

**WATSONIA  
BASEBALL CLUB**



**2025**

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## **OFFICE BEARERS**

President	Chelsea Power	
Vice President	Bryce Williams	
Secretary	Dean Byrne	
Treasurer	Kim Wiley	
Club Coach	Jarryd Rogers	
General Committee	Toby Hope	Simon Knights
	John Alexander	

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

<b>1981</b> Peter Laydon	<b>1983</b> Ian Murray	<b>1984</b> Rod Medland
<b>1985</b> Fay Gilbert	<b>1986</b> Nick Wheeler	<b>1987</b> Chris Wheeler
<b>1989</b> Brett Gilbert	<b>1990</b> Dennis Gilbert	<b>1993</b> Chris Rule
<b>1997</b> Murray Noble	<b>1999</b> Craig Gough	<b>1999</b> Darren Snelson
<b>2000</b> Troy O'Connor	<b>2000</b> Stuart Medland	<b>2002</b> Garry Callinan
<b>2003</b> Robbie Grant	<b>2004</b> Neil Medland	<b>2004</b> Helen Callinan
<b>2005</b> Sean Humphrey	<b>2007</b> Chelsea O'Connor	<b>2008</b> Helen Wheeler
<b>2008</b> Rod Stanfield	<b>2009</b> Brett Caulfield	<b>2009</b> Clayton Skinner
<b>2011</b> Jason Rogers	<b>2012</b> James Hope	<b>2012</b> Jenny Miles
<b>2014</b> Chris Boardman	<b>2015</b> Ian Brown	<b>2016</b> Wendy Stanfield
<b>2016</b> Lisa Ruggiero	<b>2017</b> Tim Frost	<b>2021</b> Ry Stanes
<b>2022</b> Chris Lane	<b>2023</b> Gemma Stanfield	<b>2023</b> Billy Papworth
<b>2024</b> Telen Stanfield	<b>2025</b> Andrew Williams	<b>2025</b> Jarryd Rogers

## **MILESTONE GAMES PLAYED**

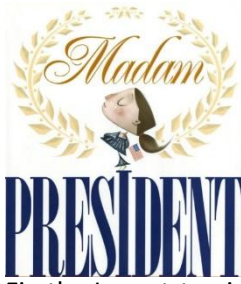
<b>300 GAMES</b>	<b>400 GAMES</b>	<b>500 GAMES</b>
Darren Snelson <b>2003</b>	Darren Snelson <b>2009</b>	Darren Snelson <b>2018</b>
Neil Medland <b>2006</b>	Garry Callinan <b>2014</b>	Murray Noble <b>2021</b>
Murray Noble <b>2006</b>	Neil Medland <b>2014</b>	Garry Callinan <b>2023</b>
Garry Callinan <b>2007</b>	Murray Noble <b>2014</b>	
Robbie Grant <b>2007</b>	Sean Humphrey <b>2016</b>	
Troy O'Connor <b>2008</b>	Troy O'Connor <b>2019</b>	
Sean Humphrey <b>2010</b>	Tim Frost <b>2019</b>	
Clayton Skinner <b>2011</b>	Ry Stanes <b>2023</b>	
Ian Brown <b>2012</b>	James Hope <b>2024</b>	
Tim Frost <b>2013</b>	Andrew Williams <b>2025</b>	
Ry Stanes <b>2015</b>		
James Hope <b>2016</b>		
Andrew Williams <b>2017</b>		
Telen Stanfield <b>2023</b>		
Gareth Formisano <b>2025</b>		
Michael Formisano <b>2025</b>		
Glynn Morris <b>2025</b>		

## **MILESTONE GAMES SCORED**

<b>200 GAMES</b>	<b>300 GAMES</b>	<b>400 GAMES</b>	<b>500 GAMES</b>
Helen Callinan	Fay Gilbert	Chelsea Power	Wendy Stanfield
Gemma Stanfield	Sue Grant		Lisa Ruggiero

## **TROPHY WINNERS**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>MVP</b>	<b>BATTING AWARD</b>	<b>SPIRIT OF WATSONIA</b>	<b>TEAM SCORER</b>
<b>A GRADE</b>	LUKE ABELS	JAYCOB PASCUZZI		CHELSEA POWER
<b>A RESERVE</b>	NOAH BRENNAN	NOAH BRENNAN	ZACH KALLIS	LISA RUGGIERO
<b>A3</b>	RY STANES	WILL KRONK	RILEY COX	MARK COOPER
<b>A4</b>	AIDAN HARRISON	ETHAN McMAHON	ZAC SIDDAL	LILY BYRNE
<b>D GRADE</b>	TELEN STANFIELD JUSTIN BILLING	TELEN STANFIELD	DAVID HALLEYBURTON	
<b>D RESERVE</b>	TYKE HEALY	KIM WILEY (OBP)	PAT RUTTER	MAX KNIGHTS
<b>CLUB COACH'S TROPHY – SPIRIT OF WATSONIA</b>			AIDAN HARRISON	
<b>RICHARD WILLIAMS AWARD</b>			DEAN BYRNE	
<b>DENNIS GILBERT CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD</b>			COHEN POWER & LILY BYRNE	
<b>CHRIS LANE AWARD</b>			ETHAN McMAHON	
<b>DARREN SNELSON MEDAL</b>			LUKE ABELS	
<b>WIFF AWARD (Most strike outs)</b>			JYE DENNIS	
<b>RIBBI AWARD (Most runs batted in)</b>			AIDAN HARRISON	
<b>THIEF AWARD (Most stolen bases)</b>			DAN MARINUCCI	
<b>TARGET AWARD (Most hit by pitch)</b>			VINNIE NESCI	



## **President's Report- Chelsea Power**

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as President of Watsonia Baseball Club in 2025. Stepping into the role, I was both excited and humbled, and I quickly learned what I already knew deep down – this club is built on the strength of its people.

Firstly, I want to sincerely thank our hardworking committee. Each of you has dedicated countless hours behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the season. Your commitment, ideas, and willingness to pitch in wherever needed as seen the club build a solid foundation for the years ahead. Like me, you have learned and grown to put your own touch in the roles you had.

To our incredible family – thank you for giving so generously of your time, energy, and knowledge to support the club and our players both on and off the field. Whether it's running junior training sessions, managing teams, scoring, umpiring, setting up the fields, cleaning, or cooking, your contributions never go unnoticed. You are truly the heartbeat of our club, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.

I'd like to make special mention of Corey and Kurt, who ensured week after week that the cans were recycled, and the bar was stocked without fail. Thanks to their efforts, recycling alone added over \$300 to our account – funds that go directly back into supporting our junior program. A huge thank you also to Jye, who was always ready to step in whenever help was needed, and to the many new junior families who joined us this year. You embraced the Watsonia culture seamlessly, and we are delighted to have you as part of our community.

A special acknowledgment must also go to Luke, who took on the Junior Coordinator role this year. Under his leadership, our junior program has doubled in size in just one season, with exciting plans already in motion for 2026. With the support of a new Junior Committee and plenty of eager hands, the future of our junior program looks very bright.

On the field, I'd like to congratulate our Under 13's on bringing home the flag. Under the guidance of Vinnie, and with strong support from Simon and Jake, the team came together for the very first time and proved unstoppable. It was inspiring to see the players learning, growing, and backing each other no matter the game situation. With this group moving into Under 15's next year, the excitement is only just beginning.

Coaching juniors is always a big commitment – especially on those cold, early Saturday mornings – but doing so without having kids in the team is something truly special. A huge thank you to Jas and Christian, who returned this year to guide our Under 17's. This group has such a close bond that half of them could have stepped down to play in Under 15's, but they chose to stay together. That dedication to each other and to the club is a perfect example of what Watsonia Baseball is all about.

