

# **GLENELG BASEBALL CLUB INC.**

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

### 91st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Thursday 23rd June 2022

### **Order of Business**

- 1) Notice of Meeting.
- 2) Adoption of Minutes from the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
- 3) Presentation of and Adoption of Annual Reports
  - a. President' Report
  - b. Secretary's Report
  - c. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements & Balance Sheet
  - d. Other Board Member's Reports
- 4) Election of Offices:
  - President (1)
  - Secretary (1)
  - Treasurer (1)
  - Fundraising & Sponsorship Manager (1)
  - Playing Operations Manager (1)
  - Junior Development Manager (1)
  - Facilities Manager (1)
  - Special Projects Manager (1)
  - Patrons (maximum of 5)
  - Trustees (1)
  - Auditor (1)
  - Solicitor (1)
- 5) Election of Life Members & or Player Life Members (if any nominations)
- 6) General Business
- 7) Close of Meeting

#### Ms Nicole Flint, MP – Member for Boothby Ms Jane Jeffreys, Chairperson – West Beach Trust **Board of Management:** President: Mr Craig Handy Mr Leon Eldridge (resigned not replaced) Secretary: Mrs Emily Martinella Treasurer: Mr Elliott Ross Fundraising & Sponsorship Manager: **Playing Operations Manager:** Mr Justin Millar **Facilities Manager:** Ms Shelley McPhee **Special Projects Manager:** Ms Jacqui Dunn Junior Development: Mr Grant Wilson **Other Positions: Equipment Manager:** Vacant Mr Mike Green Bar Manager: Shop Controller: Ms Shelley McPhee **Ground Staff:** Mr Peter Dixon, Mr Tony Creeper, Mr John Fisher Mr David Williams **Tee-Ball Coordinator:** Mrs Beverley McGearey **Division 1 Coach:** Mr Andrew Qualmann **Division 1 Women's** Mr Craig Handy Coach: Trustees: Mr Greg Bradshaw (6 year term) exp 2022 Mr Matt Jones (5 year term) exp 2026 Mr Peter Dixon (6 year term) exp 2024 **Public Officer:** Mr Greg Bradshaw Auditor: Belinda Schutz (Accru Harris Orchard) Solicitor: Life Membership Mr Greg Bradshaw (Chair), Mr Craig Handy, Mr Peter Committee: Dixon, Mr Tony Mezzini, Mr Justin Millar

Patrons:

### Life Members

Pre 1938	S. Spencer † W. Fisk †	1983	Lloyd T. McMillan † Garry C. Ryan
1939	W.A.G. (Bill) Swann †	1984	David R. Mosel †
1946	Tom J. Rice †		A.J. (Tony) Donaldson †
1948	Jeff Noblet †	1985	Eddie R. Owen
1953	Wally Harman †		Bruce D. Rhodes †
1957	A.S. (Alby) Jones † David E. James †		David J. Williams David J. Doonan † John K Doonan †
1958	S. Max Stone †	(000	
	R.G.M. (Bob) Rice †	1986	Greg S. Bradshaw
	Don E. Franklin †	1989	Chris R. Abbott
1000	R.O. (Rocky) Cooper †	1990	John S. Fisher
1963	W.O. (Bill) Jeanes	1991	Paul D. Green
	Brian F. Hill †	1993	Mrs Joyce Doonan
	C. Stan South †	1001	Roy Page †
	Stan J. Stone †	1994	Michael B. Green
	A. Martin Chappell †	1995	Jim F. Yeo
1968	Don A. Rice †	1998	Dennis J. Telfer
1970	Mrs Mel Rice †	1999	A. John Tuckwell †
	Mrs Marg South †	2000	Greg M. Elkson
1974	Norm W. Yeo †	2001	Colin B. Penney †
1978	Lyn M. Bradshaw	2010	R.W. (Bob) Bradley
1982	Peter W. Dixon		Tony P. Mezzini
	Phil C. Alexander	2011	Chris M. Day
			Matt Jones
		2014	Tony Creeper
		2015	Peter Power
		2019	Peter McGearey
			Mrs Beverley McGearey

† Deceased

### Player Life Members

1998	Peter S. Fenwick	2010	Danny Page Dale Ziersch Ben Hilterbrand
2000	Gary W. Mullighan Gavin C. Kilpatrick Brook M. Kilpatrick	2011	Dan Wilson Jay Ziersch Bradley Ayles
2001	Gary Carman		Adam Thompson
2003	Andrew Gluyas	2012	Tristan Stevens
2005	Nathan Davison	2014	Justin Millar
2007	Ben P. Dixon	2015	Leon Eldridge
	Sam W. Dixon	2016	Adam Shaw
	Jamie L. Kloeden		Peter Pick
	Tony P. Mezzini	2017	Chris Lawson
	Chris M. Day		Patrick Gluyas
	Ben P. Alexander	2019	John Sandercock
	Luke A. Thompson		Marten Beyer
	Justin S. Oliver		Joe Krajina
		2020	Tim Day
		2021	Dave Jucha
			Craig Teakle

# GBC Members (current & past) who are Life Members of the South Australian Baseball League Inc.

1969	Roy Page †	1998	Hugh Franke †
1972	S. Max Stone †	1999	Ron Chandler
1982	Tom J. Rice †	2001	Paul Begg
1985	Warren Charles †	2004	Greg Bradshaw
1991	Don A. Rice †	2010	Ken Kobayashi
1992	Ron Wright	2011	Kevin Greatrex
1996	Peter W. Dixon	2013	Phil Alexander
		2017	John Ryan †
		2021	Tony Harris

### GBC Members (current & past) who are Baseball SA Hall of Fame Members

2022 Neil Page Kevin Greatrex Don Rice † Tom Rice † Peter Dixon Ron Chandler Greg Elkson Tony Harris Greg Bradshaw Ian Reval Phil Alexander Paul Begg

### GBC Members (current & past) who are Australian Baseball Federation Hall of Fame Members

- 2005 Neil Page Kevin Greatrex
- 2013 Don Rice †
- 2013 Don Rice 7 2014 Phil Alexander
- 2014 Phil Alexander 2016 Phil Brideoake †
- 2018 Greg Elkson

### **Capps Medal Winners**

#### Most votes in SABL Major A / Division 1 competition

1938	Jeff Noblet	1975	Colin Alexander
1953	Colin Watts	1979	Greg Elkson
1955	Phil Brideoake	1982	Phil Alexander
1961	Don Rice †	1983	Greg Elkson
1962	Don Rice †	1984	Greg Elkson
1963	Don Rice †	1996	lan Reval
1967	Don Rice †	2010	Dan Wilson
1968	Don Rice †	2016	Wes Roemer

### Women's MVP Winners

#### Most votes in Baseball SA Women's Division 1 competition

2019 Alice Prokopec 2021

21 Jessica Maslin

### Major A / Division 1 Premierships

1962 1976-1977 1978-1979 1979-1980 1982-1983 2000-2001 2004-2005 2015-2016

### Women's League - Division 1 Premierships

2020-2021 2021-2022 Held at the Clubrooms, Anderson Ave, Glenelg North on Thursday 24th June 2021

#### Meeting opened at 7:15pm

#### Present

As per attendance list

#### **Apologies**

Barbara Eldridge, Jayden Eldridge, Jacob Eldridge, Nikita Delbridge, Adam Shaw, Brook Kilpatrick, Lucy Mitton, Jim Yeo, John Fischer, Bob Bradley, Dale Ziersch & Troy Harrison

#### <u>Minutes</u>

The President welcomed members to the meeting and the minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were then addressed.

It was moved by Marten Beyer and seconded by Chris Day that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting. The motion was carried.

#### President Report

Craig Handy gave updates on: -

- Team success of the club for season 2020/21
- o Successful implementation of club wide new uniforms
- Successful implementation of upgrade to the changerooms, and thanked the steering committee, Peter Dixon and David Williams for the contribution.
- o Brief rundown of success / financials for season 2020/21

#### Financials Report

Matt Jones gave updates on club's financials: -

Affects of CoVID included:-

- No country championships
- $\circ$  Winterball reduced to 1/2 season, and reduced income
- West Beach Trust suspended lease payments for 6 months
- Utilities were less due to CoVID shutdown, estimated savings \$4K
- o Turnover in Baseballers Club, approximately \$30K down

#### Positive outcomes:-

- Good financial controls, means net position \$30K up at end of year
- \$100K club room grant

- Merch sales up by \$15K, new arrangement with Fullhammer including (\$2.8K sponsorship). No longer need to hold stock on hand
- Other sponsorship's \$5K increase.

#### Adoption of Reports

It was moved by Gary Mullighan and seconded by Luke Thompson that all non financial reports be accepted.

It was moved by Gary Mullighan and seconded by John Tuckwell that the financial reports be accepted with changes.

#### Election of Offices

The President then declared all positions vacant and thanked all previous members for their contributions. Craig Handy remained as Chairperson and read the nominations and Leon Eldridge remained as the minute taker.

President	Craig Handy
Secretary	Leon Eldridge
Treasurer	Emily Martinella
Facilities Manager	Shelley Clavell
Playing Operations Manager	Justin Millar
Junior Development Manager	Grant Wilson
Fundraising & Sponsorship Manager	Elliott Ross
Projects Manager	Jacqui Dunn

Craig Handy, thanked Matt Jones for all his services to the club, and acknowledged the efforts of Shelley McPhee in the functions space and Elliott Ross in the sponsorship space

#### Patrons

Subject to their willingness to continue, it was moved by Lachlan Eldridge and seconded by Justin Millar that Patrons Nicole Flint (Member for Boothy) and Jane Jeffreys (Chairperson West Beach Parks) remain as Patrons subject to elections. The motion was carried.

#### <u>Trustee</u>

It was moved by Gary Mullighan and seconded by Connor Hill that Matt Jones be appointed as a club trustee for the remaining 5-year period, of the trustee position vacated by Bob Bradley.

#### <u>Auditor</u>

Subject to his willingness to continue, it was moved by Chris Day and seconded by Matt Jones that Ian Thomas remains as auditor. The motion was carried.

#### **Solicitor**

It was moved by John Tuckwell and seconded by Matt Jones that Terry Groom remains as the club's solicitor.

#### Life Members

It was moved by Marten Beyer and seconded by Andrew Qualmann that David Jucha be awarded Player Life Membership under the conditions of Clause 7 (c) (1) of the club constitution. The motion was carried. David Jucha was presented his Player Life Membership badge by Craig Handy.

It was moved by Chris Day and seconded by Ben Alexander that Craig Teakle be awarded Player Life Membership under the conditions of Clause 7 (c) (1) of the club constitution. The motion was carried. Craig Teakle was presented his Player Life Membership badge by Craig Handy.

#### General Business

Gary Mulligan – commented that no import costs due to CoVID, would've helped bottom line.

Peter Dixon – Long servicing life members are not going anywhere and will continue to be custodians of the club. He would like to see more communication between the board and life members. Was disappointed that a working bee was organised with winter ball group and no one attended to help. Thanked Matt Jones for his efforts on the board.

Luke Thompson – Acknowledged Peter Dixon's comments, said he feels that it's an us versus them mentality and not an even keel, also wants to see improved communication. Elliott Ross, asked if Peter Dixon thought his communication to board has been up to standard. Craig Handy, responded no secret that there is some conflict within the club. It's an area we need to improve. We have some ways to go, however.

Justin Millar – All seniors will be playing on Saturday's in season 2021/22, will be seeking EOI re coaches for all grades ASAP.

Bev McGearey – asked, does this mean the end of Saturday morning t-ball program, Justin Millar, replied yes. Craig Handy, said the board would be reviewing a re-structure of t-ball going forward. Andrew Qualmann, said the most successful t-ball clubs are the ones that run t-ball 4-4.30pm on a Friday night before womens games at 6pm.

David Jucha – asked if as members of BSA are we able to attend the league AGM. Craig Handy responded no, club nominates 3 representatives.

Tony Mezzini – asked has umpire situation been addressed with all seniors going to Saturday. Justin Millar advised that league has confirmed they have addressed issue.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed by the Chairperson at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held 24/06/2021.

### President's Report

Another season of Glenelg Baseball is now in the books. Whilst immensely challenging on several fronts, the year was also filled with many joyous moments and highlights.

