



NEWSLETTER

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CW Rep trials players hanging out !

Greetings everyone and welcome to our June Newsletter.

Our young Eagles players hanging out after the trials session

Firstly we would like to thank all of the attendees at our 82nd Annual General Meeting that was held last Friday. It is with great excitement that we can announce that all positions have been filled and the full committee list and profiles are on the following pages for both the senior committee and the junior committee members. A huge thank you to all of you for volunteering your time for our club. We would like to also thank Michelle and Kathy K for taking care of the catering on the night and to Jimbo for serving up the refreshments.

AGM UPDATE



Below is an update on our junior reps, the introduction for our newest sponsor for Sunshine Baseball Club being Savers in Footscray and later in the newsletter we have an update on our winter teams progress. It won't be long before our new season projects and plans will be announced, so stay tuned for the next round of Eagles News and keep warm over these winter months :-)



Sunshine Baseball Club was very well represented at the trials for the City West U14s Winter Championship Team. We had 7 players trying out hoping to make the team to represent City West at the upcoming Winter Championships being held at Morwell. Of the 7 players, we had 4 of them make the team and congratulations go to Baili, Lucas, Phillip and Ben, well done guys on your selection and all the best for the tournament. To Jackson, Jake and Theodore, even though you didn't make the team, the coaches were very impressed with you and really appreciated your attendance at the trials. The fact that you all made the effort to try out for a representative team has been acknowledged by your club and its coaches and we are all certainly proud of you !!!



PROUD SUNSHINE BASEBALL CLUB SPONSORS



Savers Thrift Store in Footscray, Victoria is an impressive thrift store, a community champion and a revolutionary recycler. Located at 33 Albert St, they offer an incredible selection of pre-loved treasures you can't find anywhere else. We're talking apparel and shoes for all sizes and ages, housewares from everyday dishes to fine China, accessories, books, electronics and much more to the tune of thousands of items. We would like to thank SAVERS Footscray very much for being our newest sponsor and we look forward to a long partnership together.



MEET YOUR 2019-2020 SENIOR COMMITTEE



PRESIDENT: MR. ROBERT BROWNE

Robert has been a proud member for over 35 years and a player for over 25 years. He coached junior baseball and he has been an active committee member for the past 15 years. After serving as the Vice President, he was then duly elected as President in season 2014/15, and will now continue in his role for 2019-2020 season ahead.



VICE PRESIDENT (STRATEGIC PLANNING): MR. LEIGH DAVIS

Leigh was only 7 years old when he moved to Sunshine in 1985 and he is one of the clubs favourite sons. Apart from being a fine baseballer, Leigh's off-field commitment around the club is well known. Last season Leigh took on the role of Vice President and he will once again fulfil this role to help steer the club in the right direction and to assist with the strategic planning to make our club the envy of all others.



VICE PRESIDENT (FINANCIAL): MR. GRAHAM MAY

Graham has played baseball for Sunshine for over 45 years and has played at all levels including two First Division Premierships. He has assisted in the financial management of the club as well as taking on the role of Vice President in the 2014-2015 and continues on for the coming season ahead.



SECRETARY: MR. MIKE ASHBURN

Mike has been a club member for over 35 years and during this period he has been a dedicated worker in many roles. Mike started as a player and has coached in various grades for a number of years. He has been an active member on the committee and last season was his record breaking 18th year in the role of Club Secretary. Mike will once again take charge of various duties and ensure the smooth running of the club's admin.



TREASURER: MS. VICKI DORNOM

Vicki has been in the role as club Treasurer for more than 10 years. She became involved in Sunshine Baseball Club through her son who played juniors for many years. Vicki has always been an active member scoring for juniors and seniors as well as maintaining the club records in regards to finances etc and will once again continue in her role.



FACILITIES AND GROUNDS: MR. CHAD GALLOWAY

Chad was 5 years old when he came to Sunshine as a youngster. In his early days, Chad played representative baseball for Victoria and has won many club awards and continues to play ball. He has taken on numerous Junior coaching roles over the years, and has more recently been doing a fine job in his role of Grounds and Facilities, a position that he will continue on with for the coming summer season ahead.