To our 5ths and 6ths – congratulations on making finals this season. It's the first time in a long while that Watsonia has been represented at this grade, and it's a fantastic achievement. Your hard work, team spirit, and commitment throughout the year have paid off, and every player involved should be proud – you've done the club proud.

For our 1s and 2s, there was some disappointment this season – the 1s narrowly missed finals on percentage, and the 2s are still working towards reaching their full potential. But make no mistake – you are a talented group with the ability to achieve great things. Pleasingly, our new and returning players found their rhythm quickly, settling in as if they had always been here. On top of that, six

juniors stepped up to play their first senior season – a huge milestone for them and a great sign for the future of our club.

To our senior coaches Jarryd, Luke, Toby, Christian, Luke, Luke and Frank – thank you for your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to the development of our players. Your leadership sets the tone for the culture we are building together but have no doubts that we all have unfinished business to address in 2026.

Congratulations also to all our award winners this season. Whether your recognition was for performance, consistency, or commitment, it was thoroughly deserved. These awards not only celebrate individual success but also reflect the strength and growth of Watsonia Baseball Club as a whole. We had robust and healthy discussions around our perpetual award recipients – a sign of just how many worthy candidates we had (a great problem to have!).

The same can be said for our Life Member nominations, with a record eight considered this year. Thank you to the Life Member panel for your thoughtful recommendations. I am delighted to congratulate our newest Life Members – Andrew Williams and Jarryd Rogers. Their contribution and service to the club over many years has been immense, and this recognition is thoroughly deserved.

Looking back, I am proud of what we've achieved in 2025. It has been a year of learning and growth for me personally, and I'm excited to build on this momentum. With your feedback, energy, and support, we will continue to strengthen Watsonia Baseball Club and ensure it remains a place where players, families, and supporters feel welcome and proud to belong.

Best of luck with your summer endeavours, and I look forward to seeing you all back next year, as we have unfinished business.

Chelsea Power

President – Watsonia Baseball Club  
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## The Dennis Gilbert Award

Dennis Gilbert laid the foundation for the junior program at the Watsonia Baseball Club with wife Fay soon after the club formed in 1974. From that time on, he immersed himself in the club, taking on whatever was asked of him – that grew into a passion that became a family affair as sons Brett and Mark also began playing at Watsonia. Dennis knew that things needed to get done and was always first to raise his hand to volunteer and accept any task that was thrust upon him.

Dennis did everything from looking after uniforms to maintaining the field of play. He helped build dugouts and batting cages, scorer's boxes and bullpens. But Dennis finally found his calling when he became the Watsonia Baseball Club Bar Manager; a role he performed for many, many years ensuring the bar was stocked, and the money kept rolling into the club account so it could keep thriving. Dennis performed this role for Watsonia right up until he passed and moved on to manage Heaven's Bar in 2001. Dennis Gilbert's legacy continues to live strong at Watsonia through his daughter Sharon (Gilbert) Snelson, his very talented Grandson's Christian and Leight and Son in Law and Watsonia Baseball Club living legend, Darren Snelson.



The Dennis Gilbert Award is presented to a club member in recognition of their tireless work off the field for the Watsonia Baseball Club. This is an extremely prestigious award that in the past has been awarded to the hard-working people that often perform tasks behind the scenes that may not be immediately seen or recognised. They do this not for the recognition, but for the love of the Watsonia Baseball Club. Recipients of this award share the very same characteristics or traits that led to this award being named after Dennis Gilbert – these people are dedicated, loyal, humble and selfless.

Each year we recognise hard working individuals for their work around the club, and they join the list of past worthy winners. At Watsonia, we are blessed that there are people who are incredibly unlucky to miss out on this award every year.



### 2025 Winners Cohen Power & Lily Byrne

Never before have two junior players been awarded this prestigious award, but few could argue that Cohen and Lily went above and beyond to support the club this year. Both were representatives on the field in our Under 17 side. After this game they would travel to their next event, where Cohen was playing his first year of senior baseball in the A4 and Lily was the team scorer. But their contribution to the club didn't end there. They could also be found working in the canteen, scoring other games when scorers were away or supporting other teams in games after theirs.

On a Friday night, Cohen and Lily could be found at the club again, where they volunteered to run our first T Ball under lights program. At just 14 and 15 years of age, they were able to plan and deliver sessions that were fun and engaging, while learning the basics of our game. It was great to see players giving back to the club and sharing their knowledge with the future stars of our club. They did it all while commanding respect and having fun.

## The Richard Williams Award

It was August 2004; the last game Richard Williams was going to play that season before his forthcoming wedding on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. Mid-way through the game, Richard didn't flinch taking a pitch just above the ankle. Although he grimaced a little as he headed up to first base, he played out the game not realising that his leg was broken until sometime later....

That's a typical anecdote about a player who regularly displayed exceptional commitment and determination on the baseball field and indeed in a great many aspects of his life. Always committed to the team and often finding more joy in the personal successes of his teammates over himself, Richard had a rare appreciation for the line between fierce competitiveness and respect for the game, opponents, umpires, coaches and supporters.

Richard was one of the first players to come to Watsonia at the suggestion of Stuart Medland, in what Chris Wheeler would come to refer to as 'the Melbourne Invasion'. The 19-year-old that first came across wasted no time in fully embracing club life at Watsonia and quickly became a key advocate in furthering the invasion. These were good years for Watsonia as the second nine enjoyed back-to-back premierships in 1998 and 1999 and the firsts were perennial contenders, finally getting the job done in 2000.

In December of 2000 at the age of 23 Richard was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Despite sessions of radiotherapy, numerous surgeries and ongoing chemotherapy, Richard's resolve to deal with the challenge without complaint or despair was nothing short of inspirational. As fate would have it that pitch in the leg was the last time Richard would play for Watsonia because a little over a year later, cancer claimed his life when he was aged just 27.

The Richard Williams Award recognises members of the Watsonia Baseball Club who demonstrated courage, determination and loyalty in the pursuit of their sport. Both in baseball and in his battle with cancer, Richard demonstrated these commendable characteristics. The virtue of those qualities reinforced each year, as another worthy recipient joins the lofty company of previous winners of the Richard Williams Award.



### 2025 Winner: Dean Byrne

This year's **Rich Williams Award** recipient exemplifies selflessness, commitment, and leadership within our club. Since joining, he has consistently put the needs of the team above his own, playing across three different grades this season and willingly filling any position required—always performing with skill and reliability. On the field, his growth has been remarkable, emerging as both a key contributor and a dependable leader, often delivering in crucial moments with decisive plays or timely hits. On and off the field, his positive attitude inspires those around him, combining enthusiasm with a fierce determination to succeed. Beyond his playing role, he is a quiet contributor, taking on the countless small but essential tasks that often go unnoticed yet keep our club running smoothly. We are proud to recognise an outstanding and truly deserving winner of the **Rich Williams Award – Dean Byrne**.

## The Darren Snelson Medal

Darren Snelson first represented Watsonia Baseball Club's first nine team in 1983. Since that time, he has set the example for on field effort, attitude and excellence. These values have made Darren one of the most respected members in our history by, teammates and opposition alike.



He won the first of eight A grade Most Valuable Player titles in 1989 and the last in 2007, including in the year 2000 – Watsonia's last A grade premiership. This is a testament to his longevity and commitment to the club and team.

Darren has been a player who has expected the best out of himself and those around him. On field he is a fierce competitor who has played the game with the respect it deserves, approaching every contest with a drive to be the best.