- Delivering another successful financial result despite another year marred by COVID impacts;
- 5 teams across our junior and senior programs qualified for grand finals;
- 2 Premierships;
- Continued increase in our membership figures (7% increase from last season to 228)

We had a particular focus this year on returning our priority to on field activities. Increasing expenditure on equipment and beginning the process on changing our coaching engagement and development. We had some positive initial conversations and look forward to continuing to work with our current and future coaches who continue to look for ways to positively engage and improve our teams and players in their baseball journeys.

Congratulations to our two premiership winning teams this year, Division 6 and the back to back winning Women's Division 1 team.

Our junior program continued to build under the strong leadership of Grant Wilson – consolidating on gains made last year in membership and initiatives we saw the reintroduction of our U17s team after a number of seasons of absence and was thrilled with their development and the successful outcome that saw this team experience finals and ultimately play in a grand final. The Show initiative was again a massive success but most pleasing was the successful trial of our new Rookie Ball program over a few weeks at the conclusion of the season. This trial would not have been successful without the positive engagement throughout of our playing membership but most significantly the Men's Division 1 and 2 senior playing group under the support and guidance of Quals and Brougham. Many thanks to all who assisted and showed the potential of this program.

Our strong relationship with our key partners the West Beach Trust helped us in addressing systemic cost pressures facing our club – getting some very positive improvements to our annual license costs along with our successful application for charitable exemption / non profit entity status with SA Water. Whilst these improvements are fairly sizable in the first instance their true benefit will be compounded over the coming years.

Emily Martinella's first year in the Treasurers portfolio was very productive and helped continue our transition of our financial systems and structures that we hope to see built on positively throughout the coming seasons – feedback from our membership regarding our Point of Sale changes and its reduction of the complexity of volunteering within our canteen and bar was pleasing to hear.

The first year of the leagues transition to having the traditional men's senior competition's all return to single days play on a Saturday was extremely challenging from a club management perspective whilst also showing (especially early in the season before COVID restrictions

returned in force) that it has the ability to result in positive financial outcomes. Towards the end of the season we saw a improved willingness to assist the significant contribution provided by Justin Millar from a number of our membership but assuming this league structure is to continue moving forward this support will need to not just continue but improve to make that portfolio remotely sustainable. Justin's continuous work behind the scenes season long to ensure we had the ability to field teams and subsidiary needs (umpiring etc) was significant – the volume and consistency of our engagement across the club and with the leagues administrative structure is something most members would be unaware of, but absolutely essential to the ability of you all to enjoy playing baseball on a weekly basis.

Congratulations to Shelley McPhee on winning the prestigious Cooper Trophy. Shelley has provided a high level of volunteering support at this club not just in this season but over many years now and it was wonderful to see her recognized with our highest accolade.

In an extremely challenging COVID impacted environment I also wanted to highlight the significant contributions of our other board members Jacqui Dunn and Elliott Ross. Elliott continued to deliver above expectations in relation to our sponsorship space and the concept field signage / sponsorship update in conjunction with sponsor and club member Dan Melia looks fantastic and could be a game changer in this space. Jacqui and Elliott also delivered a number of fundraising events (especially early in the season when restrictions allowed) in an attempt to drive positive improvements to both our financial position and club wide engagement. Not all of these were supported by our membership to the level anticipated. The board has made improved club engagement a key focus in the past 24 months but with varied levels of success – its hard to determine the impact of COVID in this space but please consider supporting these events/attempts in future years as they underpin not just our ability to fund baseball requirements but drive connections and cultural engagement.

We launched the Alumni Club this year to help fund future significant development and facility opportunities without being singularly reliant on club membership subscriptions and profit making from events, canteen and bar takings etc. Further information about this is available in this annual report and on our website and I encourage you to join and help our club not just survive but thrive.

Unfortunately we lost two life members late in the season; saying farewell to Joyce Doonan and John Tuckwell. The entire club extends their condolences to their families and friends and am extremely grateful for their contributions to our club over many years.

I wanted to take a moment to state a couple of thoughts about our club and its baseball position. In recent years there has been a bit of unfavorable external comparison of our club and our outputs by parts of our membership. Whilst we are not arrogant enough to say no improvement is required and that we are number one in all key metrics we perhaps don't highlight our successes and positives enough. Our pipeline of internal juniors graduating to play competitive senior baseball (Division's 1,2,3) is as strong (and stronger) than most all other clubs and our rebuild back into finals contenders at the Division 1 level is ahead of schedule. Retention of our junior playing membership group is back to club sustainability levels allowing our transition towards further efforts in entry level recruitment and higher end skill development. Our female baseball program continues to be league leaders both in

participation numbers and competitive success with now 3 premierships across our programs history. We are the only club that had teams represented in all key junior age groups, Division 1-8 Seniors and Division 1-3 Women's.

The grass is not greener elsewhere – grass is green where you water it. If you see an opportunity where you can help water our club we'd love your help.

In recent weeks Baseball SA inducted its inaugural class of the Baseball SA Hall of Fame – we are particularly proud of the Glenelg aligned inductees and their contributions to baseball not just at our club but throughout our state and beyond. 12 of the initial class (31.5%) are either current or past members of our club.

Finally I wish to thank my wife Jenna and my daughter Sarah for their support and love while I devote a significant amount of time to the administration of this club. I couldn't do it without you both.

We are all here because we love baseball and our club – to continue to develop we need your increased support and contributions, please join in developing this club for all current and future tigers.

\*\*Edit – since drafting my initial report I've had conversations regarding the upcoming season with a number of our membership and what direction the club can go in. As a result of these discussions we have had the nomination for the role of President by Paul Begg. Beggy is a wonderful GBC person and a very experienced sporting administrator. I am sure he will discuss with those attending the AGM the plans and initiatives he see's as priorities within our club and I support his willingness to serve and lead our great club.

The role of President is difficult/exhausting in "normal" circumstances never mind the conflation of COVID, seismic league changes, and the challenges that exist in the rebuilding of our 6-21 year old membership to support our ongoing viability and success. I am proud of what our club has achieved these past two years under a much more focused and supportive board environment. I look forward to supporting our clubs continued efforts in a subcommittee fashion and hope many others of you who can join me in supporting our clubs administration in keeping the Glenelg Baseball Club one of the premier Baseball clubs in Australia.

Craig Handy – President

### Secretary's Report

No official Secretary Report this year as unfortunately the official board role was vacant through out the season.

The duties were divided amongst the board of management, I wish to especially thank Justin Millar and Emily Martinella who assisted me significantly with these duties.

Many thanks to Leon Eldridge who continued to significantly support the board in the capacity of Assistant Secretary and still performed a significant amount of administrative work, including mailbox management, RevSport database management, annual report collation along with continuing to be our main conduit with Fullhammer - our uniform and merchandise supplier along with one of our clubs sponsors.

The absence of this position despite the assistance provided by those above leaves an administrative workload that contributes to making some of the other board of management portfolios unsustainable. It remains a source of great frustration of my tenure that despite repeated appeals for support / nominations within our membership that this position was unable to be filled throughout the season.

This highlights a theme repeated in many annual reports by past and present board members around the need for greater contributions and volunteering from our membership ranks. For those who have the capabilities and time to volunteer please consider speaking with members of the current board about how you can assist - be it for a vacancy on the board of management itself or alternatively to assist those who serve in that capacity in either official or unofficial sub-committee or key volunteer roles.

We are a big club with facilities and grounds that are the envy of most all others both in the Baseball SA and wider Australian Baseball community, to administer this however requires support. We have one of the largest playing memberships - its important to acknowledge that just showing up to train and play (be it yourself or your child) is not sufficient for our short and long term success. Sincere thank you to all of our significant volunteers this season - board members, coaches, scorers, umpires & general bar and shop volunteers, your contributions assisted our success greatly.

Position Vacant – Report Prepared by Craig Handy

### Treasurer / Finance Manager's Report

Club remains in a strong financial position with funds available increasing by \$20K over the financial year.

Key achievements in financial management include:

- Appointed Accru Harris as auditor Belinda Schutz is the contact
- Now have audited accounts up to 20/21, will submit 21/22 accounts next month when Belinda available
- Accounts now processed in Xero, all transactions with supporting documentation
- Bar and shop transactions all through Square software and hardware aiming to utilise for stock management and item profitability
- Michael Green and Shelley McPhee now have cards for small adhoc purchases
- Solicitor yet to be appointed
- Rent increase for premises successfully negotiated down by Craig which is a big win for the club

Full financial details available in stand alone report.

#### Emily Martinella - Treasurer

This year proved to be another positive year, despite the challenging circumstance of the always looming Covid.

Fortunately for the club, we have significant internal support which allows us to operate in the professional manner that we do. We are also lucky to be well supported by external members and businesses, which all goes towards assisting us in running and maintaining these great facilities.

This year we were able to bring on a few more sponsors as we look to build on the existing support that we have already established. The new sponsors that we gained this year were, Innovative Eyecare, Burganomix, Gelatissimo and Glenelg Pizza House. Furthermore, we added the best outfield signage in the league, thanks to Dan Meila and his various businesses which are now displayed across the diamond 2 outfield fence.

To the continued support of our long-standing sponsors, particularly Greendayz, The Highway, McDonald Gluyas Racing, Aspire Physio, Page Excavation & Ductair, on behalf on the board we thank you again for your ongoing support, without you, we don't function.

To all members, I ask that we continue to support our sponsors and drop the clubs name wherever possible. We have a great variety of sponsors that would be more than happy to assist you in whatever service you require, so please reach out to them.

From a fundraiser aspect, this season we decided to target functions in the first half of the year, with ladies' day and the quiz night coming in before covid again interrupted the second half of the year. This year we also launched the first Face the Fence competition, one that I am excited to see where it goes from here. Hopefully this grows each year to have different members filling up panels across the outfield fence. This year it was won by the Steff's', which you can see on the rightfield side of diamond 1 fence.

Next year, we will look to build on club functions and enhance membership engagement. The last few years we have seen a decline in attendance to club functions, it would be great to see more members, across more teams participating in club events going forward.

To all those that have assisted the club from a sponsorship & fundraising point on view, on behalf of the board I want to share our gratitude to everything that you have done. Due to the support over the last few years, we are in a positive position to attack the next decade and see some success both on and off the field.

#### Elliott Ross – Fundraising and Sponsorship Manager

In season 2021/22 the GBC had a total of 11 senior teams, competing in all senior grades. This was a season of change with Division 1, 2 & 3 being played on Saturday, and the Women's Division 1 competition moving to Sunday afternoons.

Of the 11 senior teams 5 made the finals, 4 played in Grand Finals and 2 finished premiers. An experienced division 6 won their GF with a mercy rule 13-5 win at Henley. The Women's Division 1 team made it back-to-back GF's with an extra innings win at the highly fancied Sturt's home ground.

Division	Ladder Position	<b>Regular Season</b>
1	8	13-1-16
2	5	13-1-7
3	11	5-15
4	1	15-4
5	2	15-5
6	5	13-7
7	7	11-2-7
8	9	7-12
WD1	3	8-1-7
WD2	10	4-1-11
WD3	6	8-8

Arranging umpiring is always a challenge, but this year proved even more challenging with the move of Division 1-2-3 back to Saturday shrinking our pool of available blues even further. The Division 1 guys helped hugely with the Sunday junior games, but Saturday was extra hard with a very minimal group of regulars who went above and beyond. Umpiring isn't an easy job, there is a reason a vast majority of club members won't put up their hand to do it – some of these are the same people who complain about clubbies, if you aren't willing to do it yourself, please feel free to stop whinging.

A really HUGE thank you goes out to Scotty Bradey, Sam Dixon, Lucy Mitton, Paddy Gluyas, Paul Begg, Gav Kilpatrick, Craig Handy, Joe Krajina, Cyrus Mundy and newcomer Josh Ward who officiated a majority of the lower grade games. Most of them doing so either before or after playing their own game. I feel this job is largely taken for granted, and people underestimate just how difficult it is to do the same day you play a game of your own. I would urge everyone to say thanks after a game to clubbies at home, and on the road when they do a good job. An umpire calls more than 200 pitches per game, you get 180 of them right and that is 90% - which should be more than acceptable given we are playing for fun in Adelaide, South Australia and not the majors.