DIRECTOR OF BASEBALL: MR. MARC MCKENNER

Introduced to S.B.C. by his father at the age of 5, Marc was a quality player who represented Victoria and played for Australia in the U19 Development Team in 1993. Marc has always been very committed to junior baseball and has coached juniors and well as helped with their development. His main role is Director of Baseball, a position that he excels in with his recruiting knowledge and fine communication skills.



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SOCIAL COORDINATOR: MS. KATHERINE SALKOVIC

Katherine is another valued club member who started playing baseball as a junior alongside her brothers and more recently she played for the Women's team. Kat is a very active member at the club doing whatever she can to assist anyone in any way and has once again put her hand up to take on the role of Social Coordinator. Her commitment to this role is nothing less than 100% and we look forward to the functions and events for the coming season.



SPONSORSHIP, MARKETING, GRANTS: MR. GLENN LETTS

Glenn has been on the committee now for over 10 years and currently taking care of the Sponsorship and Marketing role for the club and it is a role that he loves to tackle. The challenge finding new sponsors and supporting our current sponsors is one that he works hard on and more recently he taken on the task of looking for grants opportunities for our baseball club.



UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT: MS. CORAL WALLIS

Coral has been involved with our club for almost 20 years, with her two sons playing junior and senior baseball for the Eagles. Coral was Junior Coordinator in 2007 and later on was Junior Secretary and then taking on the bar manager role as well as scoring for the senior teams. More recently Coral took on the position of Uniforms and equipment and certainly did a fine job and has once again put her hand up to take on for 2019-20



BAR MANAGER: MR. ROBERT BROWNE / MR. JIM KELLY

Robert Browne and Jim Kelly have taken on the associated duties with being Bar Manager. It is a familiar role for Robert and with his wingman Jim Kelly, they will be sure to have things running as smoothly as possible in the season ahead. The club would like to thank Vic for taking on the Bar Manager role last season and for the many other duties that he attended to in keeping the club in good order.



CANTEEN COORDINATOR: MS. SANDY RAND

Sandy's commitment to Sunshine Baseball Club is certainly to be commended. She has been involved since the mid 2000's when her son Travis started to play baseball. Sandy was always one to help with scoring, or any other duty that came her way. She has taken on the role of canteen coordinator once again for the summer season ahead and we appreciate her support in this vital role.



REGSITRA: MS. MARION BAARTMANS

With the implementation of a new on-line system that Baseball Victoria introduced for player registration a few years back now, Marion has taken on the task of overseeing the entire registration process for all senior and junior players. Marion also liaises with the Club Secretary and Treasurer in regards to reporting etc and will once again continue on with her role to take care of all registration duties.



CLUB COACH: MR. STUART CLAYTON

Stuart has been a member and player for over 35 years and during this time he has coached at many levels for seniors and Juniors. In the early 1990's Stuart was Junior Coordinator and has been a commiteeman for over 15 years. He is a Life Member, was inducted as one of the club's top 21 players of all time and he is a club stalwart. We are proud to announce that after his stellar debut as Club Coach last season, Stuart has been duly appointed once again to steer the club in the right direction.



MEET YOUR 2019-2020 JUNIOR COMMITTEE

JUNIOR COORDINATOR: MR. GAVIN FISCHER



With Glenn Letts Standing down from his position after 11 years in the role, we are very excited to announce the appointment of Gavin Fischer to take on the role of Junior Coordinator this coming season. Gavin was introduced to baseball through his family connections and he started playing baseball at the age of 12 and by the age of 14, he was playing representative baseball for Victoria in 1984 for the U15s team. In his later years, Gavin played alongside and was influenced by some of the greats from the late 1980's such as Galloway, Lloyd, Burke and Meates just to name a few, before retiring in 1997. Gavin returned to the club when his sons Rupert and Elliot both showed an interest and who both now are seasoned junior players. Gavin is keen to get started with the junior program planning for the summer season ahead and with the support of his Junior committee, it will certainly shape up for an exciting year ahead for the Junior Eagles.

