted that the Audited report be made available on the website.

Motion that the President and Treasurer be given authority to sign annual return on behalf of the club

Moved:    David Perger                      Seconded:    Steve Gosper.....carried

**Meeting closed 2.25pm.**

## 2007/2008 COMMITTEE ELECTION

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Accepted	Elected
President	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Patrick Fazzino	Accepted	Yes
Vice President	Ross O'Shannassy	Andrew Borg	Dave Aiston	Accepted	Yes
Secretary	Robyn Gosper	position unfilled			
Treasurer	Sharon Murray	Steve Gosper	Mikael Desaix	Accepted	Yes
Junior Teams' Coordinator	Carol Barton	Robyn Gosper	Val Hutchings	Accepted	Yes
Senior Teams' Coordinator	Michael Desaix	Andrew Borg	R O'Shannassy	Accepted	Yes
Senior Grounds Officer	Dave Aiston	R O'Shannassy	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
Co-Grounds Officer	Garry Butler	Dave Aiston	Carol Barton	Accepted	Yes
Co-Grounds Officer	Neil Roach	Dave Aiston	Carol Barton	Accepted	Yes
Co-Grounds Officer	Graham Cooper	Dave Aiston	Carol Barton	Accepted	Yes
Equipment Officer	Dave Aiston	Andrew Borg	Mikael Desaix	Accepted	Yes
Canteen Manager	No nominations	Andrew Borg	Mikael Desaix	Accepted	Yes
Uniform Manager	Steve Gosper	Andrew Borg	Jason Ettridge	Accepted	Yes
Social Committee	No nominations	Stephen Gosper	Dave Aiston	Accepted	Yes
Umpire Dev Officer	No nominations	Andrew Borg	Stephen Gosper	Accepted	Yes
Coaching Dev Officer	Mikael Desaix	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
Registrar	David Perger	Val Hutchings	Carol Barton	Accepted	Yes
Junior Teams' Recorder	Robyn Gosper	Robyn Gosper	Dave Perger	Accepted	Yes
Koala League Representative	No nominations	position unfilled			
SML Delegate – senior	Mikael Desaix	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
SML Delegate – alternate	Andrew Borg	Dave Aiston	Warren Pearsall	Accepted	Yes
Hills Delegate Junior	No nominations	Carol Barton	Val Hutchings	Accepted	Yes
Hills Delegate Junior Alternate		Dave Aiston	Dave Perger	Accepted	Yes
Public Officer	Patrick Fazzino	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accepted	Yes

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2007-08 has turned out to be a season of extremes with fire and rain dominating our summer season. Unfortunately, these did not occur at the same time, and we subsequently lost several weekends of games and many many hours of time dealing with the repeated attempts by vandals to burn down the canteen.

By contrast, what happened on the diamonds was truly special. Having fun is not normally associated with the role of Club President, but that is how I look back at this past year.

From the first Try Baseball day through to the Junior and Seniors Grand Finals, it has been a tremendous season. As always, the smiles, laughter and giggling are very contagious. Once the parents and coaches stopped doing this, the kids started having fun too!!!

We certainly achieved success in terms of winning 5 Championships, but it was very fulfilling to see so many returned players, both in the Junior and Senior ranks.

We have begun to even more closely analyze our player movements and retentions and will continue to develop our strategies by what we glean from this.

This year saw the start of Little League for under 11's and under 12's in the Hills Association and the NSW Junior landscape. The longer-term implications of this are not fully understood, and some decisions being made by those on high at the AABF and NSWBL are quite baffling. Nevertheless, we have committed to participate and we will continue to do so in the Carlo Spirit. There will be flow on effects to other age groups including rules, dispensation requirements and cut off dates. These will be ironed out over the off season but we do expect one or two loose ends to still be around at the beginning of the Summer season. Hopefully, most of these will be one off adjustments as we make the switch to the Little League age groups, and should settle down after that. Nevertheless, we have real concerns that some of these changes will affect registration to some extent. We will try to keep our members informed of these changes and to try to communicate with them as much as possible during the transition period.