The coaches will touch on their teams in their own reports, but I would like to take the time to thank each of them for their time and efforts throughout the entire season. This extends beyond the coaches, to team managers, scorers, and general hangers on which help all players get the game up and running.

Division 1 had some ups and down early on but came home strong with a 10-1-7 record after the Christmas break. Some more great signs in the Div 1-2-3 squad, with youth on their side, the sky is the limit for these guys in the future.

The traditional Saturday grades did their thing, enjoyed a lot of success, and had a fair bit of fun doing it.

The Women's Div 1 team went back-to-back, and the other 2 women's teams welcomed some new faces and really had some great comradery of their own off the field.

The board has really been all out this year, each job is difficult to perform, so I thank those off-board club members who have put in some extra yards this year. Your help doesn't go un-noticed and is really appreciated when we can get some time off thanks to the help of others.

The grounds crew and other "old guys" do some unfathomable work so that we get to play at some of the best facilities in the state. A massive thank you to Peter Dixon, John Fisher, Dave Williams, Michael Green and anyone else who assists with the actual work behind the scenes. This group of dedicated volunteers have been long, long servants of the club, a time soon approach when they need to pass the torch on to a younger group. If you have spare time on your hands during the season, I can't stress enough how much you reaching out might help lighten this load for all. It might with something as small as cleaning up on your way out, packing up a few chairs, ensuring rubbish is in bins, cans in the recycle – these all add up, the club doesn't exist to help you play baseball, so help it out as well.

To end on a more positive note, we have done some great things this year, celebrated some amazing milestones and made some big leap forwards in our junior planning for the future. Please just put your hand up when you can, an hour here or there could make all the difference.

#### Justin Millar – Senior Playing Operations Manager

### Junior Development Manager's Report

Riding on the success of 2020/21 season, we have continued to build our Junior base levels this season in 2021/22. From 5 teams last season that included half a team in the 13-2's supported by Henley and Grange and a half team in the U14's supported by the U13's teams, we have grown to include two Minor League teams in our own right without the need to bolster the teams with support from other clubs. It was fantastic to see the club able to enter a team into the Senior League competition this season. This is the first time in 3 years since we have had numbers to do this.

Although we didn't have a lot of winning success on the field across the season, we are in a great position in the coming season to build on the skills we have developed as first year age groups across most of our junior age divisions.

Division	Ladder Position	Regular Season	Win Rate %	Runs For	Runs Against
Pee Wee's (9's)	-	-	-	-	-
Minor League (11's) Glenelg	21/24	3-0-14	18%	66	150
Minor League (11's) Tigers	24/24	1-0-16	6%	76	185
Little League (13-1's)	9/13	5-0-11	31%	98	156
Junior League (15-1's)	10/12	2-1-14	15%	76	203
Senior League (17-2's)	3/5	5-0-11	31%	96	169

Success in the League's Charter competition will see our players and Club benefit immensely from the experience. Of particular note, was our clubs uptake in this space with several of the GBC Juniors making it into various teams. I would like to acknowledge the following players for making Rays Charter or Charter Development, AxolotIs and Armada teams this year:

#### Rays - Little League Development

- Joaquin Conesa
- Zac Maclean
- Marcus Pycock

#### Rays - Little League

- Ben Smith
- Ari Mundy

#### Axolotols – Female Little League

- Hannah Nuske

#### <u> Armada – Senior League</u>

Cyrus Mundy

Congratulations also to **Glenn Pycock** who was the <u>Assistant Coach to the Little League Rays</u> <u>Development</u> team this year.

Some great baseballing experience and results from across Easter Weekend Charter tournament. Congratulations to Callum Wilson of the Senior League team polling 2<sup>nd</sup> in umpire MVP votes for the Senior League Division 2 competition. This was a great achievement.

A Special thanks to our coaches this season:

Pee-Wee's – Dale Ziersch Minor League Tigers – Scott Bradey Minor League Glenelg – Alex Meldrum Little League – Kristian Mundy, Assistant Coach Glenn Pycock Junior League – Adam Shaw, Assistant Coach – Ben Alexander Senior League – Luke Thompson, Assistant Coach – Tom Huttunen

Off the field this season I was very pleased with the uptake and support with the new and current initiatives supported by the GBC Juniors and Seniors combined this season. Of particular note were:

- The Pre-Season Trip to Berri
- The Show 2.0
- Rookie Ball

#### Pre-Season Trip to Berri

The Preseason trip to the Riverland saw the Div 1/2 squad head to Berri in late September with a number of Juniors and their parents from GBC in tow. This weekend was all about building new, and fostering old, relationships with teammates and their parents and getting to know our senior team playing members and coaching staff. The trip exposed players to country baseball at its best, giving players the opportunity to get involved in a country 'Come and Try'/coaching clinic for the younger aged juniors, whilst giving the older players some game time against the Riverland Baseball Association. Senior League juniors were able to get some game time with the Div 1/2 squad against the Riverland seniors team which helped give the players some much needed game time leading into the season proper.

After the training clinic on Saturday run by the Division 1 and 2 and Riverland associated seniors, a BBQ lunch was provided. Juniors then came back in the afternoon watch a twilight game between our GBC Seniors and the Riverland before a joint dinner in their clubrooms. Before the drive home on the Sunday, another clinic was run by both GBC and RBA capping off a successful first year pre-season trip away. Plans are already underway for the 2022/23 season.



#### The Show 2.0

The Show 2.0 was bigger and better than the inaugural season (2020/21) with players from the club knowing what to expect. There was some great engagement and feedback from other clubs that we played against who got into the spirit of the initiative and boogied the game away under some amazing summer weather with appearances by both Santa and Cupid again in the split Show being held across 3 separate weekends.



#### **Rookie Ball**

The Rookie Ball initiative was a great success in its inaugural Pilot Program format. With approximately 16 new players exposed to the GBC, the plan is to build on this in the lead up to the new season each year. Targeting 5-10 year old's, we expect to translate Rookie Ballers into GBC Pee Wee/Little Leaguers. A special shout out to the GBC players that were part of the coaching team. It was fantastic to see our Div 1 and 2 squad get right into the program dressing up in both our Ladies Day outfits and standard playing uniforms across the 4 weeks, along with other senior team members and older Junior players as well. It was great to be able to show our Rookie Ballers a pathway into club baseball and ultimately seniors.





To help make next season bigger and better I need parent support. This is your call to arms! We need you!



Thank you to all the parents/carers in getting our junior players to trainings, to the various games throughout the course of the summer season and of course for getting in and helping out in the canteen. Without you and your support from one weekend to the next we don't have a club...so Thanks.

See you all in the 2022/23 season.

Grant Wilson – Junior Development Manager

#### Well, what a year it has been.

My role as facilities manager has been very busy but also very rewarding as a volunteer. We all have had a Topsy Turvey year with environmental influences challenging us all on a weekly basis. My role is to coordinate the Bar with Michael Green, take bookings and coordinate all private bookings and to oversee and sometimes work the private functions that we also have.

This year and my previous years I have tried to open and extend our facilities to more of an open audience and to receive support from people outside of our club with more bookings. This has been very well received and we are gaining a good reputation for having great open but also private facilities. I thank our board and members for trusting me to flip things around and try it a different way.

I have had birthdays, baby gender reveals, wakes and funerals (bless those that have passed), Netball presentations and lots of enquiries that we haven't even been able to fit in.

But our season is not over for me as winter ball is underway and we still have our Bar and Shop open. Then this leads us into the Country Carnival scheduled the long weekend in October. This is a great financial start to our season.

I thank everyone that has helped myself and the club out this season with volunteering and offering to do some of the background work to make my days shorter and less stressful.

Please if you have a little bit of time or a lot of time on your hands, please contact me or any other board member to help. We all have a passion and love for our club and many hands make lighter work for all.

I thank you all.

#### Shelley McPhee – Facilities Manager

Firstly, thank you for having me as your special projects board member for a second season.

Unfortunately with the ongoing effects and restrictions of COVID-19 throughout the season, some events that we had planned were not able to be completed. Hopefully these can be reinstated in seasons to come.

We were very fortunate though to hold a few events and it was great to see everyone that attended.

We started the season with a season launch and celebrating some key milestones from the previous season.

Our first main event was a Quiz Night. An event enjoyed by all of those that attended. Even though it was a small group, it was great to have a different event on offer for club members.

Our next event was Ladies Day, with a pink theme which incorporated fundraising for breast cancer. It was another great day at the club and well attended by many ladies involved at the GBC. Thank you to all the assisted in the set up, food preparation and running of the day.

Another small event that we had available to club members, was a Community Health day. Again due to COVID it had its challenges with us not able to have external suppliers in this areas on site. We were able to showcase some keys community health areas through pamphlet information. Hopefully moving forward this will be something that can grow again.

Our final event for the season was the senior presentation evening at the Highway. It was a great night celebrating the achievements of all teams at the GBC in the 2021/22 season. Congratulations to all of the award winners and our premiership teams.

Throughout the season, we continued to apply for different grants. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in grants this year.

I would like to finish by thanking the other board members and club members that have assisted in the different events throughout the season. The help of others, at many of these events would not have been possible or ran as well as they did.

#### Jacqui Dunn – Special Projects





## INAUGURAL INDUCTEES

### GLENELG BASEBALL CLUB

Peter Dixon Greg Bradshaw Tom Rice Don Rice Greg Elkson Phil Alexander Paul Begg Neil Page Ian Reval Ron Chandler Kevin Greatrex Tony Harris The Clenelg Baseball Club has a long and significant contribution to the history of baseball in South Australia. Baseball SA via their heritage committee have launched a Baseball Hall of Fame and this season inducted it's inaugural class.

38 individuals formed the inaugural induction class and we are extremely proud that 12 (31.5%) of those have membership ties to the Glenelg Baseball Club.

Induction required an individual to have made a significant contribution to Baseball in South Australia in at least one of the following categories - Player, Coach, Administrator, Game Official or Media.

Included overpage are the induction biographies for our Hall of Famers.

Congratulations to all inductees and particularly our inductees from the Glenelg Baseball Club.



Premie	rship Coa	ch – Cra	aig Handy	,	Ass	sistant Coad Scord Manage	er –	Stephen Natalie L	
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA	
3	16	8	1	7	17	53%	115	101	
Semi fi	nal		Gle	enelg	9	Def	Wo	odville	3
Prelimi	nary Final		Gle	enelg	7	Def	Souther	rn Districts	0
Grand	Final		Gle	enelg	7	Def	S	Sturt	5
Trophy	Winners:			aluable Pl hes Awa	•	Jess		& Bianca Sn y Dunn	nith

What a journey. Back to back premiers is a fantastic feeling but the simplicity of those words undersells the rollercoaster of the season that was. Whilst the outcome was the same we faced many challenges to our resiliency that could have broken many other teams. The league is getting better – the gap between the early powers and other teams is now negligible and the standard produced in such a short time is a testament to the abilities, commitment and passion for baseball our female athletes contain.

**Finals MVP** 

A thank you to all who played a role – this season we saw an expansion to the squad of players used in the Division 1 environment. Nineteen individual players played significant roles as we battled injuries, COVID, departures among other factors. We celebrated another four players reach the coveted 50 games played threshold this season, our club now has 7 players who have played over 50 division 1 games – with potentially 2 more able to reach this mark next season – this is a fantastic testament to not only these players abilities and resilience but the environment produced by our club since the commencement of this league. Congratulations to Dana Aldwin, Jacqui Dunn, Alice Prokopec and Jess Maslin in reaching this milestone.

After a grueling regular season we finished the season half a game out of 2<sup>nd</sup> place and ensuring we would need to run the table in the playoffs with no double chance up our sleeves. We had played just over .500 baseball all season so something special would be needed. Bianca Smith won our finals MVP – awarded over performances throughout the entire finals campaign. Big time players step up in big time moments and Bianca has had a consistent habit of taking her performances to another level when the stakes are highest over many years now. This

**Bianca Smith** 

year was no exception – pitching deep into all 3 games and not giving up an earnt run until her final innings of the campaign.

