



CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2018

I am pleased to present the 2018 annual report on behalf of the Management Committee of Carlingford Baseball Club Inc.

This past year, we were able to field six junior teams, unfortunately Aussie T ball wasn't able to get enough children to make it viable hopefully next year will see an improvement in the numbers.

For the record: this year all our junior teams made the finals with success for our under 10/1 side beating all comers to become Champions, for the first time in many years the under 13/1 side was a combination of Carlingford and Baulkham Hills Juniors which proved to be a great success as the team made the grand final just falling short at the final hurdle in a high quality Grand Final, a huge thank you to Simon Scott and his band of coaches in putting this team together with great success. Our 17/2 team finished runners up playing a thrilling three game series against Castle Hill another wonderful effort, this summer in the senior ranks we were victorious in G3 Sydney Metro competition (Matt Cashmores) and runners up in B Grade Pacific Coast competition (M.Psaltis). We were however very competitive in all other grades.

After the success Seniors Presentation Night last year, it is great to see it back on our calendars this year, once again it was left to the organisational skill of Kerri O'Shannassy, Robyn Gosper, Peter Handel and Andrew Borg to produce another memorable night.

Special thanks and a well done to those committee members who took on new roles this year and to those that are leaving us we thank you for all your efforts in making this club run so smoothly.

The need for new committee members is more important this year than ever before as we have several top positions being vacated this year treasurer, Juniors VP, Grounds Manager just to name a few, it would be advantageous for parents from the younger junior divisions to step up to the general committee positions, but if they feel that you can contribute at a higher position that would be greatly accepted.

We had quite a few ground issues this year after the use of diamond one as a junior soccer field, but through a lot of hard work from many helpers the grounds became wonderful to play on. I would like to thank Steve Gosper for taking on the duties of Grounds Manager this year, your input and efforts are greatly appreciated. I'd like to also thank Mark Power who stepped in as Canteen Manager, your efforts also have been greatly appreciated.

It has been a pleasure to work alongside some truly wonderful people on the committee. Mark Power, Mark Highfield, Andrew Borg, Peter Handel, Bob Handel, Janice Chapman, Tim Farrell, Lyndal Roberts, Graham Dodge, Nicole Lawson, Kerri O'Shannassy, Andrew Sloggett, Steve and Robyn Gosper, Stu Bysouth. I'd like to thank you all for all your hard work. Thank you.

Also, I would like to thank all those anonymous people who just turn up and help for no other reason than to lend a hand, Thank you.

Finally, to all the players, we do what we do so you can get the most out of our great sport, and one day fill our shoes.

Go Carlo

Denis Piccolo

SENIORS VP REPORT 2018

Looking back over previous Annual reports the senior's division of the club has had steady growth over the past 4 -5 years which is fantastic to see. From back in 12/13 where there were only 2 winter teams through to this year where we have had 6 teams competing in winter and 7 teams competing in summer.

We are still trying to build a bridge for our Under 17's players to filter straight into seniors via the creation of Dad and Kids H grade team – This has happened exactly as we would like however it is good to see several u/17's players playing in different senior's teams across both Winter and summer competitions. Clearly, we have more work to do in this area to ensure the under 17 players are not lost to the club once they are no longer able to play juniors.

The seniors 2017 / 2018 was another successful season with our G3 Red (summer) team becoming champions and another 7 teams making the playoffs. As with the growth of the senior's club over the last few years, the performance of all our teams seems to be achieving steady improvements year on year as well.

In the 2017 Winter competition we had 4 teams competing in SMBL and 2 in PCBL:

- Div C in The Pacific Coast competition, managed by Michael Psaltis who made the playoffs
- H Grade Black managed by Brett / Richard who defeated Carlo Red in the first semi to make the final.
- G1 Cubs managed by Peter Woodbury who were to perennial under-achievers and the only Winter team not to make the play offs
- G3 Red managed by Andrew Slogget that made the playoffs and unfortunately were knocked out in the semi finals
- H Grade Red managed by Andrew Borg who also made the first week of the playoffs only to have Carlo Black team knock them out of contention
- The Carlo Masters team also turned up every week – Enough said!