Darren was inducted as a Life Member in 1999 and has continued to cement his place in Watsonia history, not only because of the countless playing awards and premierships, as one of the club's multi-generational players. His wife Sharon, an outstanding sports person in her own right, is daughter of Dennis Gilbert, whom the best club person award is named after. His sons, Christian and Leigh, have both represented Watsonia in juniors and seniors with the same fire and determination they have learned from their Father.

The Darren Snelson Medal is awarded to the years outstanding performer in the first nine. It is recognition of their commitment and hard work to their on-field performance and contribution to the success of the team.

### **YEAR Winner: Luke Abels**



## The Chris Lane Award

The Chris Lane Award recognises the junior player of the year, for their inspiration to others, dedication to the game, their courage, loyalty and determination. These are the qualities we admired in Chris, always.

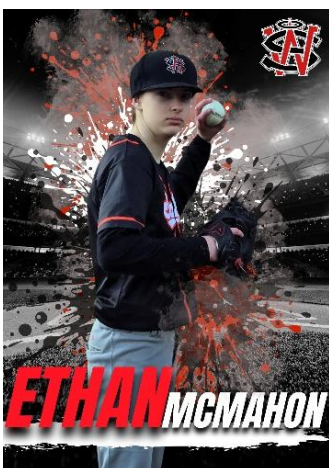
Chris Lane grew up in Oak Park, Melbourne and was educated at St Bernard's College West Essendon, where he was well liked for his humour, humility and leadership qualities. Chris was a talented baseball player and intelligent young man. Chris had developed his baseball at Essendon and Watsonia Baseball Clubs, where he won the hearts of club members and supporters. In his time at Watsonia, Chris not only played, but coached the Under 17 side. We dare say that there are not too many 16-year-olds with the ability, dedication and respect of their peers that could do this and do it so well. Chris was dedicated to the sport, including undertaking additional conditioning programs at the Victorian Institute of Sport.



After winning a student athlete scholarship to Redlands Community College, in El Reno, Chris moved to America in August 2009. He subsequently transferred to study Finance at East Central University Oklahoma in 2012 on a baseball scholarship, where he was playing in their starting lineup in 2013. During his final year of college, Chris Lane was tragically killed while out for a run in small town Duncan, southern Oklahoma. On the 16th of August 2013, Chris Lane set off for an afternoon jog when he was shot in the back by unknown, bored teenage joyriders. Chris suffered severe injuries to his heart and lungs and died on the side of the road.

In 2022 we posthumously inducted Chris as a Watsonia Baseball Club Life Member. The first Little League field has been built in his name and will be opened in 2024. We remember Chris for his inspiration to others, dedication to the game, his courage, loyalty and determination.

### 2025 Winner:



This year's **Chris Lane Award** was presented to **Ethan McMahon**. In only his second season of baseball, Ethan faced the challenge of stepping up from a strong year in juniors and striving to match that success at a higher level. Rather than shy away, he committed himself fully- turning up to training three nights a week, putting in extra bullpen sessions, and hitting until the lights went out (and even until his dad's hand grew sore).

That dedication paid off in his first season of seniors, where Ethan truly showcased his talent. He batted an impressive .500 in the 4s, patrolled the outfield with reliability and flair, and even stepped onto the mound when called upon. Ethan's relentless work ethic, versatility, and performance on the field make him a thoroughly deserving recipient of the award.

## **Club Coach's Report- Jarryd Rogers**

This season was another step forward for the club, with plenty of highlights across all grades and individual achievements worth celebrating.

Our A Grade team performed strongly for most of the season but unfortunately suffered a four-game losing streak that cost us a place in the finals. Despite that, there were plenty of positives to take away. Noah Brennan was a major standout, making a successful return from Tommy John surgery and stepping up from the 2's to become a key contributor in the second half of the season. The combination of Noah and Luke Abels on the mound gave us one of the hardest-throwing tandems in the league, consistently holding opposing teams to very few runs. Declan Speirs, in his first season back from professional baseball, was outstanding both at the plate and behind it, providing excellent defence as our catcher. As always, Jared Cruz continued to set the standard, being reliable and dangerous with both the bat and glove.

It was fantastic to see Watsonia-newcomer, Nathan Rumbelow, commit to McCook Community College following a successful showcase in the USA. Equally exciting was Jaycob Pascuzzi committing to a 4-year school at Mount Marty College in South Dakota after two excellent years at Williston State College.

Our A Reserve team showed plenty of promise throughout the year, taking down some of the top sides with well-executed games. The young group in this team continues to develop and improve, learning from both their successes and their setbacks. The team saw a large rotation of players, with a number making their first appearances at A Reserve level – a great sign for the future.

The A3's and A4's were guided under a new coaching structure this season, with a dedicated coach overseeing the development of both teams. Christian Snelson did an exceptional job mentoring the younger players, helping both inexperienced teams exceed expectations. A big thank you also to Luke Lee Tet, who assisted Christian and had a very positive impact across both squads.

In D Grade and D Reserve, Luke Asbury and Frank Wiley led their teams to successful seasons, with both sides making finals. D Grade, with its experienced core group, posted an impressive 12–4 record. D Reserve showed remarkable improvement on last year, focusing on teamwork and game-day structure. This success took the team to within one win of a grand final appearance.

One of the biggest focuses over the last two seasons has been growing our pitching depth and quality. Pitching Coach Luke Abels has done an excellent job leading this effort, running high-standard training sessions that have resulted in an overflow of pitchers ready to compete in the higher grades. Managing pitcher innings to ensure everyone is developing in the right grade has been a major challenge, but a good problem to have.

Congratulations to Jye Dennis and Lochlann O'Connor, for achieving their 100 game milestones. As well as Michael Formisano, Gareth Formisano, and Glynn Morris on their impressive 300 senior games played. And finally, to Andrew Williams on playing his 400th senior game at Watsonia.

A special congratulations to Noah Brennan and Tyke Healy on winning league MVPs in the A Reserves and D Reserves respectively.

Finally, a huge thank you to Madame President, Chelsea Power, as well as Murray Noble and the rest of the committee for their work in delivering our new playing surface before the start of the season. The difference this made was enormous as for the first time in years, wet weather didn't cost us any home games.

As always, the training culture at the club continues to improve, with more players than ever committing to two sessions a week and embracing new and challenging ways to get better. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication this season. I look forward to even stronger years ahead.

Jarryd Rogers

## A Grade Stats

NAME		BATTING															FIELDING				
		PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	LOB	PO	A	E	FPCT
Pascuzzi	Jaycob	44	35	0.400	0.500	14	12	2	0	0	6	7	5	1	0	1	14	54	4	0	1.000
Cruz	Jared	70	58	0.310	0.429	18	10	3	0	5	16	11	10	1	0	1	21	23	37	3	0.952
O'Connor	Lochlann	62	55	0.309	0.387	17	14	3	0	0	10	5	8	2	0	0	31	17	0	1	0.944
Rodwell	Cody	26	23	0.304	0.385	7	3	3	0	1	8	2	8	1	0	2	13	6	0	1	0.857
Speirs	Declan	54	44	0.295	0.426	13	6	3	1	3	8	9	8	1	0	2	14	108	7	1	0.991
Rogers	Jarryd	59	51	0.294	0.373	15	11	3	0	1	13	5	3	2	0	4	31	33	4	2	0.949
Foreman	Harry	25	21	0.286	0.375	6	6	0	0	0	1	2	9	1	1	3	6	11	0	1	0.917
Sayers	Aaron	50	45	0.267	0.340	12	8	4	0	0	8	4	10	1	0	1	29	63	13	3	0.962
Formisano	Michael	55	42	0.262	0.389	11	8	1	0	2	10	6	17	4	1	1	17	8	3	0	1.000
Rumbelow	Nathan	19	15	0.200	0.368	3	3	0	0	0	1	3	4	1	0	1	10	10	17	3	0.900
Papadatos	Dennis	21	20	0.150	0.190	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	7	1	0	0	20	1	10	6	0.647
Hope	Toby	26	22	0.091	0.231	2	1	0	0	1	2	4	4	0	0	0	16	3	9	5	0.706
Brennan	Noah	17	13	0.077	0.294	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	2	0	0	6	8	3	0	1.000
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Formisano	Gareth	0	0	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	0.889
Abels	Luke	0	0	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	0.700
Land	Andy	4	3	0.333	0.500	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0.667
Noble	Jack	9	9	0.111	0.111	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	11	1	0	1.000
O'Connor	Troy	3	1	0.000	0.667	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rogers	Nathan	3	3	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