Within a club like ours, the most important and demanding position is the Juniors Co-ordinator. Stressful, thankless, and constantly juggling teams and players, Carol Barton has been terrific this year, as always. Our growth and success can be put down to Carol's determination and commitment to creating the right environment for juniors to play in. Friendship, Fun and Learning skills are the pillars Carol has built the Junior Club on and the results have been evident in our success, growth and retention of players. Without juniors, we will not have seniors, and the longer we can keep our junior players in the club, the greater the chance of transferring them over to the senior ranks. From here, the cycle starts again. Well done Carol.

A special thank you to Brad Clark who was thrown in as Seniors Co-ordinator at the beginning of the Summer season. As an ex Carlingford junior Brad has a special passion for the Club and it was unbelievably rewarding to see Brad and Russell Briggs lead a team of recently ex juniors to compete in and win the E Grade Seniors competition. I was always personally gutted when I heard of ex Carlo Juniors joining other clubs because we could not offer them a competitive standard team to play in. This was the highest graded Senior team we have had for some years, and it augers well for the future of the club and the players.

I need to make a special mention of Robyn and Steve Gosper and their contribution during the several attempts by vandals to burn down the canteen/amenities block over the summer. It is hard to describe what the canteen, equipment and our stock of uniforms look and smell like after the smoke, soot and flames have been through them. Nevertheless, their sleeves were rolled up

and the clean up was completed. Unfortunately, no sooner was it cleaned up, when another fire would result in us having to do through the whole process again. Robyn's patience was stretched to the limit by the council contractors choosing to wash the canteen walls with high pressure water spray, and sending all the water and black muck back inside the canteen Robyn had just cleaned the day before. Truly, a magnificent effort, thank you Robyn and Steve

A major project which commenced this year was the redevelopment of Muirfield High School's baseball diamond. In co-operation with the school, we have been able to complete significant drainage work, level out the infield and improve the spectator facilities around the back of the diamond. The school has also come to the party with a 50/50 contribution to the costs on the work and a long term lease on the ground. Thank you to Mr Steve Billington, Principal at Muirfield for his co-operation and commitment to our club. Also, a big thank you to our Club's Vice President, Ross O'Shannassy for negotiating the above with the school, and for the efforts of Dave Aiston and Graeme Hall in making it happen.

A very special thank you and goodbye to Dave Aiston. Dave has been our Groundsman and Equipment officer for several years and had contributed above and beyond anyone's measure what would have been expected. Thankfully, Dave won't be leaving us entirely and he will be around to give advice when needed (whether we want to hear it or not). Dave's passion and enthusiasm has been infectious and the state of our grounds reflect his blood, sweat and occasional tears. We are lucky to have such a terrific ground and have been even luckier to have Dave to look after it. Thanks for everything Dave!.

On a final note, it is always pleasing to hear of ex Carlo kids doing well. It was terrific to hear that Adam Spencer, a Carlingford Junior for almost 10 years and most recently a member of Bauklham Hill's u18's Major League team, has been signed by the legendary Chicago Cubs. Matthew and Wendy Spencer (Adam's parents) were themselves long time members of the Carlingford Baseball Club committee. Adam will leave for the US in early 2009 after he finishes his HSC. We wish him every success in the future.

In conclusion, I would like to thank those people who, even though they were not on the committee, still contributed throughout the year. These were the people who umpired games, kept score, did their canteen duty, base coached, or just helped out at training. Thank you, you are the mortar that binds the club together.

**Andrew Borg**  
**President**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

I feel this year has gone reasonably well, despite the fact the weather was not kind to us. We lost 5 weekends of games, which then saw many teams having to make up numerous games and fit them into our already busy schedules of day to day life.

This was a very difficult season of baseball with all the disruptions. So if this was your 1<sup>st</sup> year of playing baseball please don't be discouraged it is a great game to play and watch.

The games I saw being played were played in the Carlo spirit of having a good time and enjoying being part of a team. It's lovely to go down to the ground and hear the excitement and see the exuberance coming from the mini field with all players and coaches giving good encouragement towards each other.

I have enjoyed holding the position of Secretary and working with a great committee. Looking forward to a dryer season in 2008 – 2009.

**Robyn Gosper**  
Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

It is with pleasure the Treasurer's report for the 2007 / 2008 baseball season is presented at this AGM. The Club has again finished the year in a sound financial position whilst accomplishing the goals set by the committee at the start of the year.

Despite the ongoing increase in affiliation fees to NSW Baseball, the committee, mindful of providing affordable membership, was able to maintain membership fees for both junior and senior members at close to last year's rates.