To have all 4 of the 5 teams make the playoffs in one season is a fantastic result and congratulations to all teams

In the 17/18 Summer Competitions we had a record 7 teams competing: 5 in SMBL and 2 in PCBL

- Div A2 in The Pacific Coast competition, managed by Michael Psaltis who went on to win the lose a closely contested GF 8 -3.
- G3 Red managed by Matty Cashmore had a great season and only just scrapped into the top 4 thanks to a washout and forfeit in the last 2 rounds. They went on to lose the major semi 7-6 but won the final and then blew Holroyd off the park in the GF 10 -2 to

- take the title and break Holroyd hearts who had been undefeated all season. The boys celebrated long and hard into the night – A very well-deserved victory for the club
- G3 Black managed by Andrew Slogget just missed out on the play offs but had a lot of fun and drank lots of beer.
 - H Grade Black managed by Richard Bercich tried hard all year but just missed out on the play offs but had a lot of fun and drank lots of beer.
 - H Grade Red – managed by Andrew Borg made the play offs and then defeated the Carlo Coils in the first semi and then got beaten by a bunch of 25 year old's playing H Grade in the final. Yes, we raised a protest to the steward's office which has been upheld. Still a very successful season for Borgy's men.
 - H Grade Coils – managed by Glenn Ettridge came out of retirement for one last hurrah and didn't they do well making it all the way to the first semi-final when they didn't expect to win one game. Well done guys and we hope the farewell tour last one more year.

It looks very much like we will start the 18/19 year with another 5 teams in Winter 2018. And the long-term forecast is that we should have at least 6 teams again in the 17/18 summer season if not more. Hopefully we can encourage more Under 17's to start morphing into seniors and I can only see that our team numbers should continue to grow over the coming seasons.

We also held the 2nd annual CBC Senior Presentation night on the 14th April 2018 at Muirfield Golf club which again was well attended and was a great night. The prize money from the G3 Summer GF was well used behind the bar and the story telling by all those who attended got better as the night went on. The President's award and Senior Club person of the year awards were presented and were much deserved.

Each Seniors team gave out their MVP, Golden Glove and batting awards (supplied by the club) plus they came up with their own joke awards which put a really fun atmosphere to the night. We asked each team to donate a bottle of alcohol and built another esky with a padlock in which everyone needed to buy a key to see if they would win the esky. There were prizes raffled off on the night as well.

Peter Handel – Seniors Vice President.

JUNIORS VP REPORT

The 2017/2018 summer baseball season was bookended with chaos and controversy. As the clock ticked over into August we were still none the wiser to age group changes and how the competition structure would look. Indeed, this wasn't finalised until the August Hills Meeting which saw all the age dates for U13 & above change again. We also saw the removal of the Intermediate competition, which left the club in quite a predicament as to what to do with its Intermediate side.

Carlingford entered the season with a total of 7 teams – 17/2, 17/3, 13/1, 13/3, 10/1(Modball), 9/1(Tball) and 8/2(Tball), with a few loan players over at Baulkham hills. This was 2 teams less than the previous year.

Tim and Matt led their 17/2's all the way to the Grand Final, playing in a best of 3 series against Castle hill. They unfortunately went down to 2 games to none in a very thrilling series, with both games being nail bitters. Whilst not the outcome the dynamic duo was after, this was an amazing result achieved by them and the whole team and one which they should be very proud of.

Peter Handel was back this year with his tam moving up to U17/3's. They finished the season in 4th position earning a finals berth. For most this was their first season of playing with the official rules of baseball, that coupled with them playing in a larger age bracket with kids much older made for a tough season, but all stepped up to the challenge.

Simon Scott coached a combined 13/1's side with Baulkham Hills, 6 kids from each club making an amazing div 1 side. This combined super side made it to the grand final, but unfortunately went down 9-6 to Castle Hill. This was a very close game and truly defined what a div 1 game should be, with the game hanging in the balance right up until the 6th inning. Great things still to come from this group of young players.

U13 was a strong age group for Carlingford this year with Adam Anderson back for another season with the 13/3 side. Due to conference changes the sided ended up with 14 players, a hard number to balance but Adam did a magnificent job, and managed to guide his team to 3rd place.

