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LIFE MEMBERS

Reg Austin
 Austin Grice
 Richard Ogden
 Graham Burnett

Ken Douglass
 Graham Hay
 Wendy Ogden

Brian Gowen
 Barry Moore
 Lance Orchard

PAST OFFICE BEARERS

Committee 1970 – 1976-77

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	TREASURER
1970	A. White	J. Yard		G. Horwood
1971	A. White	J. Yard		C. Watt
1972	F. Sheldon	H. Hedcock	B. Moore	S. King
1973	J. Blow	H. Hedcock	B. Moore	S. King
1974-75	C. Watson	B. Moore	P. Walker	G. Gorman
1975-76	C. Watson	B. Moore	P. Fedele	B. Moore
1976-77	R. Austin	B. Moore	W. David	B. Barlow

Senior Committee 1977-78 – 1998-99

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	TREASURER
1977-78	R. Austin	B. Moore	R. Ogden	B. Barlow
1978-79	R. Austin	B. Moore	R. Ogden	B. Barlow
1979-80	R. Austin	B. Moore	R. Ogden	B. Barlow
1980-81	R. Austin	B. Moore	R. Ogden	B. Barlow
1981-82	R. Austin	G. Hay	A. Morton	B. Barlow
1982-83	K. Douglass	G. Hay	S. Lewer	G. Barlow
1983-84	K. Douglass	G. Hay	S. Lewer	G. Barlow
1984-85	K. Douglass	G. Hay	S. Lewer	G. Barlow
1985-86	K. Douglass	A. Grice	S. Lewer	L. Orchard
1986-87	K. Douglass	A. Grice	S. Lewer	L. Orchard
1987-88	K. Douglass	A. Grice	S. Lewer	L. Orchard
1988-89	K. Douglass	A. Grice	S. Lewer	L. Orchard
1989-90	L. Orchard	A. Grice	D. Blain	R. Handel
1990-91	L. Orchard	A. Grice	A. Grice	R. Handel
1991-92	L. Orchard	A. Grice	A. Grice	B. Gowen
1992-93	G. Hay	B. Moore		B. Gowen

1993-94	G. Hay	B. Moore		B. Gowen
1994-95	B. Moore	G. Tighe	M. Fotheringham	G. Hassall
1995-96	B. Moore	K. Pongrac	G. Tighe	G. Hassall
1996-97	B. Moore	K. Pongrac		G. Tancred
1997-98	B. Moore	K. Pongrac	G.Tighe	G. Tancred
1998-99	B. Moore	G. Tighe		A. Smith

Junior Committee 1977-78 – 1998-99

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	TREASURER
1977-78	D.Lanfreid	G.Gorman	B.Barlow	K.Douglass
1978-79	G.Gorman	K.Douglass	B.Harris	G.Wark
1979-80	G.Gorman	K.Douglass	B.Harris	G.Wark
1980-81	G.Gorman	K.Douglass	E.Johnston	G.Wark
1981-82	L.Orchard	K.Douglass	E.Johnston	G.Wark
1982-83	L.Orchard	G.Wark	E.Johnston	B.McDonald
1983-84	L.Orchard	G.Wark	J.Yard	A.Wright
1984-85	L.Orchard	J.Yard	L.Johnston	A.Wright
1985-86	G.Wark	A.Grice	L.Johnston	A.Wright
1986-87	B.Shipley	A.Grice	L.Johnston	I.Keech
1987-88	B.Gowan	A.Grice	L.Johnston	I.Keech
1988-89	B.Gowan	A.Grice	L.Johnston	I.Keech
1989-90	R.Scully	G.Hay	W.Mellon	A.Smith
1990-91	R.Scully	G.Hay	C.Divis	A.Smith
1991-92	C.Crinion	G.Hay	C.Divis	S.Thorne
1992-93	C.Crinion	G.Hay	M.Salitra	S.Thorne
1993-94	C.Crinion	C.Minahan	M.Salitra	S.Thorne
1994-95	C.Crinion	C.Minahan	M.Salitra	S.Thorne
1995-96	C.Minehan	P.Hay	M.Salitra	S.Thorne
1996-97	C.Minehan	C.Mansfield	M.Salitra	C.Brown
1997-98	D.Beileiter	C.Mansfield	M.Salitra	C.Brown
1998-99	D.Beileiter	C.Mansfield	M.Salitra	C.Brown

Committee 1999-2000 - Current

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1999-2000	B.Moore	D.Beileiter	C.Mansfield	D Rosser K.Sykes
2000-2001	B.Moore	D.Beileiter	M Salitra	G Gibb

Baulkham Hills Baseball Club - First Grade Coaches

Year	Name	Year	Name
1970	John Hollander	1986-1987	Allan White
1971	John Hollander	1987-1988	**Richard Pollie / Geoff Hadden
1972	John Hollander	1988-1989	Geoff Hadden
1973	John Hollander	1989-1990	Peter Wilkinson
1974-1975	John Hollander	1990-1991	Peter Wilkinson
1975-1976	John Hollander	1991-1992	Neil Barrowcliffe
1976-1977	Keith Miller	1992-1993	Wayne Finney
1977-1978	Cliff Watson	1993-1994	Wayne Finney
1978-1979	Cliff Watson	1994-1995	Wayne Finney
1979-1980	Richard Ogden	1995-1996	Wayne Finney
1980-1981	Richard Ogden	1996-1997	Wayne Finney
1981-1982	Cliff Watson	1997-1998	Wayne Finney
1982-1983	Geoff Hadden	1998-1999	Neil Barrowcliffe
1983-1984	Geoff Hadden	1999-2000	Neil Barrowcliffe
1984-1985	Geoff Hadden	2000-2001	Neil Barrowcliffe
1985-1986	Ken Reus		

** denotes Coach resigning during season.

NSWBL Grade Club Championships Won by Baulkham Hills

Finishing positions for the regular season.

Year	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	Under 18s
1989-1990	Minor Premiers	4 th	2 nd	4 th
1990-1991	4 th	Minor Premiers	Minor Premiers	5 th
1992-1993	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd	2 nd
1993-1994	Minor Premiers	Minor Premiers	3 rd	Minor Premiers
1994-1995	2 nd	Minor Premiers	Minor Premiers	2 nd
1995-1996	Minor Premiers	Minor Premiers	2 nd	3 rd
1996-1997	Minor Premiers	Minor Premiers	Minor Premiers	5 th

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2000-2001

President: Barry Moore
Vice President: Don Beileiter
Secretary: Maria Salitra
Treasurer: Greg Gibb
Committee: Graham Burnett
Pam Hay
Tracey McGuire
Stan Robson
Glynn Meyer
Bob Wardle
Nigel Simmons
Brian Simpson
Stephen Thorne
Peter McGuire

Sub Committees:

Senior Division	Junior Division
Chairperson: Barry Moore	Chairperson: Don Beileiter
Assistant Secretary: Pam Hay	Assistant Secretary: Tracey McGuire
Senior Committee: Bob Wardle Graham Burnett Glynn Meyer Nigel Simmons	Junior Committee: Stan Robson Stephen Thorne Peter McGuire Brian Simpson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This season again saw alteration to our constitution. Our annual general meeting was held very late due to these alterations and this in turn saw our club going into the summer season under prepared. The Olympic Games also threw a spanner into our usually well oiled machine and this created more problems both with our senior and junior competitions.

This annual report is the first annual report since 1990 to contain both the Senior and Junior achievements of the club in the one report. The management of the club is striving to achieve a feeling of one club.

Our club is now one of the older clubs in Baseball with Seniors now one of only five Major League teams to survive from the original winter competition and Juniors the only Hills team originating from winter baseball in 1973 and one of the original teams in the Hills competition.

Hopefully with more preparation next summer season we can achieve more activities that involve the cross linking of Juniors and Seniors for the benefit of the club.

To our Grade coaches, Junior coaches, players and all those who have made a contribution to the club many thanks for your efforts.

Bob Wardle and Don Beilieter once again organised winter baseball for both seniors and juniors respectively and to these baseball enthusiasts thank you. Some winter reports are now contained in the annual report and it is good to see, as these chilly days thrill seekers deserve all the recognition they can get.

To the committee members of the baseball club many thanks for your assistance during the year. Also special thanks to The Baulkham Hills Sports Club and Bankstown Sports Club for their support during the year.

I believe that Jenny Hay and Jackie Johnston are finally hanging up their canteen aprons. These two young ladies have been a part of the canteen for many seasons and They will certainly be missed. "Many thanks girls".

"See you all next season"

Barry Moore
President

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Club entered fourteen teams in the Hills District competition for the season, which was the same number as last season. Of this number we had two teams qualify for the play offs, that was the 16 Kookas coached by Chris and David Thorne and the 12 Kookas coached by Michael Barrons. Unfortunately the 12 Kookas bowed out in the minor semi final to Castle Hill and the Under 16s progressed to the final only to be beaten by Castle Hill in a stop start game. Congratulations to Chris, David, Michael and the boys for their efforts.

We have a strong base of players coming through and this is evident in the Under 8 T-Ball competition where we entered three teams and together they experienced only one loss. A sensational season by all of the teams. Well done players and coaches John Brower, Peter Theos and Tim Strong.

The Under 9 Magpies went through the season UNDEFEATED to claim the premiers title ahead of Castle Hill and once again a sensational result. Congratulations to the players and Tom Squillaciotti, Mark Tranter and Rick Cone for their efforts with this little team of champions.

This season we ran clinics for 10's, 12's, and 14's which proved to be very successful and we wish to continue this format next season. These clinics would never have happened without the input from Stuart Bell and his helpers including Craig Lewis, Keith Crinion and many others who gave up their time to assist and once again the biggest kid of all was you know who.

Congratulations to Michael Simpson on being our Junior Baseballer of The Year. I have had the pleasure of watching Michael develop into a top class baseballer and a fine young man over the years. This was recognised by his selection in the U16's Sydney Development Squad, a squad absolutely chockers with talent. Well done Mike and all the best for the future.

Also congratulations to those boys that represented from Baulkham Hills in various representative sides, Josh Eaton, Aaron Thorne, Phillip Hemmer, Jason Bucca, Chris Fox, Michael Bucca and Jared Beileiter. Well done boys and keep up the good work.

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the committee for their work during the season and acknowledge their contributions; we would not exist without their help.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank Bryan Simpson for his efforts over the years. In this time Bryan has managed to gain many sponsorships for the juniors that has assisted us greatly in the dollar stakes. Thanks and well done Bryan!!!

In conclusion, the club is financially secure and on that note I will see you all next season.

Thanking You
Don Beileiter

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the 2000/2001 season the Junior and Senior divisions of the Baseball Club consolidated their financial position operating joint bank accounts.

The income and expenditure statements for the season are attached for the information of players, parents and supporters.

The Junior division recorded a deficit for the year of \$5182.25, which was mainly due to the expenditure of \$4824.11 on additional new players shirts which were long overdue for replacement and formed part of the budgeted expenditure as was the case last year. The Junior Committee's fundraising this year came entirely from the trivia night.

The Senior division had a reasonably successful year financially with a \$3900.80 profit (excluding an allowance for coaching fees of \$4,900 which had not been paid by 31/03/2001). This was mainly due to the very low levels of gear purchases in this period.

Overall the clubs financial position is very sound as is reflected in the cash position listed below.

General Baseball Account balance as at 31 March 2001 - \$ 28568.00
Canteen / Ground Account balance as at 31 March 2001 - \$ 14117.45

Greg Gibb
Treasurer

Baulkham Hills Junior Baseball
Income and Expenditure Statement for 2000/2001 Baseball Season
12 Months 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001

	2000/2001 Season	1999/2000 Season
Income Received From		
Playing Fees	9969.00	12127.40
Fundraising	2365.00	8722.00
Sponsorship	2250.00	5000.00
Canteen Profits	0.00	245.00
Uniform Sales	2027.00	4822.00
Representative Player Reimbursement - BSC	600.00	0.00
Other Income	457.50	100.00
	17668.50	31016.40
Expenditure On		
Hills Association Fees	3578.00	4688.00
Uniform Purchases	7218.40	9015.55
Playing Gear Purchases	1767.91	1743.05
Baseballs	1450.00	1088.20
Coaching Fees	2223.00	2868.20
Ground Improvement	0.00	418.80
Trophies and Presentation Day	2662.38	3093.88
Printing, Stationery, Telephone and Postage	1862.63	2071.00
Sponsorship Expenses	0.00	795.00
Fundraising Expenses	400.00	5600.00
Representative Player Reimbursement -	1200.00	0.00
Bank Charges	76.43	81.58
Other	412.00	1039.40
	22850.75	32502.66
Net Result for Year	-5182.25	-1486.26

Baulkham Hills Senior Baseball
Income and Expenditure Statement for 2000/2001 Baseball Season
9 Months 1 July 2000 - 31 March 2001

**2000/2001
Season**

Income Received From

Playing Fees	14013.00
Fundraising	0.00
Sponsorship	0.00
Canteen Profits	0.00
Uniform Sales	752.00
Other Income	342.50
	15107.50

Expenditure On

Association Fees	7595.60
Uniform Purchases	1649.70
Playing Gear Purchases	70.00
Baseballs	1000.16
Coaching Fees	0.00
Ground Improvement	0.00
Trophies and Presentation Day	471.60
Printing, Stationery, Telephone and Postage	245.27
Sponsorship Expenses	0.00
Fundraising Expenses	0.00
Bank Charges	123.77
Other	50.60

	11206.70
Net Result for Year	3900.80

SECRETARY REPORT

This is my second season as secretary. It has been very interesting and at times challenging but rewarding time for me. I would like to thank the committee members for all their assistance and hard work throughout the year to keep the ball club running smoothly and helping out whenever called on to do so. To those who are just there on the day and do the job without being asked, I especially thank you.

To the members attending all the extra meetings and helping with extra workload that these meeting bring, a sincere thank you for all your assistance and dedication in giving up your valuable spare time when we all live such busy lives. I hope that you will return and partake next season, being part of our club that is growing from strength to strength.

Once again another busy season has come to a close and as the summer season finishes the winter season starts and the planning and organising starts again. The year has passed with some achievements and others still on the drawing board.

Congratulations to the players, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, scorers from all levels (Grade, Metro, Junior, Winter) who have donated their time to help develop the game of Baseball, for without you we would not be able to run the teams and have such a strong club as we know it. Without your help the club would not exist.

To our sponsors we would like to gratefully acknowledge the support you have contributed to the Baulkham Hills Baseball Club by sponsoring our teams.

Congratulations to all teams that reached the finals.

More importantly the volunteers in the canteen, you did such a great job that your services are in high demand and are requested for next season. We are also looking for many new faces to help out in the canteen.