We had lost Jacqui Dunn earlier in the season with a season ending injury and with the departure of Prokopec key opportunities were available. Unfortunately Izzy Lilburn also suffered an arm injury in the latter part of the season limiting her opportunities – however she was able to provide pinch hitting strength during the finals and ultimately made the final out of the grand final with a sure handed fielders choice at second base. Izzy has managed significant injuries her first two seasons and with a full season of health could dominate this league offensively, whilst playing key position defense.

Georgia Kaluza and Ella White stepped into huge roles and their contributions were essential to our ultimate success. White showed a strong arm in the infield all year and stepped into the mother of all situations in the grand final – bottom of the ninth, bases loaded, 2 outs to close out the game. White had an unflappable demeanor all season long and was a wonderful team presence. Kaluza was a super utility year round but in the latter part of the year stepped into splitting time at second base and catching the latter parts of games when Maslin was called onto pitch. Catching the final 4 and 2/3 innings of the grand final whilst also scoring the go ahead run in the top of the ninth.

Jess Maslin followed up her league MVP year with a campaign that was even more valuable to our teams success. By seasons end finishing second in innings pitched and just eclipsing Lilburn in innings caught she kept answering the bell and had a grand final weekend for the ages. It was impossible to separate Maslin and Smith for team MVP honors with their season long contributions.

Erin Harris had a fantastic finals series – hitting .500 (co hits lead with Maslin), whilst leading the team in RBIs with 6 across the three games. With Maslin, Smith and Harris hitting 3,4,5 our line up was always capable of driving in significant runs.

Defensively we put it all together in the finals campaign but throughout the season we bounced players around in both a development and availability response. Lucy Mitton, Georgia Kaluza, Jess Maslin and Ella White in particular were fantastic in super utility roles and their abilities and willingness were essential to our success. The return of Dana Aldwin for the later part of the year helped solidify roles and last years grand final MVP had another strong finals campaign.

Jenny Dunn and Jenna Handy had fantastic seasons on the left side of the diamond defensively and our team was strongest when both were available and setting the table at the top of our line up. Jenny received the coaches award this year, as the season progressed she exhibited a veteran's presence and leadership, taking on field initiative in high pressure moments to calm our pitchers and fellow infielders. Handy was in the midst of an all star season if injuries didn't limit her time – this 100% approach and disregard for her health was evident for all to see during the grand final. The move to Sunday baseball allowed more game interchange between divisions 1 and 2 this year and I thank all players from both teams for their willingness and support. Both teams would have not been able to field teams during the season without this club approach and the support was pivotal to our ultimate success.

Exposure to division 1 baseball will benefit the careers of Adele Munro-Chambers, Sally Forrest, Sophie Wells, Kayla Shipton, Fiona Crabb and Wren Somerville and thank you for the support and depth you provided. We got a taste of Sophie Kinnear in her first year of baseball before a back injury ended her season and hope to see her healthy next year.

Thank you to Stephen Harris our Assistant Coach this season – was wonderful working with you brother. Adele Munro-Chambers & Jacqui Dunn also filled pseudo coaching support roles throughout the season and were of immense help. To the wonderful Natalie Lilburn, thank you for scoring, the

laughs, lollies and everything else you and your family have contributed to our club this year and last. To Dale Ziersch, Alex Meldrum and Matt Jones thank you for your coaching contributions and support to our team and the women's program again this year.

Congratulations on your premiership season ladies – it has been an honor to coach you this season.

"We're from Tigerland!"



Craig Handy – Women's Division 1 - Premiership Coach

Player:			FIE	LDI	NG										B/	ATTING	i:									
		PO	Α	Ε	Average	PA	AB	R	Н	Avg	1B	2B	3B	HR	slug%	ob%	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	CI	K(so)	GDP	SB	CS
ALDWIN	DANA	28		2	0.933	23	21	2	2	0.095	2				0.095	0.167	3			2			7			Г
CRABB	FIONA	1		1	0.500	1	1			0.000					0.000	0.000							1			
DUNN	JACQUI	6	4		1.000	11	11	1	2	0.182	2				0.182	0.182							6			
DUNN	JENNY	20	22	7	0.857	56	44	20	16	0.364	14	2			0.409	0.500	7			9	3		8	1	13	1
FORREST	SALLY				0.000	1				0.000					0.000	0.000							1			
HANDY	JENNA	13		3	0.812	34	24	12	10	0.417	8	2			0.500	0.588	6			9	1		7		2	
HARRIS	ERIN	7			1.000	58	49	7	15	0.306	13	2			0.347	0.414	19			9			4		2	
KALUZA	GEORGIA	15	12	4	0.871	35	24	5	2	0.083	2				0.083	0.371	1			9	2		14		1	1
KINNEAR	SOPHIE			1	0.000	9	7	5	3	0.429	3				0.429	0.556	3			1	1		1		2	
LILBURN	IZZY	51	8	1	0.983	40	28	6	8	0.286	7	1			0.321	0.487	9	1		10	1		4		5	1
MASLIN	JESS	76	11	1	0.989	60	48	26	26	0.542	13	10	3		0.875	0.617	24		1	9	2		4		4	
MITTON	LUCY	9	5	4	0.778	40	34	6	5	0.147	4	1			0.176	0.216	5	3		3			9	1		1
MUNRO-CHAMBERS	ADELE				0.000	2	1	2		0.000					0.000	0.500					1					
PROKOPEC	ALICE	12	15	1	0.964	27	16	16	8	0.444	7	1			0.500	0.630	4			7	2		1	0	10	
SHIPTON	KAYLA				0.000	1	1			0.000					0.000	0.000							1			
SMITH	BIANCA	10	12	3	0.880	61	50	12	20	0.400	14	5	1		0.540	0.492	16		1	9	1		10		4	
SOMERVILLE	WREN			1	0.000	4	3	1		0.000					0.000	0.250	1			1						
WELLS	SOPHIE			1	0.000	1	1			0.000					0.000	0.000							1			
WHITE	ELLA	34	14	10	0.828	55	36	8	4	0.111	3	1			0.139	0.407	2	1		15	3		25		1	2
		282	103	40	0.906	519	402	129	121	0.301	92	25	4	0	0.383	0.449	100	5	2	93	17	0	104	2	44	6

#### DIVISION 1W – PITCHING STATS 2021/22 (including Playoffs)

		РІТСН	ING:																		
		Start	Inn	н	K(so)	вв	нрв	RS	ER	WP	Blk	PCS	BFP	Ball	Strikes	Total	ERA	Strike%	W	L	9
MASLIN	JESS	1	14.1	11	12	18		15	8	4		1	72	143	154	297	5.02	51.85	1	1	1
MITTON	LUCY		1.2	3	2	3		3	3	1			12	24	23	47	16.20	48.94			
PROKOPEC	ALICE	4	17.1	15	23	13	1	13	3				85	140	197	337	1.56	58.46	2	1	
SMITH	BIANCA	13	58	92	55	29	5	68	46	10		6	309	399	650	1049	7.14	61.96	6	5	
WHITE	ELLA		2	8	2	4	1	7	4	1		1	20	267	42	44	18.00	95.45			1
TOTA	LS:	18	93.1	129	94	67	7	106	64	16	0	8	498	973	1066	2039	6.08	52.28	9	7	2

Name	Previous		Season 2021/22	Total Games Played
ALDWIN, Dana	32	17	8	57
CASTILLO-GILBERT, Maite	0	1	0	1
DUNN, Jacqui	30	18	5	53
DUNN, Jenny	35	17	17	69
HANDY, Jenna	38	17	14	69
HARRIS, Erin	10	17	19	46
KALUZA, Georgia	0	3	17	20
LILBURN, Isabelle	0	14	15	29
MASLIN, Jess	16	18	19	53
MITTON, Lucy	11	18	16	45
MUNRO-CHAMBERS, Ade	20	1	4	25
PROKOPEC, Alice	29	18	8	55
SMITH, Bianca	39	17	19	75
MELDRUM, Alex	19	0	0	19
ZIERSCH, Natalie	14	0	0	14
CRABB, Fiona	6	0	1	7
SHIPTON, Kayla	6	0	1	7
FORREST, Sally	0	0	3	3
KINNEAR, Sophie	0	0	6	6
SOMERVILLE, Carenza	0	0	2	2
WELLS, Sophie	0	0	1	1
WHITE, Ella	0	0	19	19

Premie	rship Coa	ch – Bra	d Ayles	Scorer –		Anita Godfrey			
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA	
5	20	13	7	0	26	65%	204	143	
Semi final			Glenelg		8	Def	East Torrens		4
Preliminary Final			Glenelg		19	Def	Goodwood		6
Grand Final			Glenelg		13	Def	Henley & Grange		5
Trophy Winners:				aluable Pl nals MVP	ayer	Connor Major Sam Dixon			

After being the dominant team from last season and losing the grand final by a run there were big shoes to fill and high hopes going into the 21/22 season. A couple of big names in the form of club legend Leon Eldridge, Jason King and Glenn Pycock decided not to come back which left a large hole in the batting line up.

On the flip side we were happy to welcome the father-son combination of Corey Williams and his son Jordan back to the GBC playing fields so a handy couple of replacements.

After the first 6 rounds we were off the boil with a win/loss record of 2-4. The squad still had an air of confidence but we had to find that winning combination. A couple of easy kills after that and momentum started to shift, throw in a bus trip to GGCD where a big 16-0 win and many beverages on the way home the team chemistry was back. By the time the GBC travelled to Souths we were on top of the ladder. Glenn Pycock could sniff a chance to get the prize and decided to pay up and jump back on the train. He had to however join Scotty B in the 7's and earn his stripes but as usual he took it on 'full bore'.

Division 6 was hotly contested and while it was nice to be on top only 1 point separated us from the 9th team on the ladder and in our last 8 rounds we faced 7 of those 9 teams. Was a tough stretch but by the time finals knocked we finished 5th and had to go through the team that held the crown and had made us look second rate twice in the regular season, East Torrens.

The plan was to give our MVP and starting pitcher for the year Connor Major the ball as he had earnt that after a solid year all around. His job was to eat up as many innings as he could, keep us close and get to another club legend, Sam 'Sanga' Dixon. This he did wonderfully and by the time Sanga took the ball East Torrens were done.

That plan stuck for all finals and after beating Goodwood by 10 runs in the preliminary final it was time to avenge the loss last year with a date against H&G on their second diamond of all places.

Connor kept it close for 2 but with their lead off coming back up it was time to give it to the man of the finals. Sanga gave up only 1 run to a dubious HR (I think Pete is still out there pointing at the balls landing divot) and all our bats drove in enough runs to finish the game early and win 13-5.

Special mentions must go to Peter Fenwick who came up a grade to help out and just kept hitting, finishing with a batting average of .875 and came off the bench for a couple of knocks in the big dance as well. Also Ben Dixon at shortstop making a million plays on the day, Dave Jucha behind the plate was solid as usual, Ben Alexander took a huge running catch early to get us out of trouble and Alan Laukirbe stayed strong to drive in the winning run with his only hit of the finals. Tim Swannson won his first premiership along with Connor and Al and lead the drinking off the shield. Also a big thanks to Emma Young, Jordan Bennetta-Williams and Wayne (away working) Hughes who may not have got into the game but their contributions all year gave us a chance to be there.

Great to hand the flag to our president and collect a mug with such a bunch of legends!!!!



#### Brad Ayles – Division 6 Coach

	Coach –	Andrev	v Qualma	nn	As	sistant Coacl Traine Scorers	Tony Mezzini Peter Power Leon Eldridge	
Pos'n <b>8</b>	Played <b>30</b>	Win <b>13</b>	Loss 16	Draw 1	Points <b>27</b>	Win/Loss <b>45%</b>	RF 161	RA <b>181</b>
Trophy Winners:		:	Jamie Klo Most \ Coa	Player	Jayden Eldridge Henry McAuliffe			

Long before the season began our coaching staff sat at the start of the year over a bottle of wine ( which was a regular all year) to identify areas we needed to improve on and set up plans for the season. To complete the preseason we headed to The Riverland with this in mind to play some preseason games. We worked on all the facets of the game to make ourselves bigger and better. We identified Pitching arms we could slide into games, Hitters and lineup changes that would protect hitters and best benefit the team throughout the year. Players learnt they would be playing in positions they were not comfortable with; hit in positions they were not familiar with but in a team sport you don't need to always be comfortable or familiar but you need to understand that everything we are doing is for the betterment of the team and the TEAM is the Goal!