### **Income and Expenditure**

The Club finished the year with an operating deficit of \$4,780.30 against a surplus of \$2,089.22 the previous year.

Gross Income of \$49,899.03 exceeded the previous year by \$8,500.00 or 20%. In line with previous years, most income was generated through junior and senior registrations (\$35,364 or 70%); canteen takings (\$7,620.77 or 15%); and uniform sales (\$4,784.00 or 10%). The remaining 4% was generated from sponsorship, interest and miscellaneous fund raising activities.

Funds in term deposit were increased to \$22,379.56, an increase of \$8,103 over the previous year with non-interest bearing cash at bank maintained at approx \$11,000.00.

The canteen continued its valuable contribution to Club funds with a slight increase in takings to \$7,620.77. Whilst the canteen continued to rely on the goodwill and voluntary effort of club members, a part-time, paid staffer was appointed to manage the canteen Saturday mornings. This contributed to the efficient running of the canteen and will be endorsed for the 2008 / 09 season.

Uniform sales at \$4,784.00 were only marginally up on the previous year.

Expenditure for 2007/08 year exceeded that for 2006/07 by \$15,378.14. Most of this increase was attributable to clothing and uniforms at \$14,374.73 up by \$9,835; canteen at \$5,818 up by \$687; ground expenses at \$6,798 up by \$1,749; equipment at \$5,781 up by \$1,713; advertising at \$1,992 up by \$1,669; and affiliation fees at \$12,293 up by \$2,331.

Supporter shirts were purchased by the Club and provided on a complimentary basis to team coaches, managers and committee members for the season in order to present a more unified look and promote the Club at all functions and venues. It is not expected the same level of expense will be repeated next season.

The Club is very grateful to Muirfield High School for allowing senior and junior games to be held on their sporting fields during the summer season. In recognition of this, Club Committee members and parents worked tirelessly over Christmas to improve the drainage and surface at Muirfield in order to make the grounds safer and better for players. This accounted for most of the increase in grounds expenditure. Again, it is not expected this expense will be repeated next season. The Club has signed an agreement with Muirfield for continued use of the fields for the next 5 years, so this work and expense should be viewed as an investment in future years.

The largest Sundry item was the Christmas party, at approx \$1,500. Other items included the Club's subsidy of several players selected to tour Japan and the USA as representatives of both the Carlingford Baseball Club and the Hills Association.

Refunds of \$1,350 were also made during the season which was not shown as a separate item for the previous year.

### **Assets and Liabilities**

The Club has no material liabilities.

Assets include cash at bank and funds in term deposit, along with uniforms, club clothing, equipment, balls, bats, kits, helmets, catching and umpiring gear plus canteen hardware. As many of these items have a life expectancy of less than 3 years, it is of little benefit to try to accurately calculate the next asset position of the club.

### **Audited Accounts**

Please note, these financial statements were not audited at the time of presentation at the AGM due to a shortage of time between the Club's end of financial year being March 31 and the AGM April 5. These accounts will be audited however, and will be done in accordance with the Club's constitution.

**SHARON MURRAY**  
**TREASURER**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>2007</b>	
Canteen Takings	7,620.77		6,976.37	
Registrations GROSS - Junior	19,974.00		12,843.40	
Registrations GROSS - Senior	<u>15,390.00</u>	35,364.00	<u>15,880.00</u>	28,723.40
Uniform Sales	4,784.00		4,274.00	
Fund Raising				
Interest Received	619.28		719.64	
Donations / Sponsorship	180.00		673.00	
Sundry	1,043.55		24.00	
Coaching Clinics				
Photo commission	<u>287.43</u>			
	<u>49,899.03</u>		<u>41,390.41</u>	
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Clothing & Uniforms	14,374.73		4,539.43	
Mobile phone	65.18			
Canteen Goods	5,818.38		5,131.16	
Trophies/Badges	1,572.70		1,488.45	
Ground Expenses & Equipment	6,798.18		5,048.68	
Electricity	863.82		818.04	
Equipment Purchases	5,781.49		7,494.63	
Printing, Postage, PC, advertising	1,992.99		323.43	
Bank transaction fees	435.40		593.36	
Affiliation Fees	12,293.10		9,961.27	
Sundry Expenses	2,048.36		672.35	
Umpiring Fees	320.00		622.00	
Player / coach incentives	875.00			
Refunds - rego, uniforms etc	1,350.00			
Sponsorship	90.00			
Christmas Party			1,125.00	
Function Expenses & Catering			944.60	
Try Baseball Program			340.79	
Coaching Clinics			<u>198.00</u>	
	<u>54,679.33</u>		<u>39,301.19</u>	
 <b>Surplus for the year</b>	 <b>-4,780.30</b>		 <b>2,089.22</b>	