Andrew Borg took on the U10/1's, an amazing side full of very talented players. This was conducted as a first past the post competition. The final round of the season turned into a grand final, Carlingford needed to win to gain the title of sole premier's. The game was moved out to Hawsbury and played against Rouse Hill, who would have tied for Premiers had they won. But Carlingford prevailed and won 8-3 in one of the most exciting games of baseball at the grounds that day. Very well done to Andrew and his Super U10's.

Jo Henderson was back with mostly familiar faces and a few new ones in our U9 ages. Whilst they don't play finals they finished in the top 4 of their respective competition performing admirably from start to finish. The majority of these kids will be back and have another year

together, which bodes well for what is one of the strongest age groups the club has put together for many years. Bring it on!

Craig Cusbert was back again to lead a new group of Tballers. Craig's energy and patience never ceases to amaze as he taught 5, 6 & 7 year old's the foreign concepts of hitting, throwing and catching – otherwise known as Tball.

Andrew Sloggett

Vice President - Juniors

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018

As I write this, I am amazed at how another year has come and gone.

Although team numbers throughout the Hills competition were a little less than last year, Carlingford proved that it's not the quantity of teams but the quality. While we are not a large club in number as some of our competitors, we are in heart, spirit, fair play and love of the game.

For a relatively small club, Carlingford continues to produce some great results and outstanding players.

Congratulations to all teams who made the finals and a special mention to the 10/1's and seniors G3 who both won their Grand Finals!

Sadly, we say goodbye to Denis who after 3 years is stepping down as our club president. Thank you, Denis, for your efforts, contribution and efforts during this time, as well as picking up after me.

We have a lot of long standing, experienced and dedicated committee members who for some, no longer have children playing in the club yet they continue to volunteer and help out. Denis was one of these committee members. However, some are moving on due to work commitments etc. Unfortunately, a lot of the work is done year in year out by the same few. Please, make a difference and get involved, we'd love to have you. New blood and new ideas are always welcome. Don't think that someone else will step up and volunteer. Be a participator, not just a spectator and see first-hand how great being part of our committee can be.

Coaches, managers and scorers a thank you for your commitment each week in teaching, guiding and encouraging our young baseball stars. To the groundsmen, for coming after work or getting up early on the Saturday, a huge shout out for making our diamonds ready and game worthy. Thank you for all the behind the scenes work you have done to ensure things go to plan on game day.

Saturday canteen services have been kindly brought to you by Mark Power and his daughter Abby. Thank you to both of you for your hard work and stepping up to feed the teams and supporters.

Nicole Lawson and Sam Cusbert, you have gone above and beyond with your organising, donation of your time, hard work and initiatives with uniforms, club t-shirts and club merchandise. You ladies are awesome!

To the parents, thank you for bringing your children to training, the games and volunteering when asked. None of this would happen without you. We appreciate you as I'm sure your children do. Till next season, enjoy your winter break or sports.

Janice Chapman

TREASURERS REPORT 2018

The Club has had another successful year.

Our finances have remained buoyant and a small deficit is evident.

The downturn in turnover of funds reflected in the accounts is due to affiliation fees to Baseball NSW and Baseball Australia being paid directly to them by registrations of our playing members.

This new system of payments has had initial problems, however the flow of funds to the Club from BNSW has been seamless.

Seasonal adjustments, continue to affect our liquidity. The winter seniors season is about to commence and fees are being received now. A further withdrawal from our Term Deposit in December was necessary pending forthcoming receipts from the Masters, Autumn and Winter Seasons

The reduced Term Deposit is attracting an interest rate of only 2.00%.

Routine increases in PayPal and website charges are reflected in the accounts.

The Canteen takings showed a reduction in takings, however a modest profit ensued. Once again, a big thank you to Mark Power and Abigail for their commitment in stocking and staffing the Canteen for this season.

Expenses involved with ground maintenance, both at Murray Farm and Muirfield are in line with

expectations. We continue to renew the annual arrangement with Muirfield High School for use of their ground year-round.

Maintenance and upkeep of the mowers, line marking equipment and supplies are necessary preparations for our game.

