



CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2018-2019

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019

I am pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report on behalf of the Management Committee of Carlingford Baseball Club Inc.

I was honoured to be asked to lead our great club last year. I started playing with Carlingford in 1994 as a 29 year old, and was introduced to the sport by ex-President Ian Cummerford, who also introduced me to the committee that year to look after the Seniors. I returned to the committee 5 years ago and this year marks my 24th year with the club as a player, manager, parent, coach and umpire.

I will leave it to our Vice Presidents of Senior and Juniors to describe our team's performances this season, please see their reports below. Our Treasurer also acknowledges our sponsors and the donations received, please see his report below, but I would like to give special thanks to the very generous donation by Craig and Samantha Cusbert which allowed us to purchase a first-class pitching machine which will be a great asset to the Club for many years.

This season we were able to field 12 senior teams across summer and winter as well as 7 junior teams and we also delivered the Aussie T Ball program to two future teams. We were fortunate to re-establish Aussie T ball thanks to an improved Baseball NSW registration system that virtually destroyed Aussie T Ball in the previous year. But this would not have been possible without the concerted marketing efforts of many volunteers with new promotional banners, manned stalls at school fetes and other initiatives. Thanks to Chantelle Jans, Peter Wilby, Simon Scott and many other volunteers.

The Aussie T Ball program was ably run by Andrew Borg, Jo Henderson and with the assistance of many parent volunteers as well as some of our junior players Ben Barr-Lynch, Rohan Wood and Grady Roberts.

Grady was the inaugural winner of the Andrew Borg Award for the Junior Club Person of the Year. This award was created this year to recognise the Grady's achievements and was named after life member and ex-President Andrew Borg in recognition of his inspirational leadership over many years and most recently for his dedication to the Aussie T-Ball program, several years after his own children ceased playing for the Club. This program is the future of rebuilding our club's junior playing numbers and I encourage you to promote it to all your friends.

Grady was recognised at the Junior Presentation day last month:

Grady has been a great role model to the Under 10 Blacksox team and the Aussie t-ball kids this year. He volunteered to be assistant coach and was exceptional at managing the kids, peppering them up when they were down and

delivering instruction on playing skills. This year he attended the Level 2 coaching course, to further demonstrate his commitment.

He trained with his 17s team on Wed nights, coached Under 10 modball on Thursday nights and Aussie T ball on Friday night. Backing up on Saturday to pitch/coach the modball game and then play his own game afterwards.

He is also the most helpful of kids to have around, gets to home games early enough to set up the diamond so he will be free to warm up the kids. He is a pleasure to be around and certainly deserves recognition for his participation in the development of the young players. It is a rare thing that a 16 year old will want to be involved in teaching basic skills to 5 and 6 year old kids.

Grady is a credit to the Club and to his family and is a great example of how we can give back to the Club that gives your kids so much.

The 7th junior team was a joint venture with Baulkham Hills in the U15s (or 14U) age group. This joint venture concept was the brain child of Simon Scott who joined me on the joint venture management committee along with the Baulko Juniors Vice President and Juniors Coordinator. This concept has been proven over the past two years with two grand final appearances including a win this year. This concept has the support of the Baulko President and Committee and has the potential to expand to other age groups where both Clubs may not have the depth to field a Division 1 side on their own.

To prevent any misunderstanding, this concept exists for the sole purpose of maintaining a Division 1 pathway for our kids. We will never lose our independence.

After the success of the Seniors Presentation Night last year, it is great to see it back on our calendars this year, and thanks to the organisational skill of Robyn Gosper, Kerri O'Shannassy, Peter Handel and Andrew Borg we are planning for what hopes to be another memorable night.

The All-Stars vs Legends end of season gala day continues to go from strength to strength. The Coaches vs Committee game was won yet again by the committee and the All-Stars vs Legends game was won again by the All-Stars. This is a great day to catch up with friends from yesteryear and current players.

Special thanks and well done to those committee members who took on new roles this year: Simon Scott who rejoined us as Vice President – Juniors, Sam Cusbert, Kim Balcombe, Adam Anderson, Stu Bysouth, Duncan Mackenzie, Steve Rosevear, Michael Mclean and Vanessa Calvert. More still joined us during the year including Chantelle Jans, Rebecca Male and Kamran Baig.