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2008

<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Opening Balance	38,578.83	36,489.61
Add: Surplus / deficit for the year	-4,780.30	2,089.22
Closing Balance	<u>33,798.53</u>	<u>38,578.83</u>

**REPRESENTED BY:**

**Current Assets**

Cash at Bank	11,678.23	23,852.82
Term Deposits	22,379.56	14,726.01
Cash on Hand	-259.26	0.00
	<u>33,798.53</u>	<u>38,578.83</u>

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrations for the 2007-2008 Season were significantly increased over those of last year. Carlingford was able to field three extra Junior teams but fielded one less Senior team. Comparative numbers for Carlingford for this season and last were:

	<b>Current Season</b>	<b>Previous Season</b>	<b>Movement</b>
Junior registrations	155	114	41 ▲
Junior teams	14	11	3 ▲
Senior registrations (Summer)	50	43	7 ▲
Senior teams (Summer)	4	4	0
Senior registrations (Winter)	35	41	6 ▼
Senior teams (Winter)	3	4	1 ▼

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

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>Move</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Move</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Move</b>
Under 7	22 (20)	2 ▲	9 (5)	4 ▲		
Under 8	24 (12)	12 ▲	10 (0)	10 ▲	4 (3)	1 ▲
Under 10	33 (12)	21 ▲	3 (2)	1 ▲	3 (1)	2 ▲
Under 12	33 (30)	3 ▲	7 (3)	4 ▲	3 (3)	0
Under 14	23 (19)	4 ▲	2 (0)	2 ▲	2 (2)	0
Under 17 (16)	21 (21)	0	0 (1)	1 ▼	2 (2)	0
Total Juniors	155 (114)	41 ▲	31 (11)	20 ▲	14 (11)	3 ▲
Seniors (combined)	79 (70)	9 ▲	0 (0)	0	7 (8)	1 ▼
<b>Total</b>	<b>240 (184)</b>	<b>56 ▲</b>	<b>31 (11)</b>	<b>20 ▲</b>	<b>21 (19)</b>	<b>2 ▲</b>

As can be seen, the U7 and U8 age groups were increased (allowing a total of 4 teams to be fielded). The U10 age group was significantly increased (175%) allowing a total of 3 teams to be fielded. Both these increases are largely due to the success of the Try Baseball days. It was also great to see an increase in the U12 and U14 age groups – which typically decrease as children move on to high schools and become involved in other activities.

In the Seniors competition, total numbers were up slightly on last year. Carlingford was able to field an E Grade team consisting of several recent retirees from the Junior ranks.

Across the Hills Association the total number of teams was increased by one, compared to last year. This continues an upward trend at the association level that has been underway for a number of years. The strongest growth was seen in the U8, U10 and U14 age groups. Unfortunately, there was also a significant drop in U17 teams – counteracting the significant increase last year. The numbers of teams in each junior age group in Hills, compared to the previous two seasons, were as follows:

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>2005-2006</b>
Under 8	25	23	26
Under 10	23	22	23
Under 12	25	26	24
Under 14	19	17	20
Under 17	16	19	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>103</b>

By Club, the number of teams making up the competition breaks down as follows (last season's totals in brackets). The clubs are ranked in order of size. NOTE: Carlingford has now moved into second place behind Castle Hill.

<b>Club</b>	<b>U/8</b>	<b>U/10</b>	<b>U/12</b>	<b>U/14</b>	<b>U/17</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Move</b>
Castle Hill	5	4	3	2	2	16 (18)	2 ▼
<b>Carlingford</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14 (11)</b>	<b>3 ▲</b>
Baulkham Hills	2	2	4	3	2	13 (15)	2 ▼
Kellyville	3	5	2	2	1	13 (11)	2 ▲
Winston Hills	3	2	3	3	1	12 (10)	2 ▲
Rouse Hill	3	1	2	1		7 (7)	0
Kings Langley	1	2	1	1	2	7 (6)	1 ▲
Schofields	1	2	2	1	1	7 (6)	1 ▲
Oakville	2	1	2	1		6 (5)	1 ▲
Hawkesbury	1	1	1	1	1	5 (7)	2 ▼
Quakers Hill			2	1	1	4 (2)	2 ▲
Blacktown				1	1	2 (2)	0
Others					2	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 (23)</b>	<b>23 (22)</b>	<b>25 (26)</b>	<b>19 (17)</b>	<b>16 (19)</b>	<b>108 (107)</b>	<b>1 ▲</b>

This year, as with last year, the numbers are fairly static. The largest increases have been experienced by Carlingford, Kellyville, Winston Hills and Quakers Hill while the largest decreases have been experienced by Castle Hill, Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury.

In conclusion, I believe it is fair to say that Carlingford's recruitment process, utilizing the Try Baseball days and targeting newsletters in the local schools, has been very successful. However, there is still the ongoing challenge of retaining existing players, especially as they move into high school, as well as out of the Junior age groups.

**David Perger**  
Registrar

## **CANTEEN REPORT**

The canteen has not had one of it's best seasons due to the fact the weather washed out 5 weekends at home which has not helped with the takings.

Also the fact we had to contend with several fires in and around the canteen and work with blackened hands throughout the season as everything you touch turns to black. ( I thought the saying was everything you touch turns to GOLD ). Not the case with us.

Other than these conditions I feel the canteen provided a good service to the club and kept prices down in comparison to other clubs.

I would like to thank Helen Toy for helping out in the canteen each Saturday. As it's nice to know that someone is overseeing the running of it.

**Robyn Gosper**  
**Canteen Manager**

## **SENIOR TEAMS COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Carlingford Baseball Club fielded 3 teams in the Winter 2007 competition and 4 teams in the Summer 2007-2008 competition.

The later was tremendously satisfying in that we not only won 2 premierships and a runner up, but more importantly we were able to field a competitive and enthusiastic team made up primarily of 17-20 year olds (under the guidance of a couple of older heads).

Our goal was to create a bridge for teenagers leaving the junior ranks and continuing onto the senior ranks. Once this bridge is built we can see Carlingford fielding an increasing number of highly graded teams full of talented former juniors.

We certainly don't expect to be fielding Major league teams but we need and want to provide a place for our ex-juniors (regardless of their ability) to continue playing baseball in the Carlo Spirit.

The longer term benefit of this is that it creates of pool of coaches and umpires for the junior club as well as a much stronger continuity of the club and its' culture.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the rest of the committee for their support over this, my first year, as Seniors Co-Ordinator, and in particular to thank the players and managers for their patience and encouragement.

**Brad Clark**  
**Senior Teams Co-ordinator**

## JUNIOR TEAMS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Our Club is continuing to grow with fourteen teams in our Junior competition this season. Especially pleasing is the increase in our U8 and U10 numbers.

Our Club policy of making sure that players enjoy the game by creating a fun atmosphere is paying dividends. It is vitally important to remember that if children are not enjoying themselves than they do not want to play or learn.

The Club has had great success this year with four out of the seven competitive teams (U12 and up) making it to the finals.

**U17 Braves** are **premiers for the second year running**. Woody is once again proving his value as a coach and thanks go to him and Jo Raper for their efforts.

**U17 Cubs** have been a team that has improved immensely during the season. At the end of the first round they were in last position and to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> spot is a superb effort. This team is made up of first year U17's and whilst they struggled with the jump in age group at the start they have proven themselves as the season progressed. A big thanks to Dave Morgan in his first year coaching and to Bill Pollock for Managing.

**U14 Braves** have also been a team which has improved as the season progressed. They had several first year U14 players and two players who had never played before. Steve Gosper has worked his magic again and has the team playing to their potential. Many thanks to Steve and Robyn Gosper for their efforts yet again this year.

**U14 Cubs** were another team comprised of mainly first year players and whilst they didn't win too many games they were very competitive and continued to improve over the season. Hopefully they will all be back next season and will be a force to be reckoned with. Many thanks to Patrick Fazzone (Jnr and Snr) and Georgia Hendriks for their hard work.

**U12 Cardinals** were always faced with a hard road playing 1<sup>st</sup> Division as quite a few players were in their first year in U12's. Hopefully all will be back next season and will be an older more experienced U12 team. Thank you to Andrew Murray and Judith Pallier for their efforts.

**U12 Braves** were yet another team consisting of mainly first year players and were probably unlucky not to make the semi finals. Some good new talent was discovered and combined with some more experienced players they were a very competitive side. Thank you to Bill Hedi in his first year coaching and Alex Borg and Aaron Hedi for his assistance with this team and of course thank you to Jane Carpenter for stepping up to manage again.

**U12 Cubs** are the surprise packet this year. They are nearly all first year players who have not only learnt how to play the game but have done so with no experienced pitchers/catchers at the start of the season. To make the semi finals is a huge effort. To Peter Keene and Gabrielle Williams congratulations and thank you for all your hard work. A huge effort in your first year.

Our U10's plays a competition but does not have finals. The Club will continue to go from strength to strength with the players that are coming through our U10 ranks.

**U10 Braves** had many new players, were in the higher U10 age group and struggled a bit to begin with but continued to improve as the season progressed. Great effort guys. Big thank you to Brad Mountford in his first year coaching and also to Kerry Tremaine for managing again.

**U10 Cubs** have had a great year and were **Premiers**. Congratulations guys. I'm sure you will be a strong team again next year when you start playing Modball. Thanks again to Neil Roach for coaching this team and to Nicole Lawson for managing.

**U10 Redsox** have performed extremely well and were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition. This is a team who will continue to improve and will look forward to playing Modball next year. Thank you to Bill Fowler for coaching again and Catherine Robinson for managing.

Whilst our U8's do not play competition they are having fun and learning at the same time. We have some talented children in our U8 Competition and the future of the Club is looking good.

Many thanks go to the people listed below for their efforts and hard work this season.

**U8 Braves** - Janice Chapman, Melanie Micholas  
**U8 Cubs** - Cathy Dearden, JanelleMooney, Meredith Donkin  
**U8 Redsox** - Stuart Bysouth, Jeannie Matteson  
**U8 Scouts** - Charles Agee, Glenn Abrahams

**Carol Barton**  
**Junior Co-ordinator**

## **GROUNDSMAN'S REPORT**

We had plenty of rain this summer which helped green up the grounds.

Murray Farm in particular was in great condition during the finals series.

Thank you to all for looking after Murray Farm when setting up.

Thanks to Gary Butler for looking after Muirfield again this year.

We have spent money on improving Muirfield for the long run. The drainage has improved considerably and this will certainly help to make the it a more reliable ground in the years to come.

Thank you to Graeme Hall for doing the plumbing and "Kiwi" for digging the drainage trench for us. Also, thanks to the u17 Cubs for helping to spread the top soil whilst they should have been training.

The next step in Muirfield's redevelopment will see sand grooving carried out there. The timing of this will depend on access to the ground around the school time table and of course the baseball season(s).

Once again thanks to all members who helped during the year.

**Dave Aiston**  
**Grounds Manager**

## 2007-08 HONOUR ROLL

### Championship Teams

U17 Braves  
U10 Cubs  
Koala League

Seniors E  
Seniors H Black

### Representative Players

Travis McDonald - Hills u16 SJC, NSW u16's,  
Evan Power - Hills u12 SJC

### Playing Service Awards

#### Juniors - 10 years

Alex Gosper – u17 Braves

#### Juniors - 5 years

Oliver Buckingham – 17 Braves  
Jarrod Hall – 12 Cardinals  
Nathan Hall – 17 Cubs  
Evan Power – 12 Cardinals  
Blake Ryan – 14 Braves  
Liam Tremaine – 10 Braves  
Matthew Turnbull – 17 Braves  
Lucas Vianellos – 14 Braves  
Bradley Wright – 17 Cubs

### LIFE MEMBERS

Bob Bruce  
Gary Butler  
Brian Cashmore  
Gail Cashmore  
Matthew Cashmore  
Ian Cummerford  
Craig Cusbert  
Tom Cusbert  
David Downey  
Gary Essenstam  
John Gibbins  
Wendy Gold

Elaine Hadden  
Col Handel  
Carol Harris  
John Harris  
Jack Henry  
Mark Highfield  
Alan Hunt  
Greg Klein  
Ed McCue  
Dianne Starling  
Bill Webster

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Kirby St  
Dundas