Congratulations to the Koala League Magpies who were undefeated this season.

Congratulations to all teams on your successful season. Whether you win, lose or draw, it is in playing the game of Baseball that we are all winners. I hope our club continues to produce players of such high calibre.

From yesterday we must learn for tomorrow.

Each and every area of the operation can be refined by a strong committee, which directs and involves the club as a whole. We are all depending on each other's action or lack of action. I must emphasize the importance of a clubs strength by the issuance of continuous up to date information to all members.

We must progress with a realistic set of goals whilst working with and respecting out Club and I would like all members to feel a part of our Clubs future in whatever role you may play. A number of people continue to volunteer and contribute their time and effort to the club

even though they themselves do not have children playing. Please consider strongly to committing yourself beyond your limits.

Yours in baseball,

Maria Salitra
Club Secretary

REPRESENTATIVE HONOUR ROLL 2000-2001

International Competitions

2000/2001 Australian Team (*International Baseball League of Australia*)

Matthew Bennett
Craig Lewis
Trent Oeltjen

2000 Australian AAA (*Canada*)

Trent Oeltjen
Steve Robinson
Chris Stephens
Robbie Street

2001 Australian AAA

Trent Oeltjen

USA Professional Contracts (*Baulko was last club played for*)

Trent Oeltjen (Minnesota Twins)
Craig Lewis (Montreal Expos)
John Stephens (Baltimore Orioles)

USA College (*Baulko was last club played for*)

Matthew Bennett
Paul Bruder
Shuen Choy
Anthony Hayes
Steve Robinson
Robbie Street

National Competitions

NSW Under 18's (Australian Championships, Sydney)

Brad Abel
Nathan Allen-Jones
Rhys Garner
Trent Oeltjen

Under 16 ACT

Josh Eaton
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Under 14 NSW

Aaron Thorne

NSW Combined High Schools (School Sport Australia Championships, Melbourne)

Andrew Erickson

Rhys Garner

State Competitions

Met West (CHS Championships, Warringah)

Josh Eaton

Rhys Garner

Adrian Hamley

Sydney South West (CHS Championships, Warringah)

Andrew Erickson

Under 14 State Cup

Aaron Thorne

Under 14 Development

Jason Booker

Philip Hemmer

Under 12 Development

Chris Fox

Jared Beileiter

Player Awards

Nathan Allen-Jones	2000 Met West Sporting Blue
Craig Lewis	2000/2001 NSW Baseball League Most Valuable Player
Trent Oeltjen	2000/2001 NSW Baseball League Rookie of the Year

Coaching / Managerial / Administrational Representation

Neil Barrowcliff	Australian Baseball Federation National Coaching Director SOCOG Baseball
Stewart Bell	Scout – New York Mets
Ken Douglas	NSW Baseball League Executive Committee Member
Nigel Simmons	NSW Combined High Schools Baseball Manager Met West baseball Convenor
Craig Stoves	Scout – Montreal Expos
Brendan Wallace	NSW Institute of Sport Baseball Academy Coach

IN THE BEGINNING. THERE WAS NO BASEBALL. BUT EVER SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN FEW BEGINNINGS AS GOOD AS THE START OF A NEW BASEBALL SEASON. IT IS THE MOST SPLENDID TIME IN SPORT.

B. J. PHILLIPS
Time (1981)

IF A TIE IS LIKE KISSING YOUR SISTER,
LOSING IS LIKE KISSING YOUR GRANDMOTHER WITH HER TEETH OUT.

GEORGE BRETT
Royals Infielder (1973 – 90)

MAN MAY PENETRATE THE OUTER REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE, HE MAY SOLVE THE VERY SECRET OF ETERNITY ITSELF BUT FOR ME, THE ULTIMATE HUMAN EXPERIENCE IS TO WITNESS THE FLAWLESS EXECUTION OF THE HIT-AND-RUN.

BRANCH RICKEY
Dodgers General Manager (1943-50)

CLUB HONOUR ROLL 2000-2001

**Graham Hay Award
Most Valuable Player**

Craig Lewis

Club Rookie of the Year

Trent Oeltjen

Junior Baseballer of the Year

Michael Simpson

1st Grade

Batting Award Scott Tunkin (.446)
Players Player Craig Lewis

2nd Grade

Most Valuable Player Dave Rosser
Batting Award Scott Downey (.522)
Players Player Dave Rosser

3rd Grade

Most Valuable Player Tristan Lupton
Batting Award Chris Thorne (.533)
Players Player Chris Thorne

Under 18's

Most Valuable Player Doyle Myles
Batting Award Doyle Myles (.464)
Players Player Rhys Garner

E Grade

Most Valuable Player Paul Walsh
Batting Award Paul Walsh (.652)
Coach's Award Adam Doyle

F Grade

Most Valuable Player Rohan Clarke
Batting Award Darren Latimore
Coach's Award Daniel Cooper

H Grade

Most Valuable Player Peter Murphy
Batting Award Gary Tuckwell (.553)
Coach's Award Con Divis

U/16 Kookas

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Michael Simpson
Josh Eaton (.457)
Brad Aird

U/16 Magpies

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Graeme Waldock
Mathew Cole (.320)
David Quoy

U/14 Kookas

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Aaron Thorne
Phillip Hemmer (.462)
Paul Mackay

U/14 Magpies

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coaches Award

Nathan Heard
Amy Fahy
Radoje Radovic

U/12 Kookas

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Michael Bucca
Tim Adams (.480)
James Vergos

U/12 Magpies

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Blake Jones
Byron Aird (.522)
Josh Nettleton
Robert Charles

U/12 Emus

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Joshua Cunningham
Mathew Sheath (.567)
Dylan Rudd

U/10 Kookas

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Most Improved

Tim Theos
Ryan Pritchard
Ben Bugden

U/10 Magpies

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Chris Bateup
Simon Tierney
Ian Loy

Koala League Seniors

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Peter Columbo
Laura Anderson
Scott Vinall

Koala League

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Brad Brown
Damien Showyin
Gerard Duffy

1ST GRADE REPORT

PLAYED 18	WON 14	LOST 4	DRW 0	W/O 0	RUNS FOR 233	AGAINST 113	POSITION 3 rd
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TEAM BAT AVE .330	FIELD AVE .959	ERA 3.83	RBI 191
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M.V.P. Craig Lewis
Batting Award Scott Tunkin (.446)
Players Player Craig Lewis
Rookie of The Year Trent Oeltjen

This season can be summed up in two words disappointment and frustration. Disappointment in that we did not win the competition when I still believe that we had the best team, and frustration in that so many factors seemed to continually go against us throughout the season which ensured that we couldn't consistently put our best team on the paddock. Every time we seemed to be getting on a roll, some other obstacle would pop up in our path to stop that momentum.

Before the season started we lost three of our best young players (all of whom were National Juniors last year) to U.S. colleges. Then during the season, our pitcher and catcher, Matty Bennett and Shuen Choy also took up offers in the college system. Trent Oeltjen was then signed by the Minnesota Twins to a pro contract and became unavailable for the play-offs. Throw in an injury to Pete Handel at a crucial time of the season, Mark Shipley playing injured most of the year, Craig Lewis being absent with National team representation and missing seven games, and then to cap it all off Scott Tunkin missing our semi-final because the game was put off for two days due to wet weather and he got married on the day between.

All these factors made it almost impossible to put our best foot forward, and although I kept saying to the guys we can only play with the cards we're dealt, I would defy any club to overcome all these obstacles and still play at the level they want.

But after saying all that, our win-loss record for the season was 14 - 4, which put us in 3rd place going in to the play-offs. Even here, fate seemed to conspire against us when we were washed out in the 2nd last round of the season. Other games went on, the other teams in the top four played games and won. If we had played and won, then our percentage would have been improved enough to put us in 2nd place and so have two goes in the play-offs rather than sudden death elimination.

All season we struggled offensively. Our pitching was superb, our defence terrific (except in the semi-final), but we simply couldn't score enough runs. A number of players had offensive numbers that were well down on previous seasons, and so all year was a bit of a struggle. This was reflected in our team average which was .398 last year, but only .330 this

year. The fact that we still won so many games, speaks volumes for the character of the players.

We did win the Night Series, edging out Canterbury by one run in a very tight and high quality game of baseball played in difficult conditions. Indeed, we beat Canterbury two games to one throughout the season and they went on to win the premiership. That is an indication of how close the competition was.

The pitching duties were shared by **Matty Bennett**, who again threw particularly well and his presence was really missed when he went to college at the start of January. I firmly believe that if we had had Matty all season, we would have been premiers.

Pete Handel continued to show what a high quality pitcher he is. He started the season a little slowly but then really hit his straps and was in outstanding form, only to be hit by an injury which saw him miss a number of crucial games. Pete is the ultimate "gamer", and if we were in the trenches going over the top, he's the bloke I would like beside me.

Craig Lewis was justly named as the Major League MVP, which is an extraordinary effort considering he missed a third of the season due to representative duties. Not since the days of Lionel Harris with Auburn back in the 80s, have I seen a player dominate so much with bat and the ball. It simply was a performance of the highest magnitude. Because of his performances both here in Sydney and with the National team on the Gold Coast, he earned himself another shot at pro ball in the States, and I'm sure I speak on behalf of everyone in the Club in wishing him well in this endeavour.

Shuen Choy in his initial year in 1st grade proved to be a great asset to the team in the role of catcher and I thought we would struggle a little when he also went to play College ball just after Christmas. But up stepped **Eddie Seda**, a former U.S. college player now married to an Australian who started playing with Baulko last winter. He was graded in 2nds at the start of the season, and then promoted when Shuen went overseas. Eddie immediately showed his class as a defensive catcher. He has a strong arm, a quick release, calls a good game and has sharp baseball brain. Many good judges around Sydney though he was the best catcher in the League.

Stewart Bell again played 1st base where his defence, as usual, was superb. He did not hit consistently as well as he has in previous years although his season average was still .372 , a figure most 1st graders would kill for. It just shows what high standards he had set in previous seasons. Belly has indicated he will not be playing next year and his loss to the club will be enormous. He, more than anyone else, typifies what Baulkham Hills is really about. To me, he is the greatest clubman in our history, and I hope this will only be a sabbatical and he will return to the club in some role sometime down the track.

Scott Tunkin played middle infield all year, and once again showed what an outstanding player he is. In my opinion, he is still the best hitter in NSW and should still be playing in our National team. I know he became very frustrated throughout the year with the lack of opportunities to play at a higher level and sincerely hope that they are available to him next year. It would be a tragedy if he was lost to the game so early, when he still has so much to offer. To me, he represents everything that is good about the game of baseball.

Mark Shipley rejoined the club this year and as expected was a tremendous acquisition. Week in, week out he simply showed why he is still the best defensive shortstop in Australia. His positive influence on those around him is simply something that can't be taught, and his work at training with both his peers and the younger players was sensational, and something that everybody who benefited from should be extremely appreciative. Shippo will make an outstanding coach when he decides to go down that track.

Todd Le Grand had a knee reconstruction in the off season and surprised everybody by resuming playing before Christmas. He had worked exceptionally hard to get back on the field, but (and I'm sure Todd agrees) that his speed of previous years was missing. He never had quite the same authority as in his last couple of years, and this was reflected in his offensive numbers which were down. But again, this is only a reflection of the extremely high standards we have become used to from Todd, and knowing him, I am supremely confident that he will get back to 100% by next season.

Trent Oeltjen in his initial year in 1st grade had very solid season. He hit .333, made no errors and was deservedly named as the League's Rookie of the Year. His performances for our club, and also for the National and State junior teams saw him signed to a contract with the Minnesota Twins, thereby achieving something he had worked for all his young life.

Jason Dormor was our centre field and put together yet another superb season of all round baseball, his second in a row. J.D. continued to be the best lead-off in the comp, and I would not swap him for any other outfielder going around. Another player who has indicated he is hanging up his boots, he too will be great loss to the club. I hope his time out of the game will only be temporary, as he has a tremendous baseball brain and has so much to offer from a coaching point of view.

Chris Stephens played right field all year and struggled a little with what I call the "second season syndrome". Again, his hitting was below what we had become to expect, but Chris is too good a player for this to continue. He has an outstanding work ethic, which will ensure continued future success at a high level.

Mark Barrowcliff was another with "second season syndrome". His hitting was below his own expectations and this season will have been a great learning experience in both his long term development and the ability to play at this level. Above anyone else in the club, his own personal opportunities were sacrificed for the better of the club. Initially, he was played out of position at 3rd base, and then when Shuen went overseas, was put back into 2nd grade to catch. He was not dropped as he did not deserve to be, but rather was what I would call "repositioned". He accepted that this would be the best thing for the club, even though it was obviously not the best thing for himself. The fact that he took this decision on the chin and got stuck back in straight away in his new role, speaks volumes for his character and on a personal note, made me a very, very proud dad.

Special mention must be made of **Craig Stoves** who struggled all year with a chronic knee injury. He tried everything to get himself right, was available for whatever role was given to him, and was inspirational in showing so much courage in our final semi-final game.

A big thank you to all the other players who played throughout the year. A look at the stats shows that we in fact used 31 players in 1st grade at various times, and this is an indication of how much a struggle it was at times. But for all these guys, it was an opportunity to play at the highest level and they will have all benefited from the experience.

To my fellow coaches in **Jason Dormor**, **Brendan Wallace** and **Dave Rosser** go my own heartfelt thanks, but in particular I must thank my assistant coach, **Steve Sprod**. Work commitments kept me interstate for a two and a half months, and it fell to Sprod to keep things going in my absence. The fact that we kept winning games during this time shows what a great job he did.

Our bat boy once again was Joshua Strong, who must one of the sharpest 10 year old baseball brains going around. A great kid who is a delight to have around, his votes in our weekly game award showed both an ability to understand and read the game, as well as understand and recognize some of the character flaws in our players. He shows maturity beyond his years and I know we have played a part in his life education, which I'm not sure is a good or a bad thing !!

The scoring duties were this year carried out by **Belinda Young**, who only took on this role at very short notice. She did a magnificent job for which everyone is extremely appreciative. I only hope she has now forgiven for me for once using 19 players in the one game.

Nigel Simmons was again my 1st grade manager and I know I've said it before, but our club would not be the force it is without Nigel. Each week, he managed the Under 18 team on Saturdays, scored 2nd grade and then managed 1st grade. He would then go home and work on the stats, produce a scouting sheet for myself for the next week, and publish a weekly club summary. His workload and love for the game are unparalleled in my experience and we are so fortunate to have him on our side.

Finally, to the Club Committee, my thanks once again for their continual support. Barry and his fellow members pretty much leave me to run my own race but were always there if I needed them.