We said goodbye to Janice Chapman, Nicole Lawson, Chantelle Jans, Scott Butler, Peter Wilby and Bob Handel. Bob is departing as Treasurer after his second stint on the committee 38 years after his first stint ended.

For those leaving us we thank you for all your efforts in making this club run so smoothly and please know you leave the Club in a better state than how you found it.

Thanks to Chantelle Jans for rebuilding our Sponsorship program. And thanks to all those remaining on the committee or active with the Club in some way, you certainly make everyone's jobs that little bit easier by sharing the load across many hands.

We have managed to fill some committee vacancies but I would like to encourage all parents as well as senior players that do not join the committee at the AGM, to feel most welcome to come along to a committee meeting sometime and see if there is something that you can do to help out our great club.

Thanks to the committees of Hills Junior Baseball Association, Sydney Metro Baseball League and Pacific Coast Baseball League. They do a thankless task volunteering hundreds of hours each year to run our competitions so I would like to acknowledge the contribution of John Yard, Cheryl Barnier, Jeff Catt, Mark Gilchrist and Luis Almenara

Thanks to all our players, both young and old. In the words of our ex-President Denis, "we do what we do so you can get the most out of our great sport, and perhaps one day fill our shoes."

Finally, thanks to the parents who have chosen to let your kids play with Carlo and especially to those parents who also turn up and help in some small way, be it canteen, BBQ or helping with diamond setup, base-coaching or training. Only you can help improve this great club by making another contribution next season.

Cheers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Highfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Highfield
President.

SENIORS VP REPORT 2019

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 5 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.

The seniors 2018 / 2019 was another successful season with 4 Grand Final winners (A2, H Redsox summer and Winter, G3 Summer) Congrats to Borgy, Mick and Tim
We also had another 5 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 2018 Winter competition we had 4 teams competing in SMBL and 2 in PCBL:
In the 18/19 Summer Competitions we had a record 7 teams competing: 5 in SMBL and 2 in PCBL.

It looks very much like we will start the 19/20 year with another 4 teams in Winter 2019. And the long-term forecast is that we should have at least 6 teams again in the 19/20 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 plan to hold the 3rd annual CBC Senior Presentation night on the 4th May 2019 at Carlingford Bowling club which should again be a great night. The prize money from the 4 GF victories will be well used behind the bar and the stories will get better as the night goes on. The Senior Club person of the year award will be presented to a very deserving recipient.

As in last year, each Seniors team will give 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 2019

As seems to be a common recurrence these days, the season's ages and competition structure was held hostage by Little League until the 11th hour. Changes abounded which had monumental impacts across all age groups. As a small club Carlingford was hit hard by this.

When opening day hit on September 8th we had a 17u team, 2x 15u teams (1 JV), an U11, 2xU10's and an U8's team. There was also a successful Aussie Tball program headed up by Andrew Borg and Jo Henderson.

Honour Roll

Teams

15u JV – Premiers

15u Div3 – Runners Up

Representative Players

Eve Kannemeyer – NSW Youth Womens

Jack Scott – Junior Little League

Jude Cusbert – Intermediate Little League

Kobe Cusbert – Minor Little League

Leo Turco – Minor Little League

Jackson Campbell – Minor Little League

Season Recap

Our 17's started strong in division 3 with a number of big wins. Unfortunately, these wins were too strong and the decision was taken by Hills to regrade the team to division 2. This was accepted and the challenge was welcomed, despite our position of this being a Div3 team and properly graded originally. The team battled hard in every game with mixed results but were still in the running for a semi's position right about until the last week before finishing 5th. Overall it was a great performance by Peter Handel and his team.