Finally, it was the season opener, The Bay Train stoked their boiler, led by Jayden Eldridge on the hill we pulled from the station with what would be a very slow start to our winning season. 0-7 to start the year and things were looking bleak on the winning score board but with plenty of positives in each game showing we were heading in the right direction. We were already scoring more runs than the previous season, making less errors and throwing less walks. A sign of a young group finding themselves and their rhythm.

As our club skipper blows his arm on the mound, our young starters learn their craft, Covid kicks in, we start to score runs and wins go on the board. Taking Adelaide's Scalp the Tigers started to roar and would go on a 3 game winning streak putting us back on the right track. The Squad had some feeling and put up numerous good performances throughout the season letting out sparks from the wheels of a team that had something to prove and the league started talking. Numerous write ups about this team that was heading toward finals contention, The Bay Train was coming! We take one of the biggest scalps of the year beating Sturt at Sturt on their ladies day in an extra innings battle to end their 13 game winning streak. Elliott Ross, Hayden Carroll standouts on the day but an all-inclusive Team winning performance. If you happen to watch the coverage online which we have since then, it was a great battle from both sides and an ending we could only talk about!

We ended the season with another great Win over Adelaide and a hare's whisker from making Finals.

As a coach I could not be happier with the squads commitment to each other, our club juniors programs, our Club in general and most of all, our coaching staff. We are building future leaders of this Club and our future looks bright. What these boys leave on the field every week is a credit to them along with the cult following of Junior Tiger cubs they have embraced that will now be the future following them.

Thank you Tony Mezzini (assistant coach) and Nathan Brougham Div2 coach for your help all season long and our club board for the appointment this year.

#### Andrew Qualmann – Division 1 Coach
Play	er:		FIEL	DIN	G											BATTI	VG:										
		PO	Α	Ε	Avg	PA	AB	R	Н	Avg	1B	<b>2B</b>	3B	HR	slg%	ob%	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	CI	K(so)	GDP	SB	CS	LOB
BENTLEY	DYLAN	197	9	4	0.981	111	93	11	30	0.323	22	8			0.409	0.407	17	3	1	14			19	1	1		18
CARMODY	BRYN					1	1			0.000					0.000	0.000											
CARROLL	HAYDEN	11	10	1	0.955	36	34	4	11	0.324	8		1	2	0.559	0.361	9			2			9		1		3
CLAVELL	BEN	6	1	5	0.583	26	22	4	4	0.182	4				0.182	0.308	1			4			7	1	2		5
CLAVELL	MASON	21	59	10	0.889	122	101	18	26	0.257	17	6		3	0.406	0.385	11			19	2		16	8	4	1	22
DAY	TIM	25	46	17	0.807	102	88	19	29	0.330	22	7			0.409	0.412	16		1	5	8		3	3	6		16
ELDRIDGE	JACOB	12	17	3	0.906	20	16	3	1	0.063	1				0.063	0.250				3	1		7		2		7
ELDRIDGE	JAYDEN	1	13	1	0.933		0		0																		
GLUYAS	CONOR							1																	1		1
GLUYAS	DARCY	4	6	3	0.769	31	28	3	2	0.071	2				0.071	0.161	3			3			10	1		1	2
GLUYAS	JOE	45	6	2	0.962	83	71	13	19	0.268	16	3			0.310	0.373	6			7	5		12	4	5		18
HILL	CONNOR	120	6	3	0.977	106	93	13	27	0.290	19	5	1	2	0.430	0.377	18			3	10		17	2	1	2	20
HARRISON	TROY	1	6		1.000		0		0																		
HUTTUNEN	TOM	61	1	3	0.954	96	87	19	19	0.218	13	6			0.287	0.284	7	1		6	2		26		8	2	9
LOVELOCK	ARCHIE	19	1		1.000	46	41	9	11	0.268	9	1	1		0.341	0.348	3			5			12	2	2		9
LUDERS	FLYNN	2	3	1	0.833		0		0																		
MCAULIFFE	HENRY	31	3	1	0.971	103	84	17	17	0.202	16	1			0.214	0.337	10	2		15	2		16	2	4	2	17
NANKEVILL	KRIS					1	1			0.000					0.000	0.000											
QUALMANN	ANDREW	2			1.000																						
REID	KAI	3			1.000	2	1		0	0.000						0.500				1							
ROSS	ELLIOTT	47	49	5	0.950	102	87	13	25	0.287	18	6		1	0.391	0.366	15	1	2	10	2		20	1	3	1	13
SATO	RION	29	5	5	0.872	35	30	3	4	0.133	4				0.133	0.235	2	1		4			8				6
STEFF	ALEC	51	6	1	0.983	47	37	8	11	0.297	7	2		2	0.514	0.447	10			5	5		14		1	2	8
WURFEL	ADAM					4	4	2	2	0.500	1	1			0.750	0.500	1						1		1		2
WEEN	PATRICK		1		1.000																						
		688	248	65	0.935	1074	919	160	236	0.257	179	45	3	10	0.346	0.356	129	8	4	106	37	0	197	25	41	11	176

## DIVISION 1 – BATTING & FIELDING STATS 2021/22

## DIVISION 1 – PITCHING STATS 2021/22

	Player	:	РІТСН	ING:																		
			Start	Inn	н	K(so)	BB	нрв	RS	ER	WP	Blk	PCS	BFP	Ball	Strikes	Total	ERA	Strike%	W	L	s
75	DAY	TIM		6.2	3	6	6		2	1	1			29	39	69	108	1.35	63.89	1		
6	ELDRIDGE	JAYDEN	18	100.2	91	98	23	5	49	35	2		4	421	476	1088	1564	3.13	69.57	8	6	
19	HARRISON	TROY	5	25	41	15	10	2	34	29	1		2	134	160	301	461	10.44	65.29		4	
22	HILL	CONNOR		2	2	3			3					9	10	17	27	0.00	62.96			
49	LUDERS	FLYNN	5	50.2	66	48	12	8	35	30	4		4	238	267	536	803	5.36	66.75	3	4	
8	GLUYAS	JOE		4	8	3	6	2	14	10				29	61	69	130	22.50	53.08			
7	CLAVELL	MASON		10.2	14	9	3	3	8	5				56	69	130	199	4.41	65.33			2
20	STEFF	ALEC	2	26.1	32	26	22	5	34	28	4	2	1	138	229	294	523	9.66	56.21	1	1	
91	WEEN	PATRICK		1	2		3		3	3				8	14	19	33	27.00	57.58			
	TOTA	ALS:	30	229.2	259	208	85	25	182	141	12	2	11	1062	1325	2523	3848	5.45	65.57	13	15	2

<b>DIVISION 1 – GAMES PLAYED</b>
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Players	Previous	Season 2014/15	Season 2015/16	Season 2016/17	Season 2017/18	Season 2018/19	Season 2019/20	Season 2020/21	Season 2021/22	Total Games Played
BENTLEY. DYLAN	3	3	6	6	12	20	26	23	27	126
CARMODY, BRYN	0								1	1
CARROLL, HAYDEN	0								10	10
CLAVELL, BEN	3	4	4		5		19	3	9	47
CLAVELL, MASON	0		1	13	27	29	30	24	29	153
DAY, TIM	47	19	29	32	26	21	22	25	26	247
ELDRIDGE, JACOB	0					3	15	23	10	51
ELDRIDGE, JAYDEN	0				14	20	13	18	19	84
GLUYAS, DARCY	0						1	21	8	30
GLUYAS, JOE	0				24	27	29	29	24	133
HARRISON, TROY	0						3	16	8	27
HILL, CONNOR	0	8	6	13	33	12	9	29	29	139
HUTTUNEN, TOM	0				2		2	16	29	49
LOVELOCK, ARCHIE	0							15	16	31
LUDERS. FLYNN	0				1	1	18	20	18	58
NANKEVILL, KRIS	0								1	1
McAULIFEE, HENRY	0								21	21
REID, KAI	0							3	4	7
ROSS, ELLIOTT	78	28	26	25		25	25	27	26	260
QUALMANN, ANDREW	6	33	42	35					1	117
SATO, RION	0					9	16		11	36
STEFF, ALEC	0	1		2	19			1	17	40
WEEN, PATRICK	0								1	1
WILLIAMS, MATT	10	6	9	7	10		5	3		50
WITTY, ALEX	0						4	1		5
WURFEL, ADAM	0				1		7	15	1	24

Coach -	- Nathan E	Brougha	m		Assi	stant Coach	1 –	Luke Thompson Lachlan Eldridge Troy Harrison
						Score	r —	Cathy Hill
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
5	21	13	7	1	27	64%	159	97
Trophy	Winners:			luable Pla er Slugger				ck Ween c Steff

13. Unlucky for some. 13 wins was good enough for a 5th place finish on the year. Unfortunately, we were knocked out by an experienced Goodwood side in the first round of the finals. Beaten by a quality veteran side was not how we wanted the year to end but that is the game we play.

Still, I'm proud of the at bats we took that day, just couldn't find enough grass and string them together when we needed to. A final 3rd out in the second inning alluded us. If we managed a spot there differently, perhaps we advanced further.

I'd like to think the season won't be solely defined on our performance at Mortlock Park that day. As this team has developed and improved greatly, certainly in comparison to last year. Almost every player from Division 2 saw time in A grade this year, which speaks volumes to the depth and talent of this squad. Exciting teams are head. With plenty more finals, of that, I am sure.

It was clear from first game this season that we had one of those teams you see only every so often. Something special, unique in a way, having the potential to go the distance. This is a product of years previous, the hours that have gone into the development of this squad, it is really showing now. I am confident we have what's required for the Division 1 and 2 to be a finals contender consistently for years to come. I am hopeful the first round knockout will make the boys better in the long run. The team played with confidence and a drive to win throughout the year which I was pleased with.

In reflection it was a tale of two halves. The first 11 games we went 8 and 2 with a draw. Then 5 wins from the last 11 games (1 final). Our second half wasn't what we wanted but we did have a few factors outside our control impact our continuity. However, we weren't as polished in the field or with runners in scoring position like we were in the first half.

On an individual level we had some outstanding performances from many of our players. Alec Steff's performance with the bat was a luxury to have in this side. The character of this young man is exceptional. He expects to win. He wants himself and the team to be the best. A power stroke and a controlled approach at the plate. He will be a cornerstone of our senior squad for years to come. Patrick Ween, well I've said it a thousand times. Very happy we were able to get Patty on board last year. And he really took on the starting role this year and made it his own. The progress he has made with his pitching abilities has been brilliant. The way he is moving the ball is impressive. With Pat's style of pitching, he just needs to maintain confidence in his skill and trust the field to back him up. Holding the eventual Premiers, H&G, to one run is one of the best performances from an individual I've seen this year. Patrick's outstanding performance this season was capped off by winning our team MVP, but also the Bob Elkson Memorial Award for the Most Improved Senior Men's Player. Congratulations, and I look forward to seeing him evolve further next season.

Special mention to Rion, having him back this year, it highlighted how we missed his bat in the line-up last year. I hope we see many more swings from the talented lefty.

I would like to thank Cathy Hill for scoring and writing up the stats. I really appreciate all your work each and every week.

To my fellow coaches - Harro, Gamer, Mootz, Thomo, and particularly Quals. Thank you for all your help and support this year, it is immensely appreciated.

Thank you to everyone at the GBC. So much goes into making a successful and enjoyable club, and I just want to say I really enjoyed my time this summer. I'm confident we will take the next step forward in 2022-2023.

Finally, I just would like to thank the players. Personally, that's why I do this. The way everyone bought into the game plan, played hard every week, and the willingness to learn. It makes it worth it.

Can't wait to see you all at the club soon.

<u>Awards:</u>

Silver Slugger (Batting Trophy) - Alec Steff

Avg	OB%	SLG	OPS
0.467	0.590	0.733	1.323

Division 2 MVP & the Bob Elkson Memorial Trophy Winner - Patrick Ween 48 Innings Pitched | 37 Ks Batting Ave .389 | OB% .500

Nathan Brougham – Division 2 Coach

## **Division 3 – Report**

	- Conglom am, Justin Handy		•			Score	r —	Kristian Mundy, Alan Crabb + Others
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
11	20	5	15	0	10	25%	98	172
Trophy	Winners:		Outstandin Outstandin	0			•	n Carmody sh Ward

Division 3 shifted back to Saturdays this year, along with the 1s and 2s. With a super youthful group, it was more about learning the game, rather than racking up wins.