I will not be coaching at the club next year as work commitments will see me based at the Gold Coast from September through to February. I have been extremely proud of being Baulko's 1st grade coach these past three years, and to say I have enjoyed my time with the club would be an understatement. While not being able to win a premiership remains a source of great personal disappointment, it is the friendships and great times I have had that will remain with me the rest of my life. I have been around the Sydney grade scene for just over 30 years and in no other club have I met so many wonderful "club people". A club is only as good as the people in it, and Baulkham Hills is a great club. I hope this tradition will always continue.

Neil Barrowcliff
Club Coach

Batting Statistics

Fielding Statistics

Pitching Statistics

THE CLOCK DOSEN'T MATTER IN
BASEBALL. TIME STANDS STILL OR MOVES
BACKWARDS. THEORETICALLY, ONE
GAME COULD GO ON FOREVER. SOME
SEEM TO.

HERB CAEN
San Francisco Chronicle (1979)

THE GREAT THING ABOUT BASEBALL IS
THAT THERE'S A CRISIS EVERY DAY.

GABE PAUL
Yankees President (1973 – 77)

I BELIEVE IN THE RIP VAN WINKLE
THEORY – THAT A MAN FROM 1910 MUST
BE ABLE TO WAKE UP AFTER BEING
ASLEEP FOR SEVENTY YEARS WALK INTO
A BALLPARK AND UNDERSTAND
BASEBALL PERFECTLY.

BOWIE KUHN
Commissioner of Baseball (1969 – 84)

2ND GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
20	15	5	0	3	174	99	2 nd

TEAM BAT AVE	FIELD AVE	ERA	RBI
0.330	0.933	4.61	138

M.V.P. Dave Rosser
Batting Award: Scott Downey (.522)
Players player: Dave Rosser

I think our success this year was due to the commitment of the team on game day, especially late in the season. I believe that we were the best team in the 2nd Grade competition this year, and I am sure the team is as disappointed as I am that we did not take our opportunities in the Grand Final.

There were definitely some outstanding performances that contributed to our strong season:

On The Mound

Dave Rosser

When he wasn't away working, Dave was sensational on the mound. Whilst the word "throwing" had him in some strife throughout the season, I'd certainly have him "throwing" in my team any day. Thanks heaps for a great season!

Dan Kirby

Love was in the air for Dan this year, but he found the time to make a training session or two and I think he surprised himself that these actually paid off when it came to game day! Strong pitching performance Dan!

Brad Abel

Well what can I say ... I know his tactics this year were to annoy me as much on the bench as he could, so I would get him out of the dugout and put him on the mound, and I must admit that at times this is exactly what happened. Brad really hit his straps after his return from the Under 18's National Championships and was a real asset to the club this year.

The Bash Boys

Scott Downey

Whilst plagued with a knee injury all year (rumoured to be from chasing after a Mr Whippy Van!!), Scotty continued to crush the ball from week to week. Bucks Nights, Weddings, and Gallons of Alcohol did not slow his hitting spree down (although the knee was a little worse after the honeymoon!)

Mark Heylbut

If only Heady hit one on the nose in the Grand Final ... Anyway, Heady DH'd, played third base, first base, and even had a throw on the mound (he will probably tell you it was "pitching!!"). Thanks for your support this year and congrats on a "solid" season with the bat.

Up The Middle

Tim Davis

Great season with the bat Tim. The quiet achiever, Tim walked away with 2 or 3 hits each week. Tim's range at Second base was "non-existent" but nothing seemed to get by him all year.

Nathan Alan-Jones

I think all those triples at the start of the year took it out of AJ who needed extra rest on a Tuesday and Thursday come Finals time. Great job in the lead-off role this year and sensational skills at short! Well Done!

In the Hole

Joel Sutherland

Joel forced his way into second grade this year and never looked back. Whilst I am sure he was frustrated with the bat mid way through the season, his persistence paid dividends come finals time with some clutch hitting when required. Joel made many outstanding plays at third base, but admittedly had some "shockers" as well when he had too much time to think!!

Behind The Dish

Eddie Seda

Thanks Eddie for getting married at the start of the season just so you could stay in the country and play baseball for Baulko! Eddie was sensational behind the plate, and was solid with the bat, and his ability promoted him to the regular first grade catching role! Was that really you on the Latino float at the Mardi Gras???

Mark Barrowcliff

One of the most versatile players in the club. Even though his role in second grade was short, Mark filled a much needed role behind the plate and I thank him for his attitude with this club decision. I could rely on Mark behind the plate, with runners on, in the batting box and on the bases. Maybe some work on an "advance" bunt in the off season!!

The Most important – The Outfield

Greg Castle

Very selective at the plate, Greg showed that pitch selection is the key, getting his hits more often than not with 2 strikes on him. Greg knew where EVERY pitch was, because he asked the "ump", so his at bats took anywhere up to 10 minutes! By the way Greg, Aaron wants you to move your chair in a bit tonight!

Aaron Zammit

This is without doubt the “Falcon Of The Year”. Whilst his technique for catching a fly ball is a little different to mine, if he keeps practicing this unique style, I am sure the divot in the back of his neck will get larger and act like a pocket real soon! Another player who forced his way into second Grade this year, Aaron did everything that was expected of him and more. A pleasure to have in any team!

Luke Kirby

Luke accepted being thrust into the outfield, and made some outstanding plays once he new the difference between “in” and “back”. Luke’s dedication to training paid dividends finding his bat late in the season. Well done!

The Bench

I can’t thank enough, the guys who stayed around each week from 3rd Grade and Under 18’s and benched for me this year. There were not many opportunities to get on the park, but when required I new I had guys ready to go!!

A special thanks to Nigel who scored all year, as well as doing everything else for the club, and to Faz for helping me out in a Managers / Coaching role. Also, thanks to Shippo for his support on game day and throwing BP in the final series!!

Once again thanks to everyone who was a part of second grade this year and for giving me the respect and opportunity to coach this year. Overall a pretty successful season.

Jason Dormor
2nd Grade Coach

Batting Statistics

Fielding Statistics

Pitching Statistics

3RD GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
19	13	6	0	2	182	115	4 th

TEAM	BAT AVE	FIELD AVE	ERA	RBI
	0.349	0.921	5.92	132

M.V.P.	Tristan Lupton
Batting Award:	Chris Thorne (.533)
Players player	Chris Thorne

The first season of the new millennium but maybe it was too much to expect NSW Baseball to keep up with the times. They promise much but deliver so little.

Season 2001 commenced with high expectations for Baulkham Hills and 3RD Grade was no exception. Anything less than winning this year was going to be a major disappointment and we were once again disappointed. It would seem that 3rd Grade's destiny is to have a pretty good year, make the semi finals only to have our campaign, once again thwarted by NSW.

But enough of the politics. It is always a pleasure to be involved with 3rd Grade. Lots of talented young guys with enthusiasm to burn makes 3rd Grade a lot of fun. Winning comes easily most of the time and team harmony is generally easy to maintain and this year was no different.

There are always a number of standouts and this year **Aaron Zammitt** and **Joel Sutherland** stood out so much that 2nd Grade took them and kept them all season. **Chris Thorne** hit the ball so consistently that he to was kicked up the ladder to 2nd Grade for a big part of the season but there was always someone to fill the gaps.

Russell Hay is a young guy who has more than his fair share of injuries but he never takes a backward step and this year he once again had a fine season with the bat. Leading the home run count as well as the slugging % and only just missing out on the batting average shows that he made a huge contribution.

Dave Groth is another player who carried injuries all season yet managed to compile some good numbers while contributing off the field as well. Together with **Dave Wells** they made the post game discussions very entertaining.

Once again we did not finish the season the way we would have liked but we would not have even got close without some fantastic pitching. And didn't we use some. No less than 9 pitchers took to opposing batters this year. Some, like **Jason Newell**, were workhorses throwing plenty of innings in the course of the season. Others were used more sparingly but were always ready to take the ball even in difficult circumstances.

One of these was our shortstop **Tristan Lupton** who was playing grade baseball for the first time. Tristan did whatever was asked of him this year. He hit run when asked. He stole bases when needed. He could lay down that crucial bunt when required. He made that unlikely out from the hole. And he pitched us out of more than one tight spot. His overall contribution earned him the MVP for the season.

Another player who made a late but no less important contribution was **Brad Abel**. Brad is the sort of player that every facet of the game comes so easily to him. He would make any side on his batting alone but pitching is where he truly shines. He is the sort of player every coach wishes he had available every week. Every game Brad pitched we knew we were in with a big chance of winning.

Once again 3rd Grade took advantage of the up and coming players the club has available. That is, we used the under 18's as much as we could, and they all lifted their game when it was asked of them. **Daniel Presland, Doyle Myles, Rhys Garner, Andrew Erickson, Aaron Howard and Tim Hoare** all contributed to the success of the team.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Dave Rosser** who coached the 3rd Grade side again this year. His guidance and experience helped the side to its third final series in a row. Also the Executive Committee for their support and the rest of the coaching staff who help throughout the season. With special thanks going to **Steve Sprod** and **Stuart Bell** who assisted in Dave's absence.

Regards
Paul Strickland
3rd Grade Manager

Batting Statistics

Fielding Statistics

Pitching Statistics

EVERY DAY IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY. YOU CAN BIULD ON YESTERDAY'S SUCCESS OR PUT ITS FAILURES BEHIND AND START OVER AGAIN. THAT'S THE WAY LIFE IS, WITH A NEW GAME EVERY DAY, AND THAT'S THE WAY BASEBALL IS.

BOB FELLER
Indians Pitcher (1936 – 56)

BASEBALL IS LIKE A POKER GAME. NOBODY WANTS TO QUIT WHEN HE'S LOSING: NOBODY WANTS YOU TO QUIT WHEN YOU'ER AHEAD.

JACKIE ROBINSON
Dodgers Infielder (1947 – 56)

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE ARE GOOD FRIENDS AND A STRONG BULLPEN.

BOB LEMON
Royals/White Sox/Yankees
Manager (1970 – 72, 1977 – 79, 1981 – 82)

U/18's REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
20	11	8	1	2	135	131	=4 th

TEAM BAT AVE	FIELD AVE	ERA	RBI
0.269	0.905	6.79	98

M.V.P.	Doyle Myles
Batting Award:	Doyle Myles (.464)
Players player:	Rhys Garner

It is often hard to record the events of a whole season within a few paragraphs, some memories or moments from the season not comprehensible by words. The report from last season finished with mention of the enthusiasm and desire shown by players within the team, these two qualities being only a portion of what this year's team possessed.

The Under 18 level of any club is a somewhat interesting one. Generally, if a player is exceptional they may be kept in the team for the purpose of individual team gain or in the case of this club, are promoted to the senior grade ranks for the benefit of individual player development and overall squad development. In the past two seasons promotion had occurred which had a significant effect on the Under 18 team. Once again this occurred but failed to hinder the progress of the remaining squad members.

This year's team included players from last season who had matured at this level and a mix of new players from local districts. What we had was a team, which looked to have all the makings of a final four finish. With the new players came skills, which had been missing in previous years and with the returning players, a desire to achieve. We once again had a pool of talent we could draw on.

In terms of achievement, this team proved a great deal more than the final placing indicates. This team showed a respect for the game and a will to win that I have rarely experienced in my 13 years as a coach. Being witness to some of this years performances, was nothing less than a privilege and am better for the experience. In mentioning achievements, it would be remise of me not to acknowledge the players.

The team was lead from start to finish, and in some instances game winning performances, by **Doyle Myles**. This was an outstanding year for Doyle as his batting average indicates (.464, slugging .643, on base .557). He proved to be an invaluable member of the team, showing calmness in pressure situations that is rarely seen in players in the grade ranks. For this he will go far and I thank him for the year.

The other key to this teams success was **Rhys Garner**, a pitcher with a much determination as you will find in an athlete. Rhys's ability to control games made it much easier for the

hitters and thus easier to win. He was lucky enough to be rewarded with a State selection and showed that he is more than capable at the next level.

Pitching depth leads to greater opportunities and it was this that held the team together. **Andrew Erickson** and **Glen Duncan** gave Rhys the ability to close games by building the early foundations week in week out. Glen learnt a lot about himself and the art of pitching with Andrew displaying a maturity as a pitcher that is hard to find, both showing the hunger to achieve which never seemed to leave.

We had one of the strongest infields in the league in **Daniel, Jason**, Doyle and **Greg** each showing signs of further development, which can only benefit themselves and the club. **Tim** and **Chris** shared time behind the plate, neither being regular catchers prior to this season but both showing the willingness to do what was required and for that I thank them. The outfield of **Nick, Aaron** and **Andrew** was held together by the unbridled enthusiasm of **Adrian Hamley** who shows everyone what it means to do something you really enjoy, he lead by example again and did so with ease.

Throughout the year players were called upon to play in unfamiliar positions or not spend as much time their desired position, and all did so with no fuss and with the utmost of professionalism. By far the most impressive thing about this team was their commitment to the job at hand both at training and at the game, which was a major factor in their overall success.

Unfortunately, the team was denied an opportunity to make the semi-finals due to rain, which left a somewhat unfinished chapter in the season and believe that they truly had the capabilities to make it to the end. Hopefully this lost opportunity will build the desire for the upcoming season. My best wishes go out to those players who will be moving up to the senior grade ranks; we will only be better for having you in the club.

In closing I would like to thank **Nigel Simmons** for his unending commitment to both the team the game and myself. Every club should have a Nigel; they would be all the better for it. To **Mrs. Hamley** for the effort she put into her scoring, even when her son was not at the game and to all those who have assisted me throughout the season. Namely **Stewart Bell**, **Mark Shipley** and **Scott Tunkin** who assisted with training and the grade coaching staff for their support.

If the measure of achievement for a season is to produce players who have not only enjoyed their time but have enhanced their skills and knowledge of the game, we have been a success.

Brendon Wallace
COACH

Batting Statistics

Fielding Statistics

Pitching Statistics

ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS ABOUT
BASEBALL IS THAT EVERY ONCE IN A
WHILE YOU COME INTO A SITUATION
WHERE YOU WANT TO, AND WHERE YOU
HAVE TO, REACH DOWN AND PROVE
SOMETHING.

NOLAN RYAN
Mets/Angels/Astros
Rangers Pitcher (1966 – 94)

THE GREATEST THRILL IN THE WORLD IS
TO END THE GAME WITH A HOME RUN
AND WATCH EVERYBODY ELSE WALK OFF
THE FIELD WHILE YOU'RE RUNNING THE
BUSES ON AIR.