The JV Cardinals concept was back in the planning for this season with the prospects of a very strong Division One Hay League side. This planning was all but obliterated by the introduction of an Intermediate League (14u). Due to this providing the opportunity for an Intermediate Little League representative pathway, a number of the "better" players required were no longer available. Still with a nucleus of good players from both clubs we pushed forward with the JV concept in what became a combined Division 1/Division 2 Hills competition. The team started with only 8 players but were able to recruit from Oli D from Div3 and River D came on board having never put on a baseball glove in his life. The competition was a real mixed bag with a few very strong teams, a few weak teams and one or two in between. All clubs suffered from the dilution of talent and number of players. As it did last year, the two club cultures merged very well, and the team really started to come

together after Christmas with the standard of baseball against the best in the league very high. At the end of the season we were split into the Division 2 (Street West) of which we were minor premiers. This gave us an automatic berth in the best of three grand final series. In the first GF against Quakers the team shone with a near perfect 10-0 victory. Game 2 was much closer and grinding with the Cardinals down by one going into the bottom of the last. With 2 outs and 2 strikes the team showed strength of character and will to fight back and put up the two runs to win the game and be crowned PREMIERS.

This was another successful season for the JV concept with Baulko and plans are already underway for expansion of the concept in 2019/2020.

Our 15u Division 3 side was also affected by Intermediate and the struggle to find enough players to fill a team. Familiar faces were welcomed back in James, Nick and Max along with the nucleus of the team that has been developing so well under Adam and Duncan for a few years now. They exerted their muscles early in the season and along with Rouse Hill showed themselves to be the two dominant teams. After a great walk off victory in the Major semi against Rouse the team qualified for the Grand Final and what turned out to be another epic tussle. Unfortunately, on the day Rouse Hill were too strong but the Carlingford spirit was on display with excellent achievement, sportsmanship and team work. Well done to Adam, Duncan and all the team for a very successful season.

Our U11 team was almost all the familiar faces of our very successful U10 team from the year before. With Craig Cusbert now taking the lead as Head Coach big things were expected and the team certainly didn't disappoint. This was the first year of proper baseball for all these kids and every kid got the opportunity to pitch, and every kid took their opportunity to shine. The learning curve is always steep at this age and level and the challenge was accepted and met with significant improvement in skills as well as baseball knowledge. The results were also very positive, and the team ended the regular season in second position. Another first was to come in the pressure of finals baseball. It was a tough ask up against a very experienced and Castle Hill side who had been dominant all season and although the team was competitive until the end they were beaten by a much better side on the day. The following week was the elimination final against Winston Hills and this was a display of baseball that 10 year U17 veterans would have been proud of. The standard was high and fitting of a final but unfortunately we went down by 1 run at the end. A huge congratulations to Craig and all the team on a fantastic season and there is no doubt that this team, and many of its players, are destined for much bigger things.

We started the season with two U10 mod ball teams, a good mix of returning modballers, tballers and new players. Whilst the teams weren't graded in the interest of keeping kids with similar ages together we did end up with a stronger team of the two. Jo Henderson led this team with her usual passion, enthusiasm and gusto that is not only entertaining but keeps the kids on their toes!! And as she always does, she got the most out of all these kids with massive improvement across the board. The team ended up finishing the season in 3rd

place in a first past the post system. Well done Jo, Grady Roberts and all the team. The other team was coached by two ex-junior players in Sarah Farrell and Nick Clegg, under the mentorship of Andrew Borg. This is a model the club has been trying to push for the last few years and it was great to have the two young coaches bring their enthusiasm and passion into this team. Given it was basically an U9 team in an U10 comp, on field results were challenging but the improvement was significant and visible even from week to week. A re-grading after Christmas to U9 meant we were then immediately competitive in each game. All in all we don't measure success in U9 trophies but all these kids deserve one for their effort and commitment shown every week. There is no doubt this experience will mean they will go on to bigger and better things in U10.

Well done to Sarah, Nick, Andrew and all the team.

We had 1 tball team this year in the Div 1 U8 competition led by new coach Brett who brought with him many, many years of baseball experience at all levels. The team was a mix of last year's tballers, last year's aussie tballers and new kids which is always good. The season was a great success with many home runs, amazing plays and big smiles on kids, coaches and parents faces. Exactly what tball is about and we hope to see all these kids back next year. Great job Brett & team.