JUNIOR SECRETARY: MR. GLENN LETTS



Glenn has been involved with the juniors at SBC since his first visited back in 2004. His three sons came through the junior program and are all now playing senior baseball for the Eagles. Glenn is passionate about the junior program and it's success and after 11 years at the helm for the juniors, he has decided to step down as Junior Coordinator. He will continue to be involved in the junior program in the role of Junior Secretary, as well as still being involved in Tee Ball and Rookie ball entry programs, as well as running the winter baseball program.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: MR. CAIN HAXBY



Cain started playing baseball for Sunshine at the age of 5 and later in his junior career was a representative player for the Victorian U18s team in 1991 and was the club MVP in the 1992 season. Cain has played and coached over many years and in 2016, he was instrumental in fielding the club's first winter juniors team in decades. Cain still continues to give up his time at the club, with senior training drills, the junior development program, as well as helping out behind the bar and will once again be involved with junior development.

EVENTS COORDINATOR: MS. ANA QUACH



Ana is a very active member both on and off field. She has been involved with our club for the past 4 years and has always put her hand up to help out where needed. Ana has two of her sons playing baseball and is a very keen baseballer herself and does anything she can to help out with the teams. Ana joined the Junior committee last season and was instrumental in getting new events up and running, as well as helping out with many other club duties when she could. Just recently at our AGM, Ana was the Runner up in the votes for the Best Club person award, which is a true reflection of her character and the amount of work that she does around the club.

FUNDRAISING: MS. AILEEN KORZENIEWSKI



Aileen and her family have been involved with our club for 4 years now and her son plays baseball in the Little League Minor and All star team. Aileen has always been someone to help out when needed and we are very fortunate to have her on board once this season to help with the fundraising side of things, as well as the overall promotion of the junior program.

JUNIOR SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP: MS. CHANTELE HYETT



Chantelle has two sons playing currently baseball in the junior program and her experience of being involved at administration levels with other sporting clubs showed with her input to our club last season. She re-introduced the junior membership program and organised a photography session for all players and teams that hasn't been done for at least the past 15 years and the imagery was nothing short of amazing.

CANTEEN COORDINATOR: MS. SANDY RAND



Sandy coordinates and helps out with the canteen duties for all events and games for the juniors which is just great. There are many other junior volunteers that put their hand up to help as well, as it certainly is big of a task for Sandy to do on her own. She attends all junior meeting is a great support to the junior program.

EAGLES NOTICE BOARD



Robert Browne and Mike Ashburn were both acknowledged at our recent AGM meeting for their fine services that they have rendered to our club over the years. The first Acknowledgment was for Robert Browne (Brownie) for being such a fine leader as President for the past 5 years and for keeping the club in good order both on and off the field. His commitment to Sunshine Baseball Club is second to none and we thank him very much. Then we have Mike Ashburn (Mash) who has been such a fine contributor over the many years both on and off the field in various roles, but the one that has now gone down in the history books, is for being the longest serving Secretary for Sunshine Baseball Club of all time. Mike has been in the Secretary role for a total of 18 years and has only just surpassed Kerry McGuire (17 years) who Mike had the pleasure of meeting at our 75th Anniversary Dinner.

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Sunshine Baseball Club congratulates
Michael Ashburn

For being the longest serving Club Secretary in the history of Sunshine Baseball Club in our 80th Anniversary Season 2018-2019

Photo below: First Pitch event 30th Sept 2018 Mike Ashburn pitching to Allan De San Miguel



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Sunshine Baseball Club congratulates
Robert Browne

For his outstanding contributions in his role as President of Sunshine Baseball Club in our 80th Anniversary Season 2018-2019

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EAGLES UPDATES



WINTER U13s

Under the guidance of head coach Jet and his assistants Phil and Connor, the U13s have been having a great season to date. The kids are learning all of the valuable skills needed to make them better players and it is a credit to the hard work put in by the coaches and volunteers who help.



WINTER U15s

Glenn and Daniel are really enjoying the time spent with such a nice group of young players in the U15s team. All of the guys are as keen and are really enjoying their baseball and learning to play in many different positions throughout the season.



WINTER SNRS

Pearler and Tolly certainly have a fine group of players in the senior team with many of them been highly awarded in the club. To date the team is travelling along nicely and they know what they have to do stay competitive and to keep in the top tier of the ladder.