AL ROSEN
Indians Third Baseman (1947 – 56)

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
Red Sox Outfielder (1939 – 60)

E GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	BYE	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
17	13	4	0	0	218	93	2 nd
			TEAM BAT AVE	FIELD AVE	ERA	RBI	
			.447	.927	6.52	201	

Grand Finalists

Semi Final – Lost to Chipping Norton 11 – 1

Final – Won after washout

Grand Final – Lost to Chipping Norton 11 – 10

M.V.P.	Paul Walsh
Batting Award	Paul Walsh (.652)
Coaches Award	Adam Doyle

Team Members: Bob Wardle, David Wardle, Greg Camseloise, Adam Doyle, Joe Clark, Mark Holmes, Geoff Holmes, Paul Walsh, Glenn Duncan, Brent Hamley, Bruce Belmar

This season was unique in that the games (6 of them, 2 wins 4 losses) that we played against Chipping Norton always seemed to fall into the same pattern. We would score early and get the lead and then late in the game they would come roaring back and score lots of runs. The third and fourth times through the order were always difficult for us. Therefore the master plan going into the semis was for Bob Wardle to pitch until they started to get hits and then Bruce Belmar would come in and try to close out the game.

Unfortunately that plan disintegrated in the semi final when Bruce damaged his knee and was out for the rest of the season. This really hurt us as Bruce was also the cleanup hitter.

After losing the semi final we had a washout for the final and therefore advanced to the Grand Final. The team started well and we led 10 – 1 behind hits to Paul Walsh (2), Bob Wardle (2, 2 RBIs), Brent Hamley (2, double, 3 RBIs), Adam Doyle, David Wardle (2 RBIs), Joe Clark, Greg Camseloise and Geoff Holmes However this game was not an exception to the pattern and we could not prevent them from scoring enough runs in the last innings to win, the game 11 – 10. The whole team played to their best ability which is all you can expect in the Grand Final. Chipping Norton were just too strong for us this season.

So ended our run of consecutive Grand Finals wins at 3 however we preserved the Grand Final appearances streak at 5.

Player Highlights

- **Glenn Duncan** (right field) again led the team in fielding with a perfect record (9 PO, 1 assist). Equal leader in HPBs

- **Brent Hamley** (centre field) returned to baseball after a few years out and was terrific in the outfield with 13Pos. He batted better as the season progressed.
- **Geoff Holmes** (left field) has his usual steady season with hits at key times and 17 RBIs. Equal leader in HPBs.
- **David Wardle** (shortstop) made some spectacular plays in the field and continued to improve his batting by hitting with more power as the season progressed. .
- **Paul Walsh** (third base) dominated every offensive category and was the triple crown winner while playing a solid 3rd base and occasional relief pitcher.
- **Mark Holmes** (2nd base, shortstop) in his first year out of juniors improved with the bat each game and played well in the infield.
- **Bruce Belmar** (2nd base, 1st base) big offensive numbers in all categories including equal leader in HRs (2) and Runs (28) with 28 RBIs
- **Joe Clark** (1st base) was on fire with the bat for most of the season. Equal leader in triples (2) and runs (28) and third in RBIs with 27.
- **Adam Doyle** (catcher, outfield) was promoted to lead off for the latter half of the season. Speed demon on the bases with team leading 29 SBs.
- **Greg Camseloose** (catcher, utility) had another solid season behind the plate. Equal leader in triples (2) and had an inside the park home run at Northmead.
- **Bob Wardle** (pitcher) led team in walks (20) and assists (27) while with no strike outs all season. Pitched OK (80 innings, 54 earned runs, 82 Ks, 11 BBs, 71% Strike Pct).

Season Summary

Game 1 away vs RAAF – Win 16 - 3

Close game until the 4th when we scored 14 runs to end it as a contest. 3 hits and 3 RBIs to Joe Clark and 2 hits a 2 RBIs each to Paul Walsh, Bob Wardle and David Wardle.

Game 2 home vs Chipping Norton – Win 13 - 8

Scored 11 runs in the 1st inning and then hung on despite being out hit 10 to 6. 2 hits to Bruce Belmar, 3 RBIs each by David Wardle and Glenn Duncan.

Game 3 away vs Condell Park – Loss 10 – 9

Got behind early, fought our way back in front and couldn't hold them in the last inning. 3 hits and 4 RBIs to Paul Walsh, 2 hits each to Joe Clark and Bruce Belmar (3 RBIs).

Game 4 home vs Carlingford – Win 19 – 3

Scored 13 runs in the 3rd inning and totally dominated Carlingford. 3 hits and 5 RBIs by Joe Clark, 3 hits to Brent Hamley and 4 RBIs by Paul Walsh.

Game 5 home vs Kings Langley – Win 12 5

Tight game until the 6th when we scored 8 runs to break it open. Helped by getting 16 walks for the game. 4 hits and 3 RBIs by Paul Walsh. Bob Wardle threw 7 innings for only 2 runs.

Game 6 home vs RAAF – Win 11 - 2

Scored 6 runs in 1st inning and cruised the rest of the game. 4 hits and 4 RBIs to Joe Clark. 3 Hits to David Wardle and home run to Paul Walsh.

Game 7 home vs Chipping Norton – Win 14 - 3

Dominated every inning while they made lots of errors. Adam Doyle scored 4 times, Brent Hamley had 3 hits including a triple and Brice Belmar drove in 4 runs.

Game 8 away vs Condell Park – Win 17 - 10

Scored 12 runs in the 1st inning. 3 hits each to Joe Clark (double), Adam Doyle, Bruce Belmar (5 RBIs, double and home run) and Bob Wardle

Game 9 home vs Warragamba – Win 17 – 2

Always on top outhitting them 16 to 4 with everyone getting at least 1 hit. 3 hits and 4 RBIs to Mark Holmes. 11Ks and 1 run in 5 innings by Bob Wardle.

Game 10 away vs RAAF – Win 9 – 4

Closer game than expected where we didn't get on top until the 4th inning. 3 hits to Joe Clark and 2 to Bruce Belmar (3 runs, 2 RBIs). Brent Hamley scored 3 runs.

Game 11 home vs Kings Langley – Loss 7 – 5

One bad inning with errors and 4 unearned runs cost us the game as we ran out of time and the score reverted. 2 hits (triple) by Greg Camseloise. 2 RBIs to Geoff Holmes.

Game 12 away vs Chipping Norton – Loss 12 – 8

Awful game not helped by them having a 1st grade player (D. Cowdroy) playing E Grade and hitting 2 home runs! 2 hits (3 RBIs) by Geoff Holmes.

Game 13 home vs Condell Park – Win 9 – 3

Scored 7 runs in the 1st inning and coasted. 3 hits and 3 SBs to Adam Doyle, 2 hits each to Greg Camseloise (3 RBS, home run), Bruce Belmar, Bob Wardle (6 Inn 1 ER, 8Ks).

Game 14 away vs Warragamba – Win 12 – 3

Led 12 – 0 after 3 innings and never threatened after that. 3 hits to Bruce Belmar. 2 each to Adam Doyle, Bob Wardle and 2 RBS each to Geoff Holmes and Glenn Duncan.

Game 15 home vs RAAF – Win 19 – 3

Scored 14 runs in the 2nd inning including home run by Paul Walsh (4 RBIs). 3 hits each to Joe Clark (3 RBIs) and Bruce Belmar and 2 each to Mark Holmes and David Wardle.

Game 16 home vs Kings Langley – Win 15 – 3

Led only 4 – 3 going into the bottom of the 5th and then scored 11 runs to finish them off. 2 hits (double, 3 RBIs) by Geoff Holmes and 4 walks each to Mark Holmes and Bob Wardle.

Game 17 home vs Chipping Norton – Loss 10 - 5

Led 4 – 2 going into the 6th but let them score 8 runs to win the game. 3 hits (double) to Paul Walsh and 2 each to Glenn Duncan and Adam Doyle (2 RBIs).

Thank you to Marie Wardle who again scored our games and did an excellent job.

Bob Wardle

Batting Statistics

Fielding Statistics

Pitching Statistics

F GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	POSITION
17	9	7	1	0	6th

MVP	Rohan Clark
Batting Award	Darren Latimore
Coach's Award	Daniel Cooper

Team Members: Mal Bailie, Tom Boer, Rohan Clark, Daniel Cooper, Josh Foulstone, Steve Hasselbach, Darren Latimore, Sean McCarthy, Tim Strong, James Yoon, John Yoon

Overall the team had an excellent season. The guys always played as a team and never let each other down. We needed to beat Carlingford in the last game of the season to make the semis but had to settle for a draw which knocked both teams out of the semis. The lack of an official umpire was a significant factor in only getting a draw.

During the year we hit the ball wth power to all parts of the field. Everyone managed to surprise each other with some amazing feats. **Rohan Clark** had a fantastic season with the bat although a hair cut wouldn't go astray.

Darren Latimore once again hit the ball powerfully and was a consistent performer throughout the year. He hit three home runs in one game on the back diamond at Northmead and always menaced the opposition pitchers.

In the field we displayed some spectacular skills throughout the season. Rohan Clark, who got married during the season, gunned doen a number of runners trying to steal third base. **Josh Foulstone**, Darren Latimore and **Mal Bailie** did most of the pitching and performed very well.

Tim Strong did well at first base while **Steve Hasselbach** swept up everything hit to second base.

Daniel Cooper played baseball for the first time and had a spectacular year at shortstop. He also hit well.

Sean McCarthy had a solid season in the outfield and was often called on to fill a hole in the infield.

JamesYoon and **John Yoon** showed promise at their designated positons but unfortunately could only play in about half of the games.

Tom Boer played third base and many other positions when required.

Although it was disappointing not to be in the semis it was encouraging to see a number of player step up and show the way. It was a pleasure to manage and coach the Baulkham Hills F grade side this summer. Thanks guys for a very enjoyable season. See you next summer.

Mal Bailie
Manager

H GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	POSITION
14	7	7	0	0	4 th

MVP Peter Murphy
Batting Award Gary Tuckwell (.553)
Coach's Award Con Divis

Semi Final – Lost to Oakville

Team Members: Peter Beck, Timothy Beck, Con Divis, Glenn Marks, Warwick Marks, Peter Murphy, Kenny Robson, Stan Robson, Peter Theos, Gary Tuckwell, Jason Weidner

Peter Beck
Manager

BASEBALL IS A GAME, YES. IT IS ALSO A BUSINESS. BUT WHAT IT MOST TRULY IS IS DISUSED COMBAT. FOR ALL ITS GENTILITY, ITS ALMOST LEISURELY PACE, BASEBALL IS VIOLENCE UNDER WRAPS.

WILLIE MAYS
Giants Outfielder (1951 – 73)

BASEBALL IS A LOT LIKE LIFE. THE LINE DRIVES ARE CAUGHT, THE SQUIBBERS GO FOR BASE HITS. IT'S AN UNFAIR GAME.

ROD KANEHL
Mets Infielder (1962 – 64)

IT'S NO FUN THROWING FASTBALLS TO GUYS WHO CAN'T HIT THEM. THE REAL CHALLENGE IS GETTING THEM OUT ON STUFF THEY CAN HIT.

SAM McDOWELL
Indians Pitcher (1961 – 71)

U/16 KOOKAS REPORT

M.V.P.	Michael Simpson
Batting Award	Josh Eaton .457
Coach's Award	Brad Aird

Well what can I say, "We Got This Close Once Again".

This year was an outstanding domination by this group of young men, we went through the regular season by winning a lot of games on the trot then we hit this one team Hawkesbury. All season we could never triumph over them until one week we beat this undefeated team 4-1. The boys put in a lot of hard work and dedication throughout the year at training and it rubbed off in the games. This years team was the strongest Baulkham Hills Under 16's that we have been associated with, but bad luck and terrible circumstances stopped us from making the Grand final which we deserved so much to be in.

We would like to firstly thank the boys for all their work this year and most of all having fun whilst playing the game. Secondly to our manager Robert Podnar, mate Thank you for everything you have done for the boys and us this year. Your hard work and dedication to organising these guys has been appreciated by all. Finally Thank you to Belinda Beileiter my scorer, Belinda was always there for every game with a smile except when there were specials at the local shopping centre we would have someone else score.

WELL DONE BOYS ON MAKING THE FINAL THIS YEAR.

MICHAEL CUTHBERT-.273

This young man has a lot of talent to offer to the game of baseball. He worked extremely hard this season as our lead off batter in which he did with ease. Michael was a valued team member and was always willing to go that extra step to improve his pitching which he showed to everyone throughout the season.

JOSH EATON .457

Well what can I say about this great young baseballer who loves playing the game, and gives his all week-in week-out for the team. This year josh represented ACT at the National Championships and also Hills, what a great achievement by someone who is only 15. Josh's power and skill was a vital part of this team. Congratulations Josh.

JAMES BEILEITER .217

James has been with us for the past two years and every week he would come to training to work hard. This young man has a great pair of hands for a pivot, which have shown through the year to be a great defensive weapon for our team. James determination to improve his game has been acknowledged by us coaches and we thank you for your contribution and efforts this year.

MICHAEL SIMPSON .419

Michael this year has shown his dominance both on the mound and in the batters box. Michael was our lead off pitcher each game and he showed an immense amount of maturity and leadership for a young talented pitcher. This year has been a big success for this young man making the U16 Sydney Development squad and also U16 Hills, and we hope that he continues his baseball career into the senior grade level. Well Done.

LUKE MURPHY .240

Luke has had a great season this year, and has proven to us that his great hitting power by stringing together hits in 5 consecutive weeks. Luke was valued in the outfield and always reliable under a high ball. Luke you have stepped up a great deal this year with stronger competition and should be extremely proud.

MIQUEL DAVILA .189

Miquel was our centrefielder with a great talent out there by showing the way with his other two outfielders. Miquel was always there for training looking to improve his batting, which he achieved throughout the season. His hard work in the outfield was a key to our defence as there were no errors coming from centrefield all season. Great job Miquel.

BRAD AIRD .385

This is a young man with a desire to prove how powerful and dominant he is both batting and fielding. Brad did so much work this year and became one of our top power hitters and a great utility player. Brad I hope you have enjoyed your time this year because you have shown to everyone what a great young baseballer you really are.

ADAM PODNAR .208

Young Adam is a man of many many words whom this year has jumped up and played so well. Adams bat was very consistent through the year, whenever a tight clutch situation arose Adam stepped up and did his job so well. As our first baseman he showed great talent and reliability in his position. Adam great season mate be very proud.