So that is a season in a wrap, on behalf of all juniors I would like to thank all the kids, parents, umpires, scorers, volunteers and everyone else that contributed to such a successful season and helping make Carlingford the great junior baseball club that it is.

Simon Scott
Juniors Vice President

AUSSIE T BALL REPORT

This year we have had 24 wonderful children and their families involved in Aussie T Ball.

A big thank you to Jo Henderson for running the older group, and an even bigger thanks to our player volunteers Grady Roberts, Rohan Wood, Ben Barr-Lynch and Alex Barr-Lynch for their help in running the sessions. Thanks also to Kim Balcombe for stocking and running the Canteen, and to Luke Barr for driving the BBQ.

The development of the children had been fantastic as has the participation of the mums, dads and grandparents on the sidelines. We look forward to having these kids coming back next season in the U8's where we know they will smash it.

Andrew Borg
T Ball Coordinator

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019

This is my first season being on the committee of Carlingford Baseball Club. I have played with the club since I was 8 years old and it is a pleasure to still be part of such a wonderful club and to see my son now enjoying the sport as well. I stepped into the role of Secretary with very little experience but have enjoyed being a small part of how this club runs.

We are very fortunate in this club to have a lot of people who put in a huge amount of time and effort (a lot of it behind the scenes) to keep our proud club running so that the children may enjoy the game that we all love. I would just like to thank everyone, from the committee members to the coaches and managers, scorers and umpires and anyone who volunteered to help in working bees, bbq & canteen duty. We couldn't do it without you.

Our committee had a lot of new faces this year, and it was recognised by all that recruitment was an important part to ensuring we had enough kids to take the diamond this season. From a huge effort by our recruitment sub-committee, we managed to recruit 24 new kids to play Aussie t-ball on Friday nights, as well as teams in Under 8's, 9's & 10's. We all look forward to seeing these kids progress through the club and learn the game. I would also like to congratulate our junior players who earned representative honours through association and state levels.

We also had a very strong season for our senior club, competing across varying levels of competition, including a Masters team on Monday nights. It was awesome to see Murray Farm busy with baseball games every Saturday afternoon. We hardly had a weekend where there wasn't 2 games on. Congratulations to our 3 grand final winners (A2, G3 Red and H Grade Black) on their very successful seasons. All were very entertaining games, with the A2's playing a 9 inning blockbuster! It was also great to have many of our previous years U17's join our senior club, playing with our G & H grade squads. If you have ever thought of playing, come and join in on the fun!!

Thank you to Mark, Peter and Simon for all their hard work and effort over the season. Until I took on this role, I had no idea of just how much went on behind the scenes. I can promise you there is a massive amount of emails going back and forth all year round, which are all done in their own personal time. We would not be on the diamond if not for their hard work.

As the new season approaches, get out your glove and throw a ball with your family. It won't be long until we are back at Murray Farm cheering on the red and black!! I look forward to seeing you back in season 2019/2020.

Steven Rosevear
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

I am pleased to present the Financial Accounts for this past 2018/2019 Season

Our finances have remained buoyant although a small deficit is evident. Prepayment of affiliation, ground and umpire fees being paid in advance for forthcoming Winter and Masters Teams effects the balance of our accounts. Players fees, for the winter season, paid direct to Baseball NSW, have not yet been on paid to the Club at this time.

The Term Deposit remains, and is only attracting an interest rate of 2.0%. Routine increases in PayPal and website charges are reflected in the accounts.

The convenience of the Canteen, and takings remained positive. However increased operating costs has resulted in a small deficit of \$579. Once again, a big thank you to Kim Balcombe and Abigail Power 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 the year round use of their ground. 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, uniforms, Club Clothing, and team kits complete. Canteen includes utensils, general equipment and BBQ. Many items have a short life expectancy and are difficult to value to calculate a net asset position. There are no unpaid accounts.

The Club made a major purchase of a new pitching machine for \$5,000 which was paid for in full by a donation from the Cusbert family. A big thank you to Craig and Sam.

The Club also wishes to thank Life Member Jack Henry for his donation and all our sponsors, Altis Consulting, Steve's Fine Meats, Cucina de Luca, Aerial Surfer and Autodoc. A big thanks to Chantelle Jans for her contribution to restarting our sponsorship program.