## A Grade votes

Round	Opponent	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
1	Waverley	Gareth Formisano	Jarryd Rogers	Jaycob Pascuzzi
2	Ringwood	Gareth Formisano	Lochlann O'Connor	Luke Abels
3	GMBC	Jared Cruz	Lochlann O'Connor	Michael Formisano
4	Greensborough	Declan Speirs	Lochlann O'Connor	Aaron Sayers
5	North Balwyn	Luke Abels	Declan Speirs	Lochlann O'Connor
6	Heathmont	Michael Formisano	Gareth Formisano	Declan Speirs
7	Doncaster	Cody Rodwell	Declan Speirs	Michael Formisano
8	Melbourne Uni	Michael Formisano	Luke Abels	Lochlann O'Connor
9	Forest Hill	Gareth Formisano	Jared Cruz	Lochlann O'Connor
10	Waverley	Jared Cruz	Michael Formisano	Jaycob Pascuzzi
11	Ringwood	Luke Abels	Declan Speirs	Jared Cruz
12	GMBC	Jarryd Rogers	Luke Abels	Declan Speirs
13	Greensborough	Declan Speirs	Luke Abels	Jarryd Rogers
14	North Balwyn	Noah Brennan	Luke Abels	Lochlann O'Connor
15	Heathmont	Luke Abels	Lochlann O'Connor	Aaron Sayers
16	Doncaster	Noah Brennan	Lochlann O'Connor	Luke Abels
17	Melbourne Uni	Jared Cruz	Noah Brennan	Michael Formisano
18	Forest Hill	Aaron Sayers	Luke Abels	Declan Speirs

## **A Reserve Coach's Report- Toby Hope**

2025 was certainly a learning year for all of us in A Reserve. After finishing 2024 on a high, winning four or five of our last six (most against top four teams), I think we all had our sights set on finals and being a genuine contender. With the additions of talented players like Noah Brennan, Chris Goodrope, Zach Kallis, Peter Baade, Nathan Rumbelow and Dennis Papadatos, I'll admit I'd already started drafting the A Res GF trophy acceptance speech.

We started the season in true Watsonia fashion – playing a brand of baseball that could make MLB scouts shiver with fear, then drop their jaws in disbelief. A true mix of the best and worst baseball you could imagine. In Round 2, we knocked over the reigning premiers for the third time in four meetings (they went on to win it again), only to back it up the next week with some pretty ordinary baseball. That 'win one week, lose the next' pattern carried through until mid-July, when the wheels came off a little – only for us to finish the year with a statement game, belting Forest Hill by 22 runs. That glimpse of what we're capable of has me excited for 2026.

While our final position on the ladder might disappoint those who were dreaming of hoisting the shield and sipping ice-cold VBs, there were plenty of moments to cherish as a coach, player and baseball lover. The growth of Peter Baade and Zach Kallis stood out. Pete's presence on the field is already something to behold, and his enthusiasm for the game brought plenty of light during some tough weeks. Zach, who I hadn't seen play since he was 10, rediscovered his rhythm and soaked up every bit of advice within earshot – an absolute sponge. Our experienced heads, Jye, Dennis and Chris, were just as vital. All three brought intensity, determination and leadership that kept the group steady when things got chaotic. That type of commitment is something every Watsonia player, past and present, would be proud of.

And of course, it would be naive not to highlight the incredible season of our moustachioed, long-ball-hitting, country-driving ace, and league MVP, Noah Brennan. He led with both bat and ball until Jarryd finally came to his senses and promoted him to A Grade. I can't wait to see him continue to grow – and hopefully one day, when he's sorted out his Geelong social circle and finds a reliable designated driver, share a post-game beer with him for once!

A big thank you to Jarryd and Luke Abels for their support throughout the year. The conversations around selection and in-game strategy made the coaching side of things that much more enjoyable.

And I'd be tied up at the ankles and dragged through the streets if I didn't give a massive thank you to Chelsea Power and my mum, Lisa Ruggy-ear-oh. Having two of the best scorers in the country keeping me in line with lineup sheets and on-the-fly multi-positional changes every week is a gift I don't take for granted.

Finally, thank you to the club and all our amazing supporters. From the T-batters to the Firsts, we're so lucky to have such passionate and hard-working people under one roof. I'm beyond excited for what next season will bring. Until then, I'll be dreaming of hoisting that premiership shield with an ice-cold VB every night.

Up the old Red Rooster!

Toby Hope

## A Reserve Stats

NAME		BATTING															FIELDING				
		PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	LOB	PO	A	E	FPCT
Brennan	Noah	47	29	0.586	0.702	17	10	2	0	5	20	8	3	8	0	1	10	22	7	1	0.967
Abels	Luke	32	29	0.379	0.438	11	6	4	0	1	9	0	8	3	0	1	23	25	1	2	0.929
Noble	Jack	38	28	0.286	0.459	8	6	0	1	1	7	8	8	1	1	2	18	68	8	4	0.950
Papadatos	Dennis	34	28	0.286	0.412	8	7	1	0	0	6	2	6	4	0	1	12	23	9	4	0.889
Goodrope	Chris	38	32	0.281	0.395	9	7	2	0	0	3	6	15	0	0	0	18	4	4	1	0.889
Foreman	Harry	31	27	0.259	0.355	7	3	3	1	0	5	3	5	1	0	3	17	11	5	0	1.000
Morris	Glynn	40	31	0.258	0.400	8	7	1	0	0	5	8	9	0	0	1	12	6	2	1	0.889
Baker	Jordan	39	32	0.250	0.385	8	4	3	1	0	3	6	12	1	0	3	23	11	4	4	0.789
Kallis	Zach	34	25	0.240	0.441	6	5	1	0	0	3	8	8	1	0	3	18	7	15	8	0.733
Baade	Peter	34	28	0.214	0.353	6	5	1	0	0	3	5	6	1	0	0	23	14	6	5	0.800
Dennis	Jye	52	42	0.167	0.327	7	7	0	0	0	7	6	19	4	0	0	37	15	17	9	0.780
Bentley	Jasmine	29	18	0.056	0.308	1	0	1	0	2	6	11	1	2	0	0	18	1	1	1	0.667
NOT ELIGIBLE																					
Rumbelow	Nathan	8	7	0.571	0.625	4	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	2	0.600
Hope	Toby	13	8	0.500	0.692	4	2	2	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	3	8	1	0	1.000
Paris	Jake	20	18	0.389	0.400	7	6	1	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	15	53	1	2	0.964
Katon	Shintaro	12	10	0.300	0.417	3	3	0	0	0	4	2	3	0	0	0	4	8	1	0	1.000
Dodds	Bailey	5	2	0.000	0.600	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	0.500
Rogers	Nathan	6	4	0.000	0.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1.000
Speirs	Declan	3	2	0.000	0.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	1.000