JARRAD KIRBY .200

Young Jarrad had an outstanding season this year, starting as an outfielder and making a great transition to catcher. Jarrads ability to control our pitchers and moving the zone was a great asset to our team. Jarrad had a very powerful bat, which worked really well this season, and his control in the batters box was very impressive. Well done Jarrad

Chris Thorne
Coach

U/16 MAGPIES REPORT

MVP	Graeme Waldock
Batting Award	Mathew Cole
Coach's Award	David Quoy

This was a season that could have been cancelled due to lack of interest. Of the twelve players selected three were no – shows, one more was recruited late and then another dropped out and disappeared. At a stage in life where part time jobs and every other distraction in life takes on monumental importance a number of the boys had Baseball low on their list of priorities. Some of the boys gave 100% each week, but when you are only seven players relying on other teams to boost numbers it is very easy to find reasons for losses. All of the boys at some stage of the season put in efforts that surprised me greatly; they just very rarely did it as a unit.

Graeme Waldock (.095) gave his all each week on the mound and as he gains strength and experience will be a very fine pitcher. He has to be as he cannot bat or field to save his life. Somewhere out there is a designated hitter just waiting to meet up with Graeme and form a lifelong partnership.

David Quoy (.034) and **Matt Cole** (.320) gave their best each week and did the lot. Catching, pitching, infield and outfield. From 1 to 9 they went where they had to and did it with distinction.

Kevin Walsh (.260) was hampered by shoulder injuries but gave 100% each week when he was able and some when he wasn't.

Ryan Smith (.173) was another who will grow up to be a good ball player but this year also had some bad shoulder problems.

Aaron Drummond (.270) was our late starter and has all the skills to be a very good baseballer. This year he lacked that physical and mental strength to get the job done. When maturity hits watch this boy play.

Ken Robson (.160), **Mathew Ziebert** (.300), **Timothy Goss** (.300) and **Sean Ellison** (.430) all have the ability to play in any team they wish. This year, for various reasons, they had very disrupted seasons.

My thanks to Josh Bramley for all his help and to Noeline Walsh for keeping count.

Enjoyment may not have been high on this years "achievements" but just as long as the boys had some thoughts about the season then they will have come away a little bit closer to being more complete baseballers and more importantly better people for the year that was. I think the boys learnt some lessons from each other and although it's not cool to show it they watched they learnt and they absorbed.

To all the boys – thanks for the season – enjoy the path ahead.

Dave Newman
Coach

U/14 KOOKAS REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
20	5	15	0	0	96	174	6th

TEAM	BAT AVE	FIELD AVE
	.266	.815

MVP	Aaron Thorne
Batting Award	Phillip Hemmer
Coach's Award	Paul Mackay

This year saw the Under 14 Kookas as a younger and smaller team than last year. Six of the team will still be eligible to play in U14 baseball again next season.

On our day the team could beat any other team in the competition. In fact the only team that they failed to beat were the ultimate premiers, Castle Hill, whom we ran in one game to a one run loss. Inconsistency was our greatest enemy as we were generally always competitive and we would fall down in some part of the game on any given day.

When the team won they did it in style and to win the last game of the season against what most people had as the favourite after a heavy morning defeat showed that the team had built up a determination to compete.

Jeremy Beileiter

Close to our smallest player but a heart that always wants to produce. Used as our lead off batter he was hard to get out and with an on base percentage of .460 always gave us a start. He was chosen for the Hills Development Team. Played mostly at second base and sometimes a bit too enthusiastic in the field, which led to some errors. Never the less a good season and I'm sure he learnt a lot this year, which will help him next season.

Jason Bucca

Used as our second string pitcher and certainly impressed in the second half of the season. Learnt to take some knocks and still come back and challenge the batters. Chosen in the Hills Development side. Started to hit the ball hard late in the season but we will need to get his running speed up which will give Jason more safe hits.

Aaron Cooper

Played some infield but mainly used in the outfield where he took some run saving fly balls. Got some safe hits late in the season and crossed the plate for five runs scored.

Curtis Derley

Played mostly outfield and took some great catches. Not as productive in the batting box as I know he can be. Always seemed to bat with an opposition pitching change and would force a walk to get on bases and then score for the team.

Chris Goss

A left handed pitcher who was always available to give the Coach some advice on the game situation. At start of season inclined to let the play of others affect his own performance, however at season's end was highly competent on the mound and had a renewed confidence in the batting box. Chris together with Jason will give next year's team some pitching power.

Phillip Hemmer

Played most of the season as catcher and certainly provided a solid foundation to help build our pitchers confidence. A strong batter and hit the team's only three home runs. Must listen to what coaches say to him and then do it if he wishes to move higher into representative baseball. Chosen in the Hills Development Team. An excellent season but can make next year an even greater season.

Nathan Lane

Joined the club this year and had to find his Baulko baseball legs first. Played outfield, infield and showed himself to be a competent catcher. Had 19 putouts and made only one error for the season. Certainly a much more confident and improved player at season's end.

Paul Mackay

Tried a bit of catching and outfield but mostly played third base. A hard hitter of the ball and whacked out thirteen hits, some for extra bases, in the season. Sometimes his hesitant and uncertain throwing caused both Paul and the Coach some anxiety but this will be overcome with more games under his belt. An excellent season from this young player.

Aaron Thorne

Our leading player and selected into both the NSW U14 Team and the Hills U14 State Cup team. We came to expect a lot from "Smiley" and we sometimes tended to forget that his is still a young player in this game. Our leading pitcher, however his State Cup requirements did not allow the team to have the full use of Aaron's talents. A consistent hitter of the ball and feared by all the teams. A wonderful season by Aaron and he will now have to meet the challenge of U16 baseball next year.

Mark Tuckwell

Our other left handed pitcher, who although smaller in size surprised the opposition batters with his accuracy and composure on the mound. Finally got those precious safe hits this year and will move on from here. Also played first base and outfield. One of our keenest players Mark will find that there is a place for left handed pitchers who put some variation on the ball.

Justin Williams

One of the more quieter players in the team who found that he could compete when he wanted to. Played mostly outfield with some time in the infield. Learnt in the last part of the

season what the bat was for and slugged out his first two bag hit. Another two year player who will benefit from this years competition.

All teams need there support staff and to Assistant Coach **Gary Tuckwell** I say thank you for his assistance at training and on game days as it certainly the task easier.

Also our Manager/Scorer, **Jutta Hemmer** was there each week and looked after all the Coach's correspondence and team requirements and certainly made running the team a much easier task.

To our parents, I hope you enjoyed the season with your children as much as I did, even though my frustration must have showed as certain times and I look forward to seeing you at Baulko next season.

Batting Statistics

Player	PA	AB	H	BB	SAC	SB	K	Slug Ave	Bat Ave
J Beilieter	50	34	8	15	1	8	5	.235	.235
J Bucca	43	34	6	7	1	2	11	.206	.176
A Cooper	26	17	3	10	0	5	10	.176	.176
C Derley	31	20	1	11	0	2	14	.050	.050
C Goss	36	26	6	8	1	4	7	.231	.231
P Hemmer	47	39	18	8	0	17	7	.769	.462
N Lane	33	23	4	10	0	3	8	.261	.174.
P Mackay	47	39	13	8	0	5	13	.410	.333
A Thorne	48	43	21	3	2	12	3	.605	.488
M Tuckwell	40	17	2	22	0	8	9	.118	.118
J Williams	37	27	3	6	1	2	14	.111	.111

Fielding and Pitching Statistics

Player	PO	ASS	ER	AVE	G	INN	H	K	BB	APO
J Beilieter	18	14	6	.842						
J Bucca	13	10	5	.821	14	22	29	21	36	147
A Cooper	5	0	0	1.000						
C Derley	3	2	1	.667						
C Goss	23	1	4	.857	7	7.1	18	8	15	63
P Hemmer	104	12	10	.921	4	4.1	5	5	18	45
N Lane	19	0	1	.950						
P Mackay	12	3	16	.484						
A Thorne	16	9	12	.676	17	33	22	65	33	163
M Tuckwell	18	1	7	.731	9	12.1	21	6	17	83
J Williams	4	1	2	.714						

Ken Douglass
Coach

NO GAME IN THE WORLD IS AS TIDY AND DRAMATICALLY NEAT AS BASEBALL WITH CAUSE AND EFFECT, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT, MOTIVE AND RESULT, SO CLEANLY DEFINED.

PAUL GALLICO(1897-1976)
Sportswriter

ANY BASEBALL IS BEAUTIFUL. NO OTHER SMALL PACKAGE COMES AS CLOSE TO THE IDEAL IN DESIGN AND UTILITY. IT IS A PERFECT OBJECT FOR A MAN'S HAND. PICK IT UP AND IT INSTANTLY SUGGESTS ITS PURPOSE: IT IS MEANT TO BE THROWN A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE- THROWN HARD AND WITH PRECISION.

ROGER ANGELL
Five Seasons (1977)

I THINK A BASEBALL FIELD MUST BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING IN THE WORLD. IT'S SO HONEST AND PRECISE. AND WE PLAY ON IT. EVERY STAR GETS HUMBLED. EVERY MEDIOCRE PLAYER HAS A GREAT MOMENT.

LOWELL COHN
“The Temple of Baseball” (1981)

U/14 MAGPIES REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
21	11	9	1		147	163	5 th

TEAM BAT AVE
.313

M.V.P.	Nathan Heard
Batting Award	Amy Fahy
Coaches Award	Radoje Radovic

The season started with a bang winning 20-1 against a below average Castle Hill side, we then lost five of the other first round games. After a few weeks of training we started to turn the corner playing quite well winning 5 out of 7 second round games. Then in the last round won 5 of 6. During the season we had many close games with eleven games decided by one run. Although we ended up in fifth place we were only three points from second place Carlingford who we had beaten near the seasons end.

The team started the season with a couple of players in **Kandice** (Ave .315) and **Ben** (.307) who had not played baseball before but both learnt quickly and with no fear of being struck out swung the bat and connected on a few occasions.

The pivots of **Adam** (.272), **Scott** (.291) and **Aiden** (.263) all played well but did make a few errors which cost us at times. Adam and Aidan also did a share of catching.

Radoje (.291) was 3rd base and relief pitcher, he struck out the side on more than one occasion.

Amy (.444) was always keen to have a pitch but ended up with the batting award.

Emma tried hard to get a hit but was walked 17 times in her 27 plate appearances.

Chris was also hesitant to hit the ball (.083) but got on base 19 times.

Martin (.200) struck out 11 times but if he could connect would be a dangerous batter.

The seasons pitching and catching was predominantly the combination of **Nathan** (.555) and **Harry** (.428). Nathan's pitching was at times brilliant and he got us close on many occasions, with Harry's signals they worked as a good team.

If we had a weakness in the team it was when a hit was required we often stood and looked rather than having a go. Many signals were also ignored too many times and players were playing for themselves rather than the team. Baseball can be a frustrating sport from the coach's box.

The season ended on a sour note with the League deciding that a playoff game was required for fourth place. Our arguments fell on deaf ears and with everything stacked against us we were eliminated in the playoff. I hope that unpleasant experience does not deter the players coming back to play for Baulko next year.

I would like to congratulate all the players on their behaviour and manners throughout the season I believe we had a good time and enjoyed the games. Thank you also to all the parents for their support - see you all next year.

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Stan Robson
Coach

U/12 KOOKAS REPORT

MVP	Michael Bucca
Batting Award	Tim Adams (.480)
Players Player	James Vergos

Well another season of baseball is over. I would like to thank Don Beileiter and Peter McGuire for helping me this year. Their valuable assistance was greatly appreciated. This was my second season as coach and it is gratifying to see the great talent at this young age which bodes well for the future of baseball at Baulkham Hills.

We finished fourth on the table, which was an outstanding achievement by the boys. Our semi final was against Castle Hill who, unfortunately for us, were the better side on the day.

Congratulations to Tim, Michael and James for the receiving the awards. They were well deserved.

A special thanks to Cara for scoring throughout the season and also to the parents who assisted when required.

My best wishes to all boys for next season.

Batting Averages

Tim Adams	.480
James Vergos	.375
Andrew Cardinale	.305
Jared Beileiter	.281
Chris Fox	.273
Michael Purckner	.273
Ryan Fortuna	.259
Leon Axford	.243
Michael Bucca	.200
Josh Strong	.194
Tom McGuire	.143

Michael Barron
Coach

BASEBALL FOR SEVEN INNINGS ONLY IS LIKE DINNER WITHOUT COGNAC AT THE END. IT IS LIKE KISSING THE WOMAN YOU LOVE GOODNIGHT BY BLOWING IT FROM YOUR FINGERS.

ROBERT FONTAINE
"The Happy Time" (1946)

BASEBALL IS REALLY TWO SPORTS – THE SUMMER GAME AND THE AUTUMN GAME. ONE IS THE LEISURELY PASTIME OF OUR NATIONAL MYTHOLOGY. THE OTHER IS NOT SO GENTLE.

THOMAS BOSWELL
How Life Imitates the World Series (1982)

BOYS WOULD BE BIG LEAGUERS. AS EVERYBODY KNOWS. BUT SO WOULD BIG LEAGUERS BE BOYS.

PHILIP ROTH
"The Great American Novel" (1973)

U/12 MAGPIES REPORT

TEAM BAT AVE
.254

MVP	Blake Jones
Batting Award	Byron Aird (.522)
Coach's Award	Josh Nettleton
	Robert Charles

Byron Aird (B/Ave .522)

Byron had another great season this year both with the bat and in the field until he broke his arm over the Christmas period. He has a ton of determination and the skills to go with it. Byron was eligible to play another season in the Under 10's but is well suited to play up against boys 2 - 3 years older.

Andrew Bloomfield (.393)

Andrew had a good season with the bat and showed us all he has power to all parts of the field. When he hits the ball it stays hit! Enjoyed his time at first base and played a couple of games at right field. Keep working at the throwing mechanics Andrew.

Daniel Bugden (.125)

Daniel is a boy that all coaches love to have in the team. He listens to everything that is being communicated and then puts it into practice. Daniel was one of the 3 boys who played every available game - a sign of his commitment to the team. Usually Daniel was best suited to second base in the field but was often used in the outfield this season.

Robert Charles (.263)

This young man has a big future in the game if he settles down and works on the mechanics of throwing and more importantly, pitching. He has a great arm and a good temperament for the game. He can also hit a ball with power to the opposite field which is rare at this age. Robert, our number one pitcher all season, pitched extremely well in a number of games and was used to slow down the opposition if they had a run on.

Jacob King (.217)

I'll be sorry to see Kingy leave Baulko as I've known and coached him for a number of years. He has sheer ability written all over him and is easily the quickest fella around the bases. He is another of the boys who could have played in the under 10's but has the ability to mix it with the bigger boys. He is always smiling and a pleasure to have in the dugout.