Through our first 7 games we won 2 and lost 3 by 1 run. So, the competitive games where there. We cycled through a large group of the U/17's into this team, and they improved in leaps and bounds during the season.

The core group of the 17s to play were Kai Crabb, Cyrus Mundy and Henry Martinella. Each of them saw marked improvement over the season, a feather in their caps to play a lot of senior baseball at an early age.

We welcomed a few new faces to the club and the Division 1-2-3 squad this season, 2 of which played important roles in this developmental team. I can't speak highly enough of both these guys.

Bryn Carmody came along as friend of some of the guys and fit right in. His defence in the outfield was unreal, and he was more than willing to do whatever was asked of him each day. He hit at the top of the line-up to start the year and then in the middle by the end. He became one of those guys you could chalk in for a hit or 2 every single week. A great competitor, just what we needed to show the young guys the way.

Josh Ward moved to Glenelg from interstate and was just another one of those "I'll do the job" guys you love to add to a club. He caught a bunch, he played infield, he hit all over the line-up. Josh really worked his way into being a positive leader for this team.

Another guy who didn't get an award, but was just a great addition was Joel Amanatidis, another guy who just did what needed to be done. Hadn't played baseball for a while, but he fit right in and started to find his swing by seasons end.

A big thanks to the other core guys including Grant Wilson, Luke Thompson, Bender, Jacko Bevan, Errol Burns and Bailey Edgar once the border opened for him to travel over.

A huge thank you to Kristian Mundy and AI Crabb for stepping up and scoring on basically no notice each week. Hopefully this team can start to find its own feet soon and the young guys will continue to get better and better.

## Justin Millar – on behalf of coaching group

Coach -	- Justin M	illar			Score	er – Bo	everley Mc(	Gearey	
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA	
1	19	15	4	0	30	79%	203	97	
Semi Fi	nal		Glei	nelg	10	Def	Henley	& Grange	0
Grand F	inal		Glei	nelg	4	Lost to	Henley	& Grange	8
Trophy	Winners:		Most Val Outstandin	luable Pla Ig Perforr			•	McGearey Abroe	

We came into this year riding a 21-game winning streak, so it was safe to say this year was going to be tough to keep that trend going.

With essentially the same group all returning it was bound to be another fun season. We started the season off facing last year's grand final opponents in both weeks 1 and 2. This became a regular theme for season with only 8 teams in our grade, we soon became pretty familiar with all our opponents. We got through to the Christmas break with a 10-1 record in first place.

We came back into the 2022 side of the season and dealt with COVID health and safety protocols, holidays, work and everything in between. We welcomed home the J-Hawk (John Loy) after Christmas and he slotted right into the time seamlessly, as we heaped it on him like he never left. Hayds, Stevo and Bender had carried a bulk of the load on the hill for us during the regular season, each guy having a pretty good year on the bump.

Our finals have been a top 6 format for a long time, so this year's top 4 was something new. We played host to a stacked Henley team who had been bolstered with some off-season signings and new faces. Hayds turned in an outstanding performance on the hill, throwing a complete game shutout in a 10-0, 8 innings mercy win. Greg Abroe set the tone for us that day with a lead off at-bat that might have been 12 pitches long, if not more. Lachy Mags hit a first inning homer and we put together a great performance with the bat all game. Zeddy came up with a few clutch hits and we had won through to a home GF.

With the week off out the way we would again host the Rams. The top of the 1<sup>st</sup> looked like a similar day could be on the cards. Greg led off with a single, Sadler followed this, Kloeds knocked in a couple and it was 4-0 to the good guys after one. Unfortunately, from there on we proved unable to get that big hit we so desperately needed. Our quality at-bats dried up a little as the HG starter kept throwing strikes and their centre fielder made 2 above average catches to keep us at bay. The game was tied at 4 after about the 5<sup>th</sup>, they got ahead, I made a change and they skipped out a little further. In the end, our goal was to score 10+ runs, we fell short of this and ended up losing to a better team on the day.

We still play baseball cos we love the game and love having a few laughs with our mates. This year was no exception to that that, as we had a lot of laughs along the way. Even when we got belted in the

regular season Kloeds lost a ball in the sun and caught it in his sleeve! This will be a great memory and something to remind him of in years to come.

A massive thanks to Bev McGearey breaking out the coloured pens for us and doing a rather thankless task every week.

To the grounds crew, thank you hugely for your help all season and sharpening up diamond 2, where we ended up playing a handful of games.

Congratulations to the Division 1 girls, it is no easy feat wining once, let alone back-to-back and with some of the hurdles they faced along the way. A huge shout out to the Division 6 team, with a group of guys winning their first flag since juniors – a long time coming and well deserved.

Conversely, a tough pill to swallow for my guys and the Div 5 crew on losing the big one. I guess you can't win them if you aren't there, but both teams had outstanding seasons, so well done.

Hayds was easily our MVP this season, he also took home the Division 4 league medal, so that is a fair indication that he had a stellar year. He found his way back onto the mound and had some insanely dominate outings, but then also hit in the heart of our line-up each week. There was more than one occasion he struck out 8+ from the mound and hit a homer with the stick. I haven't seen a 2-sided domination like that for a while. Well done.

As is the case in every season of late, the 2<sup>nd</sup> award could have gone to a number of guys. Mags had a good season again, Kloeds was 0-for through the first 4 games then got his first and second hit of the season in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning of game 5. His first 2 hits, a homer AND a grand slam, in 1 dig. Zeddy played almost half the games this year (which is unreal) and he hit like .750, but play a game dude. There is always a guy who technically can't win awards, but let's say that guy hit north of .500, with a pair of homers and polled the 2<sup>nd</sup> most league votes in the team, he is like a fine wine.

But enough of those guys, Greg Abroe took home the Outstanding Performance award for just that. He does whatever is asked of him, played 3s and 4s in the same day multiple times, pitched, played infield and outfield, and is just a genuine good bloke. Which is a nice change to the rest of em, especially John. Greg sets the tone as our leadoff hitter, he is basically a quality at-bat machine at the top for us. He has been an integral part of our success over the past few years and I'm very pleased to give him some formal recognition.

A huge thanks goes to Boris and the guys from the 5s who helped during the season. An even bigger thank you to the guys who umpired our games, without you there isn't a game and you all performed admirably. Thank you to the families of all the guys for letting me pinch them for a few hours a week.

Finally, thanks to the guys rolling out each week. For me to play alongside some of the best to ever do it at Glenelg, and J-lo, is truly an honour.

Justin Millar – Division 4 Coach

Coach -	- Brook Ki	lpatrick			Assi	stant Coac Score Manage	er —	Bev McC Alise	Dave Carter Bev McGearey Alison Hall Fred Radley		
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA			
2	20	15	5	0	30	75%	188	108			
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Trophy Winners:Most Valuable PlaOutstanding Perform Go Hard or Go Hard				nance		Matt H	Carter Iolmes Golusin				

### Season:

The move of Division 3 to Saturday baseball and its flow-on effect of pushing Division 4 to the brutal 4.30pm timeslot meant a stack of talent flowed into our Division from the 4's. This made for the highest quality Division 5 seen in my time, bringing with it some cracking matchups but also meaning there was not much respite from week to week if you wanted to still be around when the whips were cracking. At one stage we dropped from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in one round just by dropping a game, a testament to the dogfight that was occurring all year.

Our team was boosted by the return of Matty Holmes who had endured a long wait to have his ACL reconstruction completed, the two years out of the game seemingly not affecting the great man as much as I had expected as he came out of the gate smashing pills all over the park. Whilst it took Matty a while to re-learn his pitching mechanics and get back to his level, his hitting was so good it didn't really matter. It is a testament to the young fella and his willingness to work hard that he fell just one vote short of winning our players MVP award. He did still manage to snag the "Outstanding Performance" award for the team in what was a brilliant comeback. I predict in the next few seasons that Matt will make an immense impression on the field as he builds on his comeback. All of that aside, it was great to have him and his wonderful family back as they provide great support to all the boys.

Among walk-off wins, stirring comebacks and a particularly awful late-season twilight loss, we fought our way into second place at the end of the minor round, just behind probably pound-for-pound the greatest Division 5 lineup ever assembled in the boys from Henley and Grange.

The finals series saw us go down to the abovementioned Henleys 7-1 in the Semi, before an epic battle with Sturt in the Prelim where we were down 0-2 going into the bottom of the last. As had been the case all season with this team, we weren't about to let this one go without a fight, scoring two to tie the game before winning it in extra innings to send us back to the Grand Final to face the Rams again.

The breakfast special got underway at the ungodly hour of 0900 and despite a strong battle early we could not contain the Rams star-studded line-up, eventually going down 14-6.

Despite losing the big one which is always a bitter pill to swallow after a long season, I am extremely proud of what the boys achieved this season. This bunch continues to outperform their level of raw talent just by scrapping, grinding and not taking anything for granted. To make the big dance in a season where the talent pool amongst the top six teams was arguably at an all-time high was a mighty effort.

When you reflect on a season it is always difficult to be objective when you have such a painful last day, but in all honestly the journey with this bunch of legends does count for a lot. I am truly blessed to share the field with these blokes who are not just ballplayers, they are true mates.

Dave Carter was again outstanding for us, winning his second players MVP in as many seasons. His work in the batting box and on the hill got us over the line in some tight games, with his finals performance on the mound being mothing short of excellent.

Vanya Golusin won his second "Go Hard or Go Home" award which is a testament to his character and passion to improve. "Van" made huge strides in his game this season, hitting for power, running like a jackrabbit and always being prepared to do whatever this coach asked. The man is not just a pleasure to coach but a wonderful human being.

I do want to pay tribute to Adam Freer who had a sensational season in difficult circumstances. His outfielding was elite and his offense was consistently a highlight of the season.

Injury robbed Andrew Fensom of his usual exemplary counting stats, but when he did play he was as ever consistently brilliant. Aaron Vanderwyst, another great GBC man had a very good season in his own right and is never afraid to put his hand up to do the less glamorous tasks that have to be done.

Ironman Gavin Kilpatrick once again worked his butt off behind the dish all season while putting up good numbers, unfortunately when he did have a single day off we used Joe Krajina to catch which may have finished off his already wobbly knee – making it very hard going for the big Kraj throughout the rest of the season. Never one to complain, Joe kept putting his hand up to take the field, make some great plays and knock in important runs for the Tiges. A warrior no doubt.

Kym Bartlett had so many ailments and injuries that the poor fella missed a stack of games. An important cog in the team, when he did play, usually under duress, he performed well – showing that if he can get back to some good health, he will once again be terrorising opposition on a weekly basis. Just having him out there was bloody brilliant. Dan Melia, another week to week injury candidate and certainly our most unorthodox player, had some sensational games and was often seen smashing oppo doubles and knocking in runs. Whilst he has plenty to learn about the nuances of baseball, it is truly a pleasure having him on the team and a heap of fun.

A big thanks to Ben Alexander, Dave Jucha, Peter Fenwick, Ben Dixon, Corey Williams, Craig Teakle, Greg Abroe and of course Timmy Smailes for helping us out when injuries left us decimated during the season, your passion for the game and willingness to help is very much appreciated. I also want to thank bookend coaches Justin Millar and Brad Ayles for making sure we could field nine players each week.

Massive thanks to our manager Fred Radley, it's the first time I have had a manager and it was bloody good! Fred was great support to all of us and certainly to myself, it is a wonderful thing to have legacy GBC men back and active at the club, hopefully Fred is out again next season.

A big thanks to the scoring machine in Bev McGeary, she gives so much to so many teams, an amazing workhorse on the pencils. Big shoutout to Alison Hall (and her Dad!) who helped out plenty of times scoring as well.

Special thanks to our greatest spectators in the Holmes clan, Fred Carter, Coralie and Tanya Fensom plus Pat Bartlett, you guys are amazing.