## A Reserve Votes

Round	Opponent	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
1	Waverley	Nathan Rumbelow	Noah Brennan	Jordy Baker
2	Ringwood	Jake Paris	Shintaro Katon	Luke Abels
3	GMBC	Noah Brennan	Chris Goodrope	Luke Abels
4	Greensborough	Peter Baade	Jordy Baker	Noah Brennan
5	North Balwyn	Noah Brennan	Luke Abel	Jake Paris
6	Heathmont	Noah Brennan	Jake Paris	Jordy Baker
7	Doncaster	Noah Brennan	Nathan Rumbelow	Jack Noble
8	Melbourne Uni	Noah Brennan	Jack Noble	Chris Goodrope
9	Forest Hill	Chris Goodrope	Nathan Rumbelow	Glynn Morris
10	Waverley	Noah Brennan	Chris Goodrope	Luke Abels
11	Ringwood	Noah Brennan	Chris Goodrope	Glynn Morris
12	GMBC	Noah Brennan	Zach Kallis	Dennis Papadatos
13	Greensborough	Noah Brennan	Chris Goodrope	Glynn Morris
14	North Balwyn	Glynn Morris	Jack Noble	Zach Kallis
15	Heathmont	Glynn Morris	Peter Baade	Chris Goodrope
16	Doncaster	Chris Goodrope	Jordy Baker	Zach Kallis
17	Melbourne Uni	Chris Goodrope	Jordy Baker	Peter Baade
18	Forest Hill	Harry Foreman	Jack Noble	Chris Goodrope

## **A3 Coach's Report- Christian Snelson**

This season was a fantastic step forward for our A3 side, with clear improvement on last year posting more wins on the board in comparison to 2024. With greater stability in the team each week, I am sure we would have featured in the post season. The team was a great balance of seasoned players who provided stability and leadership, alongside new players who brought fresh energy and enthusiasm. That combination really shaped the culture of the side and gave us plenty to build on for next year.

At the beginning of the season, I asked the playing group to make a commitment to playing 'smarter' baseball, where we focussed on situational hitting and supported each other, regardless of skill or performance. I'm proud to say that more often than not we were able to achieve these goals, providing a solid foundation for future years, and be an example for others to follow. Andrew Williams, as always, provided a calming influence and it was pleasing to see Bailey Dodds' confidence and leadership skills grow across the year.

A big thank you goes to Luke Lee Tet, whose support on game day was always appreciated and made things run smoothly behind the scenes. I'm not sure which of us was the steadying influence on the other, but I thoroughly enjoyed our baseball discussions, and most of all our judging of others.

On the field, we had some outstanding individual performances. Ry Stanes was awarded the 2025 MVP for his dominant efforts both on the mound and at the plate, a true reflection of his all-round contribution to the team's success, year on year. Will Kronk took out the batting trophy, finishing with an impressive average of 0.419, a reward for his consistency and ability to deliver in key moments. Riley Cox was a deserving recipient of the Spirit of Watsonia Award for his versatility and unwavering loyalty – a true team-first player who could be relied upon in any role.

A quiet but crucial part of our success was Mark 'Coops' Cooper, who took on scoring duties this season. It's often a thankless job, but his commitment gave us the organisation we needed and kept everything on track. Special shout out to fill ins Brendan Cox, Jacinta McMahon and Gemma Stanfield.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the many players who willingly re-entered each week when asked, including Aidan Harrison, Riley Cox, Ethan McMahon and Patrick Lee Tet. That selflessness and team spirit is a reflection on your commitment to the Watsonia Baseball Club and showed the strong culture within the group. The culture could be seen and heard each week through super coach Vinnie Nesci – who never let the team moral laps.

Overall, it was a season to be proud of. We've built a solid foundation, seen real growth, and I'm excited to see this group continue to develop and push for even more success next year.

Christian Snelson

## A3 Stats

NAME		BATTING															FIELDING				
		PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	LOB	PO	A	E	FPCT
Kronk	Will	41	31	0.419	0.561	13	13	0	0	0	3	7	3	3	0	10	18	5	18	6	0.793
Stanes	Ry	40	33	0.364	0.475	12	12	0	0	0	5	6	4	1	0	0	20	5	8	2	0.867
Harrison	Aidan	37	32	0.312	0.405	10	8	2	0	0	5	5	15	0	0	2	27	10	2	1	0.923
Williams	Andrew	37	31	0.290	0.405	9	7	2	0	0	11	6	3	0	0	1	22	29	0	2	0.935
Cox	Riley	46	39	0.282	0.370	11	11	0	0	0	9	5	4	1	0	3	23	37	11	4	0.923
Dickins	Kurt	25	21	0.238	0.360	5	3	2	0	0	3	3	3	1	0	2	15	8	9	4	0.810
McMahon	Ethan	22	19	0.211	0.318	4	3	1	0	0	3	2	3	1	0	1	18	10	1	0	1.000
Ainslie	Ethan	28	23	0.174	0.286	4	3	1	0	0	2	4	9	0	0	6	19	19	8	4	0.871
Dodds	Bailey	47	30	0.167	0.468	5	3	2	0	0	2	15	14	2	0	4	17	60	13	2	0.973
NOT ELIGIBLE																					
Bentley	Jasmine	17	12	0.250	0.471	3	3	0	0	0	1	5	6	0	0	3	12	1	2	0	1.000
Lee Tet	Patrick	15	13	0.154	0.267	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	9	0	0	0	12	5	9	4	0.778
Snelson	Christian	14	6	0.167	0.615	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	6	1	0	6	4	5	0	1.000
Baker	Jordan	15	12	0.333	0.357	4	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	3	14	4	0	1.000
Millin	Anthony	12	7	0.286	0.583	2	2	0	0	0	1	3	4	2	0	0	7	16	2	0	1.000
Williams	Dale	14	8	0.125	0.500	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	0	3	4	2	1	2	0.600
Baade	Peter	9	7	0.571	0.667	4	1	3	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	2	6	4	2	1	0.857
Kallis	Zach	7	7	0.286	0.286	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	4	2	2	0	1.000
Nesci	Vincenzo	4	1	0.000	0.750	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	6	0	0	1.000
Dennis	Jye	3	3	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	1.000
Frost	Tim	3	3	0.333	0.333	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	-
Goodrope	Chris	3	3	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-
Marinucci	Daniel	4	2	0.000	0.500	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	5	2	3	0	1.000
Morris	Glynn	3	3	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-
Paris	Jake	2	2	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.000
Power	Cohen	1	1	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-
Snelson	Leigh	3	1	0.000	0.667	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	-

## A3 Votes

Round	Opponent	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
1	Ringwood	Jordan Baker	Andrew Williams	Andy Millin
2	GMBC	Peter Baade	Jasmine Bentley	Dale Williams
3	Essendon	Ry Stanes	Andrew Williams	Tim Frost
4	North Balwyn	Zach Kallis	Chris Goodrope	Leigh Snelson
5	Heathmont	Ry Stanes	Aidan Harrison	Andrew Williams
6	BYE			
7	Melbourne Uni	Ry Stanes	Kurt Dickins	Will Kronk
8	Forest Hill	Jordan Baker	Riley Cox	Ethan Ainslie
9	Waverley	Jordan Baker	Ry Stanes	Riley Cox
10	Ringwood	Christian Snelson	Will Kronk	Ethan McMahon
11	GMBC	Will Kronk	Ry Stanes	Andrew Williams
12	Essendon	Ry Stanes	Will Kronk	Peter Baade
13	North Balwyn	Peter Baade	Aidan Harrison	Will Kronk
14	Heathmont	Ry Stanes	Coach	Scorer
15	BYE			
16	Melbourne Uni	Jasmine Bentley	Andrew Williams	Riley Cox
17	Forest Hill	Riley Cox	Kurt Dickins	Ethan McMahon

## **A4 Coach's Report- Luke Lee Tet**

This year the A4 team saw 4 junior players further their baseball career by representing the great Watsonia Saints Baseball club as seniors. Ethan McMahon, Cohen Power, Emmet Blackwell and Patrick Lee Tet all contributed to the team and did not look out of place. They wore the Saints uniform with pride, respect and played with an attitude that will surely put the club in a great position for future success. I want to sincerely acknowledge these fine young people for their development this year and the contribution you all gave.