I have had much pleasure being involved with the Club as Treasurer for the past four years. I now relinquish the post and offer my sincere gratitude to members of the Committee for their camaraderie and support.

I commend the report to you.

Robert Handel
Treasurer

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 March 2019

	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Active Kids Vouchers	1,280.00	-----
Registrations - Junior	7,454.13	6,803.89
- Senior	20,369.10	24,055.68
Canteen Takings	5,608.15	5,724.20
Donations	5,250.00	-----
Sponsorship	2,099.60	400.00
Embroiding - Player Contribution	75.01	425.00
Interest Received	315.64	404.05
Special Event - presentation Night	4,268.80	2,577.95
Sundry	782.00	250.00
Uniform Sales & Merchandise Sales	2,868.00	3,387.00
	<u>50,370.43</u>	<u>44,027.77</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Active Kids Vouchers	1,280.00	-----
Affiliation Fees	4,634.00	5,990.11
Bank Charges & Online Payment Fees	274.23	382.23
Canteen Management & Honourarium	1,300.00	910.00
Canteen Purchases	4,887.64	4,116.49
Clothing & Uniforms & Merchandise	7,348.92	9,729.20
Clothing & Uniforms - Shirt Embroidery	253.00	480.70
Comms and Internet	1,809.64	1,256.03
Equipment Purchases	10,112.06	2,611.01
Functions	5,082.28	2,232.62
Forfeits & Penalties	100.00	250.00
Ground Expenses	5,332.23	7,654.38
Promotion	1,864.61	700.69
Sponsorship/Incentives	1,746.44	635.00
Sundry Expenses/Printing etc.	94.07	365.55
Trophies/Badges	1,351.75	2,163.50
Umpiring Fees	4,426.00	5,102.25
	<u>51,896.87</u>	<u>44,579.76</u>
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>-1,526.44</u>	<u>-551.99</u>

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC

Balance sheet

For year ended 31 March 2018

	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2017 /18</u>
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		
Opening Balance	30306.19	30,858.18
Add: Surplus (Deficit)	-1526.44	-551.99
Closing Balance	<u>28779.75</u>	<u>30,306.19</u>
<u>Represented by</u>		
Cash at Bank	12327.09	12,705.34
Balance at PayPal	452.66	1,600.85
Term Deposit	16000	16,000.00
Total Funds	<u>28779.75</u>	<u>30,306.19</u>

R F Handel

M Highfield

J Butt - FCPA

Treasurer

President

Auditor

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.**

Scope

I have audited the accounts, being the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Balance Sheet of the Carlingford Baseball Club for the year ended 31 March 2019. I have performed an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Club.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My 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 this basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the accounts of the Club are properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the financial state of affairs of the Club as at 31 March 2019.

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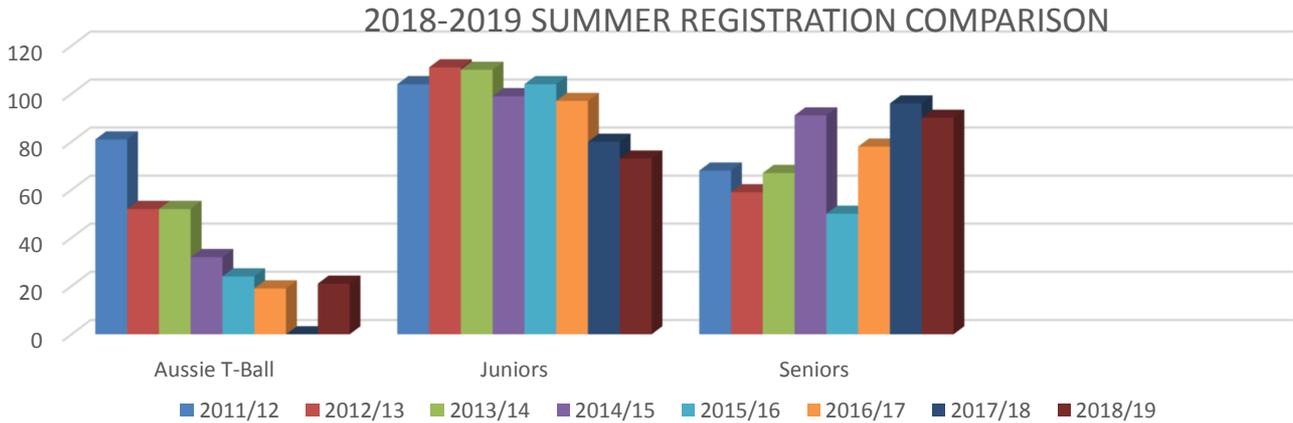
John Butt - FCPA