To my great mates in Division 6, a hearty congratulations to coach Brad Ayles boys in rolling through the finals to a very well deserved flag. Big ups also to Craig Handy and his Division 1 girls who also got the chocolates.

Finally, thanks to every board member and volunteer who gave up their time to this great club, and every single family member and friend who turned up to give us support at the greatest club in the land.

Until next year, much love. Boris is OUT!

### Brook 'Boris' Kilpatrick – Division 5 Coach

Coach -	- Scott Bra	adey				Score Score	Bev McGearey Anita Godfrey	
Pos'n <b>7</b>	Played <b>20</b>	Win <b>11</b>	Loss 7	Draw 2	Points <b>24</b>	Win/Loss <b>60%</b>	RF <b>197</b>	RA <b>163</b>
Trophy	Winners:			luable Pla eam Pers	•			Akita Gillespie

I took on the role of managing Div 7 this year not really knowing the members available or the strength of the competition. As is always the case, not many players presented themselves until a couple of weeks out from the season. When game time came around, we managed to field a side and commence our campaign.

Having never played alongside some of the club's "elder" statesmen, I must say it was an honour to be amongst some of Glenelg's legends. We had a couple of newbies this year, with Andrew Gillespie putting down his golf clubs and picking up a bat, and Yuki Akita (and his lovable dog Sakura) coming up from Mount Gambier to join the GBC family.

At the All Star break, we were 5 wins, 1 draw and 4. By that stage of the year, we had had a (almost) season ending injury to Marty Beyer and many other soft tissue injuries to our aging list. So the back end of the season was going to be a challenge.

The revolving door that was our starting 9 spun rapidly on the first game back after xmas with injuries still ruling players out, a requirement to fill other grades and the Rona stuff floating around. Div. 8 graciously forfeited to provide us 7 players required for us just to field a team, but unfortunately got pumped by Flinders' A Grade.

The back end of the season saw us seesaw between wins and losses keeping the door slightly ajar for a possible finals berth. By the last game of the season, we had to win by a truck load and have other results go our way. Unfortunately, over the course of an entire season, we missed out on finals by a solitary run. This was extremely disappointing given the squad we had and the dent we could have put into the higher teams had we made it.

With 33 players hitting the field this year, I would like to thank each and every one for their effort and responsiveness in what was quite a trying year.

A huge thank you to Anita who scored for us in the first half of the year. She was already scoring Div 6, so was a long day for her on the pencils. Also a huge thank you to Bev for taking over when Anita decided to defend our country from Canberra. She was already scoring just about every other team, so why not. Nothing helps a coach more than knowing you're not chasing up a scorer week in and week out.

As the first team to rock up for home games, I also must thank the huge effort the grounds people did to get the diamond and surrounding areas in tip top shape for the club. I was never fully aware of the amount of work that they volunteer their time to achieve.

Thank you to the all the committee members who spent countless hours making this the best club in SA. The time and effort by these people to keep the club running smoothly can not be underestimated.

I'm not normally a guy that singles people out for accolades etc but I would like to recognise David Mitchell on his playing career. Unless he pulls some John Farnham act, Dave played his last game of baseball this year. With the season on the line, Dave threw a shut out complete game as a septuagenarian. An unbelievable effort by the old boy. Hopefully we will still see him around the club.

### Awards:

### Best Team Player: Andrew Gillespie

Andrew came to us this year having never played the sport before and took to it like a duck to water. His smooth golf swing transitioned to a smooth baseball swing and was clipping line drives in no time. He was keen to train and also took it upon himself to seek out some extra curricular training at Seaton to sharpen his talent. Andrew did everything that was asked of him on and off the field without battering an eyelid. With more people like Andrew, the world would be a better place.

### MVP: Yuki Akita

It was hard to look past this bloke for MVP. He led off all year and had some amazing returns for effort. His speed and agility was prevalent in his range at shortstop and his baserunning. A very polite well mannered lad that was a rock for the team. I look forward to see how he progresses next season.

When all is said and done, it was disappointing not to make the finals. There were so many contributing factors to this, of which most teams and clubs have to deal with. Essentially, with a bit more stability next year, finals will be a definite with maybe even a crack at the whole box and dice. A big thank you to the players that fronted up this year. In my many years on the diamond, this was one of the most cohesive bunch of players l've been around. This was a true "team" and it was an honour to be a part of it.

Scott Bradey – Division 7

Coach -	- Alison H	all			Assi	stant Coach Scorei		Tim Smales
Pos'n <b>9</b>	Played <b>20</b>	Win <b>7</b>	Loss 13	Draw <b>0</b>	Points 14	Win/Loss <b>35%</b>	RF <b>192</b>	RA <b>226</b>
Trophy	Winners:		Encouraç Encouraç	•				Teakle Smales

I'd like to start off by saying thank you to the club and the volunteers this season.

The Div 8 started off positive with some new players and some old faces returning to try and win us that premiership that's eluded us for many years.

Unfortunately, we had some players getting injured during the start of our season so it came became a player draft between the other divs so we could keep playing during the covid times. Losing our main pitcher 4 game in. We knew we had to share the workload on the mound.

We won 9 games for the season with game winning streaks off 3 and 2 in a row. This was a massive achievement and confidence booster for all of us. But it wasn't to be and we just missed out on finals by 2 games.

All the players stepped up and played different positions when needed. The batting was outstanding with 8 in the park home runs with some spectacular catches.

Congratulations to Timmy Smales & Jack Teakle for their presentation awards

### Alison Hall – Division 8 Coach

Coach -	- Alex Melo	drum		Scorer	· _	Jenna Fromme		
Pos'n <b>10</b>	Played 16	Win <b>4</b>	Loss 11	Draw 1	Points <b>9</b>	Win/Loss <b>28%</b>	RF 137	RA 188
Trophy	Winners:	(	Most Val Dutstandin			Ма		tillo-Gilbert Forrest

Coaching with Dale Ziersch is definitely a highlight in my short baseball career, he taught us all a huge amount and the women's program is better with him in it for sure.

We lost a few players from last season, Nat played only 3 games due to being pregnant (congratulations on gorgeous Arlo), Kayla to FIFO work, Becc Pearson moved overseas, and Rebecca Condourus also had a baby. Which meant we had to re-gig positions and develop a new team bond, which to be fair didn't take long; it's a pleasure spending time with this bunch.

Unfortunately, this season we made it hard for ourselves to win games by starting slow. It was an annoyingly consistent theme that we just couldn't seem to shake, hopefully with a few tweaks we can improve on this next season. Our performances at the back end of games was always on point and we often hit the max 5 runs in our later innings so we know we can play extremely well but just need that to be consistent across each innings.

Maite was our starting pitcher most games and she deservedly won the MVP award. She not only delivered outs with the ball she also gave us runs with her bat (and a fiery Cuban attitude we all loved!). She was one of our best hitters all year and drove in RBIs nearly every game.

Sally Forrest took out our other team award, Outstanding Performance. She was a mainstay behind the plate and got better each week at controlling play and even got her fair share of hits with the bat. Her season was so good she was called up to the Div 1 squad for the finals campaign and deserved to be there.

Milly was playing her first season of senior baseball having come from a softball background, and while it took her some time to gain confidence she ended the season with a bang. She took an amazing catch in the outfield and then threw out a runner at 1<sup>st</sup> in a fantastic play at Northers, a game we went on to win. Becc spent most of her season at 2<sup>nd</sup> base and grew into this position like it was made for her, she also had her best season ever with the bat; maybe the breast feeding of baby Eden during innings changeover helped (super mum??). Sophie became an outfield specialist and took some amazing catches, the best was a sprinting catch out in RF at Port Adelaide. Fiona gave both the dish and the mound a crack this season and I look forward to her developing her skills as a pitcher, she has the arm and the confidence will come. Adele has continued her streak of being hit by pitch but also managed to work on her swing and had some great at bats for us, her work at 1st was also stellar. She brings a huge amount of energy to our group that is valued by all. Alex (me) had a mixed bag of a season, coaching and playing is always a different beast. I pitched well on the few occasions I put

myself in there and was feeling pretty confident with the bat this season; after a light season of pitching I look forward to putting myself back out there as a pitcher next season.

We were lucky enough to have the services of Lucy and Georgia as our relief pitchers from Div 1 and we like to think it helped them develop for the Div 1 squad, Lucy went on tho pitch very well in the Div 1 team and G was a regular 2<sup>nd</sup> base for them. We also had Jenny Dunn, Dana Aldwin, Bianca Smith and Ella White all play for us at some point from the Div 1 squad; Congrats to all on the fantastic win against Sturt to take out the Premiership! Lora Munro and Amanda Osborn also came up from Div 3 and didn't look out of place at all. Its awesome to see our players joining in and helping out teams when needed.

Bring on the next season!

Alex Meldrum – Women's Division 2 Coach

## Women's – Division 3 Tigers – Report

Coach – Matt Jones					Assistant Coach – Assistant Coach - Scorer –			Alison Hall Emma Young Beverley McGearey
Pos'n <b>6</b>	Played 16	Win 8	Loss 8	Draw <b>0</b>	Points <b>16</b>	Win/Loss <b>50%</b>	RF <b>146</b>	RA <b>135</b>
U	10	0	0	U	10	50%	140	135

Trophy Winners:	Most Valuable Player	Jacqui Dunn
	Encouragement Award	Simone Stankowski-Bradey

After a terrific first season last year when we made the finals, we were looking to improve even further this year.

While I believe we did improve so did the other teams which made for a testing season with no easy games. At the end of the season we missed out on playing finals by half a game. Of the 8 games we lost, three of them were by 1 run & two of them by 2 runs. We defeated every team except the Grand Finalists but the close losses cost us.

As with last season we trained with the Div 2 squad coached by Alex Meldrum & Dale Ziersch. The two teams worked very well together & were very supportive of each other. We were very grateful to the numerous Coaches & players from other teams who gave of their time during the season to help with training. To Craig Handy, Leon Eldridge, Jayden Eldridge, Jacob Eldridge, Lachlan Eldridge & Ben Dixon, thank you for your help.

A big thank you to Peter Dixon, who presented us with excellent diamonds for play, to all of our club umpires & to the members who looked after the bar & shop.

Emma Young did a fantastic job as Assistant Coach, as did Alison Hall, Trent Kramer & Tim Smales. Thank you also to Blake Osborn & Beau Brownbill for throwing pre-game hitting for the team.

This group of women have been outstanding to Coach. They are such a positive group of players and are totally supportive of each other. They are a credit to themselves and the club.

#### Matt Jones – Women's Division 3 Coach

## Under 17 – Report

Coach	– Luke Tho	ompson			Д	Assistant Coach - Scorer –			Tom Huttunen	
						Mana	ager -	Naon	ni Sturgeon	
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA		
3	16	5	11	0	10	31%	96	169		
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Trophy Winners: Most Valuable Player Most Consistent			2		Callum Kai C					

For the first time in a couple of years the GBC had just enough numbers to put together an under 17 team. This was an important step as not only did it give the kids a chance to play charter it also gave them another year of development before hitting seniors.

It was a fun and at times frustrating year as we constantly battled injuries work schedules and family holidays to put a team on the park but every week we fronted up and got a team out there. Thanks for Adam and the under 15 first year kids in Blake, Ben, Kody and Cam for stepping up and Austin, Noah, and Beau B as second years coming into the squad at times.

We played some good ball we played some bad ball but what we as coaches loved was the commitment every week to get better. The team really got its groove on and finished third in the div 2 league meaning they qualified for finals. After having a lucky but unfortunate bye the first week we played Goodwood in the preliminary and played the best game of our season recording our first mercy rule win of the year. I could go through the entire game but I won't. Some of the highlights where Anna who had battle an arm injury all year coming in and collecting a clutch hit. Big bad Noah getting chucked in at first, as Kai Sturgeon got the Covid, playing solid D and getting on twice. It was a great well rounded effort.

We got hit hard by the Covid bug for the grand final losing Callum, Kai Crabb and Wren which put a massive hole in the team that we just couldn't cover. In saying that the way Blake Osborne and little Cam McLeod played they should hold their heads high. We have a great foundation coming through there.

Cyrus threw the game of his life Henry was as always a rock behind the dish but it just wasn't our day.