Blake Jones (.393)

Blake played his heart out for the team and took on the bulk of the catching duties for the season. If I asked him to do something - he'd do it. He's a dedicated baseballer and with the right direction and encouragement will go far in the sport. (Needs to work on ground balls in the off-season).

Josh Nettleton (.231)

Josh is another of the boys who I tried out in a number of unfamiliar positions and performed them extremely well. When his bat is on fire he lifts the team and picked up clutch hits when we needed them. Josh is a good listener and always has the good of the team at heart.

Carson Reynolds (.143)

When they handed out the guts and determination, Carson got in line twice. Carson joined the team later in the season but quickly became an integral part. He has fantastic athletic ability and great reflexes. He has great potential and will learn the game quickly. You can play in my team anytime!

Toby Sharpe (.133)

Another young fella who is eager to learn and try new things. Although Toby had a slow start to the season he finished strongly and became one of the foundations of the team. Toby was another of the boys who always had a smile on his face when playing the game. Good season Toby.

Robert Shenton (.077)

We had two broken arms this season and Robert was one of them, although he only missed three games in total. I was extremely happy with the way in which Robert finished the season and was always eager to do whatever the team required. He did a great job behind the plate when required and was sound in the outfield. A really enthusiastic player who enjoys the game.

Callum Turnbull (.100)

This is the player I saw the most improvement in over the length of the season. Callum went from playing under 9 last season straight into under 12 and missed the conversion year. Callum always looked menacing in the box and can really hit a ball. He has the ability to go on with the sport if he listens to and learns from his coaches.

Grant Jones
Coach

U/12 EMUS REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST
17	6	10	0	1	128	187

M.V.P. Joshua Cunningham
Batting Award Mathew Sheath (.567)
Coaches Award Dylan Rudd

The Under 12 Emu's had a great season with most players improving on their skill and concentration throughout the year. We had many younger players who struggled a bit but closing the season they improvement in the game could be seen.

Tristan Zeibert

This young man came from under 10's and had a little trouble batting in the first few weeks but after that he was always on base, every game. Our catcher for most of the season and boy did he do a good job at it. Great season Tristan.

Sarah Grixti

Sarah is a great player with a lot of potential and could go along way. The rapid development of her skills and confidence this season has made this young lady shine.

Tom Pritchard

Tom is a utility player who plays wherever you want him to and always with a smile. Tom had a good season with the bat and improved a lot throughout the season. Well done Tom.

Joshua Cunningham

This Was Josh's first season but what a season it was. The left handed pitcher and strong batter, he was involved in many spectacular plays. If Josh stays as focused as he is now, he will be a force to be reckoned with in years to come. Josh was a reliable player and would show up to all training sessions and games.

Daniel Kollegger

Daniel was the youngest player on the team who just wanted to play with his two brothers Jason & Tom. Daniel started off a bit shaky with the bat, but by the end of the season he was becoming quite a good hitter. He was always very eager to perform to the best of his ability. Keep up the good work Daniel and the following years will be a lot easier and just as enjoyable.

Dylan Rudd

This is Dylan's First season playing baseball and has really proven that he has got what it takes to play good baseball. With a little practice and relaxation Dylan could go along way. Dylan is also a very reliable player who would turn up to every training and every game. Keep it up Dylan.

Jason Kollegger

Jason was a very keen and eager player, who played for the team and not just himself. As the season advanced so did Jason's ability. He had quite a few good hits, which not only advanced him to second and third, and on two occasions home runs. Jason's speed around the bases will benefit him in the future years. Well done Jason.

Melanie Sheath

Melanie is a good player but has a little trouble concentrating on the game. If that concentration improved her opponents would have a lot of trouble trying to stop her. Well done Mel.

Christoper Gibb

Chris is a bright young player with rough ability that needs to be refined. He had a little trouble with the bat but next season he should be a lot better in fielding and batting.

Mathew Sheath

Mathew was one of our stronger players, when he wanted to be. He could pitch a fast ball, run like the wind and hit all day if he wanted to. Mathew just needs to overcome his mood swings and stay focused on the game at hand. His record with the bat stands for itself as to his ability. Mathew just needs to concentrate on the game and it will become a lot more enjoyable and easier.

Sam Viskovich:

Sam is a bright and enthusiastic player with a lot of skill. Sam has a little trouble with nerves, but who doesn't, when he over comes this he will be a great player and if he keeps it up he should go along way.

Bob and Adam Doyle
Coach

U/10 KOOKAS REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
14	6	8	0		120	132	4 TH

M.V.P.	Tim Theos
Batting Award	Ryan Pritchard
Most Improved	Ben Bugden

Our team this year consisted of 1st year boys and those who had played T-Ball.

Greg Camseloise assisted with the coaching and our plan was to get the boys settled into positions that suited their abilities and develop some knowledge of the game from a positional sense.

It took a little longer than we had hoped to develop these positional skills and we went through the first five games of Mod Ball winning only two games beating the same team twice. The following nine games we lost five games where we beat all clubs except Carlingford.

Mitchell Barnes

Mitchell Barnes was one of our more experienced players and was a leader in the team. Mitchell played most of the year at second base where he is suited and also did some catching toward the end of the season.

Ben Bugden

I had the pleasure of coaching Ben in his first year of T-Ball. Ben has improved enormously since T-Ball and his skill level suited him to the outfield where he took great catches and made two 9 to 3 in the same game. Also played pitcher.

Jarryd Faint

Jarryd missed the greater part of the season and it was difficult to work him into a position. Jarryd is a solid boy who hit the ball a long way. He caught and played all positions except first base. A good utility player.

Matthew Fox

Matthew is a gifted player and was the younger player in the team. Matthew tended to be an all rounder in the side and is very balanced in the batting box. Matthew will shine next year where he can again play under 10.

Scott Grills

Scott was a first year player and has great natural talent. Scott is having problems with ground balls and needs to practice this skill. Really got his batting together towards the end of the season. Better things to come for Scott next year.

Clinton Hanna

Clinton like Scott needs to practice his ground ball skills and his opportunities in the infield were limited this year. Clinton played mainly outfield and took some really fine catches and always went after the ball.

Gerrard Martin

Gerrard was certainly the personality of the team. His time at first base in T-Ball carried him through to this position again where he was the best defensive 1st base in the competition. Gerrard needs to work on his swing and balance in the batting box to be the complete player.

Ryan Pritchard

Ryan is a first year player who posses great talent that will come through with more experience. Excellent batting by Ryan and was sound in the infield and outfield.

Matthew Shaw

Matthew was a first year player who has enormous talent. We worked with Matthew at third base and toward the end of the season he was throwing players out at first base regularly with his big arm. Matthew hit the ball a long way and has good ball sense.

Timothy Theos

Tim was the natural all rounder and our main pitcher at the Castle Hill carnival we attended during the year. Tim played most of the year at shortstop and is gifted with the bat as well.

Peter Zahra

Peter came good mid season where his improvement was remarkable both with the bat and his catching ability. Peter needs to concentrate more in practice as he has the ability to become a representative player with work.

Thanks to Greg (Coach), Tracey (Manager), Merilyn (Scorer) and those parents (Helpers) who made the season so enjoyable.

Yours in Sport:

Barry Moore
Coach

U/10 MAGPIES REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST
18	8	8	1	1	74	126

M.V.P.	Chris Bateup
Batting Award	Simon Tierney
Coaches Award	Ian Loy

We had a mixed but enjoyable season with many tight games, which could have gone either way. Overall the team performed quite creditably and we could have been much higher on the ladder if we had a little more luck and better umpiring decisions. At times it was hard to find consistency particularly with the late start to the season and the many washed out games and training seasons.

With the change to mod ball each player adapted reasonably quickly and improved their skills and showed a willingness to learn throughout the season.

Special thanks should be made of the assistant coach Barry Biddell who capably assisted me throughout the season with his vast knowledge of the game and took charge of the games and training that I could not attend. Thanks to the team manager Lyn Loy for her organization throughout the season, Jane Clarke and Wendy Boer for scoring and the dads who helped as base coaches as well as all the parents who supported the team each week.

Thank you particularly to the players who entertained us on many occasions and I hope you all had as an enjoyable season as we did. It was a pleasure to coach a well-behaved and pleasant team.

Chris Bateup

A player that came to us from Winston Hills which was their loss and Baulko's gain. What a season he had. His batting was outstanding when he connected with several home runs and many two base hits. His fielding was just as good at 2nd and 3rd base taking some magnificent flying catches and double plays. His pitching late in the season was also very good .He was our most valuable player.

Amanda Boer

Confidence in the batting box grew with every game as she dealt better with the live pitches. A very good fielder with safe glove work who gave her very best each time she played and trained. Was a quiet achiever?

Kieran Clarke

Another player who came to us from Winston Hills (and also proved to be an asset for the team as well as bringing a willing grand father as a assistant coach and a mother as a scorer.) He has the attributes to be a very good baseball player with a great throwing action and good glove work. He also pitched well when called on later in the season.

Judd Ghobar

A good outfielder with a strong arm who could always be relied on to chase and throw the ball well. He always had a smile and enjoyed a laugh.

Daniel Gibb

Fielding improved throughout the season and was often used at 3rd base. Although he was not a powerful hitter he often had safe hits and advanced the runners or brought them home. In what is sometimes a difficult situation as a coaches son he always did what was asked of him.

Len Hailer

One of the smaller players in the team who had a big swing and when he connected properly it was fantastic to watch. He was also a versatile fielder that did well in any position (except catcher as the gear supplied by the club was too big to use)

Jeremy Hill

Showed plenty of enthusiasm and the benefits of his second year in the Under 10's. He is another player who could hit the ball hard when he connected and often brought runners home. He had a good throwing arm, which was suited to either the outfield or 3rd base.

Ian Loy

A rookie that loves a chat but can play baseball when he is focused. His batting improved greatly throughout the season and he became a very useful lead off batter. Ian will become a very good baseballer if he continues in the game.

Akhila Mukkavilli

Made 1st base her own with a very consistent effort and safe glove work. Her batting improved throughout the season as she adjusted to the live pitching. Another quiet achiever.

Marco Radovic

Very enthusiastic player who always gave 110% effort at the games and at training. His batting developed as the season progressed and he became more aggressive in the batters box.

Simon Tierney

A second year veteran whose consistency with the bat and glove made him one of the teams better players. He fielded well at pitcher, shortstop and catcher (he also struggled with catchers gear that was to big for him). He has a lot of natural talent for such a small player.

Coach: Greg Gibb

Assistant Coach: Barry Biddell

Manager: Lyn Loy

Scorer: Jane Clarke

U/9 KOOKAS REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST
16	4	9	3	0	325	383

Well! Every member of this team deserves to be very proud of themselves. The enthusiasm and keenness of all the players both during the games and at training was very rewarding for me, as the coach. The team started the season with a few losses, but their perseverance and enthusiasm finally paid off when we had a draw and then a win – on the same day! Regardless of a win or loss, the pride and smiles that were obvious on the kids faces was fantastic!

Our hitting improved enormously, our fielding was much sharper and our throws became more accurate (and longer) as the season progressed.

All players were given the opportunity to play every position but seemed to find their niche with **Samantha, Adam** and **Rebecca** sharing pitcher & catcher roles.

Matthew N. on 1st base, **Dylan** and **Brendan** on 2nd and **Andrew** as our shortstop were the primary infielders.

On 3rd base and in the outfield we had **Peter, Simon, Ben, Todd** and **Matthew P-S.**

As the coach, I would like to thank Mr Taylor for umpiring, Mr Adams and Mrs Judge for scoring and Mr Sommer for his help with the weekly training. Thanks must also go to all the kids, it was great to see them having fun, because that's what it was all about. Hopefully they enjoyed their season and learned a lot about the game.

Thank you.

Brinton Preston-Smith &
Matthew Saunders
Coach

I WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT BASEBALL. I DON'T THINK I COULD STAND BEING AWAY FROM IT AS LONG AS I WAS ALIVE.

ROBERTO CLEMENTE
Pirates Outfielder (1955 - 1972)

THE MAJORITY OF AMERICAN MALES PUT THEMSELVES TO SLEEP BY STRIKING OUT THE BATTING ORDER OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES.

JAMES THURBER (1894 – 1961)
Writer

WHILE YOU'RE PLAYING BALL, YOU'RE INSULATED. ALL THE BALLPARKS AND THE BIG CROWDS HAVE A CERTAIN MYSTIQUE. YOU FEEL ATTACHED, PERMANENTLY WEDDED TO THE SOUNDS THAT RING OUT, TO THE FANS CHANTING YOUR NAME EVEN WHEN THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OR FIVE THOUSAND IN THE STANDS ON A WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

MICKEY MANTLE
Yankees Outfielder (1951 – 68)

U/9 MAGPIES REPORT

***** PREMIERS *****

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
18	17	0	1	0	477	247	1 st

Last year's Under 8 Kookas, with the addition of Yolanda, became this season's U9 Magpies and had another very successful year, once again going through undefeated, to become the premiers. (The 3rd season of being undefeated for Chris & Andrew)

We had a mixture of ages and a mixture of ability, but were successful because we played as a team, and we **enjoyed** playing.

Each player could be relied on to do the job in any fielding position. Our scoring was successful because of good team batting and base running, as well as some powerful hitting.

Thanks to Glen Curtis & Bruce Cole for taking on the thankless job of umpiring; to Sue Cone and Karen Lowcock for scoring; to all the other parents who assisted with warm ups, training and base coaching.

CALLUM BAXTER

A big improver, Callum grew in confidence as the season progressed. He put his heart into every game. Callum won a bat in The Hitout "spot the ball" competition, and his hitting really took off.

ALEXANDER BEDWANY

An enthusiastic team player who could really entertain the team. Alex showed tremendous improvement over the season. He played mainly in the outfield, making plenty of defensive stops and then getting the ball back in to shut down play.

JOEL BUTT

Joel is the type of player you want in a team he always puts 100% effort into his batting and fielding and training. It's hard to imagine he could have played U8's. At outfield or shortstop he took plenty of class catches; plus his long accurate throws often surprised runners when they found themselves out. Joel was one of the most reliable batters, hitting many team HR's and RBI's.

CHRIS CHIDIAC

The quiet achiever. Our main 1st base player with his extremely safe glove. Chris also shattered the confidence of batters with excellent catches in the outfield. Chris proved to be the valuable batter, with his left handed hits often clearing right field.

YOLANDA COLE

Our main catcher. Yolanda always listened to instructions and was eager to do well whenever she had the opportunity. She always ran hard and her left-handed hits went well in moving our base runners around.