As everyone is aware, pitching is always an issue within a baseball club as the number of arms are always limited. I really want to share my gratitude to our pitching staff for keeping us within finals reach all season and respecting the juggling act that coaches are required to do to ensure we keep you all healthy and can spread the love to other teams within our club. Keely Harrison, Daniel Marrinucci and Riley Cox were outstanding this season and are respected members of what ended up being the A4 leadership group. Caught by Aiden Harrison, this group of players lead our team in all aspects of the game in defence and offense. Thank you for your contribution this season. The A4 team had ups and downs throughout the year. We won games in the last innings and lost games we probably should have won. With that, the team needed a special person who could deliver consistent energy. Vincenzo Nesci was that one special person. He brought a childlike energy to the team that allowed the team to enjoy their baseball each week no matter what the outcome. I know that this energy stepped on the toes of our opposition sometimes, but it is an energy that can ignite a team to play for one another, something I encourage others to explore their versions of. In his own way, Vincenzo led the team towards cohesion and gave others permission to play with passion.

As we went through the season, each player found their feet in this team. This was evident in their performances each week. Mr Grumpy Snealson (Christian) offered a lot of value to this team, playing when he medically shouldn't have, stepping into pitches to give us a base runner and offering insights into how each player could develop individually and approach each game in unity. It was a great experience coaching alongside Christian this year. Thank you mate. Further thank you to Lily Byrne for scoring for us each week. Your ability to get it done was one less thing I had to think about on game day and made it easy for me to reflect on performances post-match through Game Changer.

Finally, I would like to offer my gratitude to all the members who represented the A4 and A3 this year for allowing me to be a part of their teams. You all took on board the information I shared and implemented it with intention. I really appreciate you all for welcoming me and my family back to the club. This is an amazing club to be connected to as it offers a place to belong to something much greater than baseball. It is a second home for so many members who love and respect Watsonia's rich and successful history. I know that the A4 group are shattered that they did not make the final series, however, my message to you is we are not far away from a championship. As you each develop throughout the summer, next year could be that year that you walk away with a flag and create your own history. I like to leave you with this – If it's going to be, it's up to me. Focus on the actions you take, rather than the results and the results will come.

Luke Lee Tet

## A4 Stats

NAME	BATTING																	FIELDING				
	GP	PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	LOB	PO	A	E	FPCT	
McMahon	Ethan	13	44	36	0.500	0.591	18	17	1	0	0	8	8	2	0	0	12	12	14	0	0	1.000
Harrison	Aidan	16	56	48	0.417	0.491	20	12	4	2	2	27	7	14	0	1	12	27	71	10	3	0.964
Siddal	Zac	13	37	34	0.382	0.432	13	12	1	0	0	11	2	5	1	0	4	20	5	2	3	0.700
Cox	Riley	14	50	42	0.381	0.480	16	7	8	0	1	17	8	3	0	0	11	23	15	14	2	0.935
Marinucci	Daniel	15	57	38	0.316	0.544	12	10	2	0	0	4	14	6	5	0	26	29	22	28	4	0.926
Nesci	Vincenzo	11	39	19	0.316	0.667	6	5	1	0	0	6	11	6	9	0	4	11	46	4	3	0.943
Lee Tet	Patrick	15	46	40	0.275	0.370	11	9	1	1	0	8	6	8	0	0	5	38	14	13	5	0.844
Harrison	Keeley	10	29	27	0.185	0.241	5	4	1	0	0	4	2	9	0	0	2	38	3	4	1	0.875
Power	Cohen	14	41	27	0.148	0.439	4	4	0	0	0	7	13	12	1	0	3	22	4	4	3	0.727
NOT ELIGIBLE																						
Dickins	Kurt	6	19	13	0.538	0.684	7	5	2	0	0	7	4	0	2	0	6	7	7	2	1	0.900
Snelson	Christian	6	10	6	0.333	0.600	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	4	5	2	3	1	0.833
Byrne	Dean	5	17	13	0.385	0.529	5	4	1	0	0	4	2	1	2	0	1	10	6	1	1	0.875
Blackwell	Emmett	5	13	10	0.100	0.308	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	6	0	0	2	12	1	0	1	0.500
Collins	Erin	5	17	10	0.200	0.529	2	2	0	0	0	2	4	2	3	0	0	10	2	0	3	0.400
Lee Tet	Luke	4	10	9	0.333	0.400	3	2	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	4	11	0	1	0.917
Dodds	Bailey	3	11	8	0.250	0.455	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	7	6	2	0	1	0.667
Bentley	Jasmine	2	3	2	0.000	0.333	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	-
Hope	Jonah	1	1	1	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1.000
Kallis	Zach	1	3	3	0.667	0.667	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	0	1.000

## A4 Votes

Round	Opponent	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
1	Ringwood	Kurt Dickins	Dan Marinucci	Ethan McMahon
2	GMBC	Riley Cox	Dan Marinucci	Patrick Lee Tet
3	Essendon	Riley Cox	Ethan McMahon	Aidan Harrison
4	North Balwyn	Keeley Harrison	Erin Collins	Aidan Harrison
5	Heathmont	Keeley Harrison	Aidan Harrison	Kurt Dickins
6	Doncaster	Riley Cox	Aidan Harrison	Kurt Dickins
7	Melbourne Uni	Jasmine Bentley	Vinnie Nesci	Patrick Lee Tet
8	Forest Hill	Zac Siddal	Patrick Lee Tet	Dean Byrne
9	Waverley	Aidan Harrison	Dan Marinucci	Luke Lee Tet
10	Ringwood	Keeley Harrison	Vinnie Nesci	Ethan McMahon
11	GMBC	Washout	Washout	Washout
12	Essendon	Dean Byrne	Zac Siddal	Christian Snelson
13	North Balwyn	Riley Cox	Aidan Harrison	Cohen Power
14	Heathmont	Dan Marinucci	Aidan Harrison	Ethan McMahon
15	Doncaster	Dan Marinucci	Zac Siddal	Keeley Harrison
16	Melbourne Uni	Riley Cox	Aidan Harrison	Dean Byrne
17	Forest Hill	Kurt Dickins	Aidan Harrison	Ethan McMahon

## **D Coach's Report- Luke Asbury**

The 2025 season was an outstanding one for our D Grade team, marked by strong development, great spirit, and a memorable run to the semi-finals. Across the year, every player showed clear improvement, whether in confidence at the plate, sharper fielding, or smarter game awareness. It was particularly pleasing to see newer players building their skills week by week while our more experienced members stepped up as mentors, creating a team culture that valued both growth and enjoyment.

Our positive playing style was a highlight, with the group always looking to play the game the right way—supportive of one another, eager to compete, and ready to adapt to whatever challenge came our way. This style not only made us tough opponents but also ensured that every game was fun to be part of.

Reaching the semi-finals was a terrific achievement and a reflection of the team's hard work and commitment. While we fell short of a grand final berth, the season showed we can compete at the highest level, and we take plenty of pride in that result.

On a personal note, I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this side. The mateship and camaraderie within the group made every training session and game day something to look forward to. Watching players develop and perform with such passion and enjoyment was very rewarding, and I'm proud of the way we represented Watsonia Baseball Club throughout the season.

Congratulations to all involved on a successful and enjoyable year—bring on next season!