Dated at Sydney this 28th day of April 2019.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2018/2019

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB

Total Junior registrations for the **2018-2019 Summer Season** decreased by seven compared to last season. We had six teams playing for Carlingford and one combined team with Baulkham Hills. Senior registrations were down overall despite strong summer registrations. Comparative numbers for Carlingford over the last few seasons:



Registrations	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12
Aussie T Ball	21	0	19	24	32	52	52	81
Junior registrations	73	80	97	103	99	110	111	104
Junior teams	6.5	7	9	9	10	10	10	10
Senior registrations	154	178	78	82	91	67	59	68
Senior teams	13	14	10	9	7	5	5	6

"Baseball is ninety percent mental and the other half is physical." – Yogi Berra

The number of seniors players has been calculated to include winter and masters teams. Some players are registered in multiple competitions.

The number of senior teams include 5 from winter, 6 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	21 (0)	5 (0)	
Under 8	11 (11)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Under 9	0 (11)	0 (0)	0 (1)
Under 10	21 (12)	3 (0)	2 (1)
Under 11	12 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Under 13	0 (19)	0 (3)	0 (2)
Under 14	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Under 15	18 (0)	2 (0)	1.5* (0)
Under 17	11 (24)	2 (4)	1 (2)
Total Juniors	80 (80)	7 (7)	6.5 (7)

The total registrations for the juniors has decreased for the third season in row however we had great response to 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 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 76 players in the summer competition, 54 in the Winter competition, 13 in the Spring Masters and 11 in the Autumn Masters. Carlingford fielded a total of thirteen teams; six 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, but don't be fooled by the term 'Masters' – it is not reflective of the talent pool in this competition). There was no Winter Competition for juniors in 2018.

“Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer.” – Ted Williams

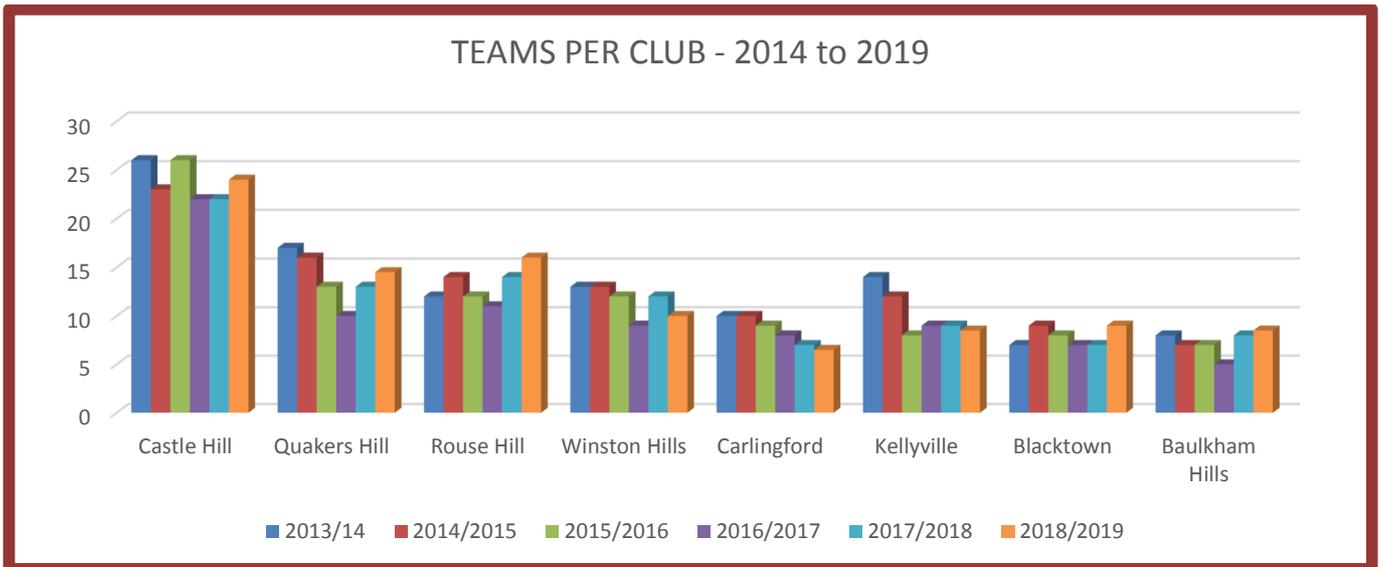
THE HILLS DISTRICT

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

Age Group	18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12	10/11	09/10	08/09
Under 8	26	22	26	24	25	32	24	26	26	35	21
Under 9	7	11	9	9	13	13	13	8	-	-	-
Under 10	19	14	13	16	13	17	14	21	32	33	26
Under 11	6	9	8	6	8	0	4	7	-	-	-
Under 12	16			14	21	23	21	24	29	21	24
Under 13	8	19	18	6							
Under 14	12		7	14	22	23	22	24	21	22	17
Under 15	0	16	8								
Under 17	19	15	16	22	22	21	18	16	17	18	14
Total	113	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 remains in eighth place below Baulkham Hills, Kellyville 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	4	1	3	3	2	0	2	24 (22)
Rouse Hill	3	0	2	1	3	1	2	0	4	16 (14)
Quakers Hill	4	0	3	1	2.5*	0	2	0	2	14.5 (13)
Winston Hills	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	3	10 (9)
Blacktown	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	9 (7)
Kellyville	2	1	1	0	1.5*	1	0	0	2	8.5 (9)
Baulkham Hills	1	1	1	1	1	2	0.5**	0	1	8.5 (8)
Carlingford	1	0	2	1	0	0	1.5**	0	1	6.5*(7)
Schofields	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5 (7)
Hawkesbury	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4 (5)
Oakville	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5 (4)
Kings Langley	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 (2)
Total	26 (22)	7 (11)	19 (14)	6 (9)	16 (0)	8 (19)	12 (0)	0 (16)	19 (15)	113 (106)



The falling numbers of junior registrations within the club continues to be a concern but hopefully the success of this seasons Aussie T-Ball program will not only continue but help boost registrations in coming seasons.. 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 has been fantastic this season to have new members join the committee and take an active role in running the club.

Congratulations to all the teams that competed this year.

“People ask me what I do in winter when there’s no baseball. I’ll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring.” – Rogers Hornsby

Tim Farrell
Registrar

“No baseball pitcher would be worth a darn without a catcher who could handle the hot fastball.” – Casey Stengel

LIFE MEMBERS

Col Handel (1975)
Dave Harvey (1980)
Jack Henry (1982)
John Gibbons (1983)
Alan Hunt (1984)
Elaine Haddan (1984)
Brian Cashmore* (1988)
Tom Cusbert (1989)
Bill Webster (1991)
Wendy Gold (1991)
Bob Bruce (1992)
Geoff Barling* (1992)
David Downey (1993)
Gail Cashmore
Matthew Cashmore
Ian Cummerford
Craig Cusbert
Gary Essenstam*

Ed McCue
Mark Highfield (2000)
John Harris
Carol Harris
Greg Klein*
Dianne Starling
Garry Butler (2005)
Duncan Coles (2008)
David Aiston* (2009)
Stephen Gosper (2011)
Robyn Gosper (2011)
Andrew Borg (2012)
Mark Power (2016)
Robert Handel (2017)
Nicole Lawson (2018)

* Deceased

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Muirfield High School
Barclay Road
North Rocks

Upjohn Park
Kirby St
Dundas