BEN CONE

"Future" Ben is one of the most relaxed guys when it comes to batting; he has a great swing and his power is increasing. A competent fielder at 3rd base or outfield who put his body on the line. He shows great potential.

SCOTT CONE

Scott was keen and sharp as our main 2nd baseman and always aware of what the play was. Sometimes though, he was a bit too far ahead of himself and was going for the 2nd play even before he had the ball. A powerhouse hitter on his day, he kept the runners in front of him on their toes with his lightning base running.

BRADLEY CURTIS

With his speed and gun-arm, Bradley is a natural with bat and ball. Our main shortstop, he made some great plays and took some great reflex catches, some even surprised himself. His determination, hitting ability and placement made him a great number 4 batter and saw him get numerous home runs or 2 & 3 baggers.

CAMERON HARRISON

A positive team player. Cam is a player who does a great job fielding in any position, and he'll always give what the coach expects. Cam always put the fielders under pressure with his no-nonsense base running.

LEWIS LOWCOCK

Put 100% effort in his batting and fielding. Lewis loved to bat. Lewis also loved to ask the manager "am I batting?" in every innings. He fielded with enthusiasm and showed his versatility at 3rd base, pitcher, 1st base & outfield.

ANDREW SQUILLACIOTI

Our main pitcher and one of our key players. Andrew directed the team with his awareness of the game and ability to read the plays. He always focussed on hitting the ball hard and on running hard; this combination was responsible for many HR's and RBI's

DANIEL TRANTER

Daniel led by example and his willingness to field in the outfield was refreshing. His understanding and ability grew as the season progressed. He always applied himself. He developed his swing so that he was hitting the ball hard, along the ground; getting himself onto base and advancing others.

Tony Squillaciotti, Mark Tranter - Coaches
Rick Cone - Manager

U/8 KOOKAS REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	RUNS FOR	AGAINST
10	10	0	0	353	131

Every now and then a team has a special season and this was the Under 8 Kookas year. Right from the start this t-ball side was destined for an exceptional performance. From the first day of training in September, right through the last game in March, this was a huge team effort the whole way.

We began the season with only 2 players with previous experience and 8 rookies!! We even had two players who were only 5 years old at the outset. But none of this stood in the way of the mighty Kookaburras from Baulkham Hills.

The aspect of the season, which stands out foremost, far more than the number of runs scored, was the Kookas defensive play on the field. We played 55 innings of t-ball and got three outs on the opponent 48 times. Of the seven innings where we came up short, five were in the first game of the season. Once we got warmed up the boys played incredible baseball. We came to expect so much from them.

Another aspect of the year that really jumps out was the tremendous dedication to training, teamwork, and sportsmanship displayed by 10 of Baulko's finest. No matter the position they were playing that day, the Kookas turned in a 110% effort and always supported one another as true teammates do. This was the one element that grew and grew as the months passed.

Additionally, I'd like to mention another excellent band of folks who stuck with us all through the year, the parents. From our manager to our umpires, from our scorekeeper to our base coaches, there was never a shortage of help. Hardly a training session passed without at least three people coaching on the field. Thank you for such great support.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Baulkham Hills Baseball Club for giving me the opportunity to coach, and for providing such a great playing ground.

Well Kookas, we had a blast. I think it was the Bazooka gum that kept those bats booming and those slides into home plate going. Thanks to each of you, and thanks for letting me be your coach.

The Kookas are.....

John "I'm not afraid of that Carlingford coach" Brower

Liam "Twelve seconds around the bases" Irvine

Ben "Watch me make this ball disappear off the field" Patton

Holden "Please let me play catcher, it's my favourite position" **Brower**

Steven "Check out this diving catch" **Granzow**

Liam "I may not be tall but I can hit the ball a mile" **McKenna**

Darcy "I'll see your one mile, Liam, and raise you 2 miles" **Nettleton**

Jack "I know this bat is for 12 year olds but I still want to use it" **Bloomfield**

Kyle "My dad's the umpire and my mom's the scorer, I'm set" **McKenzie**

Lachlan "I may be only five but I can walk the walk, and talk the talk" **Baxter**

Sam "My mom doesn't mind if my uniform gets muddy" **McGuire**

John Brower
Coach

U/8 MAGPIES REPORT

If baseball can be judged on any one team then the Magpies would be that team. A credit to themselves, their parents and the club. The Magpies, win or lose, epitomised all that is good in baseball through their sportsmanship, dedication and knowing how to really have a good time.

We had a winning season this year with half the team never having played baseball before. The improvement and progress over the season was to me the most rewarding experience.

I would like to thank all the parents for their unfailing support and commitment in their children's participation. Special thanks to David and Susan, my "tag team" scorers, and to my manager Julio. Thank you for your great support, encouragement and tactical observations. You were invaluable.

To Gary, my assistant coach, not only confidant but also a great mate. Unselfish with his support and his time. Gary had an invaluable input in coaching and developing the team into an awesome unit.

To these two gentlemen I dedicate this unforgettable season. Thanks a million guys. I would also like to thank our major sponsor, Tolar Pharmacy, for their support of the Magpies.

The Magpie lineup:

Luke Anderson

My starting pitcher who is the total package. A great leftie hitter and a great fielder. One to watch in the future.

Bradley Barnes

My other starting pitcher. The Infield Assassin with his great throws. Agility and a great determination to get the outs was a feature of Bradley's play. A solid hitter as well.

Ryan Cowlingshaw

Starting 2nd baseman. A veteran with class who knew exactly what to do every time. A coach's dream. Thanks for a great season Ryan.

Blake Dwyer

The Tiger Woods of the Magpies. A switch hitter and very safe fielder. A rookie with a great future.

Ryan Naimi

A great allrounder. He hit the ball well. Literally and physically one of the best fielders in the team. Always put his body on the line. There wasn't a game where he didn't end up with multiple bruises from stopping the ball. Well done Ryan.

Emma Quinn

Emma was the epitome of the player's player. Solid where ever she played in the field and hit the ball with consistency. Spurred the team on with her base running. Well done Emma.

Madeline Quinn

A standout in her first season. A great hitter of the ball and an awesome infielder. Maddie always got the job done. A pleasure to coach and a rep player in the making. Thanks for a great season Maddie.

Cameron Richardson

If there was a rookie of the year award the Cameron would win it. A passionate player, a panther in the field and a devastating hitter on his day. Many thanks Cameron.

Domenic Silvera

Was this guy a rookie or a ring-in? Dom really stood out as a fielder. Quick as reliable and he always got the job done. Dom at times was an inspirational fielder, pumping up the team with great plays as 3rd base and pitcher. A grade player in the making.

Jackson Somer

This little guy made the season for me. He turned games with emphatic displays as pitcher. He was THE man. A great committed trainer and a pleasure to coach. Thanks for a great season Jackson.

Jordan Theos

The wild thing! Need I say more? A veteran, Jordy was my starting shortstop and set the world on fire with double plays at critical times. The biggest hitter in the team and would blast the ball a kilometer (or maybe 2 kilometers) every game. He was a great inspiration to the rookies and a future rep player. Thanks Jordy.

Peter Theos

Coach

U/8 EMUS REPORT

THE SEASON

We started the season with a group of enthusiastic, excited kids. Some whom had played a couple of seasons and a few others who needed direction as to which hand the mitt goes on, how to catch, throw and stand in the batting box. The team picked up on the basic concept of the game and quickly proved themselves to be hopeful major leaguers of the future.

We went through the season undefeated with large scores that didn't much resemble baseball results. A team of big hitters who also developed good fielding skills, making outs with double plays and even a triple play. What's more they actually understood what they were doing. On one occasion a parent asked his son why he didn't run from second to third when the ball was hit. The reply was that he wasn't forced and would have gotten out. It was apparent that they were learning and had come a long way from the beginning of the season.

More importantly they all had fun and friendships were formed.

We would like to thank the parents, all of who were willing to help out at training and on game days. A special thanks to John Longworth who scored the season. His skills developed well, progressing from lines around the bases to advances and colour. John's efforts are much appreciated by the Emus and ourselves. We would also like to thank Madi and Emma Quinn who stepped in when James and Robert Camp returned to England. Without them we wouldn't have had a team. They fitted in like they had been with us all season.

THE TEAM

James Camp

Tried hard, never loosing his enthusiasm or enjoyment of the game. His skills developed soundly both in the field and at bat.

Robert Camp

One of our older players. A good listener who developed both as an individual and team player. He could always be counted on to do something special.

Alex Horsburgh

Alex learnt to focus which paid off with his skill development. He enjoyed the game and played his hardest. His batting came together at the end of the season.

Harry Longworth

Harry's game developed strongly through the season. He developed into a big hitter and made a great double play in the field. He was always willing to listen and learn.

Nicholas Mentis

One of our more experienced players. Some great individual plays in the field made through the season. A strong hitter, hitting plenty of home runs and some three baggers.

Roswell Oey

An all rounder. He could field and bat, understanding quickly the game fundamentals. Roswell could always be counted on to bring the runners home. A good team player.

Nathan Quinn

Played consistently all season. He showed equal ability in the field and at bat and developed a good understanding of the game. Nathan also developed a great long throw by seasons end.

Benjamin Strong

His first season at Baulko however not new to baseball. Ben can play any position well with a powerful throw from outfield. His best position is first base. He is also a strong batter and could be counted on to score some runs.

Luke Walkenden

Luke's enthusiasm never wavered and he learnt to stay on task this season. You could see the intense concentration as he tried to throw the ball straight. His hitting came together at the end of the season with some great hits.

Best Safe Hitter - James Camp

Best Third Baseman - Robert Camp

Most Enthusiastic - Alex Horsburgh

Best Double play - Harry Longworth

Best Fielder - Nicholas Mentis

Best Big hitter - Roswell Oey

Best Throw - Nathan Quinn

Best First Baseman - Benjamin Strong

Most Improved - Luke Walkenden

Coach

Tim Strong

Manager

Belinda Strong

Scorer

John Longworth

KOALA LEAGUE SENIORS REPORT

MVP	Peter Columbo
Batting Award	Laura Anderson
Coach's Award	Scott Vinall

Baulkham Hills Magpies, a new team last year, had a very successful second season and were joint premiers in the Senior League. We lost the second last game of the season which was the teams first loss since December 1999!

All players came of age in the Seniors and as their confidence grew they displayed skills well beyond their ages. The sportsmanship and attitude of the team was excellent throughout the season making them a pleasure to coach.

Laura Anderson

Laura's first year was a great success with a good all round game particularly with her catching at first or second base. She also hit a home run mid season. Laura's greatest asset is her bright, happy personality which is a big boost for the team.

Adam Budzinski

Adam came of age in the Seniors this year with consistent hitting, home runs and excellent fielding. Adam did well when called on to pitch or as catcher when required. Yet again Adam proved to be a valuable and enthusiastic member of the team.

Scott Carlyle

Unfortunately due to a foot injury Scott only played a couple of games. However he showed great promise and more importantly he enjoyed playing.

Peter Columbo

Peter was probably the best player in the league. He hit some of the longest home runs seen in the Senior League. His fielding and catching were brilliant and his pitching won us many games. The most pleasing aspect of Peter's game was his sportsmanship particularly to the weaker opposition players.

Nick Crocker

Nick continued his great form from last year. He continued to hit every time he batted and swatted some great home runs. Nick's catching is second to none and he is the great character of the team.

Elizabeth Greenfield

Elizabeth is one of the best all round players in the league. She hit home runs, made spectacular catches and was excellent in both the infield and outfield. Liz is a great team player and I look forward to coaching her next season.

Rachel Greenfield

Rachel is identical to her twin sister. She is also a great all round player who hits home runs and catches and fields well. Rachel's highlight of the year as last batter on two strikes was to hit a home run bringing three players home to rescue a 10 all draw after being down 7-10.

James Meagher

James had an excellent year with powerful batting and good fielding. James was second pitcher with good results. If James can improve his accuracy with his pitching he has the potential to be the best pitcher in the league.

Michael Mothersole

Michael improved as the year progressed particularly with his batting. Michael got home in a couple of tight scoring games at the end of the season and performed some determined fielding to run our players at crucial times.

Scott Vinall

Scott was the big improver of the season particularly with his batting. As Scott's confidence improved so did his game. He consistently hit well at the end of the season and fielded better with each game. His game will improve even more next season.

Andrew Wilcox

Andrew missed half of the season with a foot operation. However in the games he played Andrew went well with some good hitting and a great catch in the outfield at a crucial time in a tight game. Andrew shows great promise and with more games will be a good player.

Helen Mothersole

KOALA LEAGUE REPORT

MVP	Brad Brown
Batting Award	Damien Showyin
Coach's Award	Gerard Duffy

This is my first year a coach and parent of this team therefore I cannot comment on the progress the team has made compared to previous years. I can say that it has been my pleasure to coach a team that has played the game with enthusiasm, sportsmanship and fun. Each member is an integral part of the team with each contributing in their own special way by hitting home runs, picking up batted balls, pitching, catching, etc.

As the year progressed the team improved with every game and eventually we won one game and drew two. We had many other close games that could have gone either way. In the end it was not how many games that were won or lost but the way the game was played and enjoyed and in this they were winners.

Brad Brown

Played most games as catcher and was the unofficial leader of the team.

Brad Greenaway

Always a smile on his face. Played outfield and third base.

Damien Showyin

Our highest home run hitter and well as a pitcher.

David Hansen

Always moving. Covered the infield, first base and pitched when needed.

Erin Walmsmey

The best second baseman in the team if not the league.

Gerald Duffy

Full of confidence. "Way out there" and occasionally hit it out there.

Greg House

Saved many in the outfield with great catches and contributed with the bat. Also played catcher when needed.

John McMeniman

Our number one pitcher. With practice and training he could move to another league.

Kyle James

Has improved throughout the year in batting and fielding and will continue to improve in the future.

Leisa Martin

Encouraged the team on and off the field. Played mainly in the infield.

Ross Patane

Played first base or outfield and contributed with the bat.

Stephanie Summerville

Our half runner. Could be relied on to bring the other players home.

Thank you to all the parents for their assistance, guidance and advice they games to a novice coach.

Ross Patane

Coach

WINTER CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

We only managed to field 5 teams in the Hills Winter competition which was less than last year and slightly disappointing. Fortunately the weather was reasonably kind this year with all teams missing out on a maximum of one game.

Thanks to everyone who helped out in the canteen over the winter season as it really helped increase the clubs bank account

E Grade were the only side to win the premiership and it was their **THIRD CONSECUTIVE GRAND FINAL VICTORY!**

I hope everyone enjoyed their baseball and I look forward to seeing you next season.