Luke Asbury

## D Stats

NAME		BATTING																FIELDING				
		PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	LOB	PO	A	E	FPCT
Stanfield	Telen	38	34	0.618	0.632	21	14	5	2	0	20	19	2	4	1	0	16	17	10	13	5	0.821
Byrne	Dean	45	34	0.559	0.667	19	16	3	0	0	11	25	10	1	1	0	21	17	11	2	2	0.867
Halleyburton	David	45	32	0.531	0.667	17	15	2	0	0	9	23	10	7	3	0	20	14	13	0	3	0.812
Billings	Justin	41	37	0.459	0.512	17	13	3	1	0	17	19	3	3	1	0	24	13	19	14	2	0.943
Hodgson	Tim	54	51	0.451	0.481	23	13	8	0	2	22	16	3	13	0	0	8	24	2	0	0	1.000
Aquilina	Jayden	36	31	0.419	0.500	13	12	1	0	0	9	13	1	14	4	0	21	19	10	1	0	1.000
Collins	Erin	31	27	0.407	0.484	11	10	1	0	0	8	8	3	2	1	0	3	14	13	10	5	0.821
Harrison	Corey	57	52	0.308	0.368	16	15	1	0	0	19	13	3	8	2	0	3	34	56	3	1	0.983
Williams	Bryce	42	25	0.240	0.548	6	3	2	1	0	5	11	14	14	3	0	8	13	62	9	3	0.959
Keely	Stephanie	27	22	0.045	0.222	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	5	13	0	0	0	24	4	3	2	0.778
NOT ELIGIBLE																						
Ainsley	Ethan	7	5	0.800	0.857	4	2	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	2	0	4	0	5	4	2	0.818
Bennett	Andrew	3	3	0.667	0.667	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1.000
Kallis	Zach	3	3	0.667	0.667	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1.000
Williams	Dale	7	5	0.600	0.714	3	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	8	1	3	0.750
Miles	Justin	11	8	0.500	0.636	4	3	1	0	0	1	5	2	2	1	0	2	5	15	2	0	1.000
Siddle	Zac	5	4	0.500	0.600	2	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	1.000
Dickins	Kurt	5	2	0.500	0.800	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1.000
Asbury	Luke	22	12	0.417	0.636	5	5	0	0	0	7	9	7	0	2	0	10	8	4	2	1	0.857
Nesci	Vincenzo	8	5	0.400	0.625	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	6	2	2	1	0	1.000
Madiona	Damian	27	16	0.312	0.556	5	3	1	1	0	8	9	4	6	6	0	7	9	12	11	2	0.920
Rodgers	Ben	20	14	0.286	0.500	4	3	0	1	0	4	6	4	1	2	0	8	6	1	2	1	0.750
Harrison	Keeley	12	11	0.182	0.250	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	1	2	0	0	6	14	3	4	0	1.000
Hope	Jonah	4	1	0.000	0.750	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	-

## D Votes

Round	Opponent	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
1	Greensborough	David Hallyburton	Tim Hodgson	Andrew Bennett
2	Monash Uni	Telen Stanfield	Tim Hodgson	Steph Keely
3	Sunshine blue	Corey Harrison	Vinnie Nesco	Telen Stanfield
4	Heathmont	Tim Hodgson	Kurt Dickins	Telen Stanfield
5	Melb Uni	Corey Harrison	Telen Stanfield	David Hallyburton
6	Diamond Creek	Justin Billings	Jayden Aquilina	Steph Keely
7	Alfredton	Bryce Williams	Keeley Harrison	Zac Siddle
8	Sunshine blue	Justin Billings	No Votes	No Votes
9	LaTrobe Uni	Dean Byrne	David Hallyburton	Jayden Aquilina
10	North Coburg	Justin Billings	Erin Collins	Dean Byrne
11	Diamond Creek	Keeley Harrison	Erin Collins	Jayden Aquilina
12	Sunshine white	Justin Billings	Ethan Ainsley	Corey Harrison
13	Greensborough	Telen Stanfield	Justin Billings	Erin Collins
14	Alfredton	No Vote	No Votes	No Votes
15	North Coburg	Dean Byrne	Tim Hodgson	David Hallyburton
16	LaTrobe Uni	David Hallyburton	Telen Stanfield	Damian Madiona
17	Monash Uni	Dean Byrne	Telen Stanfield	Tim Hodgson

## **D Res Coach's Report- Frank Wiley**

As I am writing this report, D res has triumphed in the semifinal against Greensborough. Although we didn't get a terrific start to the year, 1-3 became 12-5. The team just found their brand of baseball. To the ones and twos, it may have looked a bit ugly, but it has given us a great chance of a flag. We certainly hope to emulate the U13's this year. What a terrific win for them!

Early in the year we set some disciplines in place, each team member being judged on the OBP and not the BA. Just get on base! Just push them around! Steal a few and watch the score grow. Getting back to basics in the field has made a huge difference. Errors reduced significantly. The flow on effect was the pitcher could throw with the confidence that the other 8 on the field would back him up. He could throw to his hearts content knowing a hit was a good one, otherwise, the guys would have hoovered it up. Negativity was a no-no. Positive vibes baby. We backed each other all year and we have had a very, very successful year. Let's hope the postscript to this is the one we want. A huge part of our success was, in fact, Tyke Healy. As the season progressed, so did his confidence. One of the rounds, he had been in bed for 3 days with the flu. He came to the game and pitched like there was nothing wrong. Just as we got significant lead, I told him he was done, him he smiled and sat on the bench with a smile, he had done his job. His consistency, work ethic, and determination not only led the team to finals, but also saw him achieve the MWBL D Reserve MVP for 2025. What a fantastic effort. Well done, Tyke!

After coming off a bad season last year, Pat Rutter dominated on first base. He was a regular at training and was keen to get any tips on how to improve. Once he got to play first base, he earned the position and got even better as the year went on. Then there is Jack Rabbit (AKA Jayden Aqualina). He amassed 38 stolen bases, double the team average. Not bad for his second year playing baseball. I would dearly love to see him in our side next year; however, D res is not his future. I expect he will play in a higher-grade next year. His greatest fan and our team mascot and lucky charm, Gina will follow. Gina (Jayden's mum) never missed a game. Behind the plate was Peter Knell. Mr methodical. His leadership on, and off field was another huge contribution to the team. Everyone looked up to Pete. As for the rest of the team, legends. A team of legends. And I can't go without mentioning another incredibly valuable member of the team- Max Knights for turning up each week to score for us. Thanks, legend!

There are many facets that make a team. Doing the simple things make a team even greater. We started with 'take the first strike'. After seeing our side go 3 out for five pitches, we had to do something to wear our and frustrate the opposition pitching. It worked. We were really getting up their noses. Patience in the batter's box was key. The number of base on balls rose, and we could knock them around. It was evident that the OBP was the judge of achieving our goals. The team batting average for was .451, pretty good. The team on base percentage was .638 (I'll take that every day of the week). That is the measure of how our team was performing. What is a good at bat? Getting on base, advancing a runner, RBIs. Those are the elements of a good at bat.

We talk about fielding as a team all the time. The more we talked, the better we got. 'Know your job, do your job'. Keep it simple, there is more time than you think. No hero throws, you will just hand them an extra base. Getting back to basics worked. Out of 273 total chances, we had 53 assists and 203 put outs. That is why Tyke was so confident. Errors were few. Our winning strategy? Keep positive, keep it simple, OBP is the measure, the team is more important, and take that first strike. I'm positive of one thing. D res rocks!

Frank Wiley

## D Res Stats

NAME		BATTING																FIELDING				
		GP	PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	LOB	PO	A	E	FPCT
Wiley	Kim	14	51	28	0.536	0.745	15	14	1	0	0	11	23	3	0	0	22	18	6	5	1	0.917
Healy	Bruce	15	50	28	0.500	0.720	14	13	1	0	0	19	11	6	11	0	21	17	2	0	0	1.000
Healy	Tyke	15	51	41	0.634	0.706	26	25	1	0	0	25	10	2	0	0	13	18	9	13	3	0.880
Thompson	Rob	9	27	20	0.550	0.667	11	11	0	0	0	5	5	1	2	0	3	12	0	7	1	0.875
Rutter	Patrick	16	56	31	0.387	0.661	12	10	2	0	0	21	20	2	5	0	19	23	55	3	3	0.951
Aqualina	Jayden	16	61	40	0.475	0.656	19	14	5	0	0	16	15	7	6	0	38	22	4	0	1	0.800
Wiley	Frank	16	51	31	0.419	0.647	13	11	2	0	0	20	12	5	8	0	3	25	1	10	1	0.917
Knell	Peter	14	48	32	0.469	0.646	15	13	2	0	0	21	11	3	5	0	7	18	102	3	1	0.991
Miles	Justin	12	42	27	0.444	0.643	12	10	2	0	0	19	8	3	7	0	9	21	3	6	1	0.900
Knights	Simon	15	55	40	0.400	0.564	16	12	3	0	1	19	12	10	3	0	15	33	8	4	2	0.857
Alexander	John	10	30	19	0.105	0.433	2	2	0	0	0	10	10	2	1	0	3	20	5	1	3	0.667
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Nesci	Vincenzo	1	3	2	0.500	0.667	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	-
Asbury	Luke	2	5	5	0.600	0.600	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1.000
Williams	Dale	2	7	7	0.571	0.571	4	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	2	8	0	0	1.000
Hollander	Rebecca	5	14	12	0.083	0.214	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	6	1	0	0	16	0	0	0	-
Hallyburton	David	1	1	1	0.000	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	-

## D Res Votes

Round	Opponent	3 Votes	2 Votes	1 Vote
1	Greensborough	Peter Knell	Kim Wiiley	Patrick Rutter
2	Waverley	Peter Knell	Simon Knights	Kim Wiley
3	Sunshine blue	Justin Miles	Patrick Rutter	John Alexander
4	Heathmont	Peter Knell	Patrick Rutter	Tyke Healy
5	Melb Uni	Tyke Healy	Patrick Rutter	Kim Wiley
6	Diamond Creek	Tyke Healy	Dale Williams	Frank Wiley
7	Alfredton	Tyke Healy	Peter Knell	Patrick Rutter
8	Sunshine blue	Tyke Healy	Patrick Rutter	Kim Wiley
9	LaTrobe Uni	Tyke Healy	Patrick Rutter	Justin Miles
10	North Coburg	Tyke Healy	Patrick Rutter	Kim Wiley
11	Diamond Creek	Kim Wiley	Tyke Healy	Patrick Rutter
12	Sunshine white	Tyke Healy	Patrick Rutter	Jayden Aquilina
13	Greensborough	Tyke Healy	Rob Thompson.	Frank Wiley
14	Alfredton	Simon Knights	Frank Wiley	Patrick Rutter
15	North Coburg	Tyke Healy	Patrick Rutter	Kim Wiley
16	LaTrobe Uni	Tyke Healy	Rob Thompson	Peter Knell
17	Waverley	Tyke Healy	Patrick Rutter	Kim Wiley

## Under 17s



## Under 17s Stats

NAME		BATTING															FIELDING					
		PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	LOB	PO	A	E	FPCT
Lee Tet	Patrick	26	17	0.412	0.615	7	5	2	0	0	8	7	9	4	0	0	5	11	7	7	2	0.875
Blackwell	Emmet	25	15	0.333	0.600	5	2	1	2	0	1	9	8	9	2	0	2	18	37	3	5	0.889
Gowland	Noah	17	9	0.333	0.647	3	3	0	0	0	4	5	7	3	1	0	1	5	3	3	1	0.857
Goodwin	Sam	20	14	0.286	0.500	4	4	0	0	0	2	7	5	2	1	0	1	10	2	2	2	0.667
Baker	Tayla	29	18	0.222	0.517	4	4	0	0	0	6	5	9	10	2	0	3	11	35	4	1	0.975
Power	Cohen	25	10	0.200	0.680	2	2	0	0	0	4	8	15	5	0	0	1	8	14	7	1	0.955
Asbury	Samuel	23	12	0.167	0.565	2	2	0	0	0	5	4	10	9	1	0	1	10	0	1	1	0.500
McMahon	Ethan	20	12	0.167	0.500	2	2	0	0	0	5	5	7	3	1	0	3	12	19	5	1	0.960
Byrne	Lily	21	13	0.154	0.476	2	2	0	0	0	5	7	8	6	0	0	3	15	3	2	2	0.714
Keely	Stephanie	15	11	0.091	0.333	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	4	8	0	0	0	13	0	1	3	0.250
Grozdan	Oliver	17	12	0.083	0.353	1	0	1	0	0	7	2	5	7	0	0	2	14	0	0	0	-
O'Sullivan	Spencer	21	14	0.071	0.381	1	1	0	0	0	7	6	6	5	1	0	4	13	2	0	0	1.000
Hulm	Ethan	9	6	0.000	0.333	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	-

## Under 13s



## Under 13s Stats

NAME		BATTING															FIELDING					
		GP	PA	AB	AVG	OBP	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	PO	A	E	FPCT
Perry	Archer	12	29	18	0.667	0.793	12	10	0	1	1	14	13	8	2	3	0	14	22	3	2	0.926
Russo	Bradley	12	29	21	0.429	0.586	9	7	2	0	0	7	15	5	9	3	0	11	2	3	3	0.625
Bader	Coen	9	18	15	0.400	0.500	6	5	1	0	0	3	7	3	7	0	0	6	5	1	0	1.000
Trinh	Logan	11	20	11	0.364	0.650	4	4	0	0	0	4	6	5	7	4	0	6	3	1	2	0.667
Wong	Mason	11	26	20	0.350	0.500	7	1	5	0	1	11	9	2	9	4	0	3	61	6	3	0.957
Power	Micah	12	30	21	0.333	0.533	7	3	3	1	0	7	16	9	4	0	0	14	29	5	2	0.944
Knights	Max	12	29	15	0.333	0.655	5	2	1	0	2	8	19	14	9	0	0	14	6	5	3	0.786
Detsik	Mark	7	11	11	0.273	0.273	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	-
Knights	Angus	12	25	16	0.250	0.520	4	4	0	0	0	6	7	9	11	0	0	10	2	6	1	0.889
Portz	Lachlan	11	20	12	0.250	0.550	3	2	1	0	0	5	7	6	7	2	0	6	1	1	4	0.333
Stokes	Spencer	11	22	16	0.125	0.364	2	2	0	0	0	1	5	5	12	1	0	6	1	1	5	0.286

## **Treasurer's report- Kim Wiley**

During the pre-season, the Committee put a lot of effort in to reviewing our processes and developing strategies to make meaningful changes to improve financial management and transparency. Some of the key changes implemented include removal of cash handling in the canteen and bar, making payment of Club Fees easier, utilising accounting software and invoicing for event payments, monthly financial reporting and tightening of purchasing and reimbursement requirements.

We are continuing to improve our systems and over the coming year will be implementing further changes including a new accounting this would make reconciling accounts and reporting significantly easier, resulting in improved transparency and financial management.

I'd like to say a huge thanks to Chelsea, Dean and Bryce for your leadership and guidance, to Frank for your great accounting insight and advice, and for the Watsonia Baseball Club and family for being so passionate about our amazing club!

Kim Wiley