We are so proud of this team. Kai Sturgeon, Beau Vercoe played the entire season as second year under 15s and handled the jump with ease. Watching Callum take his pitching to another level in the second half, and the massive improvements of Kai Crabb, Wren and Anna, plus the all round play of Henry and the walk machine in Cyrus, always kept us in games. Late in the season Austin and Noah took more senior roles within the team and hopefully this will hold them well for next year. Also Anna and Flynn both had injuries at the wrong times but watching your growth this year has been such a highlight. Sorry if I missed anyone. You could write a novel about this team

Thanks for Tom H, Adam V and Div 1 players in Harro, Mouse and Flynn for taking their time to help

Thanks for Naomi for her efforts in managing this crazy team

Thanks everyone for being on this ride with us it is a wonderful journey

Onto next year

Luke Thompson – Under 17 Coach

## U15 – Report

Coach – Ben Alexander					Manager – Scorer –				
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA	
10	17	2	14	1	5	15%	76	203	
Trophy Winners: Most Valuab Coaches					•			lexander IcMaster	

This year was a year for growth for our team. We has a majority of first year players and we lost a couple of strong second year players to the senior league to help their development for next year.

We showed up and gave it a crack every week and the boys showed a lot of improvement over the course of the season.

Massive thanks to Adam Shaw for all that he did this year. Especially tweaking swings and fielding techniques.

Also thank you to Lachie for his efforts with the pitching staff.

Congratulations to Ben Eyles on winning the Blake Horrocks Scholarship. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year I have been with you and I think this is very well deserved. You always listen and give 100%. Your out fielding has really come along and I especially loved the cut off play from centre to home to get an out. Well done.

#### **Coaches Award – Noah McMaster**

Noah is a ripper kid, polite, well mannered and cheeky! He showed great leadership and always helped raking up after training and packing up gear etc.

His baseball has improved a lot over the course of the year and was a solid target at first base. Well done Noah.

#### MVP – Ollie Alexander

This year the boys voted 3-2-1 after each game.

I probably don't give this kid as much credit as I should. Ollie led the team in hits this year and made the most of routine plays and a couple of ridiculous ones this year. His pitching really came along as well. Well done buddy.

As a whole as far as progress goes this season was a success, can't wait to see how we go next year.

Thanks to Nikita for all her help this season

Thanks to Scott and Matt for scoring duties

Thanks to those who poured beers and made a million hot chips and hot dogs.

Thank you parents for bringing the kids to training and games each week

### Ben Alexander – Under 15's Coach

Coach -	- Kristian I	Mundy			Manager – Shelley MacLe			Mundy	
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA	
9	16	5	11	0	10	31%	98	156	
Trophy	Winners:			luable Pla Improved				Mundy n Mundy	

The under 13s had a strong year of development with 12 players playing across the season. The team had a good mix of first- and second-year aged players, with three new players to the club which was great to see. With great support from Glenn Pycock, David Mundy, Lachlan Eldridge and many parents, the under 13s continued to develop, compete and have fun.

There was a strong focus on baseball biomechanics, skill acquisition, motivation, preparation and conditioning in trainings with regular opportunities to develop stronger game knowledge at both trainings and on game days. Throughout the year all players continued to develop their pitching, fielding, batting, base running and game play with noticeable improvement in everyone.

The team missed an opportunity to play in finals but showed regularly that they could compete with the strong teams. We focussed on continuing to give opportunities to all players to develop in all positions at trainings and games, winning games was always a bonus.

Congratulations to

- Ben Smith and Ari Mundy who were selected in the Little League Charter Team
- Marcus Pycock, Joaquin Conesa and Zac Maclean who were selected in the Little League Development Charter Team
- Hannah Nuske who was selected in the Little League Girls Charter Team

Thank you to Shelley Maclean for managing the team throughout the year and all parents who gave their time to support in scoring, canteen, and other duties.

Thank you to the board, and grounds volunteers for the support for the team and the entire club.

Thank you to the other junior coaches for their support and collegiality across the season.

Hopefully everyone continues to play next season, brings a friend, and continues to work as hard as they did during this season.

## Kristian Mundy – Under 13's Coach

## U11's Glenelg – Report

Coach –	Alex Meldi	rum			Scorer – Scorers –				Shared Shared
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA	
21	17	3	14	0	6	18%	66	150	

Trophy Winners:	All Players received
riopity winners.	Medallions

What a great season of baseball. I am so proud of all these players, they toughed it out and never gave up even when we weren't winning. The team were always so supportive of each other, and I really feel like that helped everyone grow more confident week by week. We definitely saw a huge amount of improvement form everyone by the end of the season and there were some seriously close games that almost went our way. There were only a few wins but it felt so positive each week that the score line didn't matter and as each of these players develops there will be a huge number of wins coming their way.

We saw some real highlight moments; Koby pitching in his first ever season of baseball and striking out his first 2 batters, Seb hitting a huge dinger at East Torrens, Ethan and JJ combining in the field to get outs at 1<sup>st</sup>, Opal crushing it behind the plate as catcher, Pippa driving in runs all season, Lincoln throwing some serious heat and gaining control of his zone and Beau throwing more strikes than I thought possible.

For most of the season we played with 8 players due to losing 2 players in Jakobo and Jimmy; our team showed real grit to go out there and just try their hearts out. I hope to see all of them back on the Diamond next season. The team was trained by Scott Brady as I was unable to commit to trainings and I thank him for his amazing efforts to grow the love of baseball in our kids.

We loved playing in "The Show" and Grant did an awesome job all season as Junior Manager. Thanks to all parents who volunteered during the season, the club cant function without this help

Alex Meldrum – Under 11's Glenelg Coach

## U11 Tigers – Report

Coach – Scott Bradey								Tristan Hardin Joe Krajin	•
Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA	
<b>24</b>	17	1	16	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>185</b>	

#### Trophy Winners: All Players received Medallions

This season I was asked to coach the U11's for the first time. Having only seen u9 games before, I had to do a bit of research to work out the modified rules for this grade (strongly assisted by Tristan). When the numbers were finalised, we were in the enviable position of being able to field two teams. This definitely made things easier by not having to rotate through players to ensure comparable game time for each child. But, definitely made trainings harder as the other coach for the "Glenelg U11's" wasn't available for trainings so we were training a large squad.

In hindsight, there would be quite a few things I would do differently to prepare for the season. I failed in pitcher preparation and in getting support from the club at trainings. Live and learn.

The season for the Tiger team was promising. Although the wins didn't come, the individual growth from the kids was amazing to see first hand. The entire team were all first year U11's so hadn't had any experience in facing live pitching from their peers and hadn't pitched themselves. With such a steep learning curve ahead, the kids definitely grabbed the bulls by the horns and had a red hot crack at it. Every child was keen for pitching duties. Every child wanted to bat first. The enthusiasm was uplifting.

I can not thank enough the individuals who supported me this season. Tristan Harding put his hand up to manage the team and was thrust into a role of coaching groups of kids each training and assisting during game day. Joe Krajina put his hand up to score and did a stellar job each week. Without these two, I would not have survived. And to the parents who got out of bed early each Sunday, thanks.

Grant Wilson did an amazing job as junior coordinator as always. "The Show" was spectacular again. Such a highlight of the season. The kids love it.

A huge thanks to the grounds people for keeping the diamonds tip top shape and setting up the modified fields for us.

So yeah, I look forward to seeing the development of the kids over their junior career. Such potential. See y'all next season.

#### Scott Bradey – U11 Tigers Coach

## Coach – Dale Ziersch

Manager –	Dan Carter
Scorer –	Shared

### Trophy Winners:

#### **All Players received Medallions**

What an amazing and fun season we had in the u9 team.

A lot of new faces and some returning players really made for a great spread of talent. We didn't win many games but definitely learnt a lot about the game over the season. Some players going from not knowing anything about the game to learning not only the rules but where to make plays whilst fielding, was great to see the kids grow over the year.

Thank you to all the parents for helping throughout the season. We had a great group and all the help that the families gave me over the year was much appreciated. It would have been very difficult wrangling the kids together without your help.

All in all, it was a great season full of plenty of cartwheels and laughter.

Hope all kids enjoyed their season and will come back for another next year.

Thankyou and see you all next season.

#### Dale Ziersch – U9 Glenelg

Cooper Trophy	Outstanding Clubperson	Shelley McPhee
Tom & Mel Rice Memorial Trophy	Division 1 player who received the most Capps Medal votes	Jayden Eldridge
Women's Division – Most Votes	Women's – Division 1 player who received the most umpire votes	Bianca Smith
Women's Finals MVP	Most Valuable Player of the Womens - Division 1 Final Series	Bianca Smith
David Doonan Memorial Trophy	Outfielder of the Year	Henry McAuliffe
Best Defensive Female Player	Female Defensive Player of Year	Jess Maslin
Bob Elkson Memorial Trophy	Most Improved Player	Patrick Ween
Most Improved Female Player	Most Improved Female Player	Georgia Kaluza Sally Forrest
Patrons Trophy	Junior player who received the most umpires votes	Kody Delbridge
West Beach Trust Trophy	Outstanding Junior Player	Callum Wilson
Mark Fenwick Memorial Trophy	Under 15 player who received the most umpires votes	Kody Delbridge
Blake Horrocks Memorial Scholarship	Awarded to a junior player with potential	Ben Eyles

100 Games

**Dylan Bentley** 

50 Games (Women)

Jacqui Dunn Alice Prokopec Dana Aldwin Jess Maslin

# State Representatives & SABL Awards – 2021/2022

Adelaide Giants representatives:	Alice Prokopec Jessica Maslin
BSA Medal Winner:	Hayden McGearey – Division 4 David Carter – Division 5
BSA All Star Team:	None
BSA Womens All Star Team:	Bianca Smith Jess Maslin
Women's State Team	Lucy Mitton Jess Maslin
Senior League – Armada	Cyrus Mundy
Little League – Rays	Ben Smith Ari Mundy
Little League – Rays Development	Joaquin Conesa Zac Maclean Marcus Pycock Glenn Pycock (Asst Coach)
Female Little League – Axolotols	Hannah Nuske

"Tucky" as he was well known to most, epitomised the word gentleman, and his infectious smile & love for a chat about the club, the bays & crows footy, Wesley netball and most of all his family will be missed.

John is a life member of the Glenelg Baseball Club.

John "Tucky" Tuckwell started his time with the club in 1978 when his son Shane started playing juniors. Tucky was the Team Manager throughout Shane's junior career, but decided to try out his hand at the game and joined the veterans of the club. In 1983/84 he was in the Veterans Premiership team and again with the 1986/87 Division 6 team.

During this time Tucky joined the Social Committee for a couple of years and the Management Committee and was helping out on the ground.

The rose garden at the entrance of the clubrooms, dedicated to the Past Members Memorial, was established by John, and every week he would be gardening around all the roses. In the 90's John was for 4 years the ground manager, but continued working around the club & ground after his time as the manager.

John later on continued to be involved with the Division 6 & 7 team as Team Manager and on occasions have a game.

In 1999 John was made a Life Member for services to the Club through social and fundraising and continuing work on the maintenance of Club's facilities especially the ground for over 20 years.

John "Tucky" Tuckwell – a great bloke, always had a nice word for everyone.

# Vale' – Joyce Doonan

Joyce Doonan came to the club in 1966 with her husband John and son David. It wasn't long before the Doonan's became a hard working family at the club.

Joyce always stayed in the background while John became the longest serving President and Life Member and David a 4 x Division 1 Premiership player and Life Member, but Joyce was working at all times for the club on the Social Committee, fundraising, continual working in the shop, cooking meals and menial jobs at the club.

Joyce was one of the hard working women who "pushed" the management committee to change the location of the shop by moving it from where the kitchen is now to its current position. With the move it needed money, so Joyce and the social committee started a drive to raise the thousands of dollars required and their dream happened in 1980.

In 1993 Joyce was awarded Life Membership to the Club for service as an associate member working for the club in the social and fundraising aspects of the club for over 25 years. This Life Membership meant the whole family were recognised as worthy recipients of the award and the Doonan family became synonymous with the Glenelg Baseball Club.

In the 1989/90 season Joyce & John donated the "David Doonan Memorial Trophy" for the "Best Outfielder of the Club" in memorial of David

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