The assets and liabilities report only reveal the Clubs cash holdings. Non-disclosed assets comprise the ride on mower, ground marking and maintenance equipment, pitching machines, uniforms and Club Clothing, and team kits complete. Canteen includes fridges, utensils, general equipment and BBQ. Many items have a short life expectancy and are very difficult to valuate and calculate a net asset position

I have had pleasure being involved with the Club and administering the finances. Thank you to members of the Committee for their camaraderie and support. I commend the report to you.

Robert Handel

Hon Treasurer.

Carlingford Baseball Club Inc
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 March 2018

	2017/2018	2016/2017
<u>Income</u>		
Registrations - Junior	6803.89	17,945.00
- Senior	24055.68	30,524.00
Canteen Takings	5724.20	6,959.27
Donations / Sponsorship	400.00	400.00
Embroiding - Player Contribution	425.00	675.00
Interest Received	404.05	496.29
Photo Commission		181.28
Special Event - presentation Night	2577.95	3,600.00
Sundry	250.00	171.45
Uniform Sales & Merchandise Sales	3387.00	6,010.00
	44027.77	66,962.29
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Affiliation Fees	5990.11	24,477.87
Bank Charges & Online Payment Fees	1427.17	1,545.28
Canteen Management & Honorarium	910.00	1,280.00
Canteen Purchases	4116.49	5,039.06
Clothing & Uniforms & Merchandise	9729.20	9,832.02
Clothing & Uniforms - Shirt Embroidery	480.70	708.40
COMM's and Internet	211.09	242.38
Equipment Purchases	2611.01	5,194.25
Functions	2232.62	1,112.84
Functions Expenses (02.03.17)		2,912.00
Forfeits & Penalties	250.00	
Ground Expenses	7654.38	8,420.29
Promotion	700.69	941.45
Sponsorship/Incentives	635.00	130.00
Sundry Expenses/Printing etc.	365.55	248.16
Trophies/Badges	2163.50	1,821.25
Umpiring Fees	5102.25	4,113.75
	44579.76	68,019.00
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	-551.99	-1056.71

xx Fluctuation in these figures due to altered arrangements for registrations with Baseball NSW

Carlingford Baseball Club Inc
Balance sheet
For year ended 31 March 2018

	2017 /18	2016/17
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	30,858.18	31,914.89
Add: Surplus (Deficit)	-551.99	-1,056.71
Closing Balance	30,306.19	30,858.18
Represented by		
Cash at Bank	12,705.34	5,099.20
Balance at PayPal	1,600.85	4,938.02
Term Deposit	16,000.00	20,820.96
Total Funds	30,306.19	30,858.18

R F Handel

D Piccolo

Treasurer

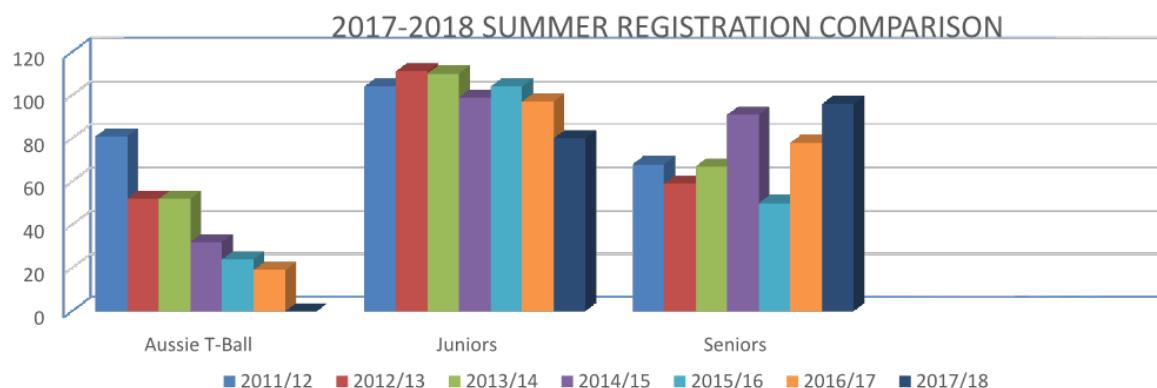
President

Auditor

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2017/2018

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB

Total Junior registrations for the **2017-2018 Summer Season** decreased by seventeen compared to last season and the total number of junior teams reduced by one and a half. We had six teams playing for Caringford and one combined team with Baulkham Hills. Senior registrations increased for the summer and winter seasons and the number of teams increased overall. Comparative numbers for Carlingford over the last few seasons:



Registrations	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12
Aussie T Ball	0	19	24	32	52	52	81
Junior registrations	80	97	103	99	110	111	104
Junior teams	6.5	9	9	10	10	10	10
Senior registrations	178*	78	82	91	67	59	68
Senior teams	14**	10	9	7	5	5	6

*The number of seniors players has been calculated to include winter and masters teams. (Previous years only included summer registrations). Some players registered in multiple competitions.

** Number of senior teams include 5 from winter, 7 summer, 1 spring masters and 1 autumn masters.

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

Age Group	Players	Females	Teams
Aussie T Ball	0 (19)	0 (2)	
Under 8	11 (11)	0 (4)	1 (1)
Under 9	11 (10)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Under 10	12 (11)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Under 12	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Under 13	19 (22)	3 (3)	2 (2)
Under 14	0 (9)	0 (2)	0 (1)
Under 15	0 (10)	0 (1)	0 (1)
Under 17	24 (24)	4 (5)	2 (2)
Total Juniors	80 (97)	7 (17)	7 (9)

The total registrations for the juniors has decreased by a large number players and we had no Aussie T-Ball this summer. Aussie T-Ball and the U8 age group are critical in building a solid foundation for the club over the coming years. The challenge for next season is to encourage more young players to join the club and for the younger age groups to retain as many players as possible from the previous year.

In the Seniors, we had 96 players in the summer competition, 57 in the Winter competition, 11 in the Spring Masters and 14 in the Autumn Masters. Carlingford fielded a total of fourteen teams; seven in the Summer competition, five in the Winter competition and one team in each of the autumn and spring masters competitions. (Note that some players were registered in more than one competition. The Masters competition is played mid week, and the use of the term 'Masters' creates a misconception about the general talent of those involved). There was no Winter Competition for juniors in 2017.

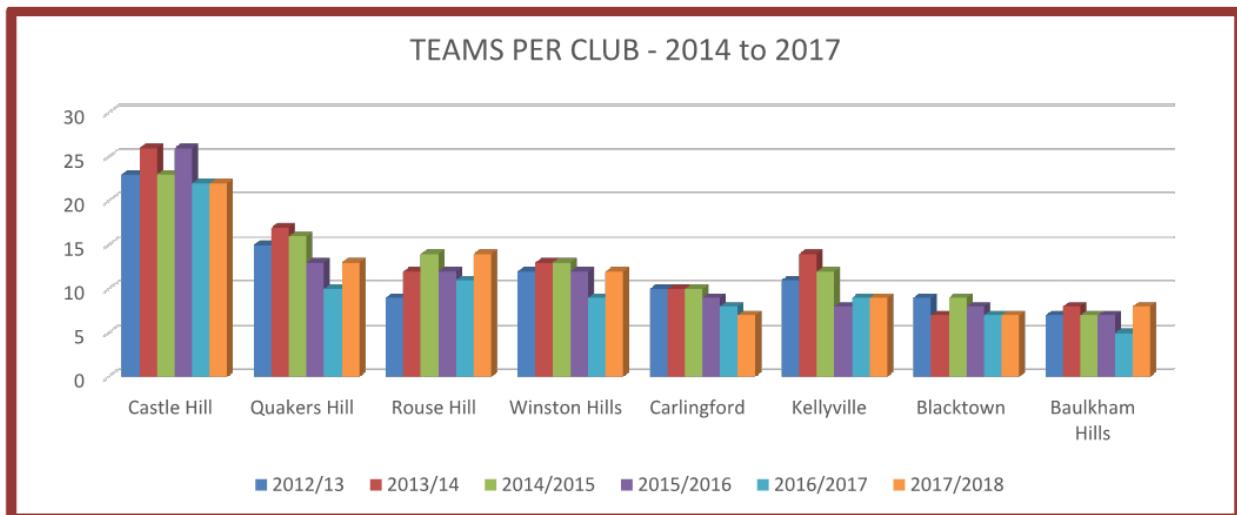
THE HILLS DISTRICT

Across the Hills Association, the total number of teams increased by 1 compared to last year. The number of teams in each junior age group in Hills, compared to the previous seasons, is as follows:

Age Group	17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12	10/11	09/10	08/09
Under 8	22	26	24	25	32	24	26	26	35	21
Under 9	11	9	9	13	13	13	8	-	-	-
Under 10	14	13	16	13	17	14	21	32	33	26
Under 11	9	8	6	8	0	4	7	-	-	-
Under 12			14	21	23	21	24	29	21	24
Under 13	19	18	6							
Under 14		7	14	22	23	22	24	21	22	17
Under 15	16	8								
Under 17	15	16	22	22	21	18	16	17	18	14
Total	106	105	111	124	129	116	126	125	129	102

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 based on total number of teams fielded. NOTE: Carlingford has slipped down to eighth place equal with Schofields and below Baulkham Hills and Blacktown. Castle Hill remains the strongest club and Rouse Hill holds onto the number two spot.

Club	U/8	U/9	U/10	U/11	U/12	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/17	Total
Castle Hill	6	3	2	2	0	4	0	3	2	22 (22)
Rouse Hill	2	1	2	1	0	3	0	3*	2	14* (11)
Quakers Hill	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	3	2	13 (10)
Winston Hills	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	2	12 (9)
Kellyville	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	2*	1	9 (9)
Baulkham Hills	1	1	1	1	0	2*	0	1	1	8 (7)
Blacktown	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	7 (7)
Carlingford	1	1	1	0	0	2*	0	0	2	7 * (8)
Schofields	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1*	1	7* (4)
Hawkesbury	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	5 (6)
Oakville	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4 (3)
Kings Langley	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 (2)
Total	22	11	14	9	0	19	0	16	15	106
	(22)	(9)	(13)	(8)	(0)	(18)	(0)	(8)	(16)	(105)



The falling numbers of young junior registrations is a concern, particularly the lack of an Aussie T-Ball program. As a club, we need to get an understanding of why so few return to the game and what we can do to encourage more of these young players to stay with baseball. It is important that the parents understand that U8s has various levels of competition starting with Funball, where no results are recorded and it is 'just for fun', making it a great transition from Aussie T-Ball. There is also competitive t-ball for those kids that have developed their skills and are looking for a greater challenge. Careful consideration has to be given before putting players and teams into competitions that are too difficult for them as this puts stress on the players, they do not enjoy their baseball as much and they are not coming back the following season. If baseball is fun, the kids will keep playing baseball.

It will be interesting to see over the next few years how clubs such as Kellyville, Rouse Hill and Schofields perform as far as registrations go. These clubs are located within areas of major population growth with many families moving to the area. Schofields in particular has an awesome new facility located in the middle of a major growth area and should be able to substantially grow as a club. A little more difficult for clubs such as Carlingford and Baulkham Hills located in older, established areas however the increase in enrolments in the local primary schools suggests there are more families in these areas as well.

Congratulations to all the teams that competed this year.

Remember that there are only two seasons – winter and baseball. Winter will soon be upon us, but baseball is not far away!

Tim Farrell
Registrar

LIFE MEMBERS

David Aiston (2009)*
Andrew Borg (2012)
Bob Bruce (1992)
Gary Butler (2005)
Geoff Barling* (1992)
Gary Essenstam*
Brian Cashmore* (1988)
Gail Cashmore
Matthew Cashmore
Ian Cummerford
Craig Cusbert
Tom Cusbert (1989)
David Downey (1993)
John Gibbins (1983)
Wendy Gold (1991)

Robyn Gosper (2011)
Stephen Gosper (2011)
Elaine Haddan (1984)
Col Handel (1975)
Carol Harris
John Harris
Mark Highfield (2000)
Greg Klein*
Ed McCue
Dianne Starling
Jack Henry (1982)
Dave Harvey (1980)
Alan Hunt (1984)
Duncan Coles (2008)
Bill Webster (1991)
Mark Power (2016)
Robert Handel (2017)

* Deceased

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Grounds

Murray Farm Reserve

Murray Farm Road

Carlingford

Muirfield High School

Barclay Road

North Rocks

Upjohn Park

Kirby St

Dundas