Bob Wardle
Winter Co-ordinator

B-C Grade

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	POSITION
15	4	9	1	1	5 th
MVP					Eddie Seda
Batting Award		Ken Sharpe (.470)		Coach's Award	
		Peter West			

Team Members: Tony Brennan, David Crinion, Keith Crinion, David Forster, Christopher McGrath, Eddie Seda, Brendan Shanahan, Ken Sharpe, Dave Thomas, Peter West, Matthew Zoeller

E Grade

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
15	9	4	1	1	99	92	2 nd
TEAM BAT AVE		FIELD AVE		ERA		RBI	
.286		.847		5.90		85	

******* PREMIERS *******

Semi Final – Lost to Kings Langley Gold 9 – 2
Final – Beat Kings Langley Blue 8 – 4
Grand Final – Beat Kings Langley Gold 16 - 6

MVP	David Wardle
Batting Award	Greg Camseloise (.500)
Coach's Award	Joe Clark

Team Members: Greg Camseloise, Joe Clark, Adam Doyle, Glenn Duncan, Josh Foulstone, Geoff Holmes, Mark Holmes, Steve McGrory, Barry Moore, Bob Wardle, David Wardle

A fantastic win the in the Grand Final where we surged to a 15 – 0 lead after 4 innings and then never looked like losing. Great performances by everyone to beat the team we had the most trouble with during the season and which beat us in the major semi final. Joe Clark had 2 hits and 4 RBI, Bob Wardle 2 hits and Adam Doyle a triple and 3 RBIs.

G Grade

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	POSITION
15	10	5	0	0	3rd

MVP	Luke Murphy
Batting Award	Grant Jones (.429)
Coach's Award	Greg Mills

Team Members: Mal Bailie, Tony Chidiac, Peter Dobbie, Ross Harwood, Greg Johnstone, Grant Jones, Greg Mills, Ross Mills, Luke Murphy, Peter Murphy, Corrie Stone, Jason Weidner.

G Grade Maroon

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	POSITION
15	5	8	1	1	6th

MVP	Mark Tranter
Batting Award	Glen Curtis (.692)
Encouragement Award	Warren Kim

Team Members: Peter Beck, Timothy Beck, Sam Boer, Tom Boer, Chris Brown, Glen Curtis, Greg Gibb, Warren Kim, Darren latimore, Sean McCarthy, Mark Thompson, Mark Tranter, Gary Tuckwell

G Grade Gold

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	POSITION
15	4	9	0	1	7th

MVP and Batting Award	Ivan Slavich (.500)
Batting Award	Steve Smith (.500)
	Emil Teleki (.500)
Coach's & Batting Award	Derek Hanna (.500)

Team Members: Con Divis, Patrick Divis, Derek Hanna, Taras Mencinsky, Matthew Nicholls, Ivan Slavich, Steve Smith, Kevin Stoffberg, Emil Teleki, Jim Tsiklieris, George Turnbull, Liam Turnbull

Under 18 Development

The New South Wales Baseball League runs an U/18 development competition during the winter season. In this competition there are two teams containing the young talented players who will probably make up the State under 16's in the following summer season. Major League clubs are also invited to enter teams.

Baulkham Hills had not intended to enter a team but as the competition was short on teams. Some players from different districts, including the Hills, were looking for a game so we decided to enter a team with Bruce Belmar and myself as coaches.

It was frightening to arrive at the ground for the first game not knowing one boy or their baseball talent. As it turned out, we lost to the blue development side 7-12 in a good game.

We had nine regular players during the season and managed to borrow some Baulkham Hills boys to fill in the gaps. Special thanks to David Wardle and Adam Doyle for helping out when we were short of players.

It was pleasing to see Chris Everden, Daniel Presland and Jason Magdi go on to be graded by Baulkham Hills in the summer under 18 competition where I believe they all had good seasons.

Yours in Baseball
Barry Moore

ALL BALLPLAYERS SHOULD QUIT WHEN IT
STARTS TO FEEL AS IF ALL THE BASELINES
RUN UPHILL.

BABE RUTH
Yankees Outfielder (1920 – 34)

BASEBALL IS LIKE CHURCH. MANY
ATTEND BUT FEW UNDERSTAND.

WES WESTRUM
Mets Manager (1965 – 67)

WHEN YOU'RE IN A SLUMP, IT'S ALMOST AS
IF YOU LOOK OUT AT THE FIELD AND IT'S
ONE BIG GLOVE.

VANCE LAW
Pirates / White Sox / Expos /
Cubs / A's Infielder (1980 – 92)

NINETY FEET BETWEEN THE BASES IS THE
NEAREST THING TO PERFECTION THAT
MAN HAS YET ACHIEVED.

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ACRONYM GLOSSARY

Batting Record

PA	Plate Appearance: is every time a batter faces the pitcher, regardless of whether he gains first base or is retired.
AB	At Bat: Represents the total number of times a player batted for the game less Sacrifice Fly, Sacrifice Bunt, Base on Balls, Hit by Pitched Ball and Catchers Interference.
R	Runs: The number of occasions the player increased the team's score by crossing home plate.
H	Hits: Number of safe hits for the game. This number does not include obtaining base on a fielding Error, or if the player obtained base on the hit when another team member was out due to a Fielder's choice.
2B	Doubles: The number of times a player obtained second base on the hit. This number does not include fielding Errors or a Fielder's Choice allowing the player to gain the extra base.
3B	Triples: The number of times a player obtained Third base on the hit. This number does not include fielding Errors or a Fielder's Choice allowing the player to gain an extra base or bases.
HR	Home Runs: The number of times a player obtained Home plate on the hit. This number does not include fielding Errors allowing the player to gain an extra base or bases.
TB	Total Bases: Total number of bases obtained by hits. Where singles = 1, Doubles = 2, Triples = 3 and Home Runs = 4. Eg if 3 hits with 1 double and 1 triple then total bases = 6.
RBI	Runs Batted In: Total number of runs scored as a result of a hit by the player. This number does not include Runs scored as the direct result of an Error by the fielding team.
2O	2 Out RBI: Total number of Runs scored by the player from hits with two out in the innings. This number does not include runs scored as the direct result of an Error by the fielding team.
S/B	Sacrifice Bunt: Number of bunts where the intention is to move the runner or runners over to the next base with the batter intentionally making an out. Does not include bunts intended as safe hits. If a fielding Error occurs and the batter is safe at first, score the fielding side with error and the batter with sacrifice Bunt.
S/F	Sacrifice Fly: The number of outs made by the player where a runner scores from 3 rd base after the fly ball is caught in the outfield.
BB	Base on Balls: Number of times a player gains first base due to the pitcher throwing four Balls (four pitches not called Strike by the umpire). Also referred to as a Walk.
HPB	Hit by Pitched Ball: Number of times a player gains first base as a result of being hit by a pitch.
K2	Struck Out Swinging: The number of occasions the player struck out swinging and missing the strike three pitch.
KC	Struck Out Called: The number of occasions the player was struck out, where the umpire called strike three without the player swinging at the pitch.
SB, S	Stolen Base: The total number of bases stolen by the player. This number does not include gaining the base because of a Wild Pitch (pitcher error), Passed Ball (catcher error), Fielder's Choice or Fielders Indifference.
CS	Caught Stealing: The number of occasions where the player is tagged out when attempting a Stolen Base.
SOE	Safe on Error: This is the total number of times a player gains base safely, due to a fielding error or Dropped Third Strike (K, KPB and KWP).

OB	Obtained Base: The total number of times a player gains base safely, regardless of play. This number includes Home Runs, Fielder's Choice, Dropped Third Strike (K, KPB and KWP) and fielding Errors.
LOB	Left on Base: Number of occasions where a player is still on base at the end of an innings.
BAT	Batting Average: The calculation result of Hits divided by At Bats giving the player's batting average for the season.
SLUG	Slugging Average: The calculation result of Total Bases divided by At Bats giving the player's slugging average for the season.
TOB	Times on Base Average: The calculation result of Hits + Base on Balls + Hit by Pitched Ball divided by At Bats + Base on Balls + Hit by Pitched Ball + Sacrifice Fly's giving the player's Times on Base average for the season.

Fielding Record

PO	Put Outs: A put out is the player who affects the actual out.
A	Assists: Assists are the player/players involved in gaining the Put Out.
E	Errors: A fielding error is when the player does not field or throw the ball cleanly, resulting in the batter or runner gaining a base that he would not have got if the play had been effected correctly.
F/AVE	Fielding Average: This represents the calculation of Put Outs + Assists divided by Put Outs + Assists + Errors, giving the average number of errors made per Put Outs and Assists.

Catchers Record

INN	Innings: The number of innings caught by the catcher. Each out is marked as 0.3 (one third of an innings).
PB	Passed Ball: A pass ball is where a ball that is not deemed a Wild Pitch, is dropped or missed by the catcher and allows a base runner to gain an additional base.
SBA	Stolen Bases Attained: The number of stolen bases gained against the catcher by the batting side. This number does not include what are deemed Pass Balls or Wild Pitches.
CS	Caught Stealing: The number of runners tagged out from a throw by the catcher while attempting a Stolen Base.
CS/AVE	Caught Stealing Average: The calculation of Caught Stealing divided by Caught Stealing + Stolen Bases Attained. This result is the average number of times a catcher manages to throw out a stealing runner per total number of runners who attempted to steal base against the catcher.

Pitchers Record

INN	Innings: The number of innings pitched by the pitcher. Each out is marked as 0.3 (one third of an innngs).
HITS	Hits: Number of Hits given up by the pitcher.
K2'S	StrikeOuts: Total number of batters struck outs by the pitcher. This includes batters who reached base on a dropped third strike. A Wild Pitch or Pass Ball that the batter swung at on strike three, or a Fielding Error.
BB	Base on Balls: Number of times the pitcher allows the batter to gain first base due to the pitcher throwing four Balls (four pitchers not called Strike by the umpire). Also referred to as a Walk.
HPB	Hit by Pitched Ball: Number of times the pitcher allows a batter to gain first base as a result of being hit by a pitch.
ER	Earned Run: Earned runs are any runners scoring who did not obtain base by a fielding Error or Dropped Third Strike (K, KPB and KWP). If the pitcher is replaced during an innngs, this total also includes the Runs scored by batters who are on base at the time the pitcher was relieved. In addition, if the Errors and outs total three, then it is deemed that the innngs should have ended on the third out, or error that would have been the third out. Therefore any Runs scored on or after the third out should have been completed, are scored as unearned runs. New pitchers do not benefit from any errors made in an innng prior to them taking the mound.
RUNS	Runs Scored: Total Runs scored off the pitcher. Includes both Earned Runs and Unearned Runs.
WP	Wild Pitches: A wild pitch is when a runner gains the next base due to a pitching error. The pitch thrown by the pitcher is out of reach of the catcher from his normal stance (not a Passed Ball), or hits the ground before the catcher allowing the runner to gain an extra base.
BLK	Baulk: Called by the umpire against the pitcher for movement not allowed from the set position. Alternatively, what the umpire considers an act of deception.
APO	Attempt Pick Off: The number of times the pitcher throws to a base other than home when occupied by a runner.
BFP	Batters Faced Pitcher: The total number of batters to bat against the pitcher.
PITCH	Pitches: The total number of pitches both Strikes and Balls thrown by the pitcher during the game/season.
STRIKE	Strikes: The number of pitches called strike by the umpire or swung at by the batter. Hits and Foul Balls are counted as strikes.
BALLS	Balls: The number of balls are the pitches called ball by the umpire as not being in the strike zone. Also Hit by Pitched Ball and Catchers Interference are scored as balls.
STRIKE%	Strike Percentage: This represents the calculation, Strikes divided by Pitches giving a percentage result, the average number of strikes thrown per 100 pitches by the pitcher.
ERA	Earned Run Average: The calculation result of Earned Runs multiplied by 9, divided by the total innngs pitched gives the average number of runs scored off the pitcher per nine innngs pitched.

Miscellaneous

BOB PO2	Batting Out of Box: When a batter is deemed out by the umpire for batting outside of the batting box when attempting to hit a pitch. The PO2 is for the Put Out by catcher.
BTS K2	Bunting Foul on Third Strike: The batter is given out when he attempts to bunt the strike three pitch and the ball goes foul. This is recorded in the club statistics as a strike out.
CI , INT 2	Catchers Interference: This number is when the batter has made contact with the catcher/catchers mitt with the bat in the process of swinging at the pitch.
FC, FC'n'	Fielder's Choice: This is where a fielder elects or attempts to Assist or Put Out a base runner instead of the batter who hit the ball. The 'n' denotes the fielding position of the player who made the Fielder's Choice. Alternatively, one of multiple base runners attempting to steal an extra base is Caught Stealing. The base runner that is safe is given a Fielders Choice instead of a Stolen Base.
FC, FI	Fielder's Indifference: Where the fielding team do not contest the Stolen Base. No attempt is made to stop (Caught Stealing) the runner from attaining the extra base.
F, X	Foul Ball: A foul ball is a hit by a batter that lands outside the field of play.
F'n'	Fly Ball: When a fielding player makes an out by catching a hit ball. The 'n' denotes the fielding position of the player who made to catch. Eg. A fly ball caught in centre field is scored as F8.
HBB	Hit by Batted Ball: This is when a base runner is hit by a ball, directly hit by the batter. When this occurs the runner is out and the ball is called dead. The batter is awarded 1 st base and scored as a Hit with the number of the nearest fielder used. Any runner that is not forced around by the batter must return to their base of origin.
IF'n'	Infield Fly: Called by the umpire when the ball is popped up in the infield with first and second bases occupied. The 'n' denotes the fielding position of the player who effects the catch or the player who is nearest to the position of the infield fly.
KPB	Dropped Third Strike - Pass Ball: This results when the pitcher throws what is deemed to be strike three by the umpire or the batter swings at the pitch, the catcher loses control of the ball (dropped third strike) and the runner makes safe at first.
KWP	Dropped Third Strike - Wild Pitch: This results when the pitcher throws what is deemed to be a wild pitch by the scorers and at which the batter swings at without contact for strike three but is able to make safe at first due to the wild pitch.
ROL	Running Off Line: This is scored when a base runner is called out by the umpire, for not running between the marked lines to first base or running outside the allowable area between bases.
Scored in Red	Unearned Runs: Unearned runs are any runners scoring who obtain base by a fielding Error. In addition, if the errors and outs total three then it is deemed that the innings should have ended on the third out, or error that would have been the third out. Therefore any Runs scored on or after the third out should have been completed, are scored as unearned runs.
WT'n'	Wild Throw: Occurs when a fielder makes a poor throw to the intended base and the runner is called safe due to the errant throw. The 'n' denotes the fielding position of the player who made the wild